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## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

EPHESIANS 2:10

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# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



## ALL THAT HE INTENDED

I helped Eden learn to walk. It was a bit frustrating for her back then, but now I'm delighted to see her joy as that little girl runs – quickly too!

Have you ever wondered how baby Jesus learned to walk? Did He just stand up, take His first steps confidently, look up at His mother with a beaming smile, then start to run around the room? Well, given that Jesus was fully human, that would be hard to imagine – particularly given the Biblical record.

It was Luke who recorded, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and men" Luke 2:52. Luke identified four dimensions in which Jesus developed:

1. **Wisdom** – that involves cognitive development
2. **Stature** – that's physical development
3. **Favour with God** – spiritual development
4. **Favour with men** – now that would have to be social/relational development wouldn't you think?

For the little ones, physical development involves learning to walk. That includes learning to balance, taking a tentative faltering step, and falling to the ground then getting up and doing it again and again and again. From the scriptures, I understand that it was like that for baby Jesus too. He learned at His mother's knee, He grew and He developed holistically.

So what about us? You and me? I think we'd all agree that we've grown and developed over the years and God has been with us. Growth is usually uncomfortable. Development involves change – stretching, reshaping – being out of our comfort zone. But without development, we'd all still be like babies and that isn't what God had in mind.

There are plenty of examples in nature. Think of the caterpillar that goes through the process of metamorphosis then becomes a beautiful butterfly. Then there's the chicken that desperately breaks out of the egg that has become too constricting – that gets a bit messy! However, I reckon the chicken would think that the next phase of life is much better. God set up those 'construction' processes. Is it possible that He set up developmental processes for us too?

*Under Construction* was the theme for the recent Women's Ministry conference. Whatever our stage of life, we know that God hasn't finished with me – or you -- yet. Whatever is going on for you, keep praying. God is with you.

It was Ellen White who wrote, "*Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him... His heart of love is touched by our sorrows...Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for Him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for Him to read...*" Steps to Christ, pg.100.

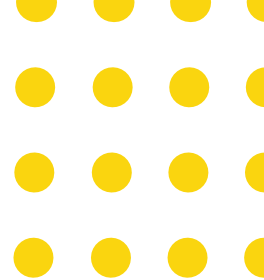
He's the one who gives strength when we are weak, courage when we are fearful and the ability to carry on when it all seems too tough to bear.

So, if baby Jesus tripped and fell when He was learning to walk and his mum didn't give up on Him, I reckon that gives us plenty of reason for hope even if we feel uncomfortable as God is growing us or leading us through a transition phase of life. It calls for patience and understanding of those who are still under construction – let's face it, that's all of us.

So let's support each other and pray that God will grow us to be all that He intended us to be!

**Graeme Christian**  
Victorian Conference President

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# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

● ● ● RENEW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

*"FOR WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE. HE HAS CREATED US ANEW IN CHRIST JESUS, SO WE CAN DO THE GOOD THINGS HE PLANNED FOR US LONG AGO"*

**- EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)**

A firm foundation is needed for any construction to take place, but a firm foundation doesn't just appear - it is made by following an extensive process.

First, one must find suitable land. Then, that land is excavated; the foundation is mixed, and the pit is reinforced. The concrete is finally poured and left to set after these steps are completed.

So, why this analogy? We can get so caught up in our surroundings that we forget everyone has their own individual journey with Christ. Don't beat yourself up for not having a strong foundation when you're still making sure the land is ready to lay it.

To be under construction is to understand that "He makes everything beautiful in his time" (Eccl. 3:11). So many moments in our daily life can bring us down. We have a bad hair day and think no amount of brushing can make it better. We miss the bus and beat ourselves up for poor time management. We see the success of those around us and wonder what's the point. As these moments merge, it suddenly becomes too much to bear, and we find ourselves trying to find the restart button...

And that's what this weekend was all about - Renewing our perspective on life by recognising that God is making us magnificent masterpieces and that quality construction takes time...

July 21-23 saw women and young girls of all ages travel to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for a weekend getaway filled with praise, worship, celebration, and recreation.

Our guest speakers included Joy-Marie Butler - Former Director of Women's Ministries for the South Pacific Division, Claire Marsh - Manager of Adventist Counselling Services, and Sylvia Mendez - Current Director of Women's Ministries at the Australian Union Conference. Through presentations and

workshops, these wonderful women shared uplifting words of wisdom and encouragement.

