

# INTRAVIC

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## cultivating *Connections*

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*



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# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Everyone was on board the small aircraft – five passengers plus one jovial pilot. I saw beads of perspiration on his brow as he cranked the engine hoping it would start. Finally, we headed to the runway and queued for take-off. Just before he opened the throttle, our friendly pilot turned and asked cheerfully, “Does anyone know the way?”, then we sped down the runway and took off...

Harvest Victoria finishes this year, and some are asking “Where to from here?”

**Connect** is the way forward. We need to connect and regroup with those who used to attend church before COVID. 2023 is going to be entirely focused on connecting with the community, a whole year of preparation for 2024 – the designated year of evangelism. We have a bit over a year before 2024 begins; but what we do now will make a difference.

I sat down with Pr. Nicu Dumbrava, Pastor of Hughesdale Church as well as Personal Ministries Director for the Australian Union Conference, and asked: **How can we be effective in connecting with new people – as individuals and as churches?**

He gave me a bunch of ideas:

- Develop a ‘Welcoming Church’ Culture where new people are included and want to come back!
- Invite One New Person! It can be to your small group, to your Sabbath School, to your Pathfinder club etc...
- Run a smorgasbord of events to invite people to! (E.g. Recovery Programs and Message Seminars)
- Eat and Make disciples – check out the little book *If You Can Eat, You Can Make Disciples*.
- Get involved! We’re not short on resources, we’re short on people who want to use them!
- Evangelise by doing what your good at! Everyone has a God-given talent to use for His glory!
- Keep it Christ Centered and Mission Focused!

As the days go by, the runway is getting shorter. What’s *your* ‘flight’ plan? What are *your* ideas? How will *you* be involved?



**Graeme Christian**  
Victorian Conference President



# ABIDING IN JESUS



There are three ways Jesus spoke of abiding:

*"Abide in Me, and I in you." - John 15:4-5*

Connection to the source of life, Jesus Christ, is key to bearing fruit.

*"If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified..." - John 15:7-8*

The fruit born from having Christ's words in us and connecting those powerful promises in supplication and intercession for others brings glory to His Father

*"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love..." - John 15:9,10*

Connected to Christ's love, our lives are filled with the beauty of holiness in accord with His commandments.

Connection. It is the key to spiritual power.

*"Workers...must give themselves time to think, to pray, to wait upon God for a renewal of physical, mental and spiritual power.... Not a pause for a moment in His presence, but personal contact with Christ, to sit down in companionship with Him - this is our need." - Education, p. 260-261*

## AN INVITATION...

So here is an invitation. Perhaps you have heard of *Connect* and are wondering what it is.

Here's my take - connect with Jesus Christ and let Him connect you with others. For what purpose? To genuinely love them, pray for them and lead them to Jesus. Be the connect point for someone to come to Christ! That is the greatest joy. If you haven't experienced that in a while, here is

an invitation to just that. If you have, then keep it up and sharpen your capacity to bear much fruit!

Let's go back to John 15 and read verse 11. Jesus tells us why He shared this abiding, or connecting, principle, *"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."*

Adding that to Hebrews 12:2 where He endured the cross *"for the joy that was set before Him"* and we can see why Sister Ellen says *"The joy of seeing souls redeemed, souls eternally saved, is the reward of all that put their feet in the footprints of Him who said, 'Follow Me.'" (Desire of Ages, p. 523).*

