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**LIVE THE LIFE**  
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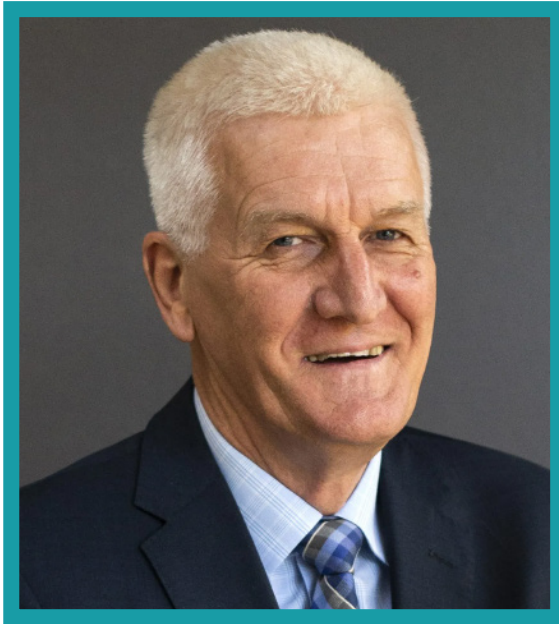
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# INTRAVIC

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# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



## LET'S LIVE THE LIFE

Summer Camps are much more than fun. We run activity camps to connect with the campers and to earn the right to share Jesus with them.

Each week I'm in a different church – to see and be seen, to know and be known, and to share a Biblical message with our people. I go by invitation – and there's no shortage of invitations.

I was visiting one of our country churches late last year. Before opening God's word, I shared about upcoming events happening within our conference. Summer Camps weren't far away, so I encouraged the young ones to be there and for parents and grandparents to make that possible.

Late January I headed to Camp Howqua to observe a little of the Junior Camp experience, to see what a great job the team are doing as they ran the camp and to encourage our Camp Howqua team as well.

I was delighted to hear that pretty much every bed was full and to see the engagement of

each of the Juniors! It was no surprise that they loved water skiing, stand-up paddle boards, the water slide and the other activities but the evening worship program was an absolute stand-out. The theme, Live the Life, came through clearly and I saw so many deeply engaged as Sarah Redman, the main speaker, presented a powerful scriptural message and had everyone eating out of her hands. What a blessing to see so many eager to Live the Life God wants them to have.

Then, to top it off, I was really pleased to meet one of the campers who wanted me to know that she and her friends had heard about Junior Camp from me – when I visited their country church – and they were all there and loving it.

I've shared just a bit about Junior Camp. Gap Camp and Teen Camp have their stories as well and this edition of IntraVic will give you a bit more than a glimpse of the impact of this vital ministry. It seems to me that, for those who were there, the memories are way more than good. Let me take a moment to thank our Youth Department team and the many volunteers who do such an awesome job and make Summer Camps and other youth ministry events possible.

Now it's time to start planning for your younger family members and friends to be at the Summer Camps next January and to be involved with other youth ministry events throughout the year.

We all care about the children in our homes and churches. So please continue to give your prayer support for our young people and our Youth team. Please pray that God will continue to do His work in and through each one as they live their lives for Him.

**Graeme Christian**  
Victorian Conference President

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# HOW TO LIVE THE LIFE

## A SUMMER CAMPS RECAP

**"I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL. "**

**- JOHN 10:10**

What does it mean to "Live the Life" to the fullest? Is it living to the extreme, always chasing the next adrenaline rush? Is it making sure you have achieved all the goals you set for yourself, ticking off the to-do list for a successful life? Or is it making the world a better place? See, "Living the Life" can mean different things depending on what a person values.

For our Summer Campers, living life could be the first time getting up on a wakeboard, hitting a bullseye, or making a dessert. And while on the surface it just sounds like stereotypical camp activities, they can find value in trying something that they never thought they could do or realizing that someone believes in them enough to encourage them every step of the way.

Summer Camp is more than just a holiday. It's a safe place where you can learn new skills and meet new people. More importantly, it's a fun, practical way to show youth how to Live the Life and how to live it with God.

Throughout three camps, a number of campers were able to learn more about themselves from the activities they participated in. From arts and crafts, they learnt patience; from watersports, they learnt perseverance, from worship icebreakers, they learnt teamwork, and from cabin inspections, they learnt discipline and cleanliness.

