

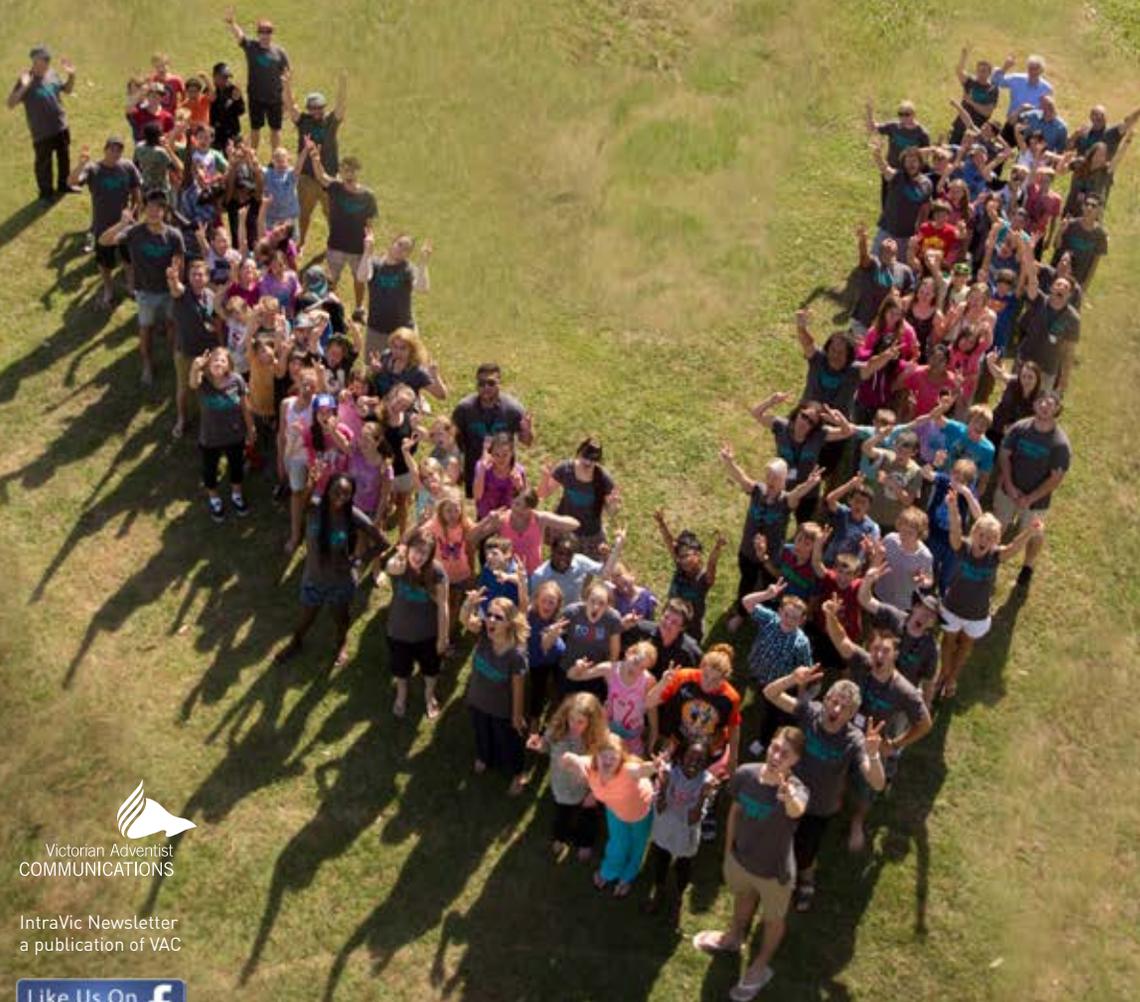
How can anyone put his faith in Christ  
if he's never even heard about Him?  
How can he hear about Him if no one  
tells?

Romans 10:14

*Hear  
the Voice*  
...be the voice

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## A note from the Editor's Office



### The BIG 3 - What would they be?

What's your vision for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Victoria? If we were to focus on three big picture items, what would they be?

The core business of the church was described by Jesus in this way: making disciples, teaching them and baptizing them. Clearly, this is at the heart of our mission.

Jesus was talking about disciples making disciples.

This is the essence of VicYouth's theme for 2014: hearing The Voice – and then being the voice for others – through MENTORING.

And we have a Conference-wide plan too. You've no doubt heard that 2014 is the Year of Evangelism and with two significant programs planned for the South East and West of Melbourne, and there will be many other initiatives in the context of local churches. Please join us in praying that God will use our efforts to bring an abundant harvest! If ever we needed prayer support, we need it now!

So, if God's mission is our core business, is His mission one of The BIG 3? Or does it create the overarching framework for everything we do?

The BIG 3 – what do you think they would or should be? Would closing the proverbial back door of the church feature? Would effectively keeping our youth be one of the big picture items? How would our school system fit in? And there's children's ministry – everyone knows our children are important to us. Would health have a place? And what about caring for others – or do we leave that to ADRA? Then there's Women's Ministries, Literature Evangelism, Family Ministries. Or about Aged Care – think about the many ministry opportunities in that context. And I know there's more... What have I missed?

The BIG 3 – what should they be? Should there be more than three?

Should the BIG 3 be qualitatively different, focusing on core values like Spirituality, Empowerment and Adventist Identity?

What do **you** think?

This is a lot of questioning. But your thoughts are important, and I would like to hear them. You can help shape the future direction of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Victoria. So please take a few moments, even before you continue reading this issue of IntraVic, to make a note of what your BIG 3 are. Send them to me this week (by Friday, Feb 28), so that we can report back in the next issue of IntraVic. I would really appreciate your input.

*Graeme Christian*

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# The Sum of Me!

## Why I am who I am...

Written by Daron Pratt  
NNSW CONFERENCE  
CHILDRENS AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

“Mentoring is a significant factor that leads to people remaining in the church and contributing to its message and mission...”

Daron grew up in Victoria's Sunraysia region. He is currently the Director for Children's and Families Ministries in NNSW. In this devotional he shares with us the importance of Mentoring, which is the theme for VicYouth in 2014. While he primarily discusses mentoring in the setting of his role, as you read further, prayerfully consider how you can apply these principles across the whole church family.

As I travel, ministering to families and children, I am often asked the question about how I became a Christian and why I am a pastor. My testimony does not include a dramatic conversion. Nor is it one of wandering in the Wilderness of World Experience before coming back to the Church. My story is one of mentoring: of how the actions and authentic Christianity of those around me allowed me to hear **The Voice**.

It all began in the sandbox at Kindergarten Sabbath School in Mildura, where a young teenage leader told stories using biblical characters in the sand. As I watched her and listened to the stories about Jesus, I thought that if Jesus worked for her then He might for me too!

Then there is my Primary School teacher (I was in love with her!) who didn't just teach me arithmetic and

spelling but took a genuine, personal interest in me. She too, taught me about Jesus, and when I 'heard' how Jesus worked for her, I thought He might for me too.

There was also my chaplain, who probably took some great worships and told some great stories (I don't remember any of them) but I do remember that he played soccer and cricket with us at recess and lunch. When I 'listened' to how Jesus worked for him on the playground, I thought He might work for me too.

I also need to tell you about my uncle who used to be the head deacon of the church. He allowed me to follow him around stacking chairs, pulling down blinds, collecting the offering and organising the foot washing bowls. Looking back, I must have really annoyed him, but he never told me to go away. I idolized him and when I witnessed how Jesus worked for him, I thought He might for me too.

My Pathfinder leader did more than just teach me at Pathfinders. He also allowed me to follow him through the bush on weekends as he caught and banded birds for the Bird Observers Club. As we walked, he talked and when I saw how Jesus worked for him, I thought Jesus might for me too.

Then there was the church member who loaned me a car, and mentored me as a teenager and young adult. He is a great friend... bit like an extra Dad! Through him too, I heard The Voice.

My head elder at Dareton church was a bus driver/mechanic but he also mentored me into leading out in the adult lesson and preaching a sermon... I was twelve. He placed me on the roster for preaching, and for helping out at church. Dareton was a church where the adults took a great interest

in me and consequently the church was not just for the adults. It was mine too.

I could go on to list a whole host of adult mentors who invested into my life as a child and young adult and showed me what it means to be a real and genuine Christian. Who, through their voices, and I don't mean words, I could hear The Voice.

Hebrews 12:1 says that "Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..."

No I don't have a dramatic conversion story to tell but I do have a whole lot of important people in my life who mentored me into the faith, empowering me to hear His Voice, so I could go on and be the voice to others.

One day as a young child I asked Jesus to come into my life and I set my path on His course... to work for Him.

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# Being a Voice for God

## VicYouth 2014

Written by Philip Hyland  
VicYOUTH DIRECTOR

It is a new year with a new team at VicYouth; a new Youth Director, myself, and a new Assistant Youth Director, Trent Martin. So it could be said that the main stabilizing influence at VicYouth now is Natasha Jakowlew. Having served as PA at VicYouth for the last two years, Natasha is the third and crucial member of the team as we focus on serving and ministering to the youth and church family of Victoria.

### Our Theme

For 2014, the General Conference Youth Department has chosen to emphasize the value and importance of Mentoring as a key part of effective youth ministry, and we here in Victoria are adopting that as our theme.

Consider the difference Mentoring can make in the life of a young person, not just for the here and now but for eternity. Think about your own younger years. Who was it who showed an interest in you as a young person at church? Who took you under their wing and supported you as you led out in the Sabbath School lesson study or praise and worship? Who would come up and say 'hi' to you even though at the time you may have been living far from Jesus?

The value of mentoring has been demonstrated in the latest SPD Valuegenesis research where denominational loyalty percentage is nearly doubled if a young person has more than four local church mentors. Almost the same results are achieved looking at a young person's self-worth. The Fuller Youth Institute has come up with virtually the same results in its research and as Daron mentioned in the devotional, young people are more likely to stick by their faith when there are at least five caring adults investing in them.