Joy-Marie told inspiring stories about the 'Women of Courage' that came before us. From E.G White to the Woman who was on her period for 12 years, each recount reminded us that one simple act can change lives.

Qualified psychologist Clarie taught us how to stand back up when life knocks us down. Referencing the book *Rising Strong* by Brene Brown, she reinforced the idea that being in a bad spiritual position doesn't make you a bad person - because faith comes in all different forms.

Finally, Sylvia helped us 'Find our Purpose' and our worth using her newly published *I AM: Women's Devotional*, an interactive journal with 'I Am' statements from 26 Australian women. Her chosen statement for this weekend: "I Am Beautiful" - written by Kerilee Bolto, and inspired by Songs of Solomon.

*"YOU ARE ALTOGETHER BEAUTIFUL, MY DARLING, BEAUTIFUL IN EVERY WAY. "*

**- SONG OF SOLOMON 4:7 (NLT)**

Not only did we have guest speakers, but we were also blessed with updates from many inspiring projects, like Restore One, Destiny Rescue, and the Dorcas Group. It was amazing to see the communities and organisations devoting themselves to helping and uplifting others!

Of course, it's not a girl's getaway without a bit of fun, so our Saturday night entertainment involved teams 'constructing' dresses out of trash bags and other craft items. After the stylish creations were modelled and judged, we settled down and watched a movie. Then Sunday activities for teens saw them speed down a flying fox, before making the trip back home with their families.

Overall, the weekend was a well-needed break from busy life and highly recommended for any woman who needs such a moment.

The RENEW conference is a supportive community full

of like-minded women who sharpen each other with wisdom, kindness, and love. Our arms are always open to familiar faces and nervous newcomers because we are united in Christ.

So, to every woman and young girl reading this, I invite you to join us next year at Phillip Island from September 6-8, where once more you can be reminded that **you are worthy, you are loved, and that you are indeed altogether beautiful!**

**Naomi Janmaat**  
Communications Coordinator



**CROWNING MOMENT:** Our Cook Island Sisters gifted each our speakers their own beautiful Ei Katu (traditional flower headpieces) as a token of their gratitude.



**VIBRANT VOICES:** Members of the Dorcas Group performed an uplifting song on Sabbath.





**FREEZE FRAME:** The wooden frame saw many having fun and capturing their memories!



**PASSIONATE PRAISE:** Thanks to our amazing worship team, we gave glory to God by singing our hearts out!



**FROM CLEANING A MESS TO MAKING A DRESS:** Five teams channelled their inner fashion designer when challenged to make a gown out of garbage bags!



**EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE:** Lots of ladies braved the breeze of Phillip Island to be part of our women's weekend!



**WE'RE SOARING, FLYING:** On Sunday morning our young girls and teens took turn riding the fast flying fox!

# SEARCHING FOR THE ONE

## ● ● ● ● ● ● MEET DESTINY RESCUE

**CONTENT WARNING:** This article contains a brief description of sexual violence against minors which may be distressing to some readers. It is included to provide context for Destiny Rescue's mission and cause. If you would like to skip this description, please begin reading from "*Night after night*" once you have read the opening quote. Thank you.

*"THERE'S STILL ONE MORE OUT THERE. ONE MORE KID WORTH RESCUING — NEVER TO STOP. EVERY KID IS WORTH THE RISK. WORTH THE LOVE. WORTH THE COST". – TONY KIRWAN, FOUNDER OF DESTINY RESCUE.*

Child sex trafficking. You are not alone if you find those three words distressing to read.

Over 20 years ago, an Aussie named Tony Kirwan was on a family vacation in Thailand when his world was turned upside down. He overheard a tourist bragging about purchasing a young girl to do with "whatever he wanted!"

It broke Tony's heart. He knew he had to take action as a dad and a Christian.

Destiny Rescue is a Christian organisation that rescues children from sex trafficking and exploitation — and helps them stay free.

**NIGHT AFTER NIGHT**, rescue agents enter some of the darkest places on the planet to find children being harmed and exploited — and rescue them. In the days and weeks following, survivors receive individualised Freedom Plans that help address their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs so they can thrive.

