

How can anyone put his faith in
Christ if he's never even heard
about Him? How can he hear
about Him if no one tells?

Romans 10:14

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We Just MUST Shine....



As Christians, we believe we are God's light to the world. A paraphrase of Matt 5:16 puts it this way: "Let the light of your life shine in such a way that others see your good deeds and bring glory to your Father in heaven."

We are to let our lights shine. We are to be obvious – in what we say, in how we live. So when people do notice, they know to Whom the glory belongs.

What a responsibility!

Kari Jobe has recorded a song about this. In it she sings "We are the light of the world, we gotta ... We gotta... We gotta let the light shine."

There is a sense of urgency to her words. If we are indeed God's light to the world what choice do we have? We've just 'gotta' let out lights shine.

In this issue of IntraVic, we again explore some aspects of Evangelism 2014, to help give more ideas of how each one of us can share Christ, so that "We will lift You high and shine... shine... shine..." to again borrow words from this song.

This month IntraVic also brings you a message from our President, Pr Graeme Christian, and a report from the Constituency Meeting held at the end of September, introducing the new Admin team, Executive and Appointments committees.

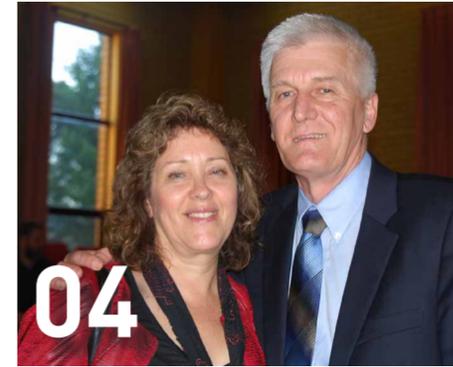
We also have some interesting church news stories, including the conclusion of a joint project which has involved many churches around Australia, as well as business sponsorships and input from people who were otherwise unconnected to our church. A project that has indeed let light shine and will continue to do so for many years.

As always, it is our prayer that reading this issue will stimulate thought and trigger action in your spiritual journey.

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The Year of Evangelism 2014

Pr Christian comes to us from the Australian Union Conference, where he served as the Ministerial Secretary. His work there included planning and implementing the Australian Church's involvement in the General Conference's Evangelism focus for 2014. Last IntraVic we shared the Victorian Conference plans for next year and in this article Pr Christian tells you some of what is happening around Australia.

Momentum is Building...

From all reports, momentum is building and that is great. But I have to ask – what more could be done to prepare for 2014?

By now you've heard of the GC initiative to reach cities. Additionally, in Australia and the South Pacific 2014 has been designated the Year of Evangelism, providing a wonderful opportunity to re-focus our churches to the task Jesus has given us.

Nothing can be achieved without careful planning and NOW is the time. The last issue of IntraVic shared with you the concept of a pre-campaign program, the campaign and a post campaign program and I would like to endorse that. Each component needs to be prayerfully and carefully planned to have the maximum impact. Relationship is a vital factor in sharing Christ's love so as many of our church members as possible need to be involved in as many ways as is possible.

Every Conference across Australia has prayerfully developed exciting plans for 2014, and I would like to encourage you in your own

endeavours by sharing with you what is being done elsewhere.

In NSW, members will run evangelistic seminars across the Conference, and planning and training is well underway. South Australia has targeted three key regions, but pastors across the state will still be involved in evangelistic seminars and Last Empire programs. A major program will be run in Canberra, with other churches within the Conference being involved in Church Time Evangelism and other initiatives to reach community people, while Grenville Kent will conduct a program geared toward university students. Churches on the Gold Coast and across Southern Queensland are involved in Last Empire programs and will use Beyond DVD's for follow-up. Workers in Northern Australia will conduct a simultaneous Conference-wide program across the vast territory. And Tasmania has more than eight programs planned across the state, with an additional two to run from their local schools. There will be a strong emphasis on door knocking, community dinners,

health programs and Beyond DVD's, while in Western Australia 23 city pastors and 15 from the country are planning to run programs.

With all this preparatory work happening, this is an excellent opportunity for every church to become involved – whether in a major city, a country town or somewhere in between.

One thing is clear – Australia is vastly diverse – there are many extremes even within each of our cities and towns, and it will take different approaches to reach the different demographic groups.

To find out more about the resources available and what you and your church can do, contact the Victorian Conference Evangelism Coordinator, Craig Gillis, on 03 9267 7777, or call the Australian Union Conference Resource Centre on 03 9871 7592, email resources@adventist.org.au, or look at what's available on line: <http://resources.adventist.org.au>. And if you missed the last issue of IntraVic and our plans for 2014, visit Vic.Adventist.org.au and download the September issue.

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“People don't light a candle to hide it, but hold it up high or put it on a lampstand so everyone in the house can benefit from the light. In this same way, let your light shine that others will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:15,16 ”

A Message

...From the President

I believe there is something unique and special about being a Seventh-day Adventist. From early days of Adventism, we've looked for Jesus' return. Also from those earliest days, our Church has had a direct focus on outreach – taking the Gospel to all the world – our local 'worlds' as well as globally. Today, our task remains the same and I am committed to continuing our focus on mission over the ensuing years.

With the event of the recent Constituency Meeting, I would like to take a moment to recognise those who've carried the load of leadership over the past four years. They invested much of themselves in their roles, as they dealt with extremely tough issues, and I for one, am incredibly thankful.

And now, as those of us who have been appointed for the new quadrennium step up to positions of spiritual leadership, we invite you to partner with us in praying for the Church in Victoria. As we look to the future, we face significant challenges, while at the same

time, we have opportunities like never before – even non-believers question how long this old earth can keep going.

Our message of a soon-returning and loving Saviour is even more relevant now than in years gone by. The times are for us, and we clearly need God's guidance as we partner with Him in reaching people with the message of a loving Saviour. If ever we needed prayer support, we need it now.

So let me ask you, what would it be like if we trusted God in new ways? What if we learned to fully rely on Him and Him alone, as never before? What if we permitted Him do His work, in His way, through us?

As we look forward to the Year of Evangelism, what could happen if we intentionally and pray-fully seek to reach community people – to invite friends (new and old) to establish a meaningful relationship with Jesus and prepare for His return?

Now is the time to pray, to plan

and to sow. Reaping programs are planned for next year. So now is the time to find effective ways to make new friends – people we may be able to introduce to our best friend, Jesus. This is the task Jesus gave His church. It has never been promised that it would be easy, but Jesus did promise He'd be with us. I ask that you prayerfully explore what can be done where you are, to reach the community with the message of Jesus' soon return.

As I commence this term of office, I encourage each one of us to pray, plan, sow, reap – and let's see just what could be...

Pr Graeme Christian

(Pictured below with wife Marcia)



The Penrith Story

Penrith Church now has a new congregation of around 40 new believers meeting on Sabbath afternoons. They did an excellent job 'sowing' and now they are 'reaping' a harvest of new friends sharing a common hope in Christ.

How did they do it? They established a prayer team to continually seek God's guidance and blessing, and they planned specific ways of building relationships with community people which involved major initiatives:

- A Health program for the community
- Literature Evangelist team distributing Beyond DVD's
- An Archaeological program with Gary Webster
- An It Is Written Dinner with presenter Gary Kent
- Dinner with Geoff (Youlden) Beyond presenter

These initiatives provided effective opportunities to get to know community people. When they invited their new friends to the Last Empire program, they came and kept coming!

And Finally...

In the light of the uncertainty of the world we now inhabit, with its fast pace of life, abuse of the planet's resources and the many social and political problems we face, surely it is time to become proactive and intentional about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and His imminent return.

We know the only Hope that can stand in the face of what the world is experiencing. We just HAVE to share it. Actively. In how we live. In what we do for others. In seeking out people who are questioning.