Effective mentoring makes a massive difference.



The baptism at Summer Camp 2014 - an example of what VicYouth is about - mentoring young people into a meaningful relationship with Christ

“ So imitate me, watch my ways, follow my example, just as I, too, always seek to imitate the Anointed One.  
1 Cor 11:1  
VicYOUTH THEME TEXT FOR 2014 ”

In our theme text, Paul seems to be really setting the bar high. As a flawed and sinful human being, I ask myself, 'How can I ever take Paul's lead'? But Paul is merely saying 'Come, daily, and sit at the feet of Jesus, have a passion for people and be an agent of God in rescuing people from eternal destruction.'

Why did we decide to adopt this theme - Mentoring? Because the training of leaders for God's church is Priority One. We are charged with passing the faith onto the next generation so that The Great Commission may be fulfilled, that the message of His love and grace may permeate to every corner of the globe.

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# Welcome to Vic Youth

## Introducing Trent Martin

Written by Trent Martin  
VicYOUTH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

We welcome Trent Martin to VicYouth as the Assistant Youth Director. For the last two years Trent has been ministering to two of our local churches and has now been invited to make a bigger difference across the state of Victoria... even beyond! Here he shares a little about himself with you.



Trent and Bryanna

When I share my conversion story with people today, their first words are usually of total surprise. They're shocked that the person in my story is the same person telling it!

You see, when I was a teenager, I searched for happiness and fulfilment in all the wrong places. I did the things many teenagers do in their quest for meaning in their lives. I had serious anger issues and thought problems were best solved with aggression, rather than love. People would approach me at school and say, "Trent, are you ok? You seem really angry and down lately."

This way of life led me into a pretty dark place, but God didn't leave me there for long.

One day, at the lowest point in my journey, a series of emotionally twisting events led me to a hospital bed in Lismore, NSW, where I was awaiting surgery on my mangled hand. As I stared at the ceiling of the hospital room that afternoon, I realised I couldn't go it alone anymore.

I had searched and found nothing of value. I had worked hard on my problems, but my labour was in vain. I knew for sure I could not fix myself.

So I did what many before me have done when life gets hard. I prayed.

I gave God permission to take the lead in my life. Total surrender. No holding back.

Looking back six months later, I could see the difference God was making in my life. My anger was gone, many of my addictions were overcome, my demeanour was positive and joyful, and my relationships were steadily improving. God was showing me how to

love people like He does.

In essence, God was keeping His promise of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; look, all things have become new."

It's been eight years since I became a Christian. And each year my mission becomes clearer, my resolve stronger.

My passion and purpose is to enable young people to find their happiness and fulfilment in their Creator. When we know who we are and why we're here, life suddenly becomes so simple. We are sons and daughters of the King, and we're here to share His love with people who need it more than ever.

For the last two years, I've been ministering to the youth at the Frankston and Dandenong Polish churches. It's been an incredible time of friendship-building, Bible-studying, and deep personal learning. My gorgeous wife, Bryanna, is loving being a full-time pastor's wife, and she also has a hobby on the side which she calls midwifery. God has been very good to us, and I'd like to thank the many people who have supported us in our first years of ministry.

As the Assistant Youth Director, I have the great privilege of being involved with young people all around Victoria. I look forward to bringing a focus on Jesus over the next four years, especially through His truth and His abundant love.

At 26, I'm still pretty young myself. Please pray for me from time to time, that God will continue to speak through a man who needs His grace and wisdom more than ever.

“ Campers and staff, alike, were encouraged to consider where different voices ultimately lead, and to choose the Voice of Truth rather than the voices of the world ”

# The Voice

## @ SummerCamp2014

Photo from Adrian Cuff @ Summer Camp

Written by Cathy Rutene

A new year... A new Youth Director... A new assistant Youth Director... A new team ... New challenges – such as extreme heat... New campers... New speakers...

In spite of all the newness, we again presented our 'old' message: that of our ever present, unchanging, all-powerful, unifying, gracious and merciful God!

And He always turns up!

We are blessed beyond measure to be part of His plan and to witness changed hearts and minds, and are reminded every year that it is His purpose for us to be part of His team. Each time we work at Summer Camp, we are changed and molded anew, as we serve. It is only through His strength and daily mercy that we make it through each day, but we always witness miracles.

Who would honestly want to miss out on such a life changing adventure (or I could call it the Roller Coaster of Summer Camps!).

Being part of the Summer Camp family is not to be taken for granted and is always an honour and a privilege.

This year we had 79 Juniors and 118 Teens attend. Add to that approximately 50 staff and there is a very large family to care for physically, mentally and spiritually. It is a unique opportunity to be a part

of a community with one purpose - to share Jesus. To invest in kids lives, to nurture, encourage and challenge them and most of all to LOVE them. Oh, and there just happens to be fun, adventure, laughs (chook runs), new friends, banqueting, the great outdoors, awesome praise and worship, high stakes cabin inspections (with the swag camp reward) just to name a few of the extra reasons for being at camp!

Hayden Peterson was our speaker for Juniors this year and Billy Otto joined us to challenge, inspire and hang out with the Teens. They both connected so well in a real and authentic way with the kids and the staff, joining in all the activities, singing around the camp fire at swag camp and impromptu cabin concerts at night for cabin worship (thanks Billy!).

The theme and focus this year was The Voice, and both Hayden and Billy shared personally how God's voice has impacted and shaped their lives. They challenged us all to choose the Voice of Truth as opposed to the voice of the world and where each voice ultimately leads us. Friday nights are always extremely special and incredibly powerful as we witness The Voice calling and convicting the hearts of juniors, teens and staff to make a stand and commit!

For several years now Teen campers have been blessed by being able to witness and share in a baptism. Held on Sabbath afternoon at the end of camp, the timing has been perfect as

we all witness first-hand the beautiful symbolism of baptism in the Howqua River; a fitting finale to the many God-moments we all experience during the summer camps, and a powerful testimony following the Friday night commitment nights.

This year our dearly loved Dat Nguyen, formerly of Gilson College, who described himself as a Buddhist Christian when we first met him at Uprising several years ago, committed his life publicly by being baptised in an extremely moving ceremony. Many friends and church 'family' had travelled up from Melbourne for the day to support his decision. We all witnessed a miracle when his father attended and spoke of his pride in his son – many were aware that even the night before, he had not been going to attend. Isn't God good.

And so with an inspiring message in song presented by Billy Otto, I hope and pray that in the year ahead our Juniors and Teens and all our staff will choose to listen to the One True Voice and 'Stand Up, Stand Out, Be Magnificent'....not just today, but every day.



Cathy Rutene

"I am dragged out of my comfort zone to a place in which I am required to rely completely on the strength of God. The culture of acceptance, joy and willingness to give new things a go makes Summer Camp a really special environment. It's no wonder we're all counting down 2015!"

*Amy Pitt, Counsellor*



## COMMITMENT

Juniors – 79 in attendance

91% said they wanted Jesus to be The Voice in their lives

57% wanted to participate in Bible Studies

42% requested baptism

29% indicated they would like someone to pray for them

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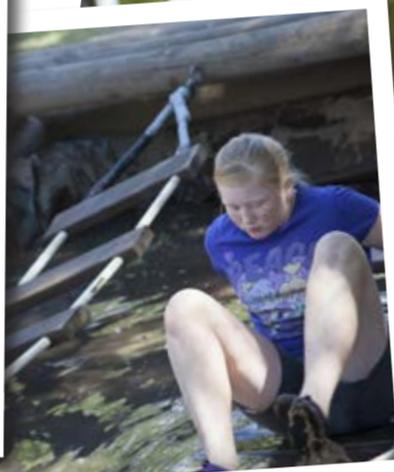
Teens – 118 in attendance

68% said they wanted Jesus to be The Voice in their lives

33% wanted to participate in Bible Studies

22% requested baptism

24% indicated they would like someone to pray for them



# SUMMER CAMPS 2014

Summer Camp 2014 was absolutely amazing. It is a place where you can go to connect with other godly teens, make lifetime friendships and lasting memories.

The evening activities challenged campers and provided an opportunity to make a stand for The Voice. It was a wonderful night, the night these choices were made, watching as enormous decisions in the campers lives were contemplated; whether it was choosing to be baptised or allowing God to be the Voice.



"I was blessed with the privilege to help pray over one of my friends. While we were praying the presence of God was so powerful and incredibly overwhelming! Summer Camp is special for everyone in different ways, it's a place we can feel safe and at home, we are one big Summer Camp family!"

*Eden Ashcraft, Mildura Camper*



# KID'S SPOT

Who Am I?

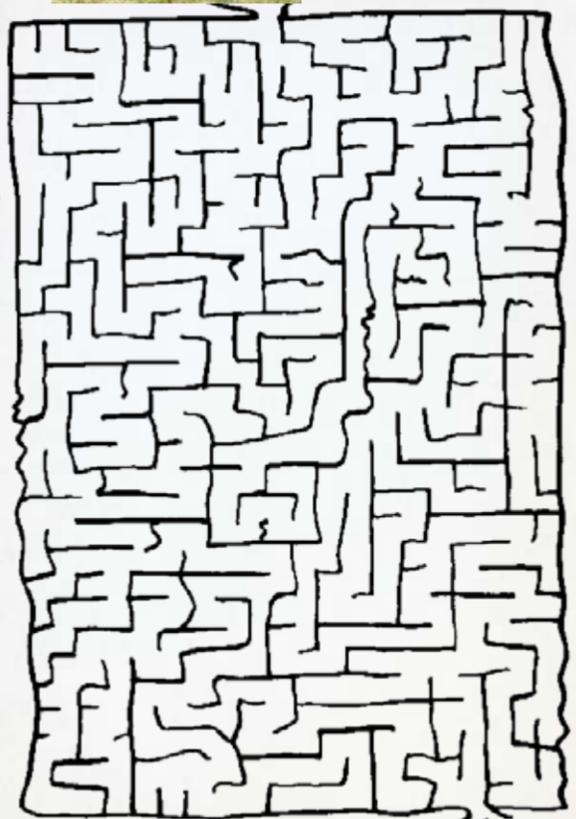
What do you get when you cross a kangaroo and a sheep?  
A woolly Jumper!