*"BEFORE, I HAD GIVEN UP HOPES IN LIFE — THAT'S WHY I WAS SO BITTER. NOW, I HAVE COME TO REALISE THAT THERE ARE STILL HOPES FOR ME." - SURVIVOR, 16 YEARS OLD.*

With over 12,500 children rescued, our work is only beginning. We need your help to get to the next girl before someone else does...

**Michaela Jones**  
Destiny Rescue

On June 24, a Destiny Rescue Fundraiser was held at Burwood Adventist Community Church.

After a passionate presentation by Michaela Jones, it was a race to taste the international food, scope the stalls, and begin the battle of the bids.

Some things up for grabs at the silent auction were a giant jar of chocolate, beautiful painted canvases, and laps in a Porsche. But the item of the night was a signed Melbourne Victory shirt - this coveted item of clothing was secured with a generous donation of \$165.

Between the bids, patrons took part in the delicious international food that was prepared. Savoury options ranged from Greek souvlaki to Argentinian empanadas; but don't worry, the sweet tooth was catered to with delicious slices!

Live music played as people ate or perused the stalls. Many small business owners showcased their stock - handmade earrings, natural sanitisers and soaps, and beautiful artwork. A massive thank you to the talented creators that offered up their time!

This fundraiser was proudly supported by Women's Ministries, Children's Ministries, and VicYouth. The night ended with more than \$11,000 raised! What an amazing effort by all those involved.

**Naomi Janmaat**  
Communications Coordinator

# ADVENTISTS AROUND AUSTRALIA ARE RALLYING TOGETHER TO HELP BRING FREEDOM TO KIDS.

## WILL YOU JOIN THEM?

Go to [www.destinyrescue.org.au](http://www.destinyrescue.org.au) to join the fight today or scan the QR code below to support Women's Ministries' donation fund!





**FOR A GOOD CAUSE:** Everyone who attended was excited to support Destiny Rescue!



**SERVICE WITH A SMILE:** Food that is made with love will always taste good!



**SURROUNDED BY SMALL BUSINESSES:** It was amazing to see all of the talented and generous creators in our community!



**A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE:** Live music is the best way to set the mood!

# A Weekend in Whroo: Pathfinder Expedition 2023

On your marks... get set... go! This past King's Birthday weekend, nearly 500 Pathfinders and staff made the trek out to Whroo in Northern Victoria for Expedition.

This was the first time since 2019 that our Pathfinders have had the chance to test their map and compass skills (and resilience) at Expedition!

Our theme for the weekend was *He's Looking Out for You*. Pastor Daniel Matteo shared different stories in Mary Magdalene's life where she encountered Jesus and what those stories mean for us spiritually.

We explored how meeting Jesus means becoming new, going from despair to hope, going through tough times, witnessing His victory, and having a part in His work.

On Sabbath, we had church in the morning, games and teambuilding activities in the afternoon, and a "Minute to Win it"-style competition in the evening.

Finally, on Sunday morning, we left base camp and ventured out into the adjacent state forest.

Day hikers challenged themselves on an orienteering training course designed to develop their skills. Intermediate hikers carried an overnight pack and travelled the world as they raced through the two-day orienteering course based on the game "Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego?"

Intermediate Plus hikers also carried an overnight pack and competed in a two-day rogaining course with up to 45 checkpoints of varying difficulty up for grabs.

Congratulations to all our hikers and club staff for a fantastic effort!

**Kasia Stekla**  
VicYouth



# LOCAL NEWS PT.1

## Werribee Karen Celebrates 15 Years of Service

On the Sabbath of 10th of June 2023, Werribee Karen SDA Church (WKSDAC) celebrated its 15th Anniversary with more than 300 church members around Victoria, alongside families of Filipino brethren from Werribee English Church.

Also present were Pr Graeme Christian, President of Victorian Conference, with his wife Marcia; Pr Denis Hankinson and his wife Bev; Pr Darren Croft, with his wife Rosie and daughter Amity.

Pr Nan of WKSDAC welcomed guests and members to the ceremony. Pr Graeme Christian talked about how this church, formed from nothing, became two churches in 15 years. Pr Darren Croft encouraged us all to try harder in our endeavour. Then Rosie and Little Amity together told the children's story.