And we must do this personally, at the local church level, at the Conference level and beyond. We need to work together. The Year of Evangelism, 2014 is not just for our church leaders and ministers. It's our task collectively. It can involve every aspect of the church. It's for all church members. Flexibility in approach is a key feature as we work together.

How can your church reach out effectively? Could your school host a Dinner with Geoff? Children's ministry programs such as Kids Clubs can be starting points; STORMCo's and other VicYouth projects could be incorporated in a local church strategy...

The list of options goes on and on as we explore how we can all work together in this.

Constituency

Meeting Report

Let your light shine was the theme chosen for the Victorian Conference Constitutional Meeting held at the end of September.

Designed to keep our church administrative processes open and accountable to the local church membership, these sessions do, however, have the potential to become accusatory. Difficult questions must be asked and people are put in the proverbial hot seat.

The meeting began with a worship service by Dr Barrie Oliver and the statement – "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good work and glorify God in heaven – that is why we are here... to ultimately glorify God."

The overall situation of the Victorian conference was reported on. Church membership has topped 10,000 and there is now one Adventist for every 500 people in Victoria. We have

had three new congregations formalised as churches in the last four years – Oasis, Cranbourne and Northpoint - and for varying reasons, two companies, Glenroy Polish and Seymour, one group, Geelong New Life, and one church, Grevillea, closed their doors.

The Church, as a whole, was thanked for its members' faithfulness in their financial support. Rod Brady, South Pacific Division CFO, who was chairing the proceedings, added that across the Division, Victoria had seen the biggest increase in tithes and offerings.

The Nominating Committee that had been meeting for a number of months prior, presented its recommendations for the next four years for the Administrative Officers, Executive Committee and Appointments Committee, and these recommendations were accepted, with the inclusion of a further two members to

be appointed to the Executive to reflect the growth in church membership. These will subsequently be selected by the Appointments Committee.

Pr Moe Ioane Stiles gave a farewell presentation as she was standing down from office as VicYouth Director and the Education Department's Director, Brian Mercer, presented their report of successes and growth over the last four years.

The situation at AdventCare was then discussed. In the spirit of accountability, mistakes were admitted and the resulting difficult decisions explained. Future directions were then respectfully discussed and voted on.

The day then concluded with a prayer for the new leaders of our Church and our future direction, as we work together to further God's mission for our Church.

- *STORMCo* • *iDISCOVER* • *SABBATH SCHOOL PROJECTS* • *CHURCH-TIME EVANGELISTIC SERIES* • *HEALTH PROGRAMS* • *YOUTH CHURCH SERVICE EVANGELISM* • *SECRETS OF PROPHECY* • *HOME STUDY GOUPS* •
- *AYC IMPACT 2014* • *DINNERS WITH GARY* • *PERSONAL BIBLE STUDIES* • *VBS* • *COOKING CLASSES* • *LOCAL CHURCH FOLLOW-UP OF LE CONTACTS WITH BEYOND DVD'S* • *DINNERS WITH GEOFF* •
- *LAST EMPIRE* • *HOME OF HOPE* • *GLOW TRACTS* • *ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURES* • *REVELATION SEMINARS* • *WORLD CHANGERS* • *MOVE WITH THE POWER* • *CREATION/EVOLUTION DISCUSSIONS* •

Welcome

To the new team

ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS



PRESIDENT - Pr Graeme Christian

Graeme comes to us from the Australian Union Conference here in Melbourne, where he served as Ministerial Association Secretary. He is a pastor at heart and loves working with people, nurturing meaningful relationships.

Graeme describes himself as a practical bloke by nature, who loves his family deeply. Committed to God and His church, he is passionate about spirituality and is eager to be involved in empowering, equipping and supporting you as you serve; facilitating effectiveness in your mission.

Prior full time pastoral work has led to a range of ministry experiences in Greater Sydney, Fiji and South New South Wales and he has a good idea of what is involved in departmental work, having filled the roles of local church pastor, Sabbath School Director, Personal Ministries Director, Stewardship Director, Family Ministries Director, Youth Director and Ministerial Association Secretary.



GENERAL SECRETARY - Pr Darren Croft

Darren and his family are well known to many within the Victorian Conference, and we are happy to welcome him back to this office for the next term.

Before studying at Avondale, he worked for the State Bank for a short time. In his final college year he served as the volunteer Youth Pastor for Avondale Memorial Church and has also had experience as a school chaplain. Darren worked in the South Australian and North New South Wales Conferences before coming to Victoria in 2002, where he was appointed to Bairnsdale and Sale churches and prior to accepting this role at the last Constituency Meeting in 2009, Darren was the local pastor for Lilydale Church.

Darren firmly believes that the health of the local church is critical to the growth of the Church and desires to continue to contribute to the growth of God's kingdom.



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER -Mr Graeme Moffitt

Graeme started working for the Seventh-day Adventist church at the Greater Sydney Conference in 1984. He has worked in various capacities including Accounts Clerk, Accountant, Assistant Chief Financial Officer and Chief Financial Officer at a number of different institutions and his most recent appointment has been as CFO at the Greater Sydney Conference.

Married, with an adult son who has nearly finished his tertiary education, Graeme and his wife, Kim recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

He believes he can make a significant contribute to the various Conference committees, to help provide clarity, transparency and financial understanding of the Conference financial position.

His desire is to work with these committees to achieve the vision of the Victorian Conference.

“ I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life

- Jesus ”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Helen Jakupec TEACHER



Helen is grateful for the gift of family and treasures each member. As a family they love bushwalking, camping, touring and travelling our amazing country together. She is an active supporter of Plenty Valley Church and considers it a privilege to sing, teach across all departments and deliver an occasional sermon.

With 26 years' experience in both primary and secondary, private and state education, Helen has found her work rewarding and fulfilling. This year she has been part of the leadership team as Head of Campus at Gilson College Mernda. Prior roles have included Head of English, Curriculum Leader and member of the School Administrative team at Nunawading Christian College.

David Butcher PASTOR



David has been in the Victorian Conference for over ten years and enjoys gardening, travelling, swimming, church history and spending time with family.

He also has ten years' experience in the clothing and footwear industry as both a buyer and

a warehouse and distribution manager, before entering ministry.

Currently serving the Mildura and Dareton Churches, David has been on the Executive for one term already and will bring a level of continuity to the committee as well as an understanding of management issues and needs from previous work history, and an understanding of church life and the role of a minister within the Conference.

Lorraine Ngwenya SPOTSWOOD CHURCH



23 years old, Lorraine is doing her final year at La Trobe University, studying Public Health. She is active at her local church as Youth Leader, and loves working with young people. In her spare time, she volunteers for ADRA as a region representative and enjoys singing and spending time with people.

Lorraine hopes to bring a young perspective and voice to the committee.

Roderick Ferris BENALLA CHURCH



Rod is a fourth generation Adventist living in North East

Victoria. He attends Benalla Church and holds a number of positions. His roles include: Leading Elder, Sabbath School Leader and Assistant Treasurer.

Over the years he has served on a number of Conference committees so has a good understanding of how our church operates. He has served one term on the Executive Committee.

Retired after a 46 year career in education, Rod's interests include music, travel, gardening and Information Technology. He enjoys an active retirement running a small business, making a positive contribution to his church and working to share his faith with the Benalla community.

Stephan Herzog GILSON COMMUNITY CHURCH



Stephan was raised in Switzerland, with a Methodist background. He moved to Australia in 1983, becoming an Adventist 16 years later. He has served as the Council Chair for Gilson College, Adventist Schools Victoria Board member and has also had one term on the Executive Committee.

Stephan is a Management Consultant on a contract with Sanitarium. He brings skills in the area of leadership, commerce, finance, sales, and operations.

Miroslav Doncevic NORTHPOINT CHURCH



Miroslav is married and has four adult children and a grandson. He grew up in Cooranbong NSW and attended Avondale Memorial Church.

