

# RECORD



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## Avondale College students share God through music

*Cooranbong, NSW*

**S**ixty Avondale College students recently travelled north on a mission to share the good news through song. The Avondale Contemporary Choir and its seven-piece band visited several churches and schools in Brisbane during their five-day trip to Queensland.

Choir leader Danii Marsters, who is studying a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education at Avondale College, says the trip was enormously rewarding for all involved. "The choir is a very powerful ministry, not only for those we sing to, but also for the choir members themselves," she says. "These young people have a passion to share God and they are not afraid to do so. We believe that God is working in a powerful way and that there is an urgent need out there for the Word of God to be spread to the nations."

The choir visited Northpine Christian College, Brisbane Adventist College, Springwood and Kingscliff churches and Tweed Valley College, and also gave an impromptu performance at the Spanish Youth Congress being held on the Gold Coast. Tamma Dunne, Avondale's prospective student adviser for northern New South Wales and Queensland, travelled with the choir to each of their performances. She says the feedback from the schools and churches was very positive.

"We've already begun to receive inquiries for study at Avondale due to the choir's ministry. The enthusiasm the students put into each concert even after many early mornings and late nights was nothing less than a spiritual gift!" she said. "It was a real blessing to be a part of such a vibrant group sharing the good news"

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**PAU**  
*celebrates*  
*culture*

# Lights, camera, action . . .

I'm yet to meet an everyday person who rushes to place themselves in front of a camera feeling certain of their appearance and confident of eloquent speech. The task can be daunting for many reasons—you're having a bad hair day, you've forgotten your speech or you suddenly develop a voice that seems to screech with every word.

Being in front of the lens tends to make us feel self-conscious and vulnerable. The sound check is done, the bright lights are on: "Stand-by," and then those words ring in your ears—"Lights, camera, action . . ."

If you're an actor, you can quickly disassociate yourself from reality and slip into the world of make-believe. However, a real-life recording will reflect something about you, the issue or the organisation you represent. This type of communication can be dangerous. Suddenly your responsibility is magnified and future perceptions hang on every word and every move. Will the audience be compassionate or critical, and more importantly, will they believe you?

Life is full of interviews. Each time you connect with another person, you are recorded through their lens, being watched, assessed and rated. You may be tempted to step into the world of make-believe—pretending to be something you are not—at the risk of sending a mixed message. So, how do you present Jesus to the viewers in your community? Are you speaking about life, values and Christ in a believable way? Do you distance yourself from the inquiring public, make a few generalisations and hurriedly get on your way?

There are plenty of actors on the world stage. But true meaning is conveyed when the audience engages with the speaker and

the experience is relayed in honest, transparent conversation. Standard answers are common, but passionate communication is memorable.

## Scene 1

My mobile rang and I heard Susan's voice at the end of the phone. She was apologising for having to cancel our dinner appointment. We had only met a few weeks before at a marketing program. She was looking for friendship, so we invited her home for a meal.

The call was to say she couldn't come, but had to visit a close friend who had been abandoned by her husband that day and left with three children. Susan was angry and upset. Trying to make sense of it all, she asked me, "What is going on in the world? People are losing their senses. Every time you look at someone and think they've got their life together, they disappoint you."

I told her Jesus alone is the perfect role model. He accepts us and loves us constantly, even when those we are closest to let us down. She began to cry as I prayed for her and her friend over the phone.

## Scene 2

Robbie was at a business-skills seminar I was attending. We met over lunch. I mentioned *The Passion of The Christ* and Robbie, a passionate Pentecostal, became animated. As our conversation proceeded he informed Eric, a Catholic who was also lunching with us, that "Seventh-day Adventists have got it right. They worship on the right day."

I didn't need to say much because Robbie was doing all the witnessing, but I shared a little of my journey, what Jesus meant to me, and how I needed to

surrender to Him every day.

We went back to the seminar and in the afternoon tea-break Robbie found me again, asking what I thought about hell. It turned out that Robbie was looking for assurance and the truth about death. He said he wasn't a regular church attendee and was frightened about dying and wondered whether he would be saved. After assuring Him Jesus loved him, I began, "You know what it's like when you sleep. . . ."

## Everyday interviews

I'm humbled when I reflect on God's desire to use me to build His kingdom. It's the small interviews in everyday life that allow others to see Jesus through us. Ellen White says in *Christ's Object Lessons*, "The success of the gospel message does not depend upon learned speeches, eloquent testimonies, or deep arguments. It depends upon the simplicity of the message and its adaptation to the souls that are hungering for the bread of life" (page 231).

"Lights, camera, action . . ." isn't so frightening when you put Jesus in the picture. Jesus is the light, your testimony the lens and your actions will speak for themselves.

Who knows where the next interview will be—"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6).

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- *Fulton College receives flood damage*
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- *UK Adventist TV series broadcasts to the world*
- *Aussie Bible reaches 100,000*
- *and more*

—Compiled by Scott Wegener—

● Rain poured from the middle of the night, and continued unabated until midday, causing **flood damage to Fulton College**, Fiji, on June 4. The college exam program was affected as some of the day students could not get to the college through rising floodwaters. Old-time residents of nearby Korovou say this was the most severe flooding in their lifetime. The town had a new river flowing through it (and through the shops) and in the process it collected all the town's refuse bins and **strewed rubbish through the college** food gardens nearby. In the process it damaged much of the college tapioca patch, and some of the taro garden, both submerged under two metres of rushing water.—*Beverly Chapman*

● A **Women's Ministries Leadership** certification program was conducted for the Victorian Conference by South Pacific Division Women's Ministries director **Joy Butler** at Lyrebird Park, Yellingbo, Vic, on May 14-16. Some **63 women** spent time sharing ideas and giving encouragement to one another and attended sessions on topics such as mentoring in Jesus, the importance of the invisible, communication and conflict, a woman of worth and others. **Danijela Trajkov**, Women's Ministries coordinator for the Victorian Conference, says, "The weekend provided



necessary for recharging our 'spiritual batteries' and for being uplifted to serve our Lord in the church."