These personal characteristics were further honed thanks to the inspiring words of their speaker for the week – Josh Kross (GAP), Sarah Redman (Juniors), and Rahel Gungadoo (Teens). And every night, while eagerly listening to the tales of Sarah or Rahel, they were also hearing about the lives of David and Samuel and seeing what it means to have God in their corner.

With every story Josh, Sarah, and Rahel shared, they gave a biblical parallels to let us know that the Bible has pages upon pages of events and advice we can refer to when we're confused, when we need encouragement, or just when we need a simple refresher.

But the night program was more than just an inspiring message, an atmosphere of praise and worship was cultivated by talented musicians – it's amazing how many campers sang and danced to classics like 'Cast Your Burdens' and 'Blessed Assurance'.

The icebreakers challenged campers to get to know their cabin and work together, and the Drama team presented a new episode of their interactive message every night. Every staff member used their spiritual gifts to create a safe and welcoming environment for their campers to grow.

**"Summer Camps are about creating spaces for young people to have the opportunity to experience Jesus in an unforgettable way, making it a memorable event in their faith journey and decision to follow Jesus wholeheartedly."**

**JONATHON GILLARD**

**(ASSOCIATE YOUTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR)**

**"Fun in a safe environment is so important. The whole week campers have structured activities where they can form friendships, followed by a spiritual program that nurtures them into a relationship with Jesus. I love everything that summer camp stands for."**

**UILI MAUGA**

**(DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES)**

Ultimately this year's Summer Camp experience let all who attended know that Living a Life with God means they are not alone; that they are guided by the same Father who guided Samuel, protected by the same Lord who helped David defeat Goliath, and loved by a King that would do anything to be with them again – even give up His only Son.

The impact this ministry has is undeniable. It encourages a new perspective, provides an opportunity for young people to change the way they see themselves, and most importantly it provides a space to experience Jesus and live life to the fullest.

**Naomi Janmaat**  
Communications Coordinator



## 5 THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN LIVING THE LIFE

A JUNIORS GUIDE BY SARAH REDMAN

### "I'VE GOT THIS FEELING INSIDE MY BONES"

God knows you because He made you,  
from your head to your bones!

### "BEE YOURSELF (BUZZ!)"

You are God's unique masterpiece,  
there's no one else like you, so just be you!

### "DO A DOUBLE TAKE"

Don't be quick to judge mean people  
because there could be something else  
going on!

### "ROCK N ROLL"

When God is our Rock we can roll  
with whatever comes our way!

### "BOMB SQUAD"

When conflict happens try to  
diffuse it carefully!

## SUMMER CAMP SNAPS!



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# Samoan Churches Combine for 10 Days of Fasting and Prayer

Southeast Melbourne Samoan Seventh-day Adventist Church combined with The Harvest Samoan Company to run a '10 Days of Prayer' program from January 24 to February 3 2024.

The 10 Days of Prayer and Fasting is based on Daniel 1:12 – *'Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink.'* – so, the churches decided to follow suit and do what Daniel and his friends did in the Babylonian palace.

The key speaker for the event was the church pastor – Pr. Sosaiete Lautasi. All church members showed their willingness to participate in group discussions and prayer sessions. It was a way to spiritually refresh, renew, reshape, reform and recharge for God's work for the year 2024.

The Children's Ministry also had 10 Days of Prayer. All the children were so happy to get involved in activities held in the children's environment corner. Every night the teachers prepared programs and activities as well as a small gift for each kid

On Day 10, which was the Sabbath, the three churches under the care of Pr. Sosaiete Lautasi - Southeast Melbourne Samoan, The Harvest Samoan Company, and Samoa Endeavour Hills - combined for the communion service. It was a very interesting service full of reconciliation, confession and encouragement.

It was a wonderful experience over the 10 days. It not only benefitted the health but also the spiritual life through the spiritual discipline found in fasting.

Thank you to the Personal Ministry of Southeast Melbourne for organising these 10 Days of Prayer & Fasting. Thank you very much to The Harvest Samoan Company for the instruments and talent that were used in the program. Thank you for the praise and worship teams of both churches (Southeast/The Harvest).

Thank you to those who took part in the 10 Days of Prayer, and a special thanks to the youth who supported the 10 Days of Prayer in the commitment, talents and spiritual gifts that made the events successful and blessed. To be God the glory!

**Sosaiete Lautasi**  
Southeast Melbourne Samoan SDA Church  
The Harvest Samoan Company



# LOCAL NEWS PT.1

## Springvale Sudanese 'Empowers Disciples'

The Springvale South Sudanese SDA Group in Victoria conducted the Empowering Discipleship Outreach Program from December 30 2023 to January 1 2024. The aim of this crucial evangelism outreach was to demonstrate the important work of the Holy Spirit and help to fulfil the Great Commission to make disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20. We wanted to engage, equip and empower our church members to share a common understanding of scripture so they could witness for Christ in Victoria. The three-day period was divided, and each day had a different uniform.