He has served in many roles including as a local church elder. He currently attends Northpoint Church.

He is the founder and Director of Digital Graphics Systems and Digital Medical Systems which (since 1988) provide IT systems and technical services to clients across Australia.

He enjoys reading, with a keen interest in studying Christian apologetics, science and history, and enjoys white water kayaking.

Miroslav would seek to draw upon his business experience and interest in evangelism to contribute to the work of the Committee.

Malcolm Coulson TEACHER



Dr Malcolm Coulson is currently the Principal of Lilydale Adventist Academy and has previously served as a teacher, principal and lecturer at Avondale College.

His administrative experience includes serving as the Education Director for North New South Wales Conference and the South Pacific Division.

Brian Lawty PASTOR



Brian has worked in the Victorian Conference for 20 of his 28 years in ministry. He is currently Pastor of Nunawading Church, enjoys assisting his children with their house renovations and is a keen supporter of the Geelong Cats and V8 Supercars.

His knowledge of the Victorian Conference, his role as pastoral district leader and his organisational abilities will enable him to contribute well.

Sandy Wallace PRESTON CHURCH



Originally from the North New South Wales Conference, Sandy has attended Preston Church since 2004. She is active in church life, serving in varying capacities as elder, Sabbath School super, Teen Sabbath Schools, CHIP facilitator, and other ministry roles. She is now supporting new church growth at the church plant in Mernda (Gilson College).

After 15 years Sandy recently farewelled her career and is

now a new member of Victoria's Literature Ministry team. Sandy appreciates the loving support of her husband Haydn, and is a step-mum to two great young adults, Stephanie and Matthew. At not-quite-50, she is happy to be of service to the wider church community in Victorian.

Kevin Wood BALLARAT CHURCH



Kelvin is 54, married, with five sons, six grandsons and a seventh on the way.

He grew up in an Adventist family in Ballarat. In 1992 Kelvin was baptised in the Ballarat Church and has been involved in ministry ever since.

He enjoys badminton, golf, reading and spending time with the grandchildren and family.

Kelvin is a professional accountant currently employed as an Office/Finance Manager at an independent Christian School in Ballarat.

He serves as an Elder, Treasurer, and member of the Building Committee, is a member of Fernleigh Flats Committee, Sabbath School Leader, Audio Visual Team and Social Team Member. He has also served as a Deacon and Head Deacon and has been involved in Adventurers, Pathfinders and Youth.

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For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE



Lorraine Anthony
WANTIRNA CHURCH

Lorraine is current HR Manager for Adventist Schools Victoria. Her background is as a HR professional with global experience across many industries including healthcare, IT, Marketing and Engineering. Her interests include travel, culture, and food. Lorraine will be able to contribute through her solid recruitment and selection experience.

Over the last eight years she has been playgroup leader, small group leader, children's Sabbath School class teacher, Social Club leader, and Elder.



Denise Twining
TEACHER

A semi-retired primary school teacher and mother of four, Denise is married to Rod. She was raised an Adventist and committed her life to God at 21.

She has served as Sabbath School leader, Elder, Senior Elder and head of the catering committee, to mention a few of many positions over the years.

Denise has a passion for working with the poor. She is one of the founders of Gems and Jams opportunity shop and GEMS for life,

helping many poor children gain an education in Myanmar. Denise enjoys potting plants to sell at the op-shop, travel, bike riding and bush walking. She loves to work with God on any project He asks and is excited to see God's leading.



Mark Vodell
TEACHER

Mark is a proud father of two boys and happy husband of one wife. He can juggle and ride a unicycle – but not at the same time!

He has graduated from his Masters with Honours as well as being appointed as a Justice of the Peace. He has been Principal of Gilson College since 1996 which has grown under his leadership from 115 students to over 900 students and is able to produce academic results among the highest in the region. He also served on the State Government's Melbourne 2030 planning committee.



Cveta Bakof
NUNAWADING CHURCH

Cveta has worked as assistant to the CEO of the Chamber of Mines in Victoria and as assistant to Managers in the Insurance Industry, as well as working in the fashion industry for

many years.

She has been part of the Victorian Conference Office Staff for nearly 20 years. Her roles have included most of the departments and currently she is assistant to the President and Events Co-ordinator.

Cveta is committed to God and His church, is passionate about spirituality and the spreading of the gospel. She enjoys travel, shopping, reading, dining out and all good things!

As a Nunawading Church member she has been teaching Sabbath School classes for most of her Adventist life, is an Elder and has been on the lay-preaching circuit all over Victoria.

She brings a healthy understanding of how the Adventist Church operates at state, national and international level.



Jack Spencer
PLENTY VALLEY CHURCH

Jack is currently a serving Elder at Plenty Valley Adventist Church. Before retirement he was Sales and Marketing manager for a manufacturing company supplying the automotive and bio-medical industries. He now works as a part time consultant. He is also a member of the Steering

Committee of the Doreen and Mernda Community Bank and a member of the Emergency Relief Committee with Whittlesea Community Connections. Previously he was a member of Ironbark School Board and has retained a keen interest in Adventist Education.

Jack has a desire to raise the profile of the Adventist church in the Doreen/Mernda communities via working and associating with other denominations.



Robert Eales
PRESTON

Bob is a retired State Public Servant. An Adventist since the age of ten, he has attended Stawell, Coburg and Preston Churches. He has served as an elder and treasurer for 30 years.

His interests are largely church associated activities, with a genuine interest in the Lord's work and the running of this Conference.

Bob has been chair or board member of three school boards, a Camp Howqua Management Committee member for 20 years, has served in previous terms on the Conference Nominating Committee and Pastoral Staffing Committee.

Bob brings a good knowledge of Conference personnel and sound knowledge of Conference procedures.



Phyona McMahon
NORTH FITZROY

Phyona is an Elder and board member at North Fitzroy Church. She works part time as a Consulting Landscape Architect, and is married with two school age children. She has been a member of the Women's Ministry Advisory Committee for eight years and is a member of the NCC School Council. She is also involved in Prayer Ministry (weekly meeting with prayer team at Nunawading Christian College) and enjoys using creative arts to help children and adults learn about scripture and God's plan of salvation.

She is currently studying the topic of the Israelite Sanctuary and has an interest in Adventist Heritage, particularly in connection with the establishment of the church in Melbourne.



Bruce Manners
CHURCH PASTOR

Bruce has been in ministry for many years, also serving as Editor at the Signs Publishing Company for fifteen years. He has served on the SPD Executive for twelve years.

He started his internship at Ballarat church and has pastored many churches in other Conferences. In Victoria he has previously pastored Warragul, Longwarry and Wantirna Churches. He is now the Senior pastor of Lilydale church.

Pastoral ministry, research, writing, and walking are among the things Bruce enjoys.

He brings a broad church experience and inside knowledge of how the church works to the committee.



Andrew Wilson
MILDURA CHURCH

Andrew has been married for 30 yrs and has three adult children and is a devoted "Pa" to two grandchildren.

Andrew has attended the Mildura Church all his life apart from taking two years to travel in 1983-84. He runs his own business in the building and machinery industry and enjoys donating his time towards community events. In recent years he has operated the Paddleboat, Coonawarra, and has been involved in the development of the North West Bush Camp. He also helps out with the Elmore and South Australian annual camp setup. He is currently chairperson of the Mildura church administration committee.



David Riley
CHURCH PASTOR

Pr David Riley has a wife and three children. He came to Victoria five years ago and has served as Pastor at Casey and Cranbourne Churches and now Wantirna.

He has also served on the Pastoral Staffing Committee and is working with the Personal Ministries department to produce an outreach and revival resource based on the book of Revelation.