## Team success at cross-country

Five students from Henderson College, Vic, entered the Sunraysia Primary Schools Association Cross-Country Championship on May 25. While it was the first time Henderson College was able



enter students in this local competition, the final result showed their highest student placing was attained by Montague Horsfall (pictured middle), finishing in 12th position out of 165 competitors.

"The real surprise came when the boys learned that they had won the Small Schools Boys Team Event," says teacher Di Obst. "Their success has pumped a new lease of life into the primary sports program."

The team members who won the category were grade five students Luke Hopkins (pictured second from right) and Joshua Whitelaw (left), and grade six students Thomas Hancock (right), Joel Ferry (second from left) and Montague Horsfall.

● Local parliamentarian **Mark Vaile**, Australian Minister for Trade and Deputy Leader of The Nationals (pictured centre), opened a new block of three classrooms at **Port Macquarie Adventist School**, NSW, on May 28. School captains **Latasha Rosendahl** (left) and **Jacob Ross** (right) assisted Mr Vaile in cutting the ribbon.



North NSW Conference president **John Lang** and education director **Peter Michalski**. Mr Vaile congratulated Port Macquarie Adventist School and its community in establishing the best possible facilities for its students.

Highlighting the school's musical focus, the school band played two items for the occasion. Also in attendance was the Deputy Mayor of Hastings Shire, **Bob Sharpham**,

● The number of students boarding at **Lilydale Adventist Academy (LAA)** has **grown by 50 per cent** since the start of the school year. Bruce Wareham, boarding house parent, is excited with the growth. "We have been invited into communities to explain our successful boarding program," says Mr Wareham. "While we understand that home is the best place for young people, the family atmosphere, spiritual nurture and students mixing with those of like faith is a benefit to those attending."—*David Jones*



● Several items that were urgently required but unaffordable for **Solomon Islands dentist Dr Onity Sarue** have now been donated, delivered and set up free of charge. Dr **Doug Easthope**, who helped Dr Sarue find a required 12-month dental job in Australia after he had completing his dental degree at Suva, Fiji, found a Sydney dental firm willing to donate a new dental unit that had been used only for demonstrations. The firm was also willing to send a mechanic to set it up at Dr Sarue's practice and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency offered to pay for the delivery. "Onity now has a **new dental unit and chair** worth many thousands of dollars (pictured) and he can go on for his lifetime giving good dental service to the Solomon Island people," says Dr Easthope. "Thanks be to God."



● A two-week “**relational**” **television series**, by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is reaching people around the world via satellite with an “experiential” presentation of the gospel message. This is the first time the Adventist Church in the Trans-European Division has used television media as a means of reaching out to an unchurched audience. Though the main audience for the “Evidence” series was in the United Kingdom where it was viewed in more than **1000 Adventist homes**, viewers picked up the satellite feed around the world. A woman living in an isolated village in Iceland called the

## Students assist in bush regeneration

Avondale College’s Outdoor Recreation students got up close and personal with the great outdoors recently when they participated in a weeding and path-building project in the Watagans. The group of about 10 students and two staff members joined National Parks and Wildlife rangers in weeding a huge section of pest plants from the Monkeyface walking track and laying steps to channel run-off away from the track.



Ranger Jeff

Johnston said he was delighted to see so many students pitching in on such important bush-regeneration tasks.

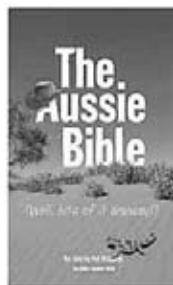
Outdoor recreation lecturer Peter Vaughan said the day had been a great success. “The students worked side by side with four rangers and removed weeds from an enormous section of bush near the pathway,” he said.

“We were so quick that we actually ran out of materials to make steps because they didn’t think we’d work so fast. Hopefully we’ll keep working with the National Parks and Wildlife Service on future projects like this. It’s a great opportunity for our students to provide a great service to the community.”—*Heather Potter*

president of the Iceland Conference, saying, “I’ve been watching your program and I want to join your church.” **Dwight Nelson**, pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and **Gillian Joseph**, a veteran BBC television and radio news presenter, were the joint hosts for the series.—*ANN*

● The book **Passion of the Ages**, a reprint of the last 14 chapters of *The Desire of Ages*, was **distributed at screenings of The Passion of The Christ** in California recently. **Brenda Hill**, a member of the Oakland-Immanuel Temple church, organised 200 copies to be distributed in cinemas. “I thought people would be open to reading a book about Christ if they were opened to seeing a movie about him,” says Mrs Hill. “Within 15 minutes I had distributed all of my books. I’ve never experienced literature distribution where people were almost running up to get a book.”—*Recorder*

● **The Aussie Bible (Well, bits of it anyway!)**, written by Kel Richards and published by the Bible Society NSW, has reached **100,000 copies** since its release in August 2003 (Newsfront September 27). The book retells Jesus’ life from the New Testament in chronological order using the Aussie idiom, making the ‘good Samaritan’ become a story of ‘a good bloke,’ and the feeding of the five thousand turns into ‘a gigantic picnic.’ Bible Society NSW communication manager Martin Johnson says, “Every day we hear stories of how people are using the book to introduce their non-Christians friends to the person of Jesus Christ.” Author Kel Richards says, “**Well, stone the crows!** Who’d a thought it? It’s good news so many Aussies want to read good news. And some of them might go further, and join the Jesus fan club. That would be better than a poke in the eye with a burnt stick!”—*ACC*