Day One: Sabbath was held indoors at Clayton Hall in Clayton and we extended the invitation to South Sudanese communities and other denominations to worship together. Over 78 people attended and shared the theme "empowerment of the holy Spirit". We truly understand that as believers we wouldn't accomplish anything on our own without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).

Day Two: The Springvale South Sudanese SDA Group of about 27 held an Outreach evangelism program called "Empowering Discipleship". The group decided to go to the Bayview Park highland at Narre Warren North to reflect on the Sermon on the Mount. The group learned a lot and understood the real meaning of becoming disciples. They spent time together singing, praying, and meditating as a way to give our whole hearts and lives to Jesus.

Day Three: The Springvale South Sudanese SDA Group, particularly the choir (33 people), held an outdoor outreach evangelism fellowship at Casey Field Park in Cranbourne East. We took the outreach to devote ourselves to Biblical teaching and fellowship (Acts 4:42), and to encourage one another to remain faithful to the Lord's mission in both good and bad times. We went out together with our children as God's family to socialize, sing, pray, and interact with each other.

We learned and experienced vast blessings for a three-day period and gained strength through the Holy Spirit to do the Lord's work.

**Gatkuoth Chol**

Springvale South Sudanese SDA Group



# WE'RE THE KIDS IN VICTORIA

## A VICKIDS INTRODUCTION

The focus of Children and Family Ministries is to help facilitate the following statement: "To help every Family and Church be a discipleship hub, nurturing our Children into a saving and loving relationship with Jesus."

**Our goal is to S.E.E (Support, Equip and Empower) our local church leaders and families to disciple their children to worship, build transformative communities, be diligent stewards, and be involved in service and outreach.**

Our new logo, designed by the young and talented Carlson Ah Tune, represents Christ being at the forefront of the heart and the home, and the 'I' that looks like a candle symbolises how we are to be the light in our home as well as the world.

We have a great year planned full of events and workshops to help your family grow as a unit (you can find our calendar on Pg. 23!).

We also want to provide families and churches with ample resources for family worships, kid's Sabbath School classes, and more. To find these recommendations like our Facebook page or follow us on Instagram.

**FACEBOOK PAGE: VIC KIDS  
(LOOK FOR OUR NEW LOGO!)**

**INSTAGRAM: @VICKIDSAUSTRALIA**

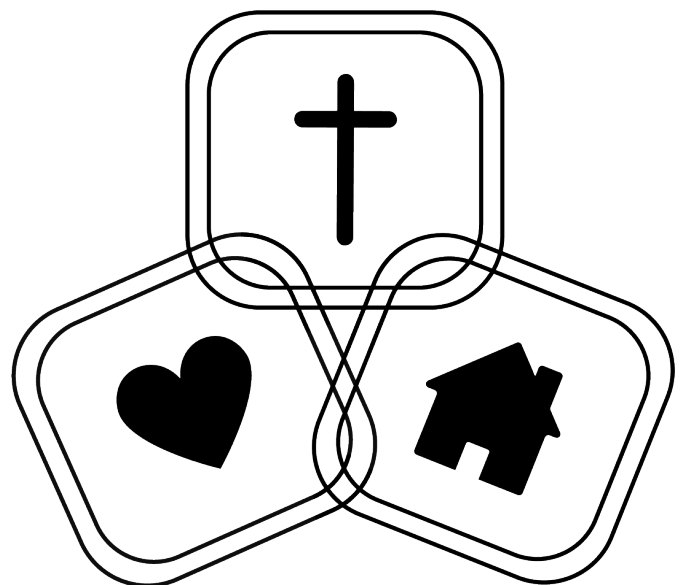
VicKids is excited to start the year with a new look, but more importantly, create spaces for conversations about growing with God as a family unit.

**Uili Mauga**  
Director of Children and Family Ministries



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**FOR THE KIDS: IT'S YOUR TURN TO  
ADD TO COLOUR TO OUR NEW LOGO!**



# WORSHIP WORDSEARCH

## The Call of Samuel

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"  
 And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."  
 1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)

Based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10



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# ADRA, HEALTH AND ADVOCACY

We have heard it all before - 'you are what you eat'.... 'volunteering helps your mental health', 'the consumption of processed meat is harmful to your health' and 'livestock farming is destroying the planet'.