**connect is an invitation  
for all of us to  
experience His joy.**

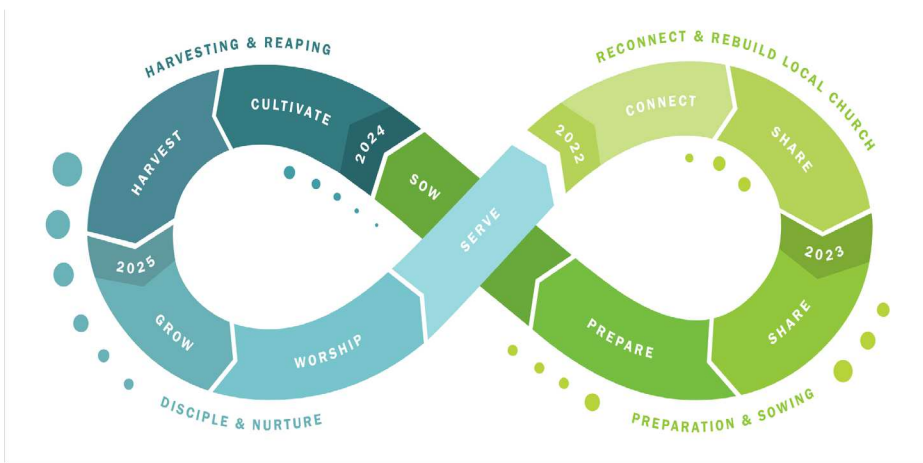
The Australian Union and Victorian Conferences are locking arms to provide a platform for you and your church to armour-up and head into the battlefield. Not with conventional weapons, but those referred to in 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 and Ephesians 6:10-18.

It's going to look different than our last efforts with *Revelation Today*. It will be more on your local church to determine your focus and set your crosshairs. Seek God so you and your church can become a connect point for someone in your sphere of influence.

What could that look like for you? What could it look like for your children? What praying and planning could your church engage in to enable you to experience His Spirit moving upon your hearts and minds and launching you into His vineyard?

What parables could we read to revive our souls with fresh life? What testimonies of lives changed could we listen to, so we start to catch a vision of what God's Spirit wants to do in a greater way in our town, suburb, workplace or school?

Perhaps your small group could crack open the books of Acts and its companion *Acts of the Apostles* by Ellen White and let the Spirit kindle a new flame and passion for the people in your neighbourhood. While you're at it, grab hold of Ron Clouzet's latest powerhouse release on prayer called *In the Name of Jesus* and start prayer walking with fellow warriors; or armour-up with Derek Morris's classic *Radical Prayer or Radical Protection*.



**2022**

- Pray for people
- Mingle with people
- Eat with people
- Serve people
- Encourage involvement

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**2023**

- ADRA projects
- Eating with others
- Small groups
- Pathfinders/Adventurers
- Visitors' day

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**2024**

- Seminars
- Bible studies
- Evangelistic small groups
- Prophetic
- Public Preaching

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**2025**

- Identifying gifts
- Spirit filled and led
- Continued growth
- Discipling others

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Folks, there is a battle brewing and perhaps I'm moving from invitation to summons, but our planet is falling apart – fast.

Let us come together and considered what works or better yet, refocus our lens to see more clearly where God is already working.

Perhaps you'll find the ideas above helpful. Notice the blank lines? That's your invitation to lock arms with fellow church members, pray for God to reveal His plans for you and mark out a few strategies that He is leading you to do in your neck of the woods. If your dates look different don't stress. These are guides and suggestions. Just seek His leading and go where He indicates.

**You can be someone's connection to Christ!**

**HERE TO HELP!**

Is God leading you to spearhead a women's event? Call Tarnya Garner in Women's Ministry!

Is your heart bleeding for youth in your neighbourhood, contact Phil Hyland!

Is He indicating meeting those practical needs in your community as a starting place? Bec Auriant can assist with that!

Have you ever considered how our families can be a safe place for connection? Get in touch with Family Ministries!

Burdened with the unprecedented physical and mental health challenges confronting your friends and colleagues, ring me up!

All our Conference Departments are poised and ready to encourage, equip, and train!

*"Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit."*  
- Ministry of Healing, p. 144

Let's connect and bear fruit to His glory!



**Pr. Ander Jasper**  
Director of Health, Stewardship  
and Personal Ministries

# SEDDON SHARES ELLEN WHITE WITH MELBOURNE'S WEST

Seddon SDA Church is one step closer to producing the next generation of literature evangelists, with some of their youngest members handing out copies of Ellen G White's *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy* around Altona Beach, Footscray Station, and Williamstown Botanical Gardens.

On the first Sabbath of every month, the church's youth – ranging from 8 to 16-years-old – work alongside their more experienced mentors to connect with the community.