## Days and offerings

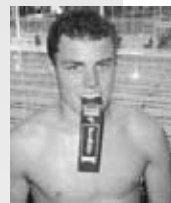
**July 10**—World Mission Budget Offering

**July 17**—Bible Sabbath (Bible Society)

Day

## Off the record

● Several **Adventist swimmers** have been successful of late. Twins **Brenten** (pictured top) and **Kendal** (middle) **Judd** won a first placing each in the Eastern Independent Schools of Melbourne swimming carnival. These were the maiden first placings for their school, Nunawading Adventist College, the smallest school represented at the meet. **Robert Rafael** (below), a Year 6 student at Mountain View Adventist College, Sydney, won two gold medals for the NSW team at the School Sport Australia National Swimming Championships held in Brisbane, May 23–28. Also representing NSW on the day, **Hayden Jackson** (Off the record, May 1) won several gold medals. “It’s satisfying to see Seventh-day Adventists win gold medals at a national level,” says Robert’s mother, Esther.



● You’ve heard of people who meet **chatting on the Internet** and end up marrying. Well, **Krystle Schodde** is now a **baptised** member after **Glen Camps** invited her to attend church during a chat session on the Internet. Refusing at first, she later changed her mind and after attending church for several months was baptised by Pastor **Frank Pearce** the day before her 21st birthday. Krystle is now employed at the Brisbane Adventist College Kindergarten and Child Care Centre as a group leader.

● What started out as a couple of **Fremantle, WA, mums** meeting for lunch has turned into a weekly **community playgroup**. “The kids absolutely love it,” says co-leader Annette Flynn. “Some start crying when it’s time to go because they don’t want to leave.”—*NewsWest*

# PAU celebrates cultural diversity

Port Moresby, PNG



PAU students in cultural dress.

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) recently dedicated a week to culture. All cultural groups represented on campus—from America to New Zealand—turned the library into a mini-museum with their displays of cultural artefacts.

Both national newspapers featured an article on PAU's cultural week and EMTV, the national television station, featured it as a short documentary on their "Insait" program.

The cultural week has become an annual event. Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to display their cultural dress and artefacts and participate in the morning and evening worship services addressing the preservation of positive cultural norms and practices, which are similar to Christianity.

The managing director for Investment Promotion Authority, Ivan Pomaleu, along with the executive director for the National Cultural Commission, Dr Jacob Simet, addressed the general assembly in the chapel period. To assist with the cultural week, the chief executive officer for the Tourism Promotion Authority (TPA), Peter Vincent, presented a cheque to the

organising committee for K1000 on behalf of the Minister for Culture and Tourism.

The group also expressed this may be an opportune time to liaise with TPA and the Cultural Commission to set up an international cultural centre at PAU for educational purposes.—**Laurel Rikis**



Cultural carvings.

# Training weekend aims for MAXimum benefit

Dakabin, Qld

More than 300 people gathered at Watson Park Convention Centre, Qld, for the South Queensland Conference's Maxi Training Weekend, May 1-3. It was the first long-weekend training program for the conference (other than annual camp), with most departments offering various training workshops at the one venue at the one time.

It was believed that holding many individual seminars throughout the year was detrimental to the wellbeing of local churches. So Maxi Training was devised to reduce the time individuals would be away from their local churches.

Various speakers and presenters from the local conference, union and division shared their expertise. Pastor Laurie Evans, South Pacific Division president, was the plenary speaker and cast a vision for the future of the church.

Participants attended workshops and forums on Adventist involvement in social issues, or discussion on issues relating to Ellen White.

Twenty other workshops were presented including making news, communication, preaching relevant sermons, photography, video evangelism, vibrant Sabbath schools, vegetarian nutrition, video ministry, women's ministry, youth leadership and STORM Co. Plenary sessions contributed



Colin Wilson

Heather Cox (left) and Desley Denaro discuss photo composition and technique at the photography workshop held as part of South Queensland Conference's Maxi Training event.

to healthy discussion about the history, the present and future direction of the Adventist Church.

According to conference president Dr Neil Watts, the program involved a good mix of worship, fellowship, learning new skills and inspiration. Some comments by participants included, "Thank you for the opportunity and privilege of learning."

Carol Boston of Maryborough says: "Raymond and I both thought the workshops were very informative. So, when is the next one? We need to encourage more people to come as a means of improving our churches and our relationship within the church, and most of all our relationship with God."—

**Richard Smetheram**

# Orphans to benefit from new ADRA centre

Children and teenagers with special needs—orphans, those with limited abilities and the underprivileged—will benefit from a new community centre established at the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) warehouse compound in the Qyteti i Nxenesve district of Tirana, Albania.

Activities at the centre include English and computer courses; on-site education and health assistance; referrals; recreational activities; informal discussion groups and community-focused activities, as well as an information service. ADRA is partnering with the Tirana Municipality in this project.—**ANN**



ADRA-Albania will help special-needs children at their new centre.

# Canadian Adventists wary as “hate speech” defined to include sermons

Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

Seventh-day Adventists in Canada are casting a wary eye on their sermon notes and publications in light of the recent enactment of Canadian Bill C-250, which adds “sexual orientation” to a list of “hate crimes” for which perpetrators can be charged with an “indictable offence,” equal to a felony in the United States.

Under the amendment to the law, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada said sexual orientation is added to the prohibited grounds for “advocating genocide,” or advocating or promoting genocide; “public incitement of hatred,” which is defined as communicating statements in a public place that incite hatred; and the “willful promotion of hatred,” which the Canadian law defines as communicating statements, other than in private conversation, that willfully promote hatred against any identifiable group.

According to the Evangelical Fellowship, “a ‘public place’ is defined as ‘any place to which the public have access as of right or by invitation, express or implied,’” which presumably would include most churches.