But what if people knew Ellen White's prophecy around food at the end of times? And what if people had the tools to live longer? Would people change their ways?

As Adventists, we have the knowledge, information and resources to pursue a healthy lifestyle. Recently, there have been Netflix documentaries that state that Adventists are creating 'blue zones'. In short, a blue zone means that you will live longer by combining a plant-based diet, regular exercise, and a higher purpose - 'faith' with volunteering and social connection.

We also know that we are in the last days, so plagues, disasters, wars and food shortages will increase.

Ellen White writes: "In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes and will result in a civil war." (Manuscript 114, 1899, par 7)

With every crisis and disaster, if people do not have the tools to cope - they become desperate. Every week, our ADRA teams are seeing this sense of hopelessness. People can't put food on their tables, people are sleeping in parks because there is a housing shortage and women and children are escaping family violence.

"It is more widely known that there is a correlation between disasters and an increase in reports of family violence. While disasters do not cause family violence, they compound underlying inequalities in gender, economy, and disability." Women's Health Goulburn North East.

So what can we do about it? This year, ADRA is turning 40 and as we are middle-aged; focussing on health is crucial! But how can we reach the

community with our health message every week? And how can we advocate for the least of these?

In October 2023, ADRA was featured on Channel 9 news due to our advocacy for a client who was being unfairly treated in an illegal rooming house. She is now in a safe place and receiving food and social support from the Wantirna and Nunawading churches. Praise God.

In November 2023, the Community Information and Support Service (CIS) closed their doors in Lilydale due to funding issues. The Yarra Ranges Council approached ADRA due to our work in the shire over the last 13 years with the ADRA Redwood Community Centre in Warburton. Fast track to February this year, Richie (Member of Lilydale Adventist Church) has been providing an information and support service from the Neighbourhood House in Lilydale. This engagement has not only increased our potential of receiving a 100k grant but has opened the door for every church to offer a CIS.

\*Sally, came to our Pakenham outreach service/ bus in September 2022. She was only 12 and at-risk. Through our support via the ADRA bus, weekly connection and helping her family with food..... in January this year she attended her first Vic youth Summer camps and is now attending church.

**We have this great hope, we have so many great programs, resources and unused halls. You could be the link for that person who needs support, but that person doesn't know how to navigate the range of services out there.**

At the upcoming Victorian Conference Big Camp, ADRA and Health are joining together to present: Wholistic Church and Community Engagement - how your church can be a blue zone and the ADRA funding to get you started. We hope to see you there!

*\*Names changed for privacy reasons*

**Rebecca Auriant**  
ADRA Victoria Director



# BIG CAMP WITH ADRA

Visit the ADRA Booth to learn how your church can reach out to people in your local community.

Through our health, livelihood, education and disaster ready church programs in Australia and over 100 countries, thousands of people's lives are being changed and your church can be part of the movement.

In Victoria, for our 40th anniversary of ADRA - we are focusing on Health.

Please join our workshop on Sunday at 3pm with Rebecca Auriant and Andrew Jasper:

Wholistic Church and Community Engagement - how your church can be a blue zone and the ADRA funding to get you started.

ADRA hoodies and t-shirts will be available for purchase from the booth to support people in need across the state. There are prizes up for grabs at the Kid's spot!

[www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)



Serving Humanity

So all may live as God intended.

ADRA'S Big Camp Workshop: We're all about equipping churches and communities! Join us at Big Camp to learn how you can be a blue zone.



Richie has been providing an information and support service from the Neighbourhood House in Lilydale.



ADRA makes the Channel Nine News after advocating for a client who was being unfairly treated in an illegal rooming house.



Dr Danijela Schubert sharing strategies to uplift each other at Seddon SDA Church (West)



Pr Lyndelle Peterson sharing her inspiring life story at Burwood SDA Church (East)



Uplift ended each session with a Prayer Circle, opening the floor for ladies to pray for each other.



We were blessed with special items from talented women who wanted to praise God.



An ABC pop up shop was available for those who wanted to purchase Dr Danijela's new book "The Green Dress and Other Parables From My Life"



Refreshments were provided so ladies could fellowship over food and get to know each other.

# UPLIFT: PRAISE. PRAYER. TESTIMONY.

## FINDING ENCOURAGEMENT WITH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's ministries run UPLIFT because we believe that reaching up to God is the beginning of every woman's journey. And so, we want to start the year uplifting every woman through praise, prayer and testimony.