What is black and white and 'red' all over?  
A newspaper!

Trying to figure out the answers to jokes can be lots of fun but have you ever had someone ask you, 'What is a Seventh-day Adventist?' or 'What do you believe about God?'

The answer to those questions can be a little tricky. As Seventh-day Adventists we believe that the Bible is God's special message to us. We believe that God loves us and that He wants us to love Him and love other people. As you do the puzzles and activities on these pages you will find lots of things that make our message something worth sharing!

Help the children find their way to the Bible



## GOD'S HOLY DAY

Draw something you and your family like to do on the Sabbath



look up Exodus 20:8-11 to learn more about this special day

God's Temple... Read 1 Corinthians 6:19 to answer the following questions...

1. What is the temple of the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where does the Holy Spirit live? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who does our body belong to? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you think that it is important we look after our bodies? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_

This month's

## COMPETITION

Jesus loves us and wants to be our very best Friend. Write or draw why you love Jesus and send it to us at the address below to be this month's winner.

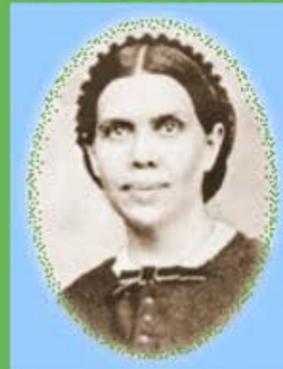
Look up 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJ) and fill in the blanks

For the \_\_\_\_\_ will descend from \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_, with the voice of an \_\_\_\_\_, and with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. And the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ will \_\_\_\_\_. Then we \_\_\_\_\_ who are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ up together with them in the \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the Lord in the \_\_\_\_\_. And thus we shall \_\_\_\_\_ be with the \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus IS coming Back!



## THE LAST WORD



There are some great stories about how the Seventh-day Adventist Church began. You can download them free from the internet at the Ellen & White Estate website so get a grown up to visit: <http://www.whiteestate.org/pathways/pioneers.asp> and happy listening!

Victorian Children's Ministries

# Church News

## What Comes of Friends

### Warragul Church

*It is amazing, what God can do with friendship. Around eighteen months ago, Tom Simpson was sitting at a café, eating his meal on his own – not an uncommon event. His presence there had been noted by mother and daughter, Lilah and Vivien Matchett. This particular day, taking pity on him, they invited him to join them.*

Happy for the company, Tom gladly shared their table and this became a regular occurrence, from which one thing led to another.

When Tom had an accident and broke his wrist, it was no small matter for him – after all, what can a farmer do with only one arm, all be it temporarily? As he lives quite a distance out of town, Lilah invited Tom to stay with her family until his arm had mended.

The family often watches 3ABN and Hope Channel and soon Tom was taking an interest in what he was hearing, wanting to know more and more.

Eventually Bible studies were arranged with Pr Roman and Stan Selent, culminating in a high day for Tom in November, when he was baptised into our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. What a day of rejoicing that was for Tom and his new church family – just from a 'simple' act of kindness.

Jorae Takai was also baptised in November. She flew in from Auckland especially for the occasion and the church was packed to overflowing with her extended family and friends, including the Acuna family from Hobart, who provided special music for

the day.

Jorae said "I especially want to thank 'Uncle' Reti for taking me through the lessons." Reti Teoteo was an elder, and youth leader at Warragul for a time, conducting baptismal preparation classes for some of the youth. Jorae is now in New Zealand, studying dentistry.

Choosing an outdoor venue along the Tarago River for his baptism, Matthew Boxhall was blessed with a sunny afternoon late in November, ideal for the event, and most church members were about to attend. The children lined up on a log beside the river to get the best view! Matthew's teacher and friends from Chairo Christian School were also able to attend. Pr Jasper recalled "one Sabbath, Matthew told me my sermon had really moved him. A short time later, he came back and said he would like to be baptised."

In his testimony, Matthew said "I want to thank my Mum and Dad for bringing me up in a good Christian home; Adam Selent as my youth leader, and Pr Andrew for giving me lessons."

Digby King Adams sang a special message and Pr Andrew Jasper then baptised Matthew.

Lorraine Birkett and Allan Woollard

Friendship played a large role in bringing Tom Simpson to his Lord



Matthew was blessed with a beautiful day for his outdoor baptism



Jorae returned from New Zealand to be baptised before her extended family and friends

## Great New Year Start

### North Melbourne Samoan Church

*Five people, at different walks of their lives, approached the church elders and asked to dedicate themselves to God. January 11th 2014 was chosen and marks the start of a great year for a growing North Melbourne Samoan church.*

Twelve year old Kyjuan Su'a, the youngest of the group, has been telling his parents for a year that he was ready to give himself to the Lord. Two brothers, Emanuele Mafua and Alema Jnr Mafua, felt that the time was right. Miss Olivia Leuluai was baptised at a young age in Samoa but at the age of 18 wanted to rededicate herself as her beliefs are stronger now than ever. Mr Tuitufuga, who migrated from New Zealand six months ago and has a strong catholic background, visited the North Melbourne congregation because his niece attended. He sat at the back corner of church every Sabbath and unbeknownst to everyone had decided to get baptised.

It was a wonderful start to the year as five people committed themselves to God



Pr Eddie Erica baptising Mr Tuitufuga

These five people did not attend seminars and there was no mission service leading up to this day. Their decisions were based on their interactions with their fellow church members, the connections they made at Pathfinders and Youth groups, their studies at Sabbath School and church services and by elders visiting homes to conduct Bible studies.

Isn't it wonderful that our great God will meet us where ever we are, and uses so many ways to draw us to Him.

Fiona Su'a

## New Adventurer Traralgon Church

*In July last year Traralgon Seventh-day Adventist Church started up a new Adventurers Club.*

With an average attendance of fifteen children, we completed some fun awards during the club meetings. Each meeting included a time for worship and singing, marching, crafts and activities, and most importantly a

time to encourage the children to learn to know Jesus for themselves. Some of the highlights from the programs included a visit to a local miniature railway with a behind the scenes tour, learning about and seeing/holding insects, and patting and feeding a baby lamb. Investiture was held on December 14, with 14 children being invested with their badges and pins. It was an added blessing to have a number of the teens within the church assist in running the Adventurer program. We look forward to some more fun in 2014!

Danielle Engelbrecht

The whole Adventurer team have been having a wonderful time at Traralgon



## First Prize Warburton Church

*Church member, Rhonda Connors was very happy to receive a first prize sash and trophy in the Lilydale Agricultural & Horticultural Show late last year. Her green knitted polo-neck jumper was considered Best exhibit in the Needlework section.*

This jumper has a beautiful story behind it. Rhonda and her husband, Ian, are disability support pensioners who travel regularly on the local Martyrs Bus service. They very much appreciate the assistance they receive from the bus drivers, in particular, their Wednesday morning driver, Graeme.

So to show him their appreciation, Rhonda knitted him this prize-winning jumper in Myki colours!

Each year, Rhonda also bakes a Christmas cake for each driver. "We are witnessing to the drivers by showing kindness to them," said Rhonda and Ian. "They know we are Seventh-day Adventists who love Jesus."

Sue Marshall

Rhonda with her award, and the jumper caringly knitted for a thoughtful bus driver



“ We are witnessing to the drivers by showing kindness to them ”



## Micro-Evangelism

### Karen Community

*Our Karen members at Werribee recently held a mini-evangelistic meeting with an average attendance of 50 people.*

Pr Saw Keh from Myanmar was the presenter, and when the series completed, eight people had committed to the Lord through baptism. The pastor was then invited to present the series to the Burmese community at Ringwood and he complied. Organisers were surprised when there was an average of more than 150 people at these meetings. Praise the Lord!

Mervin Myat Kyaw

## Growth and Celebration

### St Albans Church

*Church members have reason to celebrate...*



In December, church members gathered together to witness the baptisms of Anna, sisters Katarina and Karolina, and Katarina's daughter, Diana. Congratulations on your decision as you choose to walk with Christ.

January saw another much anticipated event, with the official opening of the church's new multi-purpose hall. Guests included Pr Darren Croft, who dedicated the building, the Croatian ambassador, Dr Sci Damir Kusen who cut the ribbon, and over 350 visitors and church members. St Albans is anticipating that this new facility will greatly enhance their ability to reach out to the broader community.

Damir Posavac

The wonderful volunteers who give of their time at the ADRA Opportunity Centre in Bairnsdale



## PD for Volunteers Bairnsdale Church

*The ADRA Opportunity shop in Bairnsdale, run by local church members, recently held a professional development day for all its volunteers.*

ADRA's head office in Sydney supported the day, sending Kristen and Sarina, who gave us an interesting overview of ADRA's work in Australia. The occasion was an opportunity for the 20 people attending to go through our property with a view to making it safer for volunteers and customers alike.

We were also assisted in updating our knowledge of CPR and First Aid by local health professionals.

Additionally, the day provided us a good opportunity to thank three long serving volunteers, John McKeon, Ron and Marie Fitzclarence, who have all been with ADRA Bairnsdale since its beginnings in 2006, presenting them with certificates and gifts.

The Bairnsdale ADRA Centre mainly sells office and home furniture and electrical goods, and is well supported by customers who know that funds raised go to help local people.



John McKeon with his well earned certificate

Over the 2012/2013 financial year \$20,000 was put into the community. We also provide funds for ADRA International in its work.