Pastor Barry Bussey, legal and public affairs director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, says Adventist pastors will have to carefully watch future developments. “It’s a wait-and-see attitude right now,” he says. “We don’t know how a court will basically deal with adding ‘sexual orientation’ in the hate crimes section of the Criminal Code. All we can do is look at hints in recent court decisions.”

Those hints aren’t overly promising: In December of 2002, the Saskatchewan Court of Queen’s Bench ruled against a Christian who printed a newspaper advertisement objecting to homosexual conduct and citing references to Bible verses proclaiming severe penalties for such conduct. They rule this as spreading

“hate.” Justice Ronald Barclay, in an opinion, stated: “The use of the circle and the slash combined with the passages of the Bible herein make the meaning of the advertisement unmistakable. It is clear that the advertisement is intended to make the group depicted appear to be inferior or not wanted at best.”

About 18 months earlier, in May 2001, the Supreme Court of Canada said graduates of an evangelical teacher’s college could hold a view opposing homosexual conduct and be licensed as teachers; but in the exercise of their beliefs they must not discriminate against homosexuals.

“I think we have to follow the scriptural adage, ‘be wise as serpents and harmless as doves,’” Pastor Bussey says. “We continue to live our lives as Christians and we let the chips fall where they may. When we have to speak out, we need to speak out, obviously very carefully and wisely and with concern for our fellow man.”

He says the church would defend its own pastors—and support cases on pastors from other denominations—brought up on

charges under the new statute. At the same time, he noted that the hate crimes legislation does have some protection. For example, the attorney-general has to approve prosecutions, and there is an exemption for those who in “good faith” “expressed or attempted to establish by argument an opinion on a religious subject.

“However, it only takes one person to make a complaint, and only one police officer to lay a charge against a clergy member,” notes Dr Janet Epp Buckingham, general legal counsel for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. “I will say that in past cases, the court has set the standard pretty high. You have to say something that demonises people in the group that advocates violence against them, that would encourage people to be violent,” she adds.

Dr Buckingham says it will be important for all pastors to weigh their words as this new law takes effect. “Bill C-250 makes it clear that pastors need to think about the effects of what they say, before they say it. Now, I would argue that pastors should do that anyway, but this imposes an additional obligation on them,” she says.—**Mark Kellner/ANN**



Pastor Barry Bussey.

## Repeal of anti-conversion law applauded

Hosur, Tamil Nadu, India

Members and leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu applauded the withdrawal of an “anti-conversion” ordinance that slowed, but did not stop, Adventist Church membership growth.

The bill, passed in 2002, made it a crime to either force someone to change their religion or to offer “incentives” to do so. While Christians, Muslims and other minority religions agreed that forcible conversion is ethically wrong, they said the ordinance could result in accusations of “inducements” that were never offered.

The legislation’s fall was due to the defeat, in national elections, of the same party to which Chief Minister Jayalithaa Jayaram belongs. Sensing a change in the national mood toward secularism, Mrs Jayaram said she would have the bill overturned, declaring that her government “has always been the strongest champion of the rights and welfare of every minority community, be it Christians, Muslims or others,” according to a report in *The Hindu* national newspaper.—**ANN**

# LE contact now a pastor

Waitara, NSW

The family purchase of some books from a literature evangelist (LE) led to an awakening interest in the Bible and spiritual things in a young Kevin Brown. In adulthood, after investigating other beliefs, he had studies with Pastor Noel Smith and later with Pastor Des Dunn, who baptised him in 1987.

On March 27 Pastor Brown was ordained in a service at Waitara church, NSW. Among those involved in the ordination were the Greater Sydney Conference's president, Pastor David Blanch, secretary Pastor Bob Manners and ministerial secretary Pastor Peter Joseit. Some 300 people attended, including most of Pastor Brown's family, who are not associated with the Adventist Church.

"My entrance into ministry was a gradual process, from local church involvement to LE work, to full-time pastoral ministry," says Pastor Brown. "Over several years I received encouragement from a number of people including

administration, field pastors and lay members. When my wife, Barbara, also began to encourage me, I gave in to the pressure."



Barbara and Kevin Brown.

After graduating from Avondale College, Pastor and Mrs Brown have served at Campbelltown and Tahmoo churches (1999), Waitara (2000-02), and Dee Why Tongan, Manly and Mona Vale (2003-04).

They have four adult children, three grandchildren and two toy poodles.

"In hindsight I can see that God has been leading us in many wonderful ways," says Pastor Brown. "I have no doubt now that I've been called into service by God to help proclaim the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12."—**Intrasyd/Kellie Hancock**

# Called to ministry at a youth congress

Galston, NSW

At a youth congress for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference during the summer of 1992-93 in Christchurch, NZ, the speaker challenged young people to make new goals for God and serve Him. Cheonneth Strickland prayed, "Lord, if ministry is what you want me to do, show me."

He walked out of the program back to the coffee shop and an Australian asked him, "What's your name? Where are you from? Are you a minister in Auckland?" When he got to coffee shop, he put his Bible down in front of some young people and one of them said, "Here's the pastor."

While studying theology at Avondale College, Pastor Strickland met his future wife, Nicole Hayes. They graduated together in 1997 and were married in 1998. They have two



The Strickland family at the ordination service.

children, Zach, two-and-a-half, and Savannah, four months.

Pastor Gilbert Cangy, director of Youth Ministries for the South Pacific Division, ordained Pastor Strickland at Galston church, NSW, on April 3. Pastor Cangy also dedicated Savannah during the service, continuing a family tradition since he dedicated Zach, and married Pastor and Mrs Strickland.