This year we wanted everyone to have a chance to attend, so we ran two sessions, one in the West at Seddon Church on February 9, and one in the East at Burwood Church on February 10,

In the West, guest speaker Dr Danijela Schubert took a practical approach when uplifting the ladies who attended, giving us five ways to cultivate a culture of uplifting.

**Positive Words (Proverbs 16:24)**  
**Sisterhood in Encouragement (Ecc. 4:9-10)**  
**Uplift through Shared Burdens (Gal. 6:2)**  
**Celebrate Diverse Gifts (1 Cor 12:4-7)**  
**Atmospheres of Acceptance (Rom 15:7)**

From stories about her Filipino neighbour who would always sing songs of praise, to Naomi and Ruth bonding over their burdens, Danijela provided both biblical and personal examples of how these methods of encouragement have a profound impact on every aspect of your wellbeing.

Moreover, she provided space during her talk to allow attendees to move around the room and give each other compliments to uplift each other through words of affirmation, or hugs to uplift through physical touch. Two memorable exercises were when ladies practised connecting with each other through eye contact, and when they were asked to explore how they could encourage each other with their different spiritual gifts. It was interesting to see how the simple act of looking at each other could change the way a relationship progressed, and it was a blessing to witness the moment the room realised that there is more than one way to encourage.

Danijela also took the time to share what inspired her latest book *The Green Dress and Other Parables From My Life*, and what the whole process meant to her.

In the East, guest speaker Pr Lyndelle Peterson took the approach of sharing uplifting stories from her life - illustrating the power that can build from saying small "yes's" to God.

Coming from a typical Seventh-day Adventist upbringing she was labelled as willing to do anything for attention and found herself living up to that label.

Although it led her down some interesting paths as a teenager, she managed to balance her academics and bible studies to the point where in Year 12 her teacher encouraged her to apply for an Avondale scholarship.

Knowing that she could apply to almost any other university and likely get into a prestigious course. She said a small yes to God that she would apply for the scholarship and see what happened.

When it was announced at graduation that she had received the Avondale Scholarship as well as a place at Melbourne University in a coveted course she was caught between the expectation of doing something "worthy" of her high grades or following her small "yes" to God by going to Avondale. She said another small "yes" to God to go check out Avondale for a year.

When she arrived, however, Avondale decided to offer her a full scholarship. Not wanting to fully commit to Ministry she decided to do International Relations for her major and a minor in Religion. But after her first couple of classes in religion, she decided to bite the bullet and say that next "yes" to God and fully dive into Ministry.

**Lyndelle's story shows us that you don't need to make big, grand, all-consuming decisions for God just to follow Him. Just a few small "yes's" with God can take you a long way no matter how small those steps might be.**

During both events, there was time to share testimonies and pray for each other. It was amazing to know that a safe space was successfully created, as many women had the strength to share their personal stories and encourage at least one other person in the room.

We want to thank God for all He does, and we are grateful for everyone who was part of such an inspiring experience.

**Shonet Heath**  
Women's Ministries Departmental Assistant

**Naomi Janmaat**  
Communications Coordinator

# LOCAL NEWS PT.2

## Ringwood Church Member Nominated for 2024 Australia Day Honour

Ron Gowans, a long-time member of Ringwood SDA Church, was nominated as Maroondah City Council Citizen of the Year 2024. The nomination recognised Ron's 30 years of selfless and dedicated service to the community through his involvement in the Maroondah Emergency Relief Network, as Treasurer of the Ringwood SDA Church, and his untiring support of the ADRA Op Shop and Soup Kitchen. In addition, over a 30 year period, Ron has fundraised more than \$100,000 in support for community, charity, and ministry projects.

Ron was invited to attend the Australia Day Ceremony at Ringwood Lake Park on January 26, where he was presented with his Nomination Certificate. He was cheered and supported by his wife, Merryl - who has faithfully worked alongside him over the years - his family, and members of his Ringwood church family.

We are truly blessed to have Ron and Merryl as part of our church community, and pray that God will continue to richly bless them as they faithfully serve Him.

**Liliana Munoz**  
Ringwood SDA Church



## Ascot Vale Youth's Sweet Initiative

The youth of Ascot Vale have been trying to make friends with the community surrounding their church by giving out free pancake breakfasts. Waking up early on Sabbath morning, we as a youth are greeting those going for a morning walk by 8:00am!

The stall is set up just out front of the church building and you can see the pancakes being freshly made, alongside toppings of fresh fruit, whipped cream and berry sauce.