Finally Afloat

Burwood Church

Church News

In September, the Record shared the news that the medical clinic houseboat, the Pathfinder II had finally been repaired after being inoperable since 2003, and would recommence its vital service to villages along the Sepik River in PNG.

Church members Rene and Graham Fraser, had heard of the plight of the Pathfinder a number of years ago from a personal friend of theirs, Lyn Anderson, who had studied nursing and graduated with Rene. Lyn, now living in Cooranbong, had spent a number of years working on the original Pathfinder. When she heard it had ceased operation, she understood the plight facing the villagers without the medical help they needed. So Rene and Lyn caught up at a café and talked about the Pathfinder Clinic and what could be done. From there the project grew – both in its enormity, and in the Lord’s blessings.

Re-floating the Pathfinder was actually an SPD Adopt-a-Clinic project and with God’s guidance and Rene’s encouragement, Lyn became the main fund-

raiser, gathering support from around Australia. Burwood and Shepparton churches were among those which joined in.

Money however, was not the only problem God solved.

A report done a few years previously, had insufficient information for a proper repair, but indicated a visit by an expert was essential. A church member, Miroslav, suggested to Graham that since the Pathfinder was similar to a houseboat, why not check out Eildon, the home of houseboats, for an expert. So a drive to Eildon, taking note of repair companies there, resulted in a number of phone calls in ensuing months. Eventually, the boss of Anchorage Houseboats, Peter McKernan, became an enthusiastic volunteer. But progress stalled. Peter was

incredibly busy, and finding an opportunity to go to PNG that would suit everyone was nearly impossible. Information continued to be gathered. David Lundstrom, who originally built the boat, provided valuable documentation and construction advice. Clearly the boat had been solidly built, but without the right man for the job, how could the project proceed?

During a sermon at Burwood about this time, the congregation was invited to write a private prayer. Graham asked for a project manager - someone who had worked in PNG and knew about boats and working with volunteers. Late 2011, John Murray, a mechanic and farmer born and raised in PNG, contacted Graham, expressing interest. But he wasn’t a boat expert. Early 2012 he called again – he and his son Luke

were going to PNG to try to get to Ambunti. If they couldn’t make it there, they would have a holiday anyway! In desperation Graham gave Peter a call, and he ‘just happened’ to be free to travel with them.

God had answered – with not one man, but three. Peter knew about boats, John knew about PNG, and Graham himself had worked as a volunteer in Fiji and Vanuatu. Oh,

“ Please pray that this very special boat will not only help the people with their physical needs, but their spiritual needs as well. - Lyn Anderson ”

and a bonus that Graham had not asked for – Luke was a builder!

The trip was successful – the project was achievable and plans were once again underway. Items were purchased and assembled for the repair, with many discounts and donations of goods from corporate supporters. Peter recruited family members, mostly tradesmen, and an outboard motor expert.

Then, in July, with Lyn as cook, they were on their way. With help from the local Ambunti people, the Pathfinder was restored in three weeks. God’s blessings will continue to be felt as this much needed clinic tends to the needs of the many isolated villagers living along the Sepik River.

More about this God-led journey is available on facebook at Pathfinder 2 Restoration.

IntraVic with Graham Fraser



At Burwood Church on September 19 Kevin Price and Chester Kuma from Adventist Health at the SPD presented Graham and Lyn with Adopt-a-Clinic certificates in appreciation for the work they have done to achieve this remarkable re-launch



The Pathfinder II under going repairs



The houseboat being launched now that it's back in working order





Nunawading Adventurers learning about whales and earning their patches



A WHALE of a time

Nunawading Church

At Nunawading Adventurers club we have been exploring BIBLE HEROES for most of the year during our worship segments. Recently, we were very privileged to have hosted Jonah, aka Andrew Wegner from Wildlife Lectures where we learned all about the amazing WHALES!

The display Andrew brought along was awesome with all sorts of sea life. Dressed in period attire, Jonah was a little reluctant to enter – after all he was escaping from having to go to Nineveh at the time – but he was put at ease when he saw the whole adventurer club eagerly waiting to hear his presentation. After telling us his story, we had no shortage of volunteers to lift a huge whale rib, compare vertebra sizes with their own, feel the whale skin, and measure out the actual length of a whale with a rope!

Everyone was enthusiastic to work on the Whales award, so the scene was appropriately set with a whale sound CD and was very interactive and tactile. Andrew had heaps of information and answered questions from the kids with lots of fun and laughs!

We concluded by asking the children to use their creative talents and sculpture the whale and Jonah with play dough. This was a great award to do as a group, really enjoyable for both Adventurers and their parents!

Carolyn Schmitz

Kicking Goals For God

Glen Huntly Church

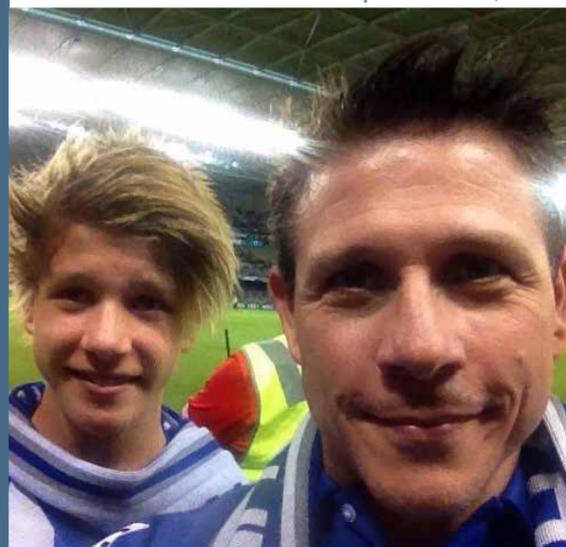
When fourteen year old Michael Karaoglanis turned up to play "invitation only" footy in front of Eastern Ranges Football League talent scouts, he already knew what he would say if selected to take the next step towards an elite AFL career.

From the time he was born, Michael was destined to run fast and from a young age, all he ever wanted to do was play Aussie Rules Football. With three premierships under his belt – Under 9's, Under 11's and Under 14's - he is somewhat a veteran of the game.

The talent scouts were aware that he would not play on Saturdays, however he was still selected to join the squad.

Michael knocked back the offer, doing so in order to honour God and respect His Sabbath, even though the offer stood should he only attend training sessions. It was win/win but he knew that by taking this spot offered only for training purposes another potential player missed out.

Michael with proud father, Peter



Michael lives for football, but it will always take second place to his love for God

“ Coach said – “we’re not finished with you yet” but Michael, nor has God ”

I asked Michael if this was a hard decision to make and did it involve hours of agonising, lots of prayer and seeking wise counsel. His reply was simple: “NO!”

Because to him, dishonouring God and selfish grabbing behaviour was not an option. This young man is to be commended – and is an example to others; and I don't just mean the young people!

And I do know this, having been around the Karaoglanis family all Michael's life, the prayer and wise counsel that he has received along life's journey helped to make this seemingly hard choice so easy.

So...watch this space as God's plan for Michael's life unfolds before our eyes.

Deb O'Mahony

Garage Sale Outreach

Bendigo Church

Twice per year, church members hold a Garage Sale and September 8 was their ninth one since they started.

Since we started the Garage sale people in the community have become more aware of our church here in Bendigo and we have opportunity to hand out literature and Signs magazines to people who come.

To date, the church has raised over \$15,000. At this most recent sale, we made \$3234.20 (which included a \$1000 to ADRA), giving us a financial base to run projects at the church and in the community.

Peter Ashworth



Regular garage sales are a great way to meet people, as well as raise much needed funds for various projects



Stop Press...

Spanish Congregation

Miguel Flamenco reports on news just in – “It has been with great joy that we have received information from Channel 31 regarding the Spanish program - “La Voz del Consolador” with Pr Andres Portes, which we have had airing since September.

In the first month 12,000 people have been watching the program - an average of 3000 people per program every Sunday... at 6.30 am.