Pr Denis Hankinson delivered an inspiring message for the congregation that Sabbath. Pr Hankinson, former president of the Victorian Conference in 2008, personally organised Werribee Karen members into a company. We still remember coming to our house alongside Pr. Stenio Gungadoo and Pr. Hensley Gungadoo, to discuss how to take care of new members.

It is satisfying for Karen and Chin brethren from Myanmar to settle in this land flowing with milk and honey. It is more satisfying to realise that, during the 15 years in Werribee, 104 souls became baptised, and 149 souls were accepted into the denomination by profession of faith.

During the celebration, church members from Werribee and Bendigo each gave a plaque to Mr Mervin and Pr Nan Shwe Yi Myat Kyaw in recognition of their 15 years of faithful service to Karen Seventh-day Adventists congregations in Victoria.

May God bless all churches in Victoria and the whole of Australia.

**Graham Tardif**  
Werribee Karen



# THE JOURNEY OF CROSSROADS2421

The beginning of Crossroads2421 church began long before it was spoken of.

Melbourne, 1987 - Our loving Creator formed an organic group to flourish abundantly in the framework of nurturing young souls searching for purpose. That group was

**2421: 2GETHER 4EVER 2 LOVE 1 ANOTHER.**

Created in the context of friendship, the four-digit number symbolised a special bond built upon trust and mutual respect between two friends.

At the end of 1987, 2421 and its original meaning consolidated the minority of South Pacific Islanders with an identity and unity that formed an urban street gang where young men and women unwittingly navigated the labyrinths of criminality and violence.

Fast forward to 2016, most of those gang members, families and friends have moved on into the second half of life through spiritual transformation in a religious landscape, but more importantly, a testament to the power of the gospel.

Realising their encounter with Christ, the old code was disregarded.

2421 now experienced a spiritual metamorphosis and identified as:

**2421: 2GETHER 4EVER 2 SERVE AND TO SAVE THAT 1 SOUL**

So, on February 11, 2017, Crossroads 2421 became a church plant right in the corridors of the southeast area in Officer with the sole purpose *"save to serve and serve to save"*.

Furthermore, the name Crossroads identifies us as individuals on a journey, and at some stage they will meet at a crossroads where decisions and choices are to be made. Our mission statement is Jeremiah 6:16:

*"THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS, STAND AT THE CROSSROADS AND LOOK; ASK WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS AND WALK IN IT AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS"*

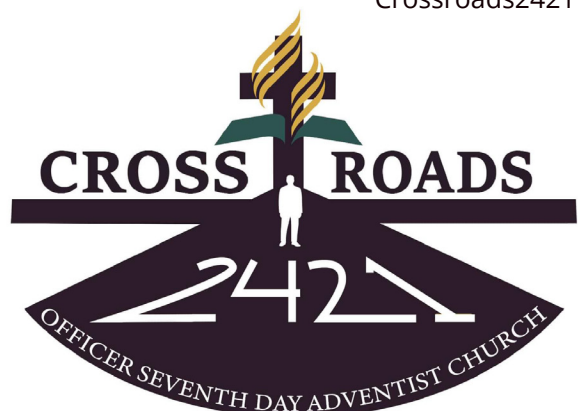
On February 19, 2022, we became a company as our membership continued to grow.

Then on June 3, 2023, we became an official sister church under the Victorian Seventh Day Adventist Conference. We also had the privilege of having Pastor Graeme Christian and Pastor Craig Gillis who officiated our service that day as well as the ordination of two of our members becoming elders.

From 2017 until now, we have had 18 baptisms at Crossroads and continue to win souls for the kingdom.

We continue to serve and nurture our youth as we work toward the purpose divine. We are currently fundraising for our youth to travel to Moree for their very first mission trip in September where they will serve in the community!

**Sialae Iosefo**  
Crossroads2421





# LOCAL NEWS PT.2

## Mother's Day Morning Tea with Mums at the Table

The West Gippsland Mums at The Table group leaders partnered with the Warragul Pathfinder Club to put on a special Mother's Day Breakfast on May 13, to connect with mums in the community.

Local businesses generously sponsored food and prizes for the event put on in the Warragul church hall on Sabbath morning. The Pathfinders cooked and served delicious food, and pampered the mums with foot soaks, and hand and back massages.

Over 50% of attendees were mums from the community and breakfast was followed by a mother's themed worship service allowing for a smooth invitation of guests into church. Each guest left with a special gift made by local church members.