Judy Walker

## The Angels Sang Werribee Congregations

*The Werribee and Karen congregations joined forces for their inaugural Christmas Pageant on December 7.*

Prior to the night, the members letterboxed extensively. Not only did they cover the streets in close proximity to the church, but they also letterboxed the surrounding neighbourhoods and adjacent suburbs, including Point Cook. To a capacity crowd, Pastor Nikola reminded the audience that, given the saving grace of Jesus Christ which is freely given to all believers, we should celebrate Christ's birthday every day. There were prayers and hymns, along with traditional carols. The congregation sang with such a spiritually uplifting voice that one could not be blamed for believing angels had joined our throng.

Of course, our young people took centre stage in the proceedings. The youth and children from both our congregations (the Karen church shares the premises with the Werribee English speaking church) showed that



Our two Werribee congregations joined forces for their inaugural Christmas Pageant

there is an abundance of talent in our communities. The Werribee children performed a nativity play, complete with shepherds, a "full term" Mary and a very attentive Joseph. One of the highlights of the night was the Karen children's dramatic recitation of a chapter from Revelation.

All of the performers, as well as the adults who constructed the sets, must be commended on their preparation and rehearsals for the night.

It was an evening full of goodwill and good cheer, and as our extended congregation dispersed into the night, we felt assured that the light of Christ was guiding our steps.

Robert Bryson

## Who's For Pathfinders? Werribee Karen Church

*2013 was the inaugural year for the Werribee Karen Pathfinder Club. Congratulations go to all involved in the commencement of this important ministry.*

Forming a new club is not an easy task. Those involved found that trying to organise a group of young people

was quite a challenge! Michael Downing, District Director, was invited and dutifully helped with the different stages of forming a Pathfinder Club and offered valuable advice on how to run it.

Today the Club is alive and active.

Mervin Myat Kyaw

Three counsellors, three staff and seventeen young people make up the club

Michael Downing with the clubs counsellors



## An Annual Tradition Polish Community

*There is a tradition among Polish Adventists in Australia, going back many decades, for organising regular congresses where they can get together, no matter where they live. In the beginning, these were just gatherings of friends who found themselves here because of the economic and political climate in their home country. They then became a means of cultivating Polish culture, language and customs, with a focus on experiencing the presence of God, praising Him in song and prayer.*

Melbourne hosted the 19th Congress on December 26-29, 2013. It was a gathering of hundreds of people of Polish descent, living now in many cities and towns across Australia. Held at the Springvale Lighthouse Christian Church Hall, with the theme taken from Philippians 3:8 "... that I may gain Christ," attendants praised the Lord and listened to sermons by an outstanding preacher, evangelist Herb Kersten. His interesting and spiritually deep presentations contributed to a true revival as he pointed all to the Saviour.

As well as the worship services there were opportunities to participate in three workshops (with very interesting titles: "God in the Ancient China", "History of the Polish Bible" and "Poland - strong or weak bond").

Saturday evening was dedicated to a spectacular Gala Charity Concert, this time in a different style to previous congresses. The audience was treated to songs by the congress choir and outstanding instrumentalists. The highlight was the musical "Ask those who know Him," as performed by the youth group of Dandenong Polish Church. During the concert the participants gathered \$ 7372.

On Sunday, nearly 200 people gathered in the Lysterfield Lake Park for picnic.

The participants of the Congress received letters with best wishes from church leaders, Victorian Conference President, Pr Greame Christian, Polish Union Conference President, Pr Jaroslaw Dziegielewski, and also from the Consul General of Polish Republic in Sydney, Mrs. Regina Jurkowska. The participants were also honoured by Mr Adam Drahan, the President of Federation of Polish Associations in Victoria who personally expressed his appreciation and wishes for the coming New Year 2014.

The words of one of the attendees stressed the value of the meeting when asked if the Congress was a success: "In my opinion, Yes! I can't talk about others but as an Adventist from birth, this is the first time I realised... 'dedicate yourself to Jesus ... offer Him your life ... submit yourself to the Holy Spirit ... and your life will be life of Jesus, for Him and in Him ... And God looks at you through Jesus, through His merits'... isn't that so beautiful and so simple?"

Pr Roman Chalupka

## Time to Rejoice Bayles Church

*Fraser and Julie Catton dedicated their second daughter Elliana Makenzie Catton at Bayles Church on November 9th 2013.*

Fraser and Julie serve our Bayles and Casey churches, and many friends and family travelled to help celebrate. Pastor Tony Knight, his wife Jacqui, their daughter and her friends attended. Pastor Tony Knight performed the dedication prayer and their daughter Ellesha, with her friends Sarah and Mark, performed a beautiful song of blessing on Ellie. May God continue to richly bless Fraser and Julie as they train little Ellie along with elder sister Sophie to love and respect Jesus.



Aloma Camps

Fraser and Julie Catton, with daughters Ellie and Sophie

## Inaugural Congress Macedonian Church

*While this congregation has existed for over 20 years, meeting every Sabbath in Gordon Street, Footscray, members recently hosted the first ever Australia-wide Macedonian Congress.*

The main speaker was Pr Mihajlo Gurev, current president of the Macedonian Mission. Also in attendance were Prs Nikola and Danijela Trajkov, pastors for Werribee Church, Pr Boris Soldat from Seddon Church, and Pr Damir Posavac who has been the local pastor for the past seven years.

The program-included performances from the Macedonian Church choir and St Albans church choir, a traditional Macedonian lunch followed.

Damir Posavac



# Fellowship Meeting

## Warragul Church

The church hosted an afternoon Combined Fellowship Meeting at the Civic Park, Warragul, on Saturday 25 January 2014, and was blessed with a mild, sunny afternoon.

Visitors came from Bayles, Heritage, Pakenham, Leongatha, Longwarry, Moe and Traralgon churches.

The meeting opened with action songs to involve the children and the young at heart. Next was an "ice-breaker" activity to mingle the members of different Churches. Then a new member was interviewed. Special items were presented by soloists and groups from each of the churches.

Pr Andrew Jasper presented a short message about the privilege of being disciples at the end time of this world.

This was followed by a fellowship meal in the rotunda, enjoyed by the 80 people who attended.

Alan Woollard



The meeting commenced with songs for the children



The program included special items from members of each of the churches.

Pr Jasper presented a short message



# God Provides North Fitzroy Church

Church members enjoyed a family camp with a difference: the theme being 'A God Who Provides for Us,' they explored what the Feast of Tabernacles was all about.

During this festival, the Jews remembered how God freed them from slavery in Egypt and cared for them in the desert for forty years; remembered what He had done in the past, and will do in the future.

They built temporary homes called sukkots, using dry palms and branches. So on our camp, the children were given the challenge of constructing their own sukkot with bush materials. These they then decorated to show hospitality to their guests (the judges). The winning hut had to meet the criteria of being light and portable, yet strong, offering comfort and protection, but also acknowledging the role God plays in caring for us and how we can then care for others.

We also looked at the water and the light ceremonies. The Sabbath School lesson and the afternoon bushwalk explored the many water miracles God performed, from the time the Israelites left Egypt until they arrived in the Promised Land. The walk took us to a waterfall cascading out of a rocky hillside, and helped reinforce the picture of God providing water for His hot, thirsty and unwashed children.

Around the campfire on Saturday night the children each received a glo-stick to attach to a large dry branch. This reinforced the stories of God's presence in the pillar of fire, providing



Church service at Buangor Camp

warmth, light and protection. It was a pleasure to watch our children enjoy learning of God and exploring biblical themes in outdoor settings and around campfires.

Many brought their musical instruments with them to join in praising God during our worships. The music was so captivating that a nearby camper came and sat in on our Sabbath song service. And nothing could beat the experience of singing around a starlit campfire with the frogs joining in.

Some of our church members had invited non Adventist friends to join us, some of whom would not normally venture into a church, but felt completely at ease worshipping with us around a campfire.

This camp heightened our appreciation of the power and significance of the declarations Jesus made after He attended the Feast of Tabernacles. Following the water ceremony, He announced "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." (Jn 7:37-38) And after the light ceremony, He said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)

Phyona McMahon



The Sukkot built by the children

# Blessing of Camp Casey Church

The families of Casey Church travelled to Howqua last November, for their annual Family Camp. Most arrived Friday evening and were welcomed by staff, with soup and buns, followed by a nice supper later in the evening.

Sabbath saw more people arrive, some just for the day, to hear our guest speaker, Kendell Cobbin from the ACT Conference. Kendell presented an amazing sermon, and we were all asked to go outside and sit alone for twenty minutes, taking in God's wonderful creation, then write about what we saw and heard. Everyone embraced the exercise with great

enthusiasm and shared what they had written with the congregation. It was a life changing experience and we were richer for doing it.

In the evening, Kendell led in worship and then we had a games night full of laughter and fun.

Sunday morning saw the weather change, with light showers, but nothing could dampen our spirits. The youth (and some of us who are not so young) spent the morning on the flying while others just enjoyed the morning relaxing. After lunch, a group of die-hard thrill seekers went 4-wheel driving and even though it was cool, some braved the water slides. The cold water really got our adrenalin pumping and we had lots of fun.

After dinner Sunday night, Kendell

and our associate minister, Fraser Catton, took an evening service. Kendell gave us a new perspective on reading the Bible, one which we all benefited greatly from. We then got a big fire going in the lounge area and sat around with hot chocolates and enjoyed conversation laced with lots of laughter.

For many, Family Camp is an enriching experience: a great opportunity to get to know other members of the church that we may not always get a chance to talk to and strengthen friendships. We enjoyed the serenity of Howqua and being able to spend a weekend immersed in nature, and on our way home after lunch on Monday, were already looking forward to Family Camp next year!

Samantha Thorpe



Casey Church family at Howqua

# A Busy Year Ballarat Church

The end of 2013 saw our members in Ballarat complete a very busy year of activities. Their mission statement reads: Building faith, bringing hope, sharing love. This statement was formulated after prayer and discussion, and members constantly remind themselves of this and endeavour to put it into practice, This has resulted in their action packed year, strengthening their relationships with each other and with their community.