This is what 13-year-old Kayah had to say about her experience:

*"On the afternoon of August 6th, we took up our books and headed out to various locations in Melbourne. My group chose to go to Footscray Station, and we're lucky enough to have Pastor Miroslav Gagic and Nino Svonja with us.*

*Being most of my group's first time handing out books, we were all a little nervous. But Nino encouraged us to try our best and not to feel down if someone said no, because there were always more people who were willing to take a book.*



*Once the first train arrived and loads of people were flooding out onto the platform, we worked up the courage to ask people. Each of us held 10 books, and by the time my friend, Olivia, and I handed out four books each, the boys had already finished their stacks and were ready to collect more from the car. We became so confident with our outreach that Pastor Miroslav had to go back to the church to pick up more books!*

*About 200 books were handed out at that station that day. We are glad that we could distribute so many books within a few hours, and we are excited for the hope it will bring to many lives. We can't wait for the next time we can do this again!"*

**Kaylah Draganovic & IntraVic Staff**  
Seddon Church

# KAREN REFUGEES OFFICIALLY RECEIVE THEIR "PROFESSIONS OF FAITH"



Years after getting baptised in Adventist Churches in Thailand, twelve devoted attendees of the Werribee Karen SDA Church were officially awarded their 'Profession of Faith' certificates.

The oldest is 49 and the youngest ones are 21 years old. Five were from a big family that worships with us

Moving to Australia from refugee camps, the new commers were joyously involved in our church activities whether it be AY programs, youth camping or church fundraisers

We thank God for these twelve of new commers as they are really precious to our church, and we trust that God will continue to use them for our church's future growth.

**Pr. Nan Myat Kyaw**  
Werribee Karen Church

# BARGAINS AND BAPTISMS

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## Frankston Sunday Market:

On the last Sunday every month, between the times of 9am to 2pm, the Frankston Community Market takes place at the Frankston Seventh-day Adventist Church. Open to church and community members alike, the market fills an important gap by providing a way to engage with each other and form connections.

The feedback from shoppers and sellers has been positive. People enjoy socializing, finding bargains, and receiving free gifts such as the books *Steps to Christ* and *Desire of Ages*.

Raised funds will be returned to the community in the form of social projects.

If you would like to open your own stall, please contact Josie on 0425 785 951.

## Baptisms:

In the last month, another three young people chose to public express their commitment to Jesus through baptism at the Springvale Spanish and Frankston churches.

Isaac (20) was baptised at Frankston church, while Kelly (17) and Samuel (19) were baptised at the Springvale Spanish Church. All three took initiative by seeking out their own bible studies and demonstrating commitment to not only to their respective churches, but also to their faith.

Our hearts are elated to see the desire of these youth! We are excited to keep encouraging and supporting them during this new chapter in their lives.

**Pr. Jonathas Newlands & IntraVic Staff**  
Frankston and Springvale Spanish Church

# YOUTH RALLY 2022

1095 days...

That's how long's been since the last face-to-face Youth Rally. Despite the incredible efforts VicYouth made to keep the event alive during the lonely days of lockdown, even they agree that the online meetings simply weren't the same.

So, when the time came to reunite three years later, on October 7-8, 2022, at Nunawading Christian College, the energy was electric. Ushers were guiding eager groups to their seats, while the hosts and worship team worked together to cultivate an atmosphere of celebration. Everywhere you looked, the spirit of community was evident.

The theme for this year's rally was *Metamorphosis*, a timely choice considering the world and its citizens drastically changed to cope with the effects of the pandemic.

With such a powerful word as a guiding topic, one would expect references to butterflies and diamonds; instead, guest speaker Pr. Kevin Wilson, used the imagery of chai.



**@crossculturechristian**

Pr. Kevin uses chai to connect with more than 400K followers across Instagram and TikTok

**GOD'S AFFECTION  
+  
INTENTIONAL ATTENTION  
=  
YOUR TRANSFORMATION**

Born in Sri-Lanka, raised in Oman, and now living in the United States, Kevin Wilson is a youth and young adult pastor at Oceanside SDA Church who wants his *"tribe to think meaningfully about their lives so they can live their lives meaningfully."*

As a way stay connected with his South Asian culture while being abroad, Pr. Kevin found a passion in Masala Chai (an aromatic spiced milk tea) viewing it as an *"enduring connector of humanity, and a placeholder for things like home, family, hospitality, and community."*

That's why, on the Friday night, he made a huge batch of chai for participants and attendees alike. Applying the chai making process as a tangible analogy for 'Christian Transformation', he emphasised that intentional attention is an integral part of changing the way we see our relationship with God, and as a result, our behaviour as Seventh-day Adventists.