The initiative was started with the goal of making someone's morning, as you don't know what people are going through in these trying times. We have had many families, seniors, and even dog walkers, stay and chat while they eat - sometimes they tell us stories, other times they ask questions about the church, why we are doing what we do, and most importantly when the next breakfast will be. We see every interaction as a small step towards letting the community see the church as a place of giving and kindness.

The breakfasts are also encouraging to us as a youth because we are working together and bonding over a shared goal. We thank God for all the support we are getting. Our next pancake breakfast is March 16! If you are around the area, we hope to see you there!

**Caitlin Janmaat**  
Ascot Vale SDA Church



# A TRUST SERVICES UPDATE

## ANYTIME IS A GOOD TIME TO MAKE A WILL AND ENSURE YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE IS SECURE.

When was the last time you considered having a Will prepared?

The Trust Services Department seems to be a largely unknown and often forgotten ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Yet it has been providing an important complimentary service for church members, their families, and friends in Australia since at least the 1960s. I know this because over the past two and half years I've been undertaking an audit of files and documents we hold and have found one dating from 1962!

While we are not front and centre of minds like Youth Ministry or ADRA, we have been tirelessly working away behind the scenes often supporting the various ministries of our church.

When I began in this role in September 2021, the Victorian Conference Trust Services Director cared for not only the Victorian Conference but also Tasmania, South New South Wales and South Australian Conferences...almost half the country. The benefit of being one of the larger Conferences of our church is our ability to share resources and to these smaller conferences where we can. In early-2022 the South Australian Conference appointed their own Trust Services Director which freed up some time and filing space within our own offices.

Even though the area serviced has decreased, the additional time has enabled us to start an audit process that continues to this day. During this process we have found documents and wills held for people who have fallen asleep in Jesus as recently as last year, to

those who passed away more than 30 years ago.

As we continue to offer the opportunity for our greater-church family to have Wills prepared in a compassionate and professional manner (at no cost to you) we kindly ask for your assistance. To ensure our records are kept up-to-date and to further enhance our services, **please contact us when your loved ones have passed away.** This enables any documents and wills to be returned to the family and in so doing, honouring your loved one's wishes.

If you believe we may be holding documents from a relative that has passed away some time ago (even over five or ten years) please don't hesitate to contact us. Alternatively, if you need help preparing a valid Will, please contact Trust Services for a confidential appointment.

**Josh Wood**  
Trust Services Director

### FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

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# ADVENTIST SCHOOLS VICTORIA OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW OFFICE

January 30, 2024, saw the official opening of the new Adventist Schools Victoria office building located in Burwood. The new location is in response to the growth of the ASV team – with so many new additions they could no longer share the space of the Nunawading office with the Conference.

It was a lovely program with speeches from former CEO Ashley Bailey, current CEO Steve Cowley, and Betty Lakovic. Victorian Conference President Graeme Christian said a prayer of dedication before Fiona Thomas officiated the ribbon cutting. Special musical performances were also provided by talented Gilson College students.

This development coincides with the 60 year anniversary of two of ASV campuses – Nunawading Christian College (1963 – 2023) and Edinburgh College (1964 – 2024).

We praise God for His continued blessing over Adventist Schools Victoria and continual growth of their team and resources. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for Adventist Education in Victoria!

## ASV's new offices can be located at:

Building 9, 162 Highbury Road Burwood, Victoria

**Naomi Janmaat**  
Communications Coordinator

*Photos by Simon Hutton*



# Do you want to be a *Teacher?*

## We can help pay for your degree...

Great teachers are the heart and soul of our schools. If you're passionate about becoming a teacher, we'd love you to come and work for us!

Each year, we offer Teacher Training Scholarships of up to \$18,000 to help cover your degree costs, or to provide additional financial support for you while you're studying.

Whether you're a high school student with dreams of becoming a teacher, you're already studying, or you are considering a career change, our scholarships can help you reach your teaching aspirations.