After graduation from Avondale College, Pastor Strickland worked in credit management at Qantas for a year before accepting a call to be the associate director of Youth Ministries for the Greater Sydney Conference (1999-2002). Since that time he has served as minister at the Ashfield church and chaplain at Mountain View Adventist College.

"I enjoy connecting people with Jesus and making a difference in people's lives," says Pastor Strickland.—**Intrasyd/Kellie Hancock**

# Avondale College students share God through music

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"There was such a variety of students from different disciplines," adds Mrs Dunne. "They were able to share their talents not only through music, but through art, drama and the spoken word."

Band director Michelle Gibbs says it was a testament to the dedication of the choir members that they each gave their time and money to be a part of the tour. "Our mission statement, 'One Purpose, One Passion, One Voice, One God,' is what we believe God has placed in our hearts.

"No matter where we have come from, what we have done, how well we can sing or play, or where we are in our spiritual journey, we all have something in



The choir's mission statement, "One Purpose, One Passion, One Voice, One God," is printed on the back of their T-shirts and embedded in their hearts.

common, and that is to worship God with one purpose, one passion and one voice," she concludes.

The Avondale Contemporary Choir has been running intermittently for approximately seven years, but has only recently begun touring interstate.

Further tours are planned and the choir continues to be a vibrant part of the spiritual dimension of life on the college campus.—**Heather Potter**

For more information on the Contemporary Choir phone Michelle Gibbs on 0411 032 928 or email <contemporary\_choir@hotmail.com>.

Rick Dunne

# Building bridges of hope

by Brenton Stacey and Bronwyn Mison

What does the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Communication Department do? Apparently, it is a recurring question. While a restructure in 2000 led to a reduction in the number of staff budgets at the church's head office, the Communication Department grew by three-and-a-half budgets. Who are the people behind the budgets, what do they do, and how can they help you?

The Communication Department is director Bronwyn Mison, news correspondent Brenton Stacey, public relations assistant Adam Sparke, electronic media assistant Jeanelle Isaacs and departmental assistant Rachel Jerrard. Associate director Bruna Tawake is on maternity leave.

"Our priority is to share our hope in Jesus Christ," says Mrs Mison. "While many large organisations focus on communication, our message can transform lives. Building bridges of hope is about finding new ways to share Jesus in a modern setting. That may mean using the media and the Internet, printing materials, preaching sermons or presenting training seminars. Whatever the method, it must be focused on Christ."

## Electronic media

Miss Isaacs is upgrading the church's web site to give Adventists in the South Pacific a unified voice. The site, at [www.adventist.org.au](http://www.adventist.org.au), is not only for the church's head office, but for its unions and conferences as well. The department designed the site using a common database, which allows staff members to create their own content, even away from their offices. "And staff members don't need to understand HTML or JavaScript," says Miss Isaacs.

"Unions and conferences can freely use the same address and design, and can choose to share the same content."

And it seems church members are also

turning to the web site to find their next job. The "Employment" module and "Human Resources" category are receiving the highest number of hits of any of the pages on the site.

Peter Wrانkmore, the church's recruitment promotions officer, says the web site is vital. "It is 'the place' to advertise job vacancies, and it is the pathway to our new employee resource, the employment recruitment database."

The Communication Department receives hundreds of emails a year through the web site. Most of those who email are asking for information about a local church or a church member, about an article they remember reading in *RECORD*, about where they can download Sabbath school lessons, about studying at Avondale College or about volunteering. Some email to add names to the church's prayer list, or to ask about counselling services and Bible studies.

## Adventist News Network

The Communication Department is part of the worldwide church's Adventist News Network. It writes three news articles a week and posts these articles to the web site. It finds the articles in *RECORD*, in *Adventist Review* and in local church newsletters.

"I've been the editor of a local church

newsletter," says Mr Stacey. "It's often a challenge finding content to fill all those column centimetres. Adventist News Network is our way of helping meet that challenge."

The department encourages church members to reproduce the articles, requesting only that an "Adventist News Network" credit accompany the articles in print.

## Branding and identity

A key word around the Communication Department is *branding*. "Brand is more than a logo. It's about belief in your product, passionate employees and satisfied customers," says Mrs Mison. "Our vision is to know, experience and share our hope in Jesus Christ, but our customers don't always experience this. Brand is about communicating your message, values and vision in a positive way. Adventists are to reflect Christ if they are to fulfil their mission."

The department encourages the church and its members to make better use of the church logo. "The church offers so many products and services, but they aren't always identified as 'Seventh-day Adventist,'" says Mrs Mison. "Be proud of what the Seventh-day Adventist Church name represents."

The department supplies the logo

## Sharing *daVision*

Staff newsletters come in all shapes and sizes, and many of them in print. However, the newsletter for the head office of the church in the South Pacific does not only have a strange name—*daVision*—but is not even in hard copy: the Communication Department emails it to staff members every month.

"The staff members asked us to distribute the newsletter electronically because many of them, especially departmental directors who travel throughout the South Pacific, work away from the office," says Mr Stacey.

The name of the newsletter came from Mr Sparke. "It's a play on the word *division*, and it's a gentle reminder of our vision."

"*daVision* is the approved grapevine," says Cathy Kingston, a departmental assistant. "It's the link to the lighter side of office life."



artwork for signage, stationery and bulletins.

Communication team members present training seminars at camp-meetings. "I really enjoyed the seminars," says Christine Miles, a member of the Adventist church in Papatoetoe, New Zealand. "They reinforced the importance of helping members of the community locate an Adventist church." Ms Miles says the seminars also helped build confidence in the church. "Papatoetoe is running a kid's club at a local primary school, and no-one seems fussed about whether it is Adventist or not. We don't have to be ashamed of who we are."

### Public relations

The Communication Department again played a prominent role in the production of the Bible Society's Celebration of Word and Song. Representatives from the department sit on the organising committee.