The Sabbath morning service saw Pr. Kevin exploring the idea of faith and fear. By sharing his most anxiety-infused experiences, he reminded the whole hall that it is our faith that aids us in our fearsome battle against unbelief

After a lunch of gourmet haystacks, the rally concluded with a relaxed workshop and Q&A session tailored towards finding God given gifts and using them to share the Gospel in a way that is natural us – whether it be music, sports, or tea.

Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, whether it be the Melbourne Adventist Youth Choir to the multitude of willing volunteers, 2022 VicYouth Rally had one of the biggest turnouts to date: **Over 500 people!**

It is clear how much these rallies mean to young Adventists. It is much more than an annual celebration of Youth Ministry. They are a platform to share what has been achieved and what is to come; a place to for already active groups to keep serving and sharing their stories.

Youth Rallies allow Adventist teenagers and young adults to meet with likeminded people and recognise that they are not alone in their Christian journey.

Only God knows the events of next year, but we can't wait to see what's in-store for 2023!

**Naomi Janmaat**

Victorian Conference Communications Coordinator



 **VicYouth**

# META— MOR— PHOSIS

YOUTH RALLY



# EXCHANGE PROGRAM GETS YOUTH EXCITED

The first Adventist Youth Exchange Event was hosted by Westpoint church on October 15, 2022. The exchange is a collaboration between Westpoint, Dandenong, Frankston, Hughesdale but it is open to anyone who wants to participate.

The leaders of the four churches initiated the program to solidify relationships and cultivate a culture of worship for all generations; however, since it is an AY program, praise and worship, icebreakers, and fellowship are predominantly led by the youth.

The goal is to encourage young people to serve, lead, establish new connections, and worship God in unity; so, afternoon AY Exchange events will be hosted every month on a rotating roster.

Highlights from the first program include improvised skits, call-and-response worship, and imaginative bible games. It was followed by a sumptuous dinner and a fun-filled social night!

Westpoint is grateful everyone who supported the AY exchange program despite the flooding circumstance. All glory to God!

**Eunice Dominguez**  
Westpoint Church

# POINT COOK HOSTS A HUNDRED GUESTS

Point Cook Community Church was pleasantly surprised when more than 100 guests accepted their invitation for a free dinner on October 1, 2022. Out of the 100, 70 were from the community.

The evening had Pastor Andrew Kapusi deliver a presentation on the modern-day scourge of depression and anxiety; he gave some practical advice from the health message, and also referred to scripture and the Christian life as an antidote for the anxiety-inducing lives we lead.

Members from church and community alike performed musical items.

Thanks to the many dedicated cooks in the kitchen (and the guests who brought a plate), an incredible amount of food was supplied, ensuring all stomachs were filled to satisfaction.

It was a very lively and enjoyable night with many positive connections made!

**Robert Bryson**

Point Cook Community Church



# JUMP ON THE COWCH!

A local church ministry (established July 2, 2022) has worked to hold two children-led divine services, two recreational events, and supported five early teens in their decision to dedicate their lives to God through baptism.

What is this ministry? Introducing, *Children of Westpoint Church Home*, or COWCH!

COWCH wants to our children and early teens to feel heard, so when shared they feel tired and sleepy on Sabbath mornings due to their weekday schooling, we created *Kid's Connect*. While adults have their preliminary Sabbath School, our *Kid's Connect* sessions run activities to stimulate socialisation, bonding, creativity.

Additionally, when they expressed their willingness to learn, we started up our afternoon Study Sessions. So, after lunch, you'll find us providing hands-on activities, bible exploration and reflection, based on the Junior PowerPoints Sabbath Lessons. If children cannot attend class physically, we have a Google Classroom with our lessons in PDF

form, and Google Meet/Zoom for them to attend class digitally.