They have a book club functioning, and membership has increased by 50%. They are hoping to expand further, to share this time with members from the community. A regular 'Lunch Out' group has enabled members to form closer bonds as does a craft group, while gifts are prepared for people in

**Congratulations to Andrew and Penny Hetherington, who publically declared their determination to put Christ first in their lives, through their baptism in November 2013**

the community. And a weekly music program is held each Wednesday, with families from the community joining in.

A walking group has been meeting each Sabbath afternoon, following a Depression Recovery seminar earlier in the year. Another seminar held was *What is the Connection?* which ran for six weeks, midyear, promoting healthful living. And in September, as part of the *World Changers Bible Project*, a youth training program, *Move with the Power* was held.

Their young people have also been busy with StormCo, Pathfinders and Adventurers and the church now owns an adjoining property which houses the teens and youth on Sabbath, and which they worked hard on, preparing it for its various uses.



November saw Andrew and Penny Hetherington, who have been a part of the church family for some time, officially welcomed into membership following their baptism. Congratulations, Andrew and Penny, on your decision.

The year concluded with a wonderful Christmas program, where the focus in the morning service and the evening program was the real meaning of Christmas.

You can read Merrilyn Hasting's full report of these, and other events at Ballarat Church in the News on our conference website: [Vic.Adventist.org.au](http://Vic.Adventist.org.au).

## One Step Closer Northpoint Church

One Sunday afternoon, early in December, families who received food packages from Northpoint Church were invited to attend the Toy Extravaganza. Over 400 people enjoyed the carnival atmosphere with petting zoo, craft, jumping castle, balloons, face-painting, carols, storytelling, BBQ dinner and, for each of the children, a visit to the toy room where they were able to choose a donated toy that suited them.

Each child was also given a lolly bag so the joy of the event would last longer in their memory. It was a wonderful event and everyone, volunteers and guests alike, had so much fun together. Organisers have received a lot of positive feedback and are already planning for the challenge of 2014's event, which is bound to be even bigger. This year's event would not have been possible without the 30 adults and 10 children who volunteered their time and helped out.



Many of the people to whom Northpoint delivers the food parcels are refugees from war-torn countries. Pastor Daron Pratt, the brother of Northpoint's pastor and balloon man for the day, reflected on the pain evident in the faces of many refugees who attended the event. "It was a blessing to bring a smile to the faces of people who had gone through such suffering," he said.

Daron reflected further, "Today I saw Jesus...The NorthPoint Centre adults and children who gave their all to bring a little bit of joy to 170 children and their parents was amazing to witness. I have never in my whole ministry seen any evangelistic effort work as well as this!"

Northpoint Church works hard to share Christ's love with its community. Every food parcel, Bible study, church program or community event builds genuine relationships between those involved and as the community gets to know the church members, they get to see God's love, and move one step closer to His intention for their life.

Just the day before this event, Sussan Nguyen, a food parcel recipient who first visited Northpoint Church at last year's Toy Extravaganza, followed Christ's example and was baptised. By the end of this year's event, someone else had asked how they could become a volunteer involved at Northpoint.



Are you building authentic relationships, so Christ can use you to bring someone one step closer to where He wants them to be - by His side?

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## Trumpets Aloud Advent Brass Band

Written by Robert Bryson

Advent Brass recently visited Werribee Church where they played for over an hour to a rapt audience

The number of people eager to hear the Advent Brass Band play resulted in the performance being held out of doors, at Werribee Church late last year. The nature of the event meant that the good citizens of Werribee, in the surrounding streets, also shared, with music ranging from jazz and swing, to traditional carols, and including solo vocal performances.

Head to the [vic.adventist.org.au](http://vic.adventist.org.au) to read more about this article in the News

## More than a Playgroup! Warburton Church

Written by Ngaire Holman

VCAL students at Warburton helped to brighten up the local playgroup.

When the venue for Warburton Christian Playgroup needed a fresh coat of paint, the VCAL students stepped in. They had no idea it would come to the attention of even the local politicians, and be yet another way God is guiding at Warburton...

This article can be read in its entirety at [vic.adventist.org.au](http://vic.adventist.org.au)



*The Sum of Me!*

...continued

I have run and I continue to run the race because of the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounded me and I will do my best to be one of those witnesses, to be a voice to my children and to my church's children, that they may hear The Voice.

Mentoring the young people in our church is not hard to do and yet it appears to be one of the most significant factors in raising them to grow in the church, remain in the church and contribute to the church's message and mission in significant ways.

Recent research backs up this assertion. Kara Powell and Chap Clark in their sticky faith research (2011) found that "more than any single program or event, kids were far more likely to feel like a significant part of their local churches when adults made the effort to get to know them. One student beamed as he said, "We were welcomed not just in youth group; we were welcomed into other parts of the ministry of the church."<sup>1</sup>

Mark Kelly (2010) in research by LifeWay<sup>2</sup> discovered that children who had at least one adult from church make a significant time investment in their lives were twenty eight percent more likely to keep attending church. The figure jumps to forty six percent if the same child has five or more adults who spend time with the child and was there for them personally and spiritually. Chap Clarke (2011) calls this mentoring the 5:1 ratio. (5 Adults to one child) As a parent and a Children's Ministries pastor I can do this. I can find those five significant people to invest in my children's lives in little and big ways.

Ivy Beckwith asserts that "adult lives need to be modelled in front of children... They (need to) see adults who struggle, who trust God, who make mistakes and are forgiven... who model kingdom values."<sup>3</sup> And I would like to suggest it is not just the children who need such modelling - who among us wouldn't benefit from the experienced of being mentored? Of observing authentic Christianity in someone close to us?

We do not need to be perfect mentors... and nor can we. We don't need to understand the Bible completely or have all the answers. We DO need to take the time to get to know those around us, to show a genuine interest. To discard the superficial "How are you?" and actually listen to their answer.

Our children, our youth, in fact, we ALL need someone who knows our name, befriends us and spends time with us.

Try it. Who knows - you may become the voice to someone that they need to experience, so they too, can hear The Voice.

Daron Pratt  
Children's Ministries NSW Conference



### FOOTNOTES

- 1 See more at: <http://stickyfaith.org/articles/the-church-sticking-together#sthash.pP0963lt.dpuf>
- 2 lifeway.com
- 3 Beckwith, Postmodern Children's Ministry 2004

## Medal of Distinction Health Department

# Conference News

*Congratulations to Sibilla Johnson, Conference Health Director, who recently received the prestigious Medal of Distinction from the General Conference Adventist Health Ministries Department, in recognition of outstanding contribution to Adventist Health Ministry.*

Sibilla received the pin that goes with this award part way through 2013, while in PNG. It was presented by the General Conference health leaders; Doctors Allan Handsides and Peter Landless. The medal, a very solid one, has now arrived in Australia and is to be given to Sibilla. Her name is also added to the honour roll on the wall in the GC Health Ministries Department. There are only a few names there from the South Pacific region.

**Pr Kevin Price of the SPD, with Sibilla Johnson, who has received an award for her services to our Health Ministry around the world**



Living in Lea, PNG, with Arthur and her family, where Arthur was the representative of the Sanitarium Health Food Company across the South Pacific, Sibilla commenced her health ministry in 1982.

Pr Raymond Baird, the PNGUM Health Director at the time, asked her to do a cooking demonstration and to help him with some health talks. Sibilla says she felt totally inadequate for the task.

That simple beginning was the start of a health ministry that has reached around the world. She commenced work as a health educator for the Sanitarium Nutrition Service in 1989, then as the Health Director for the Victorian Conference in 1998, and as National Trainer for the South Pacific Division in 2006. Sibilla has a Bachelor's degree in Health Science, majoring in Nutrition.

Sibilla has developed the Certificate IV in 'Presenting Community Health

Education Programs' (CHEP) course and has trained over 600 people across Australia, New Zealand and around the Pacific.

Her training courses have been adopted by the British Union of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Griggs University and Loma Linda School of Public Health in the US, and the Macao Conference in Hong Kong.

Sibilla has also developed and received accreditation for a food safety course, plus a Diploma in Community Health Education. These courses are now offered by Avondale College of Higher Education. Here in the South Pacific Division we are so pleased that Sibilla's efforts and outstanding contribution have been acknowledge with this honour.

**Pr Kevin Price  
Director Adventist Health  
South Pacific Division**

## Presenters Graduation Health Department

*Each year the Victorian Conference offers a ten month training course for people who would like to be involved in sharing our healthy eating and living principles with the community. This course is accredited with a Certificate IV in 'Presenting Community Health Education Programs', which is nationally recognised.*

Food, nutrition, and a healthy lifestyle play a very important role in our health and wellbeing, and attention to these is one of the most important ways of preventing chronic disease.

The course covers the spiritual principles on which our health message is based, as well as how to plan for a successful Community Health Education program, which includes implementation and evaluation. It covers basic nutrition and the lifestyle connection in reducing our risk of disease and includes

practical subjects such as how to plan and conduct a cooking demonstration, safe food handling principles and effective communication.

On the evening of November 19, friends and family attended a graduation service for fourteen people who faithfully studied through 2013 to complete the training course requirements.

This course not only teaches basic nutrition, planning, and communication skills, but also encourages a closer



**Pr Graeme Christian, Conference President, and Sibilla Johnson, Health Director, with the graduates of 2013**

walk with God, and how to share His love in a practical way with people in the community.

If you are interested in joining this course, contact the Health Department at the Victorian Conference Office for an information pack. (03 9264 7777)

**Sibilla Johnson  
Health Director**

## I Love Big Camp From the President

*You may have heard. The next Big Camp in Victoria will be in 2015. There's been plenty of feedback, and while we'd all love to have camp in 2014, the overwhelming response has been support for the tough decision to cancel for this year, in order for the Conference to live within its means.*

As new administrators, both Graeme Moffitt (CFO) and I recognise the need to ensure the Conference has financial stability, strength and resources, and we take our responsibility to achieve this very seriously. The Conference Board of Directors supports this need for financial responsibility in Conference matters.