Adventist Schools

*Victoria*



Find your application at [asv.vic.edu.au/scholarships](https://asv.vic.edu.au/scholarships)

# 2024 EVENT CALENDARS

## 2024 VICTORIAN ADVENTISTS CONFERENCE CALENDAR

### Key:

Conference      Health Ministries  
Personal Ministries      Church Planting

### JANUARY

- 02 Conference Office & ABC Reopens
- 14 Amazing Facts Centre of Evangelism (AFCOE) Begins

### FEBRUARY

- 02 Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program (DARP) Training
- 13 Training and Peer Learning Network 1
- 20 Training and Peer Learning Network 2
- 23-24 Adventist Muslims Relations Training
- 27 Training and Peer Learning Network 3

### MARCH/APRIL

- 02 International Day of Prayer
- 28-01 Easter Big Camp
- 05-07 Hyve Australia Conference
- 16 Training and Peer Learning N1
- 20 AFOCE Ends
- 23 Training and Peer Learning N2
- 27 Training and Peer Learning N3

### MAY

- 13-20 Health Week
- 14 Training and Peer Learning N1
- 21 Training and Peer Learning N2
- 28 Training and Peer Learning N3
- 31-01 Creative Evangelism Conference

### JULY

- 16 Training and Peer Learning N1
- 23 Training and Peer Learning N2
- 30 Training and Peer Learning N3

### AUGUST

- 13 Training and Peer Learning N1
- 20 Training and Peer Learning N2
- 27 Training and Peer Learning N3
- 31-07 SPD Week of Prayer

### SEPTEMBER

- 17 Training and Peer Learning N1
- 24 Training and Peer Learning N2

### OCTOBER

- 01 Training and Peer Learning N3
- 06 Church Plant Training with Wayne Krause
- 18-20 DARP Summit
- 26 Regional Day

### NOVEMBER

- 12 Training and Peer Learning N1
- 19 Training and Peer Learning N2
- 26 Training and Peer Learning N3

### DECEMBER

- 02-05 Road to Bethlehem
- 24 Conference Office & ABC closes



Seventh-day  
Adventist Church™

Victoria



# VicYouth

## WHOLEHEARTED

### JANUARY

- 4-8 GAP Camp
- 9-14 Junior Camp
- 16-21 Teen Camp
- 25-28 AYC Convention

### FEBRUARY

- 9-12 Converge
- 24 VicASA Welcome

### MARCH

- 1 East + West Vespers
- 2 Leadership Sabbath
- 16 Global Youth Day
- 17-23 Youth Week of Prayer
- 29-1 Big Camp

### APRIL

- 19-20 Thinking Faith

### MAY

- 24-25 Gippsland Muster

### JUNE

- 6 VicASA Vespers
- 7-10 Pathfinder Expedition

### 30-4 Uprising

### JULY

- 5-6 VicASA Rally
- 7 Basketball Comp
- 9-23 ShareHim
- 26-29 Shred It

### AUGUST

- 5-11 International Camporee
- 9-11 Winter Recharge
- 17 STORMCo Training
- 24-25 PLA + MG Training

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 VicASA Vespers
- 13-14 Mildura Muster
- 21 World Pathfinder Day
- 21-6 STORMCo

### OCTOBER

- 11-13 Youth Rally
- 26 Pathfinder Rally

### NOVEMBER

- 22-23 VicASA Roadtrip

### DECEMBER

- 7 VicASA Celebration

# VIC KIDS 2024

KID'S 10 DAYS OF PRAYER  
JAN 10-20

CHRISTIAN HOME + MARRIAGES  
FEB 10-17

FAMILY + RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP  
FEB 24

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
MARCH 2

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - FAMILY SERVING  
MARCH 3

FAMILY + RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP  
MAY 11

WORLD ADVENTURERS DAY  
MAY 18

AFTERNOON CONCERT WITH SNACK MUSIC  
MAY 18

FAMILY + RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP  
AUG 10

FAMILY TOGETHERNESS WEEK OF PRAYER  
SEP 1-7

FAMILY SERVING TOGETHER DAY  
SEP 8

DISNEY CONCERT FUNDRAISER  
SEP 14

FAMILY + RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP  
NOV 2

ADVENTURER FAMILY RALLY DAY  
NOV 9



# ADRA VIC 2024

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

with VicYouth + Disaster Ready Churches  
March 2 + 3

ADRA 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
Gospel Concert + Awards Night  
June 22

ACTIVE AUGUST

ADOPT-AN-ADRA PROJECT  
August 3

SERVICE SEPTEMBER

BIG CAMP  
March 28-April 1

WINTER OUTREACH  
July 5

AUSTRALIAN CONCERT TOUR  
Jehova Shalom A capella  
The Foster Triplets  
August 31

ADRA APPEAL  
Sun October 20 Sun November 17  
Sun October 27 Sat November 23

JUSTICE  
COMPASSION  
LOVE  
Love one another as I have loved you  
JOHN 13:34

# ADVENTIST WOMEN VICTORIA 2024

UPLIFT

WEST - February 9th 6pm  
Seddon Church with Danijela Schubert  
EAST - February 10th 3pm  
Burwood Church with Lyndelle Peterson

International Women's Day of Prayer  
March 2nd

RENEW

September 6th-8th  
Women and Young Ladies Conference at Phillip Island with Brenda Walsh

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day  
June 8th

Enditnow

August 24th

# GET TO KNOW THE 2024 BIG CAMP SPEAKERS

## CAMP SPEAKERS

We've got an amazing line up prepared, and we look forward to hearing the messages shared!