People from channel 31 are happy for this and of course, we are too! Praise God.”

KIDS SPOT

The Adventurers Club



Hi there kids! Do you love exploring and going on adventures? Do you enjoy learning new things and spending time with your friends? I bet you do and so do boys and girls in Adventurer Clubs all around the world! Adventurers is a special club for boys and girls 4 to 9 years old and they have lots of fun together earning badges and learning more about Jesus and the amazing world He has created for us. Maybe you are an Adventurer or have moved on to Pathfinders already. Maybe you don't know much about it and would like to know more. Either way we hope you have fun doing these puzzles and if you want to know more about Adventurers then ask your mum or dad email philiphyland@adventist.org.au

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good! Genesis 1:31a

fill in the blanks using vowels [a,e,i,o,u] to discover the Adventurer Pledge...

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This month's

COMPETITION

Can you design a new Adventurer Award? Draw a picture of it below, give it a name & get your grownup to mail it to us (address below) by next Sabbath and you could be this month's winner!



Why do we have Adventurers?



There is a special reason that Adventurers was started.

Look up Proverbs 22:6 and write down what you think that reason is.

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To learn more about Adventurers email PhilipHyland@adventist.org.au

If you love going on holidays with your family then make sure they know about the next ADVENTURER CAMPOREE. Even if you are not an Adventurer your family can come along and find out for yourself how much fun Adventurers can be. Find the ad in this magazine for more details.



Victorian Children's Ministries

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WORD SEARCH

ADVENTURERS LAW

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Be:
ATTENTIVE ;CHEERFUL; HELPFUL; KIND; OBEDIENT;
PURE; RESPECTFUL; REVERENT; THOUGHTFUL; TRUE

WHALE AWARD



1. Pick one whale to study.
2. Is a whale a mammal or fish?
3. What is the size of the whale when fully grown?
4. Draw full size whale on the ground with chalk.
5. Learn ve facts about your whale.
6. In damp sand or playdough sculpt your whale.



7. Read or listen to the story of Jonah and act out the story

Conference News

Shine - the Conference Children's Ministries

It's been said; the first step on a journey is the hardest to take. Almost a year ago, the Children's Ministries Department stepped out in faith and decided to embark on a new journey - to hold a state wide Children's Ministries Training Day. The last one was over a decade ago

After much planning and a huge amount of prayer, on September 14th we opened the doors of the Lilydale Adventist Academy Chapel to 110 people who were all there for the same reason: to 'SHINE' for Jesus in their homes, churches, schools and communities. We had mums and dads, grandmas and grandpas, teachers, Children's Ministry leaders, pastors, Sabbath School leaders, VBS coordinators and more, eager to participate and learn.

The morning began with worship thanks to the musical talents of Hayden and Melby Peterson and their three beautiful children. Hayden introduced us to the DAG Medley, a large variety of children's songs that use the chords D, A & G, and put forward the challenge to those 'budding' guitar players in the congregation to strum along during their own worship times.

Our keynote speaker for the day was Pr. Daron Pratt, Director of Children's Ministries for NSW Conference. He shared with us his passion for ministry to children and the importance of resourcing and

equipping parents for this vital role. Pr. Daron also called on a number of biblical directives that command us to reach out and minister to children.

Pr. Daron also shared some of the fantastic new resources available to families, schools and churches including the SHINE Club, Bible Adventures studies and Daily Bites study guides along with an old favourite - Table Talk. These resources and others were available for people to take away with them on the day.

After the inspiration from Pr. Daron's message it was time to head off to workshops! On offer were engaging and interactive sessions from:

Pr. Daron Pratt - The 4-14 Window

Pr. David Edgren - Shaping Children with Stories

Sue Mercer - The 'How To' of Safe Places

Carolin Schmitz - Creativity in Action (including Happy Hands)

Sherrell Pratt - Messy Church

We had painting, marshmallow constructions, wheat bag making, hand clapping, story props, resources galore and above all a passion from each and every presenter to use their gifts in sharing the love of Jesus.

“ **SHINE:
Serve Him IN
Everything!** ”

After a scrumptious lunch, prepared by Donny and her amazing team, we headed back for a memorable afternoon where we were joined by author and group facilitator Mark Collard. There was no chance for any 'afternoon shut eye' as Mark had us up and moving from beginning to end. We met new people, realised how much we had in common with others and laughed until our jaws hurt. Mark's focus was to encourage and equip our attendees with practical ideas that could be incorporated into a variety of programs enabling 'creative' grouping ideas and allowing children to interact positively with others and step outside of their comfort zones. There will be no more '1,2,3,1,2,3' grouping by any of our attendees again!

From the moment we were first given the idea of holding this event, until long after we had all packed up and gone home, God has been an ever-present help. We praise Him for His provision and faithfulness and trust that the day was a blessing to every person who was there. It is our prayer that every attendee has gone back to their home, school or church with a renewed energy to SHINE for God's precious children.

Katherine Darroch, Children's Ministries Coordinator



Pr Daron Pratt - keynote speaker at the conference



Fun at the workshops with Sherrell Pratt (above) and Pr Dave Edgren (pictured below)



Caroline Schmitz - Happy Hands Co-ordinator



Training Course Available

Health Ministries

(22144VIC Certificate IV in Presenting Community Health Education Programs)

This training course is designed for our church members, and others, who are interested in following and presenting a Christian whole-person ministry to their communities and church members in a relevant, credible manner.

‘Effective Communication’, ‘Food Demonstrating’, and ‘Food Safety Principles’.

In Melbourne the next training course will start on Sunday 16th of February 2014.

Development of the training course is ongoing, and in its present form has received an excellent response from participants, from Health Directors in local Conferences, the Division, and General Conference. There is a firm commitment to keep this training course constantly updated, not only with the latest documented nutrition information, but also the best teaching methods.

If we get enough interest, we are also able to conduct this training course in Warrnambool, starting February 1 & 2.

If you are interested in joining, please email, or ring for an information pack which contains course details, a registration form, and two pre-course study units (see contact details below).

A large part of the course is by correspondence, with question sheets, essays and reading assignments that accompany the study units which are to be completed and returned for marking. There is a 50 hour ‘face to face’ component that is conducted on 8 Sundays in Melbourne, and 4 weekends in country areas of Victoria, where the practical subjects are taught, plus a review of home study units.

This training course is accredited in three countries; Australia, England and the United States.

The course is divided into 21 study units, which cover subjects such as the ‘Adventist Health Philosophy’, ‘Basic Nutrition’, ‘Advantages of a Vegetarian Diet’, ‘The Lifestyle Connection in Reducing the Risk of Disease’, ‘The Importance of Being Active’, ‘How to Plan and Conduct a Successful Health Out-reach Program’, ‘Marketing and Advertising’,

Sibilla Johnson
National Trainer

COURSE DETAILS

Sunday 16 February 2014, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm. Classes limited to 15 people.

Fees: \$450. All Inclusive of:

- Training manual: Approximately 400 pages.
- Text book: Nutrition and Wellness, Dr Winston Craig, 2011.
- Text book: Food and Nutrition, Dr Mark Wahlqvist, 2011.
- CD with 60 power point presentations suitable for Health Education Programs.
- Plus a lunch meal on the training days

Please contact: Tanya Karaoglanis (tanyakaraoglanis@adventist.org.au 09 8264 7777) if you are interested in joining the Health Ministry Team and taking part in this training course.

Chaplaincy

AdventCare

Chaplain's department is not a requirement in an aged care institution and many facilities do not have one. Pastoral care is left to occasional visits by clergy from the Residents' own churches. So why does AdventCare Whitehorse ("Coronella") go to the expense of employing a full-time Chaplain?

All life is a series of transitions – from childhood to youth, to adulthood, marriage, family, to the “empty nest”, to old age and finally to death. On this great journey we all learn to adjust to the various stages in our lives but sometimes the transitions from one phase to another are made easier when we have others to help us.