Participating in the program and in other events such as the annual Christian Resources Exhibition at Olympic Park in Sydney continues to help break down barriers, says Mr Sparke. "You wouldn't believe the number of people who visit our display stands and say, 'I didn't know Adventists were Christians.'"

Staff members at the division office and in some conferences are reinforcing this message every time they put telephone callers on hold. The department has produced on-hold messages that give information about who Adventists are and what services the church offers to members of the community.

Melissa Savage is using the messages to help in her role. She is the office administrator for the church in South New Zealand. "I work in a small office with few staff members, so the Communication Department has been an invaluable source of encouragement and support. But what I value most is that members of the department talk to me personally about how things are going and how they can help."

### Media relations

Knowing about Jesus and experiencing Him in our lives is great, but as the church's vision statement implies, it is only two-

thirds of the equation. We must share our hope. And this is what the Communication Department has been helping church members do over the past three years.

The department has written media releases for many local churches that are reaching out into their communities. Local newspapers published more than 60 per cent of these releases last year.

"The publicity has been a blessing," says Chris Manthey, minister of the Armidale church (NSW). Pastor Manthey has established a little league that is building self-esteem among children in the town. The *Armidale Express* published the department's release as the lead story in its March 24 edition. "The most kids we had at little league before the newspaper published the article was 24. This past Sunday we had 36."

The editor of the newspaper even visited Pastor Manthey to collect photographs. "He described the story as 'feel-good,'" says Pastor Manthey. "And that's important because it shows Adventists as being normal people. You know, 'We like sport, too.'"

### Communicators' breakfasts

Food has an amazing power to bring people together, even at 7.30 in the morning. Four times a year, a group of church communicators meet to build stronger relationships and to share information.

The Communicators' Breakfast is an initiative of the Communication Department. The breakfast brings together editors, general managers, lecturers, marketers, production managers and public relators from the church's entities and institutions.

"The breakfast gives a broad view of what the church is doing to reach out into the community," says Dr Allen Steele of Avondale College. Dr Steele is the assistant to the college president for advancement. "The networking is important."

### Resources

The new Adventist News is here. The 30-minute program, produced for local

churches by the Communication Department, now features stories of Adventists reaching out into their communities. "We're still covering the news, but from a mission perspective," says Mr Stacey.

The program is now also available on DVD and features shorter, self-contained stories.

"Thank you for all that you do to bring Adventist News to the church family," writes Jessie Hall from the Rossmoyne



church (Western Australia). "We find it encouraging and enlightening, also uplifting."

The department also produces printed materials including a brochure promoting the church and its services, leaflets explaining the church's position on social issues, and a welcome pack for new church members. Contact Mrs Jerrard to order any of the resources.

"Our desire is to encourage every church member to make the vision statement their own," says Mrs Mison. ☪

*Brenton Stacey is news correspondent and Bronwyn Mison is director of communication and public relations for the South Pacific Division, based in Wahroonga, New South Wales.*

# Stewards of creation

by Ken Marsh

A recent CSIRO report anticipates average temperatures will increase six degrees over the next seven decades. As a consequence Perth, capital of Western Australia, may be uninhabitable by the year 2070. Within this same period one-quarter of species now living may disappear. While the science of climate change is still debated, we cannot escape the evidence that human activity is degrading the planet. Deforestation, air and water pollution, growing problems with waste disposal, soil salinity, loss of topsoil and the depletion of fish stock are just some of the problems we face.

But Christians are promised a “new heaven and a new earth” (2 Peter 3:13\*; see also Revelation 21:1)—on “the day of the Lord . . . the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare” (2 Peter 3:10). If the current order is to disappear, is any involvement in environmental issues and action on its behalf a distraction from our core mission? Or, paradoxically, are mission and earth-care intimately linked?

## The creative will of God

The creation, as God spoke it into being, was an expression of His eternal will that the earth teem with myriad life forms. Eleven times we read in Genesis 1 the words “Let there be . . .” or similar. The Contemporary English Version reads, “I command. . .” Through Isaiah God says “he did not create it [the earth] to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited” (Isaiah 45:18).

Humankind was formed from the same ground as the “beasts of the field and all the birds of the air” (Genesis 2:7, 19). We were created an integral part of this creation “to work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15). Our origins are intimately linked to this planet. It provides our life-support systems—environmental destruction is ultimately self-destruction. And we look



forward to the earth made new (Revelation 21:1). Our past, present and future are all linked to this planet.

## World gone wrong

But as a consequence of sin, the earth was cursed, evidenced by “thorns and thistles” (Genesis 3:17, 18). Isaiah (7:23-25) and Jeremiah (12:13) also associate thorns with sin. Throughout the Old Testament the state of the land reflects the people’s spiritual condition. Sin, including bloodshed (Numbers 35:33), improper sexual conduct (Leviticus 18:1-27) and idolatry (Jeremiah 3:9) defiles—or pollutes—the land. Fair treatment of the poor and the marginalised was a significant element of the Mosaic covenant. Faithfulness to it would bring material prosperity (Leviticus 26:1-13; Deuteronomy 28:1-14). The impact of sin would so affect the physical environment that it would cease providing life’s basic essentials (Leviticus 26:19, 20; Deuteronomy 28:22-24; 2 Chronicles 6:26, 28; 7:13).

In words that reflect the state of the world today the prophet Hosea declared to Israel: “There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgement of God in the land.

There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Because of this the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying” (4:1-3).

Isaiah has a similar message, this time in a global context. In chapters 13 to 23 he pronounces God’s judgments on Israel’s neighbours. As a consequence of sin: “The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore the earth’s inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left” (24:4-6).