### ENCOUNTER

**Sven Östring**

*South Pacific Division  
Director of Ministry & Strategy*



### HIGH SCHOOL

**Sean Tavai**

*Chaplain at Cairns  
Adventist College*



### ENCOUNTER

**Danny Philip**

*South Pacific Division  
Discipleship Strategy Leader*



### JUNIORS

**Simon Hutton**

*Chaplaincy Coordinator for  
Adventist Schools Victoria*



### CONNECTIONS

**Dilys Brooks**

*Chaplain at Loma Linda  
University (USA)*

**YOUTH TENT SPEAKER  
TO BE CONFIRMED  
WATCH THIS SPACE!**

March 28 - April 1 at Elmore Events Centre (48 Rosaia Rd, Burnewang VIC 3558)

**SVEN ÖSTRING** began his formal ministry in Western Australia, then he stepped up to a leadership role in Greater Sydney Conference. Now, with experience in church planting, a variety of departmental roles, and extensive engagement in front-line ministries, he is currently the Director of Mission and Strategy for the South Pacific Division. His passion for sharing the gospel in innovative ways is contagious. As well as pastoral leadership Sven has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a PhD in computer networking, his interests are in house church, media, health, academia, science and connecting with all ages.

**DANNY PHILIP** has played a key role in the disciple-making efforts in Papua New Guinea where many house churches and church plants have been established and thousands of people baptised. Since November 2018, Danny served as the president of the New Britain New Ireland Mission in Papua New Guinea. Now he is the South Pacific Division's Discipleship Strategy Leader. Danny has a big vision for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific—that it will have one million members by the end of 2025— and believes that every Adventist has a role to play in disciple-making.

**DILYS BROOKS** is a Board-Certified Chaplain serving the campus at Loma Linda University, where she fosters the theological identity of the LLU community and provides spiritual care for the students, faculty, and staff. Chaplain Brooks was recently awarded a Ph.D. in Practical Theology from Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA, with an Emphasis in Spiritual Care

and Counselling. She is an emerging scholar interested in spiritual care, trauma, relational justice, restorative justice, culture, teaching, and pedagogy. The source of inspiration for her journey is “Seek... first... God” from Matthew 6:33.

**SEAN TAVAI** is from Far North Queensland and is the pastor of two churches—Mareeba and Ravenshoe—and is the chaplain at Cairns Adventist College. Sean firmly believes that our youth are key leaders in the mission of the church today and is passionate about journeying with young people so that they can be everything God has called them to be.

**SIMON HUTTON** is the Chaplaincy Coordinator for Adventist Schools Victoria. He began his school ministry journey in 2008 as a Chaplain at Brisbane Adventist College, then in 2010, he attended Avondale College and completed an education degree, with a major in Religious Education and a minor in Graphic Design. Simon comes from a media background and firmly believes God is using him to help support both staff and students transition into the growing space of online teaching, chapels, and school programs. He is passionate about supporting and building connections with students, chaplains, teachers, and local churches.

# UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITES

## 2024 PASTORAL LIST

A list of the 2024 pastors can be found on the Victorian Conference website.

## WEBSITE UPDATES

We are working on giving the conference website a makeover. Changes will be made as the year progresses and we will do our best to inform you about any upcoming inconveniences via social media and our newsletter. We thank you for your understanding.

## THAT'S ALL FOR NOW!

**FOR CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITES PLEASE GO TO:**

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<https://adventistemployment.org.au/>

**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**

Send in your stories and we'll share them with everyone in one of our upcoming issues!

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# Dinner with our VC

**Partner with Avondale University and help our students succeed.**

Meet Vice-Chancellor **Professor Kerri-Lee Krause** and Avondale University Partnership Alliance CEO **Nic Bolto**.

Learn more about how you can support our Renewal Plan to enhance the quality of academic and wellbeing support services and develop quality infrastructure.

**March 7  
6.30 pm**

**RACV City Club**  
501 Bourke St, Melbourne

**Tickets: \$150**  
Places limited