No-one really wants to spend the last years of life in a care institution but it happens for most of us. Residents in aged care facilities are given a place (a room) to call their own, they are fed, they are cared for physically and medically as needed. They are entertained and encouraged to participate in various activities. However, as Christians, we recognize that there is another, vitally important, dimension to life and that is the spiritual. Without providing for the spiritual dimension we do not provide care for the whole person. So it is that we, as Seventh-day Adventist Christians, seek to minister to the whole being and so chaplains are employed in our institutions.

Chaplains are concerned with the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all residents, and their families as well as of the staff. The care given includes specific religious services as well as general support in times of transition and adjustment. Chaplains respect every person's dignity,



unique faith and belief (religious or non-religious) and seek to offer assistance in their search for meaning and fulfilment. At Coronella the chaplains conduct weekly Bible study groups, a number of morning worship periods as well as the regular Sabbath services. Volunteers from our metropolitan churches assist in these endeavours and their ministry is highly valued and appreciated. The chaplains also try to visit personally every resident each week. With some who request it personal devotional time is given. The visually impaired love to have someone read to them from the Bible, the Record, the newspaper etc.

Many, many times residents from other Christian traditions have commented on the peaceful, spiritual atmosphere at Coronella and stated that it is for this reason that they specifically chose to come here. As well as the spiritual atmosphere the general care is given in a loving way. Now and

then it is a great joy to see “non believers” take the all-important step of committing their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chaplains find it a challenge, and a privilege, to journey with a dying resident, helping them to prepare for that eventuality and giving support to their families as they come to terms with what is taking place in their loved one's life. Sometimes chaplains are called upon to conduct the funeral service and to continue providing support to families until they are able to embrace their journey through grief.

From time to time staff members seek counsel and comfort as they experience the tough times of life – marriage problems, sick children and so on.

It is an honour and a privilege to pray with residents, families, and staff in their times of specific need.

Pr Tony Campbell

Congratulations

Baby Arrival

Congratulations to Beata and Jaris Kania, on the safe arrival of Joshua Benjamin on August 12.

To big brother, Adrian and sister, Jessica too.

Beata has been working in the Treasury Department for a number of years as Accounts Clerk and is a valued member of our staff.

Beata, we wish you and your family all the best, and may the Lord bless you and keep you as you care for this precious child.



Goodbye and Thankyou AdventCare

Pastor Tony Campbell has been a Chaplain at AdventCare for the past four (4) years, and we would like to congratulate him on his retirement on the 2nd October 2013.

The management, staff, residents and families at AdventCare farewell Tony and wish him a happy and long retirement.

Tony will be remembered for his gentle nature and the wonderful things that he did at AdventCare. We thank Tony for four wonderful years of friendship, hard work and dedication.

It is true that you can be taken out of the workforce, but the work can never be taken out of you. I am confident you'll never stop working on things you love to do.

We wish Tony all the best in his future endeavours.

Helen Psomiadis
Facilities Coordination Manager
AdventCare Whitehorse

Pr Tony Campbell



ASV Schools featured in the
Independent Schools Victoria publication...



Journeys



“You don’t have to look overseas to see best practice in education”, said Independent Schools Victoria SSNP Advisor Max Caruso. “A visit to Gilson College will demonstrate best practice in action.”

As quoted in ‘Journeys’, Mark Vodell, Gilson College Principal, said, “The impact of the National Partnerships programs throughout out school is having a substantially positive effect on the education and achievement of our young people from the western suburbs of Melbourne”.

Henderson College’s challenge was to strengthen the school’s connection with the broader community. This was achieved by receiving the first ‘Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden’ grant to an Independent School in Victoria which resulted in Primary school

students building a large vegetable garden, making connections with their community through the sale and donate of produce and cooking up a storm and inviting the community to eat with them. The program continues to expand through sharing their experience with another local state school and plans to link with the local TAFE.

“The students love the Kitchen Garden Program. They don’t mind getting their hands dirty. Even at lunchtime some students will be out in the garden, working and some are now building their own kitchen gardens at home, and also cooking meals at home”.

Ms Cherie Reid, Head of Primary and Kitchen Garden Program Coordinator in 2012.

Craig Dunstan, an Independent Schools Victoria SSNP Advisor to Henderson College explains in ‘Journeys’, ‘The Garden at Henderson College provides opportunities for the school and their families to share experiences and be part of a community.’

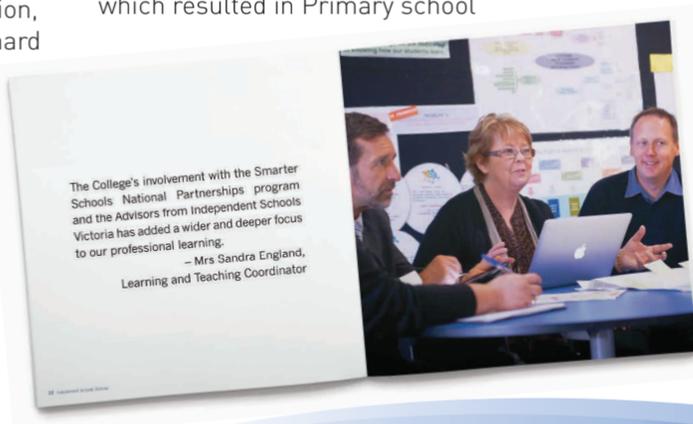
To read the full articles featured, head to www.asv.adventist.edu.au



Three of our schools have been part of the Smarter Schools National Partnerships (SSNP) program, which was designed to improve the quality of Australian schooling and student outcomes. These schools are Gilson College, Henderson College and Heritage College. Case studies from Gilson College and Henderson College were featured in the new publication released in September this year entitled ‘Journeys’.

As Michelle Green, Chief Executive of ISV explains in the Introduction, “The publication is an uplifting collection of articles from Independent Schools across Victoria... with many positive lessons learnt. One of the most important is that teaching experience, imagination, collaboration, goodwill – and hard work – can overcome many education challenges”.

Gilson College was featured for taking on the challenge of implementing the Australian Curriculum in 2013 by introducing the Agile process of project management. The results included leadership capacity spreading throughout the school.



Our Values

Our values are encompassed between the pillars of **Love** and **Service**. God’s love for us and our love response to Him through service to Him and others, is expressed through our Christian values.

We live our Christianity through:

Excellence

Using God’s gifts to do our best

Compassion

Showing kindness and empathy to all

Humility

Accepting our achievements without boasting

Respect

Thinking and behaving well towards others

Integrity

Living at peace with ourselves

Justice

Seeking what is right

Discernment

Making wise choices

Responsibility

Owning our actions

Hope

Living with joy because our future is certain

For a list of Adventist Schools in Victoria, visit our website

asv.adventist.edu.au

Les Miserables

It was a big night out for family and friends of Nunawading Christian College on Tuesday, 10 September. The school family came together to watch their students put on one of the most challenging of musicals – Les Miserables. The production, directed by Ms Jenny Kavar, included 120 of the 165 students as well as many parent volunteers. The enthusiastic audience number 400+.



Prior to the production students were featured in the local paper on 4 September. This provided a boost in energy and enthusiasm to the students and staff in the practices leading up to the main event. As quoted by Ms Kavar on page 25 of the paper, “It has been a transformation, a revolution of the heart”



Students & Staff on Overseas Service Trips (SOST)

The values that motivate ASV and its member schools are encompassed in Love & Service. The Love of God and Service to Others. This is demonstrated through the community service projects and overseas mission projects that our schools are involved in throughout the year.

This year we have had students, parents and teachers attend the following service trips.