COWCH recently ran two divine services, with our children leading praise and worship, and sharing sermonettes. One sermonette involved interviewing our youngest baptised members about their decision to get baptised, their experience post-baptism, and how our church community can support them in their ongoing spiritual journey with God.

To celebrate our children's ministerial success and efforts, COWCH held two recreational events. Flip-Out Derrimut, where our children jumped on trampolines and traversed obstacle courses, and Strike Highpoint, where our church community played bowling, karaoke, and laser tag. Post-event, a montage video is created to showcase the fun environment, atmosphere and memories.

Overall, COWCH is continually and dynamically evolving. COWCH's establishment phase was to trial the programs mentioned above. Now, we hope to scale up our outreach! Our children have expressed interest in ministering to children, the homeless, and the elderly locally around Maribyrnong, so watch this space...

We invite you to Westpoint Church to have the COWCH experience and support our growing ministry!

**Joshua Contaoi**

Westpoint Children's Ministry Leader



## OUR MISSION:

**Connect children to Jesus Christ, share our SDA values, enhance God-given gifts, and instil the Great Commission to soul win locally and beyond!**

# WHY IS JESUS TAKING SO LONG TO RETURN?

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Since I became a Christian in the wake of 9/11, I have heard many a saint from the pews comment on how they think the current world event is a “sign” that Jesus is “coming soon”. First, it was the death of John Paul II and the election of Benedict. Next, it was the Boxing Day Tsunami; and then it was the election of Obama; then the GFC; and, of course, most recently, it was COVID-19, with its lockdowns and vaccines mandates.

Now, don't get me wrong, I am a student of Bible prophecy. I can see foundations being laid that will ultimately fulfil the remaining prophecies of Revelation. But, I think many fundamentally miss the point of what Jesus was trying to communicate, not just during His three-and-a-half-year ministry, but also throughout the vision on Patmos.

During the recent regional here in Victoria, I was given the opportunity to share from the life and teachings of Jesus, and it was somewhat confronting because what Jesus taught requires a response from each one of us.

You see, the first recorded words of Jesus's public ministry read *'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel'* (Mark 1:15). With the theme of His teaching and preaching ministry being The Kingdom of God, we could talk about the Sermon on the Mount, we could talk about the subject of most of His parables; but instead, let's zoom in to the last week of His ministry – the week before Calvary.

While Jesus was walking with His disciples up the winding road to the Mount of Olives, the disciples asked questions that, even today, many of us are still asking: *'When will You return again, and when will the end of the world be? And what will be the sign?'*

Jesus answered their questions in 93 verses (you can read them in Matthew 24 & 25). He predicts the world's condition as time progresses; He speaks of war, earthquakes, famines, and disease. He speaks of religious deceptions and political persecutions. But *several* times Jesus is clear that although these things will be, they are not the end. Jesus even says these are just the beginning of sorrows.

However, in verse 14 of Matthew 24, Jesus gives a single sign that indicates when He will come. He says, *'and when this gospel (the good news) of the kingdom is preached to all the world as a witness to all nations, then the end shall come'*. For with Jesus, there is no justice in Him returning until every nation has received the testimony about the good news of the Kingdom of God.

The question this raises is: **What is the good news about the kingdom that Jesus expects to go to the entire world?**

For a 1st-century follower of Jesus, this language of the good news of the kingdom would have immediately brought to mind five key ideas or concepts. You see, Israel lived in anticipation of good news regarding the kingdom, even before Jesus walked the earth. For them, the kingdom messages meant the following:

1. The coming of the Promised King. After all, you can't have a kingdom without a king
2. This Promised King would rescue, redeem, and provide for his people
3. The Kingdom would be based on the rule of law. A constitution that brings freedom and justice for all citizens

4. The kingdom has a people, who have an identity
5. A kingdom is a place or territory.

These five ideas made up the desires and hopes of the people of Israel; they were the heart of the “kingdom message” which all of Israel lived hoping to see in their lifetime. Israel was waiting for this coming king to arrive and rescue and redeem them; to restore justice and re-establish them as God’s favoured people once again in the promised land.