"Breakfast was lovely," said West Gippsland group member Deeana. "It was really nice to meet new ladies."

"I feel blessed for the invitation and for new connections made," Agnes from West Gippsland agreed. "Forgot what eating without interruption was like."

The collaborations between Mums At The Table, the Pathfinders and Church members made for great success but also good advertising! Mums were impressed with the Pathfinders saying that they were "so polite and helpful, very mature young people".

This event allowed the church to serve the community in a different way but also gave a great opportunity for building connections and friendships with community mums.

There are currently 19 local groups in Australia and New Zealand, moderated by 44 church members, representing 22 Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

Depending on the moderators' availability, local events—or meet-ups—range from weekly playgroups to playground and café catch-ups or even dessert nights.

If you or your church are interested in being part of the ministry can contact Mums At The Table at:

[hello@MumsAtTheTable.com](mailto:hello@MumsAtTheTable.com)

**Elise Machalek**  
Gippsland



# Incredible Indian Banquet Brings a Bountiful Blessing

All glory to God! Safe Haven's Indian Banquet raised a mighty \$44,146.20 to relieve the suffering of desperate families in Sri Lanka.

Sam and Molsy Arulanandam successfully organised an evening that welcomed over 470 patrons to dinner on June 18.

The sumptuous menu contained freshly prepared appetisers, curries, spiced rice, salads, desserts, and sparkling grape juice donated by business contacts nurtured by Sam over 29 years.

Throughout the event, two tandoori ovens baked fresh naan, and professional Indian cooks led a cheerful band of volunteers from multiple faiths and backgrounds.

Special mention must go to two Sikh restaurants; Pastor Darren Croft as the event's host; Advent Brass, Tim Jaques, Joseph Waterstone, and the Kenyan Singers who entertained brilliantly; and to the many guests who stayed into the wee hours to restore the venue to order.

It was a mammoth undertaking for an enormous need, and God provided abundantly for those in Sri Lanka.

As Sam would say: Please pray!

Pray that the funds raised make a real difference to those in Sri Lanka who desperately need it!

For further information, please visit:

<https://safehaven.org.au>

**Leslie Clark**  
Wantirna



# The North and West 'Rethink Life' with Avondale

The 'Rethink Life' was a week-long partnership with the Avondale University Seminary. It was a successful week of learning, coaching, and connecting with people. Cultivating and sowing the seed was important to both North and West Samoan churches.

Before the event, the North ran three community outreach programs and held weekly small groups, bible studies, prayer groups, young couple's ministry, and the MSD initiative. Our mission was to connect with people, grow relationships, and create a safe place of belonging.

'Rethink Life' played an important role in igniting and affirming people with their decision to follow Jesus.

Why the 'Rethink Life' initiative? Through a discussion Pr Apelu and Dr Erika Puni had late last year and with much prayer, Pr Apelu saw a vision and brought the idea to our pastoral team. After all the disruptions of Covid, it was evident that we were long overdue for an evangelistic event!

Now, our five Samoan churches are wanting to organise more events that will unite us in fellowship and growth!

**Tau Poasa**  
North Melbourne Samoan

Ministry Practicum directors Dr Erika Puni and Pr Neil Thompson each led a team of five students, one based in St Albans in the west and the other in Cambellfield in the north. The students, enrolled in a unit called Discipleship and Evangelism, presented half the meetings with Erika and Neil presenting the rest.

Lusi Sione spoke on the first Saturday of the series, using Daniel 2 as the basis of his presentation. Public evangelism still has its place, says the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology student, because it leads people to make a commitment.

"If something I said encouraged a decision for baptism, I praise God, because it's the moving of His Spirit that brings transformation."

Both sites then joined together at hired venue for the final meetings, a Sabbath celebration that included the baptism. Some of the 31 getting baptised were church-attending young adults; others had not attended since their youth. Some were of other faiths or of no faith. "All wanted to change the story of their lives and to walk with Jesus," says Neil.

According to Neil, the series changed perceptions about public evangelism and about the ability of students to present it. "At the beginning of the year, the church members didn't want to try public evangelism and didn't want the students to speak. At the end of the series, they didn't want the meetings to stop. They loved every student's presentation."