- Henderson College – Year 10 trip to Vietnam
- Gilson College – Myanmar
- Lilydale Adventist Academy – Vanuatu
- Nunawading Christian College – Vanuatu
- Heritage College – a double trip to Nepal in 2014

Even though our Primary students do not travel on these trips, they take part in community service by raising vital funds for these trips and other community initiatives as well as actively participating in Alphabet Ark and Happy Hands programs.

Visiting Echuca

Literature Evangelists

The team visited Echuca on September 25-27 and during that time they visited over 1000 homes.

Sandy Wallis was invited into the home of a beautiful Catholic family. They had arrived here from the Philippines earlier this year with Permanent Residency. Marissa works in disability services with children, and Clark trained as a teacher but has not as yet obtained work.

Marissa and Clark purchased the Sammy series of books and upon leaving Sandy arranged to see them again the following evening. The next evening Sandy was accompanied by Rutchel, our Filipina Literature Evangelist, who quickly established a rapport with the family.

On displaying The Bible Story and My Bible Friends volumes, Clark and Marissa both stood looking in wonder, and were certain they had seen these sets as children in

the Philippines. After discussions, Clark and Marissa, along with Rafael, chose My Bible Friends and have indicated that they would like The Bible Story books at a later date.

Before leaving Rutchel warmly invited them to come along to church with us and they accepted. Having this beautiful family worship with us and staying for lunch afterwards, made our Sabbath extra special.

Our team of Literature Evangelists, Peter Smith, John Sheermeijer, Sandy Wallis, Rutchel Marquez, Rosie Ansell, Geoff Wall and Joe Paola visited over 1100 homes, distributed nearly 900 pieces of literature, prayed in 41 homes and had 34 homes accept to watch our Beyond DVDs.

We thank the Echuca church for their tremendous support and we pray for them as they visit and establish friendships with those that we contacted.

Highlight at end somehow - If you would like to find out more about the LE team and what they do, visit their new website...

MoveMeLord.com

Joe Paola



Sandy Wallis and Rutchel Marquez with one of the families they visited in September

The LE team and church members



Training Others Safe Places Services

Our Church is affiliated with the National Council of Churches Australia, and participates in collaboratively providing training through the associated Save Church Training Agreement. This in essence means that all associated churches are trained to the same standards of Child Save practices.

As a result of this collaboration the churches here in Victoria have agreed to open up their training programs to other faith organisations. This is intended to be provided at a minimal cost of \$20 so everyone who is able, can attend.

It is intended that ALL pastors, local church Safe Place Coordinators as well as elders, deacons and deaconesses, Sabbath School and other leaders in the church be provided with ongoing training and support.

If you are interested in attending one of the upcoming workshops and would like more information, please contact Kylie Kendall on is (03) 9880 6111.

- NOVEMBER 9 IN MOOROOLBARK
- NOVEMBER 23 IN LILYDALE
- DECEMBER 7 IN TEMPLESTOWE



“GRAND FINAL”

I am sure you heard about it – was pretty hard to miss, in fact – that footy game played somewhere in Melbourne last month...

Hawks versus Dockers - people passionately displaying their colours, animatedly contending over who would win.

In amongst all of that fuss generated over a simple football match, it’s important to remind ourselves that it was... that it is “just a game”. Compared to many of the issues facing the world today, winning a football match doesn’t really seem to matter all that much.

By the way, if you haven’t heard yet, there’s a much more important battle being played out in the universe....

The Bible talks about a conflict between good and evil - God versus the Devil - and Revelation says there’s a lot of history between these two sides. This spiritual “grand final” is between the followers of Christ and the agents of Satan, and the match isn’t in the MCG but in our hearts.

Whose side are you on - Saints or Demons?

Of course there’s not nearly as much fuss on the news about this spiritual struggle, but it is important to remind ourselves that the Winner of this match is the ONLY One that matters.

Oh, and play well in this battle and you won’t be lifting a cup to commemorate your victory, but lifting Christ to celebrate His! (Ephesians 6:12).

Pr David Riley



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NOVEMBER 16

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featuring **ANNA WEATHERUP** & **BOB POSSINGHAM**

In Him we live, and move, and have our being.

Happy Hands is a community program designed to involve children in exploring their creativity - as God intended.

There are countless ways you can support the program.
Call Dianne Cotter on 03 9264 7730 or email diannecotter@adventist.org.au to find out how you can help.

Nunawading Christian College
Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30am

Gilson College Mernda
Mondays 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Happy Hands Art time
Toddlers aged 1 to 5



For more info about happy hands art time, visit www.happyhandsart.com

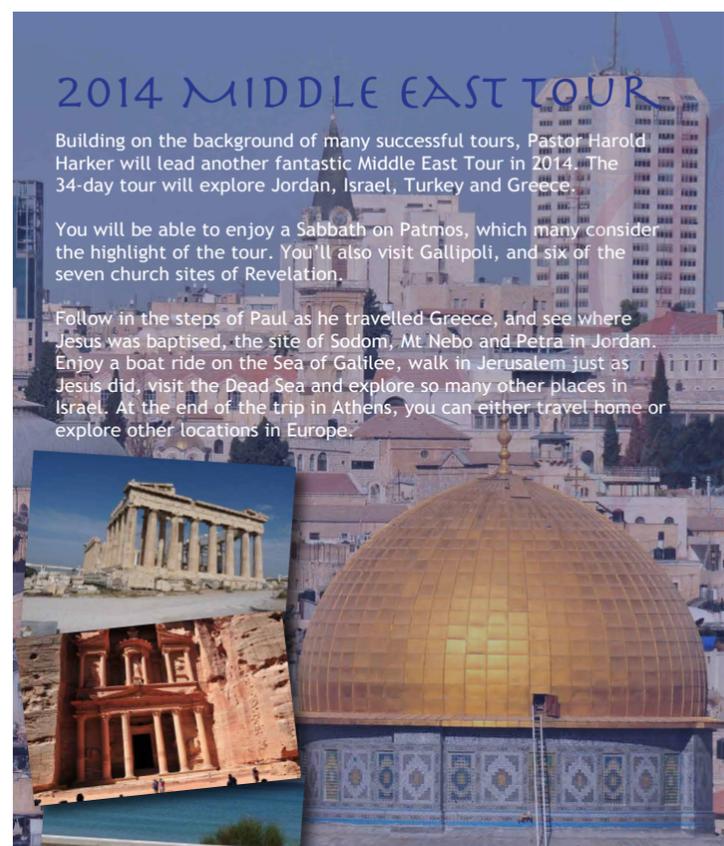
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2014 MIDDLE EAST TOUR

Building on the background of many successful tours, Pastor Harold Harker will lead another fantastic Middle East Tour in 2014. The 34-day tour will explore Jordan, Israel, Turkey and Greece.

You will be able to enjoy a Sabbath on Patmos, which many consider the highlight of the tour. You'll also visit Gallipoli, and six of the seven church sites of Revelation.

Follow in the steps of Paul as he travelled Greece, and see where Jesus was baptised, the site of Sodom, Mt Nebo and Petra in Jordan. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, walk in Jerusalem just as Jesus did, visit the Dead Sea and explore so many other places in Israel. At the end of the trip in Athens, you can either travel home or explore other locations in Europe.



For more information, please contact Pastor Harold Harker on (02) 4385 8282 or via harold.harker@gmail.com



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Dr Paul Boeru

Having worked as a pastor for 23 years, Dr Paul Boeru has extensive experience with families and relationships.

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ROAD to BETHLEHEM

RTB SETS WORN AND DAMAGED BY STORMS!

URGENTLY NEEDED: baskets big & small • artificial fruit & vegetables • pottery from tiny to huge - pots, vases, bowls • dried grasses & flowers • mats, carpets, curtains & pieces of material of all sizes • anything else that you think may be useful on any of the RTB sets... Think rusty farm implements, old animal cages, lanterns, luxurious items for Herod's palace scene etc.