We are currently facing a significant deficit for 2014 (although the budget, at the time of writing, is still in draft stage). With the support of the BOD we are working towards balancing the budget as soon as possible and positive steps have already been taken.

Graeme Moffitt has worked through the draft budget with a view to minimising expenditure and maximising income without significantly impacting the resources available to our local churches, and a review group has been involved in this process. We anticipate that hard decisions will of necessity have to be made, and we will keep you informed following the tabling of the review of the budget.

situation, the BOD considered this action to be necessary.



Conference administration is confident the Lord will guide us through this tough time and we are grateful for the faithfulness of you, our people, in so many ways.

We thank God for your prayer support. Many of you have personally told me you are praying for the Church in Victoria, and your numbers are growing. Thankyou.

We praise God too, for your commitment to pass on His love to others and share the gospel story, through your giving of personal effort and influence, tithes and offerings.

With 2014 being designated year of evangelism, a number of pastors have indicated their churches plan, in spite of the disappointment, to make the most of the Camp 2014 decision and use the Easter weekend for community evangelism. We thank God for your resilience.

I reiterate that I personally love Big Camp and want you to know that it IS planned for 2015 and beyond. Let's now focus on mission, and pray for God's leading.

You know we need it!

**Pr Christian**



## Renewal Adventist Singles

*Victorian Adventist Adult Singles caters for the social and spiritual needs of Singles here in our Conference. November last year, fifty-nine people gathered in beautiful Marysville for a weekend retreat with Geoff Youlden as their guest presenter.*

It has been four years since the devastating bushfires that all but wiped out Marysville, and it is amazing to see the extent the bushland has regenerated. With this thought of renewal in mind, Pr Youlden's series was entitled 'How to live a Victorious Christian Life.'

He spoke of how Satan originally charged God with making a law that was impossible to obey. When man sinned he added another accusation that man could not be forgiven.

He had no idea Jesus planned to die to pay man's debt, proving man could be forgiven and the law obeyed. God's message to the world concerns forgiveness and obedience. Both are gifts from God, accepted by faith, through daily communion with Him.

It was exciting to realise that justification by faith, the work of Christ for us and the righteousness of Christ in us are the heartbeat of God's special message for the end times and that every one of us can claim both gifts.

As well as Pr Youlden's presentations, those present enjoyed some great singing, fellowship and fun together, and are looking forward to the next retreat planned for 2014.

The year finished for VAAS in December, with a Christmas party at the Cuckoo, where 72 people shared in this terrific time.

Thankyou to those who have supported the activities held during 2013, and to Judy and Cheryl, who have spent much time in organising. Plans are well under way for 2014, with another year of enjoyable activities. New members are always welcome, so please phone Cheryl 0411 481 930 or Judy 0407 510 545 to be placed on the mailing list so you can be kept informed.

**Cheryl Martens**



## Commissioning Chrissie Department

*Sabbath afternoon, December 7 was a special day of rejoicing and celebration at Gilson College Community Church, as friends, church family and colleagues gathered together to witness the commissioning of Chrissie Cooper, who has served here in Victoria for a number of years and is now working with our church in Horsham.*



Chrissie's mother was baptized while she was in her womb and believes that this explains why she felt it so natural to converse with God and live in His presence, right from her first memories.

This was evidenced in her desire to share His love with others, even when her family and friends were not inclined to listen. However, her first converts came when she gave a series of Bible studies to her friends when they were all nine years of age!

Coming from a dysfunctional family meant that her journey with God was not always easy, unable to see the reality of Him in the lives of those around her who professed to know Him.

While still believing in God and sensing His presence, she drifted in the world, confused and lost. Through the continual prayers and love of her grandparents, she again turned her heart to the Lord, who awoke her desire to tell the world of His love.

While her youngest child of four was only two years old, she thought working as a Literature Evangelist would fulfil this desire. However uncontrollable circumstances meant she had to retire from this after only two years.

Later, when life settled and her

youngest was seven, God laid a strong call on her heart to "preach the good news to the afflicted, to bind up the broken hearted and proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners."

He then opened the way by sending her many requests from around New Zealand, to come and preach and encourage others and orchestrated a call from the South New Zealand Conference to lay-pastor the Oamaru church, which she enjoyed for two years before attending Avondale College and completing her theology degree.

On completion of this and then a year of lecturing at Avondale, Chrissie was called to the Victorian Conference where she has served at Living Waters Church and Gilson College as Chaplain, before taking up her current role for 2014 at Horsham.

Aside from ministry, Chrissie enjoys playing guitar, reading and spending time with her family, although her four children are now adults and she has one grandson, and they all live from Japan to North New Zealand.

Congratulations Chrissie, an may you continue to be blessed in your new role, and in turn, pass that blessing on to those you serve.

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Serle Harvey  
Acting CEO

“ Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God... The Voice took on flesh and became human and chose to live alongside us. John 1:1,14 ”

## Being a Voice for God

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With the successful launch of the World Changers Bible in 2013 (we still have some of these resource bibles at the office), we are looking to capitalise and build on this initiative during 2014 – the Year of Evangelism - with a continued focus on spending personal quality time each day in God's word and then sharing the Word with others in everyday life.

#### Summer Camps

What a time we had at Summer Camps! According to comments left on Facebook the Juniors and Teens went away wanting more.

We continue to look for fresh new ways to introduce Jesus to our youth and campers and the theme chosen for this year's camps was "The Voice." We challenged the teens and Juniors to hear The Voice and then be the voice; to go and make a real difference in their communities and be the hands, feet and heart of Jesus to their family and friends.

#### Pathfinders

This is a year of anticipation for our pathfinders as they look forward to the second ever Division-wide camporee - iThirst – to be held at Stuarts Point in North New South Wales from 6-10 January 2015. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend an event of this magnitude, we are anticipating approximately 7,000 Pathfinders, staff and volunteers will be there.

No doubt there will be the usual fundraising drives and I am asking our

church family in Victoria to really get behind our Pathfinders and support them through encouragement, prayer and financial means so as many as possible get to experience Camporee. If your church hasn't got a club and you wish to help sponsor a Pathfinder or two, contact us here at the office.

At this juncture I want to pay tribute to our District Directors, Pathfinder Directors, leaders, counsellors, volunteers and family members who commit countless hours and even years to Pathfinder ministry. Their circle of influence continues to widen as another Pathfinder club is added in 2014 and more non-Adventist young people from the community and our schools are joining. Leading up to a major event, numbers usually increase, and given there were 283 who attended the Toowoomba Camporee in 2011 we thought we were being ambitious in setting a forecast of 450 to attend the 2015 Camporee. Currently the total numbers who intend to attend Camporee sits at 556 Pathfinders and staff!

We also intend to continue the Pathfinder community service projects started in collaboration with ADRA last year as another way of building bridges with the local community.

#### Adventurers

It appears that this year will also be a significant year of growth for Adventurers, under Trent's leadership and direction, as they look forward to Adventurer Camporee in March. As I

am writing this, there are already quite a number of bookings being made.

Plans are under way to produce an Adventurer information booklet similar to what we did for Pathfinders which will be excellent for promoting Adventurers in the local community.

Our goal this year is also to continue building a team of Adventurer District Directors to help support the local church in this valued ministry.

In closing, may 2014 be a year where together, we seek to imitate Christ as never before - on a daily, hourly even moment-by-moment basis. Immerse yourself in scripture as Jesus did, so it becomes part of your DNA. Imitate Jesus in every aspect of your life - as you interact with your school friends, your work colleagues, on the sports field or basketball court or however you engage others in your community. Strive above all, to imitate Christ in the privacy of your home, the very foundation of society. That's where the real test of the fruitage of your relationship with Jesus is exhibited which will then overflow into the rest of community and culture...

'Seek to imitate the Anointed One.'

Philip Hyland





## 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

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*'A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.'* James Keller

## Introducing Induction and Mentoring at ASV – Betty Lakovic

My responsibility as Schools Development officer is for the Induction and Mentoring of our new and early career teachers. I have the privilege of warmly welcoming them into a very noble and great profession of ministry and to encourage aspiring leaders to mentor our beginning teachers. My predecessor, Margaret Fox gently hung up her pencils to gently journey into retirement at the end of 2012. My thanks to you and your leadership over the years Marg. So we honour you and thank you for your contribution.

With a 10% reduction of face-to-face teaching time in their first year, the Provisionally Registered Teachers complete an Action Plan of Inquiry showing evidence of their best practice. They give attention and evidence to the Proficient Teacher Standards, given by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AISTL). Along with that, we also have our Adventist Distinctive 'Special Character' standards to assist with their induction into our system.

Mentors are key to the support given to the new and early career teachers. New and early career teachers are partnered with a mentor from their school for the term of their induction.

*'Today... a beginning teacher is encouraged to be an active participant, inquirer, and critical thinker. The mentor's role has also changed, from that of advice-giver and problem-solver to questioner, listener, and a model for reflective thinking.'* (Furlong and Maynard 1995)

### The importance of mentoring in our schools

*'Teaching is the only profession where first year teachers are expected to do the same things as experienced teachers on the first day.'* (Terry Brown, DE&T, VIT Seminar November 2006)

Two teachers from NCC share their experience of the Mentoring program.

### Inductee Kylie Rowe

"Having Helen Jakupec and Jenny

Kavur as Mentors during my first two years of teaching was an invaluable experience. Just like new students appreciate our Peer Support Group and our Buddy programs at NCC, having Jenny there to discuss work, bouncing ideas and any challenges I faced was incredible in building my confidence as well as my knowledge for future years ahead. The Induction and Mentoring program is fantastic!"

### Mentor Jenny Kavur

"Starting any new job can be nerve-racking but starting as a fresh faced, first year out teacher, and in some cases only a few years older than the students, can be anything from exciting to overwhelming. Mentoring Kylie was a privilege. I was thrilled to have an opportunity to help someone else through the process of registration. I was excited to help her in igniting a spark, creating a legacy, building confidence, leadership and management skills. I enjoyed watching her grow both personally and professionally. Sharing clinical knowledge and skills, helping a colleague succeed, and supporting the profession is only part of a mentor's reward. Cementing a life-long connection was well worth the effort. What pleasure it has been to have Kylie as my inductee."