The same social conditions God condemned through the Old Testament prophets still exist: indifference to the plight of the poor, exploitation of the weak and the accumulation of wealth and power in the hands of a minority. Short-term economic objectives and the pursuit of ever-increasing standards of living evidenced by the accumulation of material possessions is placing severe strain on the ability of Planet Earth to support its inhabitants. Paul describes a suffering creation looking forward to the time it “will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God” (Romans 8:19-22). Christ came not only to restore God’s image in humanity, but to redeem the creation that had been lost by Adam’s sin (Ephesians 1:10; Colossians 1:20).

## The struggle for our world

Central to the book of Revelation is the universal struggle between good and evil. Through his two agents, the sea beast and the earth beast, the dragon exercises his



Angela Brown

usurped authority over the earth (Revelation 13:1-17). Against this background an angel is seen “flying in mid-air” calling on the people of earth, “Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water” (Revelation 14:7). This angel is followed by another who proclaims the fall of Babylon (verse 8). God’s people are later called out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4), “The woman ... that rules over the kings of the earth” (Revelation 17:5, 18).

Jeremiah described Babylon as a land of idols (50:2); an arrogant, oppressive power that defied God (50:16, 29-33); one that practiced violence and bloodshed (51:35). Ezekiel describes her as “a land of merchants” (16:29), a “city of traders” (17:4) and “the most ruthless of nations” (30:11). Babylon is destructive of all creation. She is condemned for her destruction of lands and animals (Habakkuk 2:17); a “destroying mountain” that “destroys the whole earth” (Jeremiah 51:25). “Even the pine trees and the cedars of Lebanon” rejoice at her destruction (Isaiah 14:8).

True worship acknowledges God’s power and authority based on His acts of creation and redemption. Before He can recreate the harmony that existed between humanity


and the creation in Eden, He must first restore in us His image and likeness. To complete the work of redemption God must first destroy those who, by their continued rebellion against the principles of justice and compassion contained in His law, have destroyed the creation (Revelation 11:19).

### Worshipping the Creator

True worshippers stand in sharp contrast to those who remain loyal to the destructive ways of Babylon. How would we respond if vandals destroyed the Mona Lisa or some other great work of art? How would we feel if something we had worked hard to create that gave us a deep sense of satisfaction was needlessly destroyed? How can we sit idly by while the greatest piece of artwork ever created is ruthlessly destroyed?

True worshippers find security in their Creator and self-worth in His sacrifice, not in the accumulation of wealth, possessions or power. When we pray “Our Father” (Matthew 6:9) we acknowledge the shared ancestry of all humanity. God’s gift of creation was meant for all His children. Paul likened the church to a body. When one part suffers, we all suffer (1 Corinthians 12:26). Calvary shows God’s

concern for all of suffering humanity—a concern shared by His worshippers.

Calvary frees us to serve in the knowledge that God will provide for our needs (Matthew 6:33; Luke 12:31-34). Freed from the necessity to accumulate, we can practise generosity and simplicity of living. A lifestyle that is ecologically sustainable will preserve the treasures of creation for future generations and safeguard human wellbeing by ensuring all humanity have equal opportunity to share in creation’s bounties. And when we are seen as responsible stewards of creation, the world may take us more seriously when we invite them to worship the Creator. 

*\* Unless indicated otherwise, all quotations are from the New International Version.*

*“Stewardship—It’s a lifestyle.” This is the third in a series of articles highlighting the importance of stewardship as it impacts on many aspects of our lives.*

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# Certified

by Ian Cole

It seems everywhere we look these days, people are keen to become famous or, at least, keen to gain some recognition. There seems to be no shortage of people who put themselves forward in the numerous television shows that allow people, sometimes of limited ability, to be thrust into others' lounge rooms to become household names. Shows like *Survivor*, *Big Brother* and *Pop Stars* provide opportunities for people to receive the recognition they believe they deserve.

But of course the desire for recognition is instilled from an early age. Ask almost any school student his or her dream and Hollywood or playing sport at an elite level will probably appear somewhere. But as life goes on, we realise that not all hopes and dreams can be fulfilled. For most of us, instant fame and recognition will not happen.

However the desire for recognition remains, no matter how small or trivial it may be. Presently we seem to have a society gone overboard in our desire for recognition that may have eluded us on a grander scale. For example, at school and in other pursuits of the young, special achievements were recognised in the past with prizes and certificates. That still is the case, but in many areas now, kids get certificates just for doing what they are meant to be doing. In school competitions, Little Athletics, in playgroups, in youth groups, in hockey teams—everyone gets a certificate just for being there.

Formerly in the workplace, people used to get on with their jobs where the reward was either satisfaction or pay—or even both. Things have changed there, too. Many workplaces have now started to issue certificates to their best workers for the week or the month or whatever. And it's catching. Teachers now receive awards for their teaching, judged by their peers. Emergency car-breakdown services in



some states now run competitions for clients to nominate their most helpful service person. And in other areas, workers now get certificates simply for attending courses or seminars.

It seems recognition is the current catchcry. It is something we must all clamour for, we are told. Our achievements must be celebrated; we must let the world

know we are worthwhile.

However those presently going through life, gaining satisfaction from public and private achievements and not requiring satisfaction from the accumulation of certificates, will be heartened by the 2000-year-old story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). The story focuses for just a moment on a poor widow who made a donation to the church of half a farthing (a mite), totally unnoticed and without any desire for recognition. Other richer and more upwardly mobile persons of the time gave much larger amounts, drawing plenty of attention to themselves as they did so. But the widow for her quiet actions and her desire for non-recognition received praise from only one person—a certain Carpenter from Nazareth.