**Brenton Stacey**  
Avondale University  
*Public Relations and Philanthropy Officer*



# LOCAL NEWS PT.3

## ADRA: Articles From Outreach

The efforts from ADRA and its volunteers are being noticed in local community newspapers. Below are article excerpts from the *Pakenham Gazette* and the *Yarra Valley Star Mail*:

### "FOUNDATION PIVOTS TO FOOD CRISIS SUPPORT"

The Cardinia Foundation, which has been assisting community organisations throughout Cardinia and Casey for two decades, is in the process of establishing an ongoing food fund that aims to provide grants to local emergency food relief organisations.

Emergency food relief provider Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is one such organisation which could benefit from the fund.

ADRA provides a weekly hot meal service, pantry service and crisis relief packs to Cardinia residents from Pakenham's Lakeside.

The organisation's Victorian director Rebecca Auriant said the organisation has seen a 30 per cent increase in demand over the last six months.

"Initially we were seeing about 20 families on a Thursday night, now we're seeing more like 30 families, plus we're increasing our deliveries on the Friday to around 50 families, which used to be around 30," she said.

"We've seen a particular increase in the working poor, as well as more people who are facing domestic and family violence and also more people who have become homeless."

She said the Cardinia Foundation's decision to pivot to support the cost-of-living crisis at a local level was "brilliant".

**Eleanor Wilson**  
Pakenham Gazette

### "GLENN BARBER REMEMBERED AS THE MODEL VOLUNTEER"

The people of the ADRA Redwood Community Centre gathered on July 4 to pay tribute to Glenn Barber, a much-loved and valued volunteer.

Glenn was a deacon at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Warburton for many years, splitting his time between his family, the ADRA Redwood Centre and the church. He was described as 'genuine, down to earth and loyal'.

Redwood Community Centre Manager Kate Barratt said Glenn was there to open the door and introduce to the building on the day it opened and was always there unless he and Carol went away in the winter.

"Glenn encompasses what a good volunteer is because first and foremost, you need to know what interests you and what drives you. What interested Glenn was his community and people, he always spoke about the fact that he felt fortunate to have been able to work and learn," said Kate

On Glenn's plaque, it reads: 'May his love of service and passion for his hometown live on in our ongoing commitment to supporting the people of Warburton.'

**Callum Ludwig**  
Yarra Valley Star Mail



Glenn Barber (Right) in the Record (November 1990)



Photo Credit: Callum Ludwig (Yarra Valley Star)



# PAVILIONS RETIREMENT VILLAGE RECOGNISED AS AUSTRALIA'S BEST

Pavilions Blackburn Lake, the retirement village developed on the Campground in Nunawading, has recently been acknowledged nationally by The Property Council of Australia.

The peak industry body awarded Pavilions: 'Best Retirement Village Development' and 'Best Luxury Retirement Village Development' for 2023 at their annual gala event on June 22.

"It has been an incredible 15-year journey of God's leading and providence," says Pavilions Project Lead & Victorian Conference Infrastructure Coordinator, Galen Gan.

"When I look back at how fragile the idea was at its conception, and all the challenges, hurdles and opposition we had to battle through, till now where we have won the title of 'Australia's Best' - it is a surreal and humbling experience that confirms the promise that 'if God is for us, who can be against us?' (Rom 8:31)"

Pavilions beat out stiff competition from huge multi-national for-profit corporations Aveo, Stockland, Bolton Clarke and Lend Lease for the two prestigious awards, as well as dominant not-for-profit operators like Baptcare and Uniting Agewell.

"I believe these wins are something all Adventists can be proud of, and demonstrate that [the Victorian Conference] can stand up projects of excellence when we claim God's promise '...to be the head and not the tail if we follow the Lord's direction (Deut. 28:13)'. All the entities of the Church should strive for excellence in what we do, not for vanity-sake, but for God's glory," says Mr Gan.

Special thanks were given to the close team of project consultants, church committees, and all the many people who have worked so tirelessly together to make Pavilions the success that it is.

Construction on Pavilions Stage 2 which contains 66 apartments, and a "Wellness Zone"

which contains a gym, pool, spa, Pilates studio, day spa and fruit orchard, is progressing quickly with completion expected at the end of 2023.

Word of the industry awards has created a huge anticipation for Stage 3 which has already received 76 expressions of interest on the 20 available apartments. Construction is expected to commence in early 2024, with completion in the first quarter of 2025.