### Are you interested in our schools?

We continue to work with excited people who build up a future of hope, motivate and share Jesus with students. We serve our community, in a collaborative, reflective, innovative and caring way. Contact us online <http://www.asv.adventist.edu.au>

## Teachers "Flourish" at ASVAC

*"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God – I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever" Psalm 52:8 (NIV)*

This week, two past students of Lilydale Adventist Academy were recipients of A "I thought the program was one of the best ASVAC's we have had - it was the right mix of practical ideas, a touch of theory, spiritual highlights and humour", and, "The spiritual tone could not be bettered and set the tone for everything else. Bravo!", were prevalent survey comments from the Adventist Schools Victoria Annual Conference (ASVAC) held on January 21-22. Over 220 teachers attended this conference themed "Flourish" which focused on our teachers, students and school community flourishing spiritually, physically, socially and academically.

ASVAC was privileged to have outstanding keynote speakers, including Dr Darren Morton, Senior Lecturer at Avondale College and life style expert presenting on such topics as, "What it takes to Flourish" and "Seven Secrets to Feeling Fantastic". These themes were further explored by Paul Bogacs, the Head of Counselling at Avondale College who spoke on "How to be a teacher and not go crazy – although it may help a little!" and Russell Fox, a Department of Education consultant with the Student Behaviour Unit, who presented on ways Adventist school teachers allow Christ to shine through our redemptive discipline methodology and thus encourage our students to develop internalised Christian values.

This year, for the first time, significant choice was given to teachers to choose four of the twenty-eight seminars on offer for afternoon sessions. What made this even more exciting was that the majority of these were presented by teachers based on their significant expertise in learning and teaching. What became very evident is ASV has a workforce committed to best practice and who are excited to be teachers in our schools.

The "Flourish" theme was strengthened by the \$13000 donated by teachers to assist ADRA build water tanks for Mou Mou Adventist School in Vanuatu. This generous donation by our teachers will also benefit local communities to flourish, with clean water, rather than the polluted well which is currently in use.

Teachers also had the opportunity to honour the "Graduate Teacher of the Year" and "Teacher of the Year". This year two recipients were chosen from each category, Krystelle Holman (Henderson College) and Ashleigh Knight (Edinburgh College - Secondary); and Lepeta Tuaoi (Gilson College) and Hannah Stekla (Nunawading Christian College - Secondary).

This year will be an exciting year for ASV with the addition of Edinburgh College and the continued growth of our schools. Please pray for our teachers as they commence the new school year so that our students, parents and teacher will all flourish in 2014.

*From the desk of Brian Mercer,  
Director of Education*



Schools Development Officers, Betty Lakovic, Lorinda Bruce & Sandra England

Praise & Worship at ASVAC

Graduate Teachers of the Year, Ashleigh Knight, Krystelle Holman & runner up, Tri Thach





## The Impact Continues

ADRA in Victoria AUSTRALIA



*A lot of things have been happening since the last edition of IntraVic. ADRA is certainly very active, both here in Australia, and around the world, with its sustainable, empowering and life-changing initiatives.*

### October Appeal

To begin with, we would like to say a very big thankyou to everyone who contributed to the October appeal. Figures have continued to come in over the last few months, and with more yet to come in, we are happy to say that it looks like we will reach our Victorian target of \$250,000. Special mention should be made of Seddon Church's efforts, raising over \$27,000. Thankyou to you all who dedicated your time to making this happen.



One of the many October Appeal intersection collection teams

### VicYouth & ADRA Connection Trips

In November, an ADRA Connections trip was organised by ADRA's Schools Ambassador, Karina Dobra. As well as fundraising, the team visited ADRA Vanuatu, where participants learnt about and experienced the local culture and saw how ADRA's water and food Security programs are benefiting numerous villages and communities.

"Our team had an amazing time where we were able to experience first-hand ADRA's water and permaculture projects, and not only educate but be educated by the local community," says ADRA Director for Victoria, Rebecca Auriant, who was able to participate in this Connections trip. Permaculture is a sustainable approach to farming



The Vanuatu Connections team having a bit of fun with their friends

which enables communities to develop more secure and nutritious sources of food, often drawing on traditional approaches to minimise the economic burden that often accompanies modern techniques.

Another volunteer, Guiliano Higson, had this to say: "It was eye opening: an experience I recommend! I enjoyed living in a different culture, eating different foods and ultimately seeing ADRA's work in action."

ADRA's Youth Ambassador, Sarah Courtney, also led a team on a Connections trip to Vietnam.

Leaving early December, their mission was to work on a hygiene project for a school near the Chinese border. A 30 cubic metre rain water tank was funded, the water to be used for washing, along with a new toilet block built nearby, for the school children. And some classroom renovations and landscaping work were thrown in! Over \$20,000 was raised throughout the year through the Basketball, Run Melbourne and individual efforts for this project and lives have been changed – not just in this remote village, but also for the ADRA staff and volunteers involved. ADRA Vietnam is looking forward to another connection group, this time from New Zealand, coming in April, to help with a similar project in this remote region.

### Christmas Support

As you know, Christmas can be a very difficult time for some families, and a number of our churches worked with ADRA in Victoria to help ease the burden. Bendigo held a Christmas Tree appeal, Plenty Valley packed hampers, Vive Café hosted a Christmas party, with Heritage College assisting with hampers, the Carrum Downs Samoan team also hosted a party for over seventy people who attend the

Cornerstone community centre and teams from Plenty Valley, Mernda and Preston churches held a working bee at JEM's new Asher House in the Northern suburbs.

### Thankyou Just1Call

ADRA received a donation from Just1Call for \$10,000, late last year. Just1Call are a facilities maintenance company which specialises in commercial cleaning services for Coles Supermarkets, Kmart Stores and Distribution centres. Nicolas Coutet, the General Manager of Just1Call organised the donation with the CEO, Michael Downing. The funds will go towards ADRA's water and food security projects in Vanuatu, to support the fundraising efforts of Glenhuntly's ADRA Connection Trip to Vanuatu in July.



Nicolas Coutet & Michael Downing, who were responsible for the Just1Call donation

### Thankyou to our Teachers

On hearing about ADRA's water and permaculture garden initiatives in Vanuatu, teachers attending this year's ASVAC, held at Nunawading Christian College in January, chose to give their annual donation collection to the project. Collectively, Victoria's teachers donated \$13,000, which will help provide easy access to water for a school 30 minutes out of Port Vila. Less than half of people living in rural Vanuatu have ready access to clean water. Many children are unable to attend school as they are relied on heavily to be the ones who walk long distances for fresh water. Villages along this pipeline, and others like it, will be able to self-fund taps to join into the line. The impact of such projects is far reaching – hygiene and health will improve and education will become more readily available.

### ADRA Ambassadors

This year ADRA is saying goodbye to its two ambassadors, who are standing

down from these roles, but who will remain a part of the ADRA team, just as ADRA has become a part of who they are. Karina is now the Vive Café coordinator, and Sarah the RECON manager. Thankyou both, for your passion and hard work.



ADRA's 'retiring' Ambassadors – thankyou Sarah & Karina, for your passionate work over the last two years

### RECON

Last year we told you of the change of direction in RECON, from working with a homework club at the Office of Housing, to working with refugees. Helping refugees clock up driving time is about to commence, with volunteer supervising drivers having just undergone training.

"Obtaining a driver's license is one of the most important steps toward the settlement of a refugee into a new country," says Ringwood church member, Mung Munsuang, Settlement and Project worker for the Migrant Information Centre. "It empowers them to access employment and education, reduce their social isolation and gain enhanced accessibility to societal and spiritual services.

"But most importantly, it equips them with skills for safe driving, gaining an understanding of Australian road rules and courtesy."

### Want To Be Involved?

If you are interested in being involved in ADRA in any way, whether it be a local community project with your church, RECON as a volunteer driver, the VicYouth Connection tour to Cambodia, or one of the other ADRA Connection tours, or need more information, contact RAuriant@Adventist.org.au.

Intravic with Rebecca Auriant

## A View Outside the Bubble

by Will Tai Tin

Living in a western world has made some of us comfortable to the point where the wrongs and injustices of society become a passing sympathetic thought, accompanied by empathetic conversation yet lacking in compassionate action.

Individually and collectively, our Connection volunteers hadn't quite identified the underlying motivation to unite on a mission into a country unknown, however we recognised that change was needed more than anything.

The change experienced on this trip was not entirely seen in the people and communities we connected – it was predominately the change that occurred in us.

There are times where what we describe as service is merely our justification to say we've done our part. The reality of change is that it stirs the dormant, sometimes undiscovered attributes deep within our being which enable us to see through selfless unfiltered eyes... and only then do we see that the community in most need is ours.

Leading up to the trip, we were told to expect the poorest of living conditions so naturally we pictured run down homes, unclothed children, limited food supply and forsaken communities. Our tendency to focus on the physical however, blinded us to the reality that in their environment these people have thrived, not by concentrating on what they don't have but what they do - their attitudes. A smile, laugh and cheerful embrace were never far away; what little they had they gave freely and where they may have lacked, they made up for in resilience, joy, heart and courage.

This has been part of our journey, and for some of us the beginning to a new path. The journey was never guaranteed to be smooth; just an assurance of moments. Each day came with its challenges, but the choices we made on this trip for ourselves and with our community provided the opportunity for lasting change.

From start to finish, life lessons were learnt and new friendships developed, but even more importantly, a yearning to act, care and love more was witnessed.

Together we've shared in lasting memories, life changing experiences, new connections, new beginnings and a lifetime of blessings.