*This* is the good news that Jesus desires and commands to go to all the world as a witness to all nations. He wants the world to know that the “Promised King has come” and that He has indeed come to “rescue and redeem His people”.

By establishing His holy law, He will again bring freedom and justice to this world. He is making up the subjects of His Kingdom, which is open to *‘whoever believes in Him’*; and finally, He wants all to know that He has gone to prepare a place for His subjects, so that in the end, the kingdoms of this world will pass as He establishes His everlasting Kingdom - the last Empire of Daniel chapter two!

So, what is taking so long? The Lord is not lazy concerning His promise but is long-suffering toward us; He doesn’t want anyone to perish, rather he wants *all* to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9). I am so glad Jesus didn’t answer the saint’s prayers 20 years ago and come back! Otherwise, I would have been lost. Instead, He was waiting for me to hear the good news about the Kingdom.

But now, this is where the rubber hits the road...

You see, Jesus, after His resurrection, informs His followers that they are to now go into all the world and teach all nations (Matt 28:19-2) and be a witness for Him to the uttermost parts of the world (Acts 1:9). He is waiting for us to be the angel messengers of Revelation 14, carrying the Gospel message of the Kingdom, to every nation, every family, every language. Is there someone you know who Jesus is waiting for you to share the good news of the Kingdom with?

As I shared at the regional, I am so thrilled to be a part of *Faith FM* because, as a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia, we exist to share this good news about the Kingdom of God with the people of Australia, and you can too!

We need your prayers that God will open the way for more broadcast locations and continued financial and volunteer support. You can also help get the word out by sharing the messages of hope that we air on *Faith FM* with your family, friends, neighbours, co-workers, and the rest of your social circle. You can share via the *Faith FM* app or website.

Become a digital missionary and help every Victorian hear the testimony that Jesus is the Promised King who has come to rescue and redeem us from the oppression of sin; that His Kingdom has a constitution that brings freedom and justice, and that He is looking for a people to be called His citizens, to dwell with Him in the place he has prepared for us... *And then the end will come!*

**Pr. Robbie Berghan**

Faith FM Content and Promotions Manager

# ADRA UPDATE

The last month has been very challenging for families who have lost their homes due to the Victorian floods. Seeing people's furniture stacked high on their nature strips in Rochester, while cleaning out their homes filled with mud, was heartbreaking.

No one should have to endure this trauma, but sadly we know that disasters will increase. While delivering to two relief/evacuation centres, a volunteer remarked "I moved from South Australia 16 months ago and sadly it took the floods to make me feel like I belonged in this community."

I then reflected... If every Adventist Church could open their doors more than one day a week to provide a volunteer run community service which supported a need, and/or disaster response, belonging would flourish.

Sarah, the manager of the Neighbourhood house at Echuca was isolated for 7 days due to the rising Murray River. When we arrived, both her cool room and pantry were empty. She had communication delays and was so thankful that we could deliver 5 pallets of stock. God knew that we needed to go to Echuca to support not only the evacuation centre but also Sarah.

Last week, hygiene kits were also delivered to Sarah from Wangaratta and Echuca Adventist churches. The team from Wangaratta also made 45 scones to share for morning team with the volunteers at the Neighbourhood house. Praise God that the churches in this region were already involved with ADRA, so that they could respond in a timely and effective manner during this flood crisis.

***Why should it take a disaster or a pagan festival like Halloween to bring the community together, to bring a sense of belonging? Let's change this!***

I know that this Sabbath there will be a baptism at the St Albans Croatian Church, due to church members who showed kindness and compassion by keeping in contact with a client, who then became an ADRA volunteer, who then wanted to know more about the church and the God who unconditionally loved him.

Let's be the church for the broken, and not wait for another disaster to provide a sense of community and belonging!