"While it is a real blessing to be recognised in this way, the greatest validation for me is when I bump into one of our residents and they tell me that moving to Pavilions was the 'best decision that they ever made', " says Mr Gan.

The surrounding community, which was initially apprehensive about the development, has over time seen the positive community benefit Pavilions has brought to the local area. Many of them get their morning 'cuppa' from the local favourite Miss Lucy Cafe, which is open to the public.

Beautiful apartments are still available at this award-winning village – to book your personal tour, please contact Mary at **0455616337** or email [mary@pavilinosblackburnlake.com.au](mailto:mary@pavilinosblackburnlake.com.au)

**Galen Gan**  
Infrastructure Coordinator

**Naomi Janmaat**  
Communications Coordinator

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**ARE YOU GOING MY WAY?** A car rally fundraiser for Gisborne's 2023 Carols by Candlelight!

Come along and join us for a fun day of touring the beautiful Victorian countryside while navigating your way through a series of clues!

Suggested donation of \$50 per car. All makes and models welcome! Contact David: 0459 280 960

**Sunday August 27**  
**From 9:30am**

BP Outbound Service Station  
Calder Freeway, Calder Park.

The Great Paperchase

## **AUGUST 27, FROM 9:30AM** **ARE YOU GOING MY WAY?**

BP OUTBOUND SERVICE STATION,  
CALDER PARK

Come along and join us for a fun day of touring the beautiful Victorian countryside while navigating your way through a series of clues.

Suggested donation of \$50 per car. All car makes and models are welcome!

All donations will go towards the funding of 2023 Carol's by Candlelight at John Aitken Reserve Gisborne.

For any enquiries contact David on 0459 280 960.



## **TALKING ABOUT THE VOICE**

How Adventist faith helps us respond better to the Indigenous Voice

*Atsim* **CROSSWALK**  
MELBOURNE

## **SEPTEMBER 2, FROM 3PM** **TALKING ABOUT THE VOICE**

NUNAWADING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Crosswalk Melbourne and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM)-Victoria invite you to join us to talk about the upcoming referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, including thoughtful presentations, panel discussion, listening together, and prayer for our nation and Indigenous peoples.



## **BOLD**

Get inspired and equipped to change your world

**CARLOS MUNOZ** **DANIEL HUDGENS**  
Keynote speakers from Amazing Facts International

**REGO HERE:** 

**REVIVAL WEEKEND:**  
22-24 SEPTEMBER, 23  
**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:**  
25-30 SEPTEMBER, 23

LA TROBE UNI, BUNDOORA, MELBOURNE

## **SEPTEMBER 22-24** **BOLD CONFERENCE**

LA TROBE UNI, BUNDOORA

In 2023, the BOLD Team will be working with Amazing Facts International to bring you the first-ever BOLD revival conference (September 22-24) and training (September 25-30). Trainers will include Carlos Munoz and Daniel Hudgens from Amazing Facts.

# UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## TRUST SERVICES UPDATE

Our Trust Services director is taking some leave. Due to processing times for Wills, we are not currently taking new appointments until later in the year. If you require a Will drafted urgently, please contact a local solicitor for assistance (this would be at your own expense).

For access to Wills for deceased Estates and most other enquiries please feel free to contact Lisa Walczak, Trust Services Departmental Assistant on 03 9264 7777.

## AUC ESL VOLUNTEERS

### WHERE: VIETNAM AND THAILAND

Calling all ESL and Music Teachers! The AUC is seeking two volunteers to teach English and Music in Hanoi, Vietnam, and one volunteer to teach English in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand. All three volunteers will be teaching for 12 months.

For more information and applications go to: [www.vividfaith.com](http://www.vividfaith.com)

## ADRA VOLUNTEERS

### WHERE: AUSTRALIA

Expressions of Interest are sought for people interested in serving ADRA Australia as volunteer Board members (ACNC "Responsible Persons") to fill vacancies occurring through to the end of 2025 and possibly for a further five-year term. Four day-long board meetings are held annually with three meetings in Sydney, and a fourth in Melbourne.

Availability for Board sub-committees may also be requested. Approved out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses are paid or reimbursed by ADRA Australia

For more information and expression of interest go to: [vic.adventist.org.au/adventist-employment/](http://vic.adventist.org.au/adventist-employment/)

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**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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