## Victorian Pastoral Staffing for 2014 – Churches

CHURCH	MINISTER
ACADEMY	Pr Darrell Croft
ARARAT	Mr Justin Bone
ASCOT VALE	Mr Ainsley Wagner
ASIAN (MASDAC)	Pr Terrance Sim Pr Paul
AUBURN	Pr Paul Kotanko
BAIRNSDALE	Mr Andrew Wilson
BALLARAT	Pr Mike Collum
BAYLES	Mr Fraser Catton
BENALLA	Mr Quinten Liebrandt
BENDIGO	Pr Chrissie Cooper
BURWOOD	Pr Andrew Kapusi, Pr Moe Stiles
CAMPERDOWN	Mr Luis Bermudez
CANN RIVER	Mr Andrew Wilson
CARRUM DOWNS COOK ISL	Mr Tuakana Pere
CARRUM DOWNS & PAKENHAM SAMOAN	Pr Aitui Fanene, Pr Eddie Erika, Mr Penese Faletasi
CASEY	Pr Michael Mohanu, Mr Fraser Catton
CASTLEMAINE	Pr Graham Sutherland
CLAYTON COOK ISLANDS	Mr Tuakana Pere
COLAC	Pr Frank Boniface, Pr Ben Townson
CRANBOURNE	Mr Peter Hughes
CROYDON	Pr Denis Hankinson, Mr Tim Whale
DANDENONG POLISH	Pr Roman Chalupka
DARETON	Pr David Butcher, Mr Matej Vrancic
EAST PRAHRAN	Pr Wayne Stanley
ECHUCA	Pr Peter Ansell
FERNTREE GULLY	Pr Trevor Rowe
FILIPINO AUSTRALIAN	Mr Mebzar Quinto
FRANKSTON	Pr Errol de Silva
GATEWAY	Pastor at Large, Mr Vikram Panchal, Mr Steven Liu
GEELONG	Pr Frank Boniface, Pr Ben Townson
GEELONG HUNGARIAN	Pr Andrew Kapusi
GILSON	Pr Mau Tuaoi, Pr Hensley Gungadoo
GLEN HUNTLY	Pr Rob Steed
GREENVALE	Pr Georges Latchman
HAMILTON	Mr Justin Bone
HEALESVILLE	Pr Harold Waldrip
HERITAGE	Mrs Faye Stothers
HORSHAM	Pr Malcolm Reid
HUGHESDALE	Mr David Pearce
KAREN BURMESE	Mrs Nan Myat Kyaw
LATIN AMERICAN	Pr Miguel Flamenco
LEONGATHA	Pr Andrew Jasper
LILYDALE	Pr Bruce Manners, Pr Rob Steed, Mrs Robyn Stanley, Pr David
LONGWARRY	Mr Peter Hughes
MACEDON RANGES	Pr Graham Sutherland
MACEDONIAN	Pr Damir Posavac
MARYBOROUGH	Pr Chrissie Cooper
MELB. CITY PROJECT	Mr Roy & Mrs Jinha Kim
MELTON	Pr Anthony MacPherson
MERENDA CHURCH PLANT	Pr Tini Rimoni
MILDURA	Pr David Butcher, Mr Matej Vrancic
MOE	Pr Gavin Rowe
MONT ALBERT	Pr Paul Kotanko
MORNINGTON	Pr Errol deSilva
NHILL	Pr Malcolm Reid

Note: Pastors are often given more than one responsibility, and some work voluntarily or part time. Allocated percentages are unable to be included in this document due to space limitations.

CHURCH	MINISTER
NOBLE PARK	Pr Rod Anderson
NORTH FITZROY	Pr Wayne Stanley
NTH MELBOURNE SAMOAN	Pr Aitui Fanene, Pr E. Erika, Mr Ben Faletasi
NORTHPOINT/Rockbank Plant	Pr Loren Pratt, Mr Roy Kim, Mrs Jinha Kim
NUMURKAH	Pr Russell Bryan
NUNAWADING	Pr Brian Lawty, Pr Chris Stanley
OAKLEIGH POLISH	Pr Pawel Ustupski, Pr Jan Krysta
PAKENHAM	Mr Kojo Akomeah, Mr Alain Binette
PLENTY VALLEY	Pr Anthony MacPherson
PORTLAND	Mr Luis Bermudez
PRESTON	Mr James Kent, Pr Rimoni - transition
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ROBINVALE	Pr Peter Ansell
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ROWVILLE/LYSTERFIELD	Pr Peter Rollo
SALE	Mr Graham McNicol
SEDDON	Mr Boriss Soldat
SHEPPARTON	Pr Russell Bryan
SPOTSWOOD	Pr Georges Latchman
SPRINGVALE	Pr Malcolm Reid
SPRINGVALE SPANISH	Pr Miguel Flamenco
SPRINGVALE SUDANESE	Mr Gatkuoth Chol
STAWELL	Mr Justin Bone
ST ALBANS CROATIAN	Pr Damir Posavac
SWAN HILL	Pr Peter Ansell
THE OASIS	Pr Denis Hankinson, Mr Tim Whale
THE ORCHARD	Pr Rod Anderson
TRARALGON	Pr Gavin Rowe
WANGARATTA	Mr Quinten Liebrandt
WANTIRNA	Pr David Riley, Pr Lilian Panozzo
WANTIRNA POLISH	Pr Pawel Ustupski
WARBURTON	Pr Murray Thackham, Pr Peter Rollo
WARRNAMBOOL	Mr Luis Bermudez
WARRAGUL	Pr Andrew Jasper
WERRIBEE	Pr Nikola & Pr Danijela Trajkov
WEST MELBOURNE SAMOAN	Pr Aitui Fanene, Pr E. Erika, Mr Ben Faletasi
WESTALL	Pr Damir Posavac
WESTERN SPANISH	Pr Miguel Flamenco
YARRA VALLEY	Pr Harold Waldrip
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY	Pr Moe Stiles
PASTOR AT LARGE	Pr Craig Gillis, Pr Stenio Gungadoo
HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS	Pr Harold Waldrip, Mr Ainsley Wagner
PRISON CHAPLAIN	Pr Graham Sutherland
<b>CONFERENCE APPOINTED SCHOOL CHAPLAINS</b>	
Edinburgh School	Mrs Rachel Turner
Gilson Taylors Hill	Pr Mau Tuaoi, Pr Hensley Gungadoo
Henderson College	Pr David Butcher, Mr Matej Vrancic
Heritage College	Mrs Faye Stothers
Lilydale Adventist Academy	Pr David Erickson
Nunawading CC Primary	Mrs Karen Horsley
Nunawading CC Secondary	Pr Lilian Panozzo
Gilson Mernda	Pr Tini Rimoni, Mrs Sherrie Gray

## Notices

### Hell & Mr Fudge

A little story about a big lie – Premiere Screenings at Lilydale Adventist Church March 15, 6.30 and 9 pm. Free entry, with good will offering to cover expenses. This movie tells the story of Edward Fudge, a preacher who began to question his church's traditional belief in an ever-burning hell—and what those questions cost him.

### VAAS Ferry Trip

9th of Marh 2014. Day trip - BYO lunch or purchase at Queenscliff. 9am departure from Victorian Conference office via bus. Limited numbers. \$25 per person. Bookings and payment are essential - contact Judy on 0407 510 545 or Cheryl on 0411 481 930 for more information.

### Position Available

Mechanic workshop run by Adventists looking to employ another Adventist motor mechanic to work in their busy workshop in a pleasant atmosphere in Mount Evelyn, Victoria. Part-time or full-time employment is available. Experience on automotive LPG conversions an advantage but not essential. Contact George on 03 9736 4270

### Giant Book Sale

6000 quality used books. 70% at \$3. A must for SS teachers, lay-preachers, church librarians, readers. New stock also available. Range of Christian literature. Proceeds go to Nunawading

Church Building Fund. At Nunawading Church hall, Central Rd. Sunday FEB 23, 11am-3pm.

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Easy walk to railway stations and tram stop, 8 minutes' walk to Maling Road shops, 15 minutes' walk to Burke Rd Camberwell Shopping Centre. Available from 1 February till 31 December 2014. Enquiries 0422 319 889 or calbabestewart@yahoo.com.au

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Negotiable rent, around \$500 per week, which is at least \$200 under the going rate in the area.

### Concert of Beautiful Music

At AdventCare Whitehorse Auditorium, Central Rd Nunawading. Sabbath afternoon, March 1st. Please note new time - Seating by 2.55pm.

Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music by various performers and arranged by Romney King. Good will offering will be collected to aid the resident facilities.



SUNSET  
TIMES:  
MARCH

SABBATH	OPENING	CLOSING
Feb 28, Mar 1	7:04	8:00
Mar 7, 8	7:52	7:50
Mar 14, 15	7:41	7:40
Mar 21, 22	7:31	7:29
Mar 28, 29	7:20	7:19

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

### OFFERING SCHEDULE:

### MARCH

Mar 1	Local Church Budget
Mar 8	Adventist World Radio
Mar 15	Education/Camping Ministry
Mar 22	Local Church Budget
Mar 29	Local Church Budget



### Safe Place Services

### HOW SAFE IS YOUR CHURCH?

Are you a leader in your local church and would like to increase your skill set and knowledge to help make your church a safer place? In conjunction with the Baptist Union and the Uniting Church, Safe Place Services in Victoria is rolling out its 2014 training schedule. These workshops are designed for pastors, elders, deacons and deaconesses, board members and leadership teams, ministry leaders, and any department of children's and youth ministry. Attending in a group is preferable, and there are dates available on weekdays, Sabbath and Sundays to meet everyone's needs.

Topics include • Duty of care, codes of conduct, positional power, transparency and accountability, • Protecting vulnerable people including children at risk of harm – definitions, indicators and response procedures • Information about training, recruiting and supervising leaders • How to establish and run safe church ministry programs (risk management)

The Victorian Conference recommends that all church leaders attend an Awareness Workshop. For more information contact by email Sue Mercer|: Smercer@adventist.org.au or Katrina Campbell|: KCampbell@adventist.org.au or call 03 9264 7777



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