Please contact Kim de Waal on 0409 425 904 to arrange collection.

SAVE THE DATE



2014 MARCH 7-10

ADVENTURER FAMILY CAMPOREE

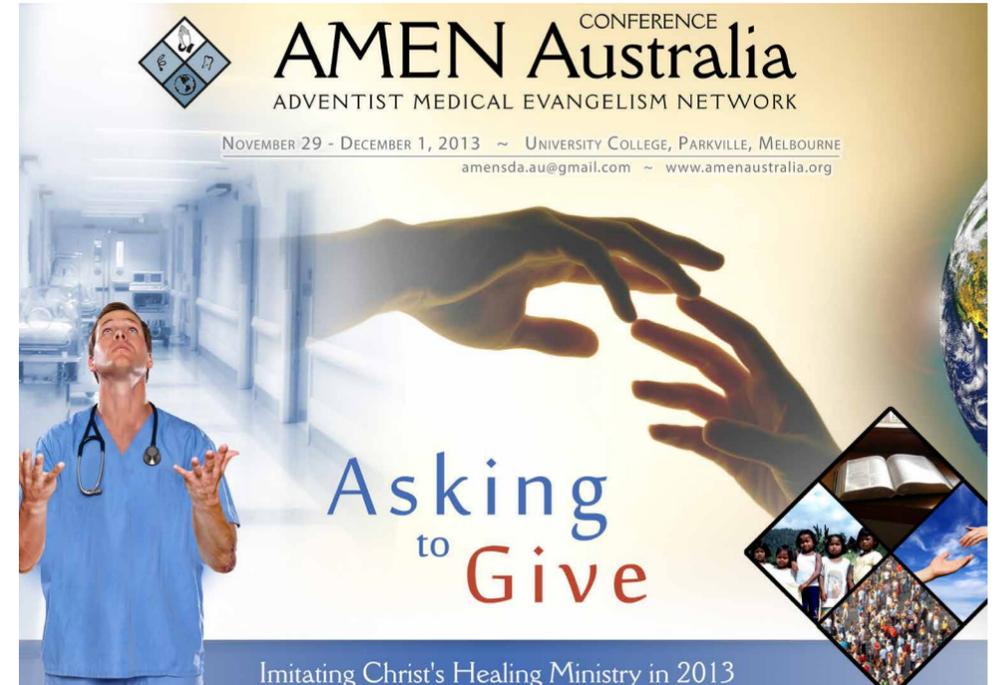
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ADVENTIST MEDICAL EVANGELISM NETWORK

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Asking to Give

Imitating Christ's Healing Ministry in 2013

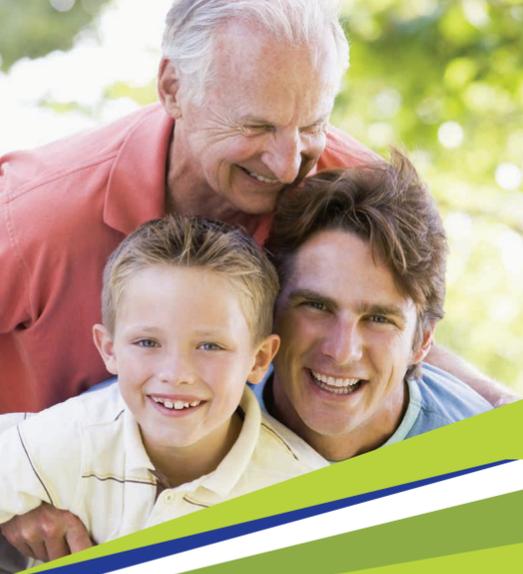
Best of Europe Tour
MAY 2014

The best of Europe Tour 2013 was an outstanding success, with everyone delighted with the highlights of Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

The 2014 Tyour is going to be even better. Plan for a holiday you'll never forget and enjoy a seven-day Greek Island cruise as part of this fantastic trip of a lifetime!

For more information, contact Pastor Harold Harker on (02) 4385 8282 or email.harker@gmail.com



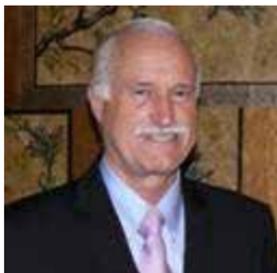


Notices

Know Your Enemy

If knowing more about Diabetes and Obesity and how to stop them in their tracks interests you...

Dr Comstock is visiting from the US and will be presenting a series on how simple lifestyle changes can combat these enemies of modern day living.



Throughout late October and November, Dr Comstock will be presenting at our Hughesdale, Geelong, Clayton Cook Is and Oakleigh Polish churches, on Friday evenings and Sabbath afternoons, and in Caulfield one Sunday.

Visit Intravic.adventistconnect.org for more information on times and locations or contact Tamara Auora-McCulloch

Mobile: 0431173100

Email: ladytamara.amcc@gmail.com

Book Sale

At Nunawading Church Hall!

Sunday, November 10, 11am - 3 pm

6000 quality used books -with an average price of just \$4!

Including: religion/EGW/Bibles/christian novels/childrens/music...

All proceeds go towards the church building fund of Nunawading Church - located on Central Road, Nunawading.



Adventist Motorcycle Ministry

Wanted: People who love the Lord & enjoy their riding their Motorbike...

Interested in joining a new ministry called the Adventist Motorcycle Ministry? Interested people please come to the Lilydale SDA Church (680 Hull Road Lilydale) 7:00pm on the 30th October 2013.

Contact John Brereton at johnbrereton@adventist.org.au or 0418 722831 for more details.



Good News for all lovers of Marmite - it is back and available at the ABC - at the same selling price - \$2.50



Adventist Book Centre
Located at the Victorian Conference Office, Central Rd, Nunawading, the Book Centre is open from 9-5 Monday to Thursday and until midday Friday. Call 03 9264 7760/61 or visit vic.adventist.org.au and follow menu links to the Book Centre website.

How to Live a Victorious Life

VAAS Weekend in Marysville (Victorian Adventist Adult Singles subsidised activity)



Guest Speaker: Pr. Geoff Youlden

Date: 15-17th November

Registration: 5:30pm on the 15th and concluding 2pm on the 17th

Venue: Elkhana Guest House
975 Buxton-Marysville Rd, Marysville

Cost: \$145 Shared accommodation (inc. 6 meals + 2 nights accommodation)

Payment: BSB: 063 535
A/C: 1048 0183

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A weekend of fellowship, group discussions, exploring Marysville's beauty and nature.

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CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFUL BLESSINGS
1963 - 2013

30th November 2013 at 10am A Celebration Reunion is planned for all present and former members, please join us for our Special Service, a meal and Reminiscing. Looking back, but going Forward in Faith

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**SUNSET
TIMES:
NOVEMBER**

SABBATH	OPENING	CLOSING
Nov 1,2	7.55	7.56
Nov 8,9	8.02	8.03
Nov 15,16	8.10	8.11
Nov 22,23	8.17	8.18
Nov 29,20	8.25	8.26

Bairnsdale time is 10 minutes EARLIER & at Hamilton the time is 12 minutes Later.

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

NOVEMBER

Nov 2	Local Church Budget
Nov 9	World Mission Budget (Global Mission)
Nov 16	Education/Camping Ministry
Nov 23	Local Church Budget
Nov 30	Local Church Budget



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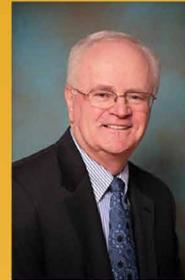


Key Topic:

“What does God want for You” - brought to us by special guest speaker Dr Lowell Cooper

Invited Speaker:

Canadian-born, Lowell Cooper is a general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. A position held since 1998.



Details:

Starting time 10:00AM

Concluding at 4:00PM

Please feel free to bring along your own picnic lunch.

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A full day with something for everyone

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