**Rebecca Auriant**  
ADRA Director

*“So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am also your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

*- Isaiah 41:10*



# ADVENTCARE

*AdventCare is a caring and well-respected Community based Aged Care Organisation that is guided by Christian values of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, catering for people from all backgrounds. We provide excellent care and outstanding services within a homely environment.*



## AdventCare Whitehorse

At our Whitehorse home we have a dedicated Memory Support Unit for specialised Dementia Care. Our home sits within beautiful natural bushland with our own bubbling creek. Stroll along our boardwalk and enjoy the scenery and tranquil sounds of birds and other wildlife. We are conveniently located within close proximity to Blackburn Lake, local cafés and major shopping centre and bus and on-site parking is available.

Enjoy a coffee, cake, or lunch in our new in-house café, book the private dining room for special family occasions or utilise our outdoor BBQ area.

## AdventCare Yarra Ranges

Our Yarra Ranges home is located in picturesque Warburton in the Yarra Ranges, minutes from local cafes and tourist attractions. Surrounded by abundant flora and fauna the Home backs onto the Yarra River and has direct access to the Yarra River Walk.

Residents have the choice of many activities organised on a weekly basis. There is always something happening, whether it is shopping trips, excursions to places of interest or clubs.



*With excellent care and outstanding service within a Christian environment, AdventCare is a place to truly be yourself and to call home!*

## Accommodations options we offer:

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- Residential Aged Care
- Respite Care
- Dementia Care
- Palliative Care

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# W E L C O M E T O

## CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Though it's sad to see team members go, we are excited to introduce the new faces are willing to serve and share their God-given talents with the Victorian Conference!

Learn more about our latest additions below!

### **PR. UILI 'WILLIE' MAUNGA**

#### **Head of Family and Children's Ministries**

Moving from Western Australia with his wife (Dayle) and two beautiful daughters (Haven and Eseta), Uili is excited to bring his experience to the east. After spending 18 years as a pastor, and 11 years as a Youth Director, for the WA conference, we are more than grateful to have him lead both Family and Children's Ministries here in Victoria!



### **PR. SEAN BERKELEY**

#### **Assistant Youth Ministries Director**

Sean is moving from South Queensland all the way down to Victoria to tackle the role of Assistant Youth Director. With 21 years of pastoral, chaplain, and youth director experience, we are excited for the enthusiasm he'll bring to the youth and young adults here in Victoria!

### **NAOMI JANMAAT**

#### **Communications Coordinator**

Taking on the position of Communications Coordinator is Naomi. She is excited to put her media degree to good use by sharing all the news and events that are happening all around Victoria as IntraVic's new Assistant Editor!



# THE FAMILY!

## BABY DEDICATIONS

Celebrating new life is a wonderful thing, but it's even more beautiful when parent's decide to dedicate their children to God.

Below is a list of some of the ceremonies that were sent in! A big congratulations to the families and the churches!



### **NINA GAGIC**

Dedicated on: June 11 2022

Dedicated by: Pr Manuel Tikulin

Dedicated at: Seddon SDA Church

Nina is the third child of Pastor Miroslav and Ana Gagic.

### **DANIEL STANKOVIC**

Dedicated on: January 11 2022

Dedicated by: Pr Miroslav Gagic

Dedicated at: Seddon SDA Church

Daniel is the second child of Darko and Suzanna Stankovic.



### **KRISTIЈAN SIBINCIC**

Dedicated on: July 9 2022

Dedicated by: Pr Miroslav Gagic

Dedicated at: Seddon SDA Church

Kristiajan is Ivan and Kathy Ann Sibincic's first child!



# UPCOMING

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# EVENTS



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*Romans 10:14*

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April 21	May 20
July 21	August 26
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A large graphic for 'SURVIVOR SUMMER CAMP 2023'. The logo is oval-shaped with a green border and contains a silhouette of a person sitting on a mountain peak under a yellow sun. Text around the logo includes 'OUT GIVE', 'OUT SERVE', 'OUT LOVE', and 'SUMMER CAMP'. Below the logo, the text 'SUMMER CAMPS 2023' is written in a large, white, curved font. At the bottom, there are three columns for age groups: 'GAP 16-18 YEARS 12-16 JAN', 'JUNIORS 10-12 YEARS 17-22 JAN', and 'TEENS 13-15 YEARS 24-29 JAN'. The background is a scenic view of a forested mountain range.

**SUMMER CAMPS 2023**

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SUMMER CAMP

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