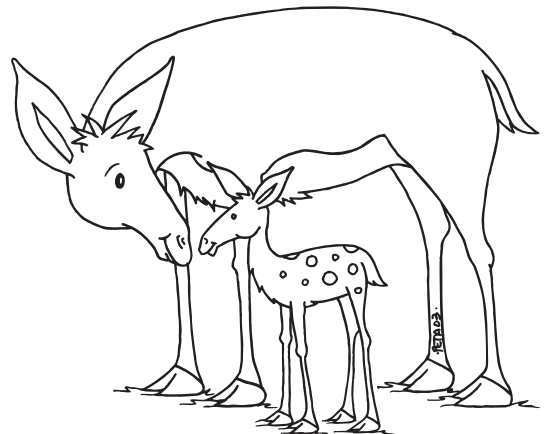
Certificates of recognition can open doors for many people these days. But based on this story, we are reminded that a collection of certificates won't be required later, in order to step through the the pearly gates of heaven. ®

*Ian Cole writes from Granton, Tasmania.*

## Just for children

**"Get wisdom!  
Get understanding!  
Do not forget,  
nor turn away  
from the  
words of my  
mouth."**

**Proverbs 4:5**



Peta Taylor

## Cart and horse

K J M Beauchamp, NSW

I question the protocol that surrounds baptism within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The need for an extensive knowledge-base before baptism isn't in accord with the Bible. Baptism is not a "graduation"; it happens at the beginning—when you start your walk with Christ. The only prerequisite to baptism is the acceptance of God's law, Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for our sins. According to Matthew 28:19, 20, baptism is followed by education. It is recorded in Acts 2:37-41 that 3000 people were baptised the *same day* they received the gospel, and in various places in Acts (8:37, 38; 16:25-33; 22:16) it says they were baptised the *same hour*.

I also question some baptismal vows. For example, one requires abstinence from alcohol but makes no prohibition against an unhealthful diet, yet obesity-related conditions are among our biggest killers.

Baptism does not save you, but after your baptism, when you begin your walk with Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, then your life changes.

## Original and the best

Marie Munro, NSW

I was very interested to read "From the horse's mouth" (Letters, June 5). Ellen White attended the Minneapolis General Conference session at which E J Waggoner and A T Jones presented their studies on

righteousness by faith. She endorsed their view in *Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 91-2, saying, "The Lord . . . sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God."

She also rebuked G I Butler and Uriah Smith for their denigration of the message of Waggoner and Jones.

I possess a copy of Waggoner's *Christ*

belief in the doctrine of character perfection as presented in the Bible.

There is an effort to rewrite Adventist history. Church members need to have their thinking caps on and antennae up, so they will not be deceived.

Evelyn Bean, ACT

In Ellen White's introduction to *The Great Controversy*, she admits her use of the work of others. She says: "In some cases where a historian has so grouped together events as to afford, in brief, a comprehensive view of the subject, or has summarised details in a convenient manner, his words have been quoted; but in some instances

**"Jones and Waggoner may be overthrown by the temptations of the enemy; but if they should be, this would not prove that they had no message."**

and His Righteousness, and his theology of salvation—by grace, through faith—is spot-on: "Since the best efforts of a sinful man have not the least effect toward producing righteousness, it is evident that the only way it can come to him is as a gift" (page 60).

Ellen White wrote in 1892, "It is quite possible that Elders Jones and Waggoner may be overthrown by the temptations of the enemy; but if they should be, this would not prove that they had no message from God."

When people speak of human perfectionism, one can be assured that a red herring is being presented to hide a lack of

no specific credit has been given, since the quotations are not given for the purpose of citing that writer as authority, but because his statement affords a ready and forcible presentation of the subject. In narrating the experience and views of those carrying forward the work of reform in our own time, similar use has been made of their published works" (page xii).

To me, this is quite acceptable.

She also gives her reason for writing the book: "To unfold the scenes of the great controversy between truth and error; to reveal the wiles of Satan, and the means by which he may be successfully resisted; to present a satisfactory solution of the great problem of evil . . . mak[ing] fully manifest the justice and benevolence of God in all His dealings with His creatures; and to show the holy, unchanging nature of His law. . . . That through its influence souls may be delivered from the power of darkness . . . to the praise of Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us" (*ibid*).

In articles I've read on the subject—including Graeme Bradford's excellent book, *Prophets Are Human*—I've never come across these quotes.

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## Anniversary

**Amos**, Ray and Vera (nee McClintock) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 9.5.04 at their home. They were married on 11.5.44 by Pastor W J Richards in the Papanui church, Christchurch, NZ. They have six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



Elena, Kevin and Coral, were present; also spouses and family members. Ray and Vera live in retirement at Omokora, NZ. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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## Weddings

**Crevar—McMahon**. Elia Crevar, son of Paul and Samira Crevar (Hornsby Heights, NSW), and Melinda McMahon, daughter of Ray and Amira McMahon (Lilydale, Vic), were married on 30.5.04 in the Lilydale Adventist church. *Wayne French*

**Marshall—Morey**. Dean Lindsay Marshall, son of Lindsay and Nancy Marshall (Coffs Harbour, NSW), and Sarae Fleur Morey, daughter of Peter and Carolyn Morey (Bonnells Bay), were married on 25.4.04 at Toronto Adventist church. *John Lang*

**Rice—Keaton**. Daniel John Rice, son of John and Jennifer Rice (both of Goulburn, NSW), and Grace Eileen Keaton, daughter of the late Solomon and Marie-Laure Chowrimoothoo (formerly of Mauritius), were married on 15.5.04 at the Surf Life Savers Club, The Entrance, NSW. *Russel Stanley*

## Obituaries

**Bogle**, Stephen John, born 29.8.1962 at Hastings, Vic; died 29.2.04. On 25.7.84 he married Jillian. He is survived by his wife; and his children, Catherine, James and Johnny (all of Lilydale). Stephen began attending Frankston church at 17 years of age. His desire was always to know the depth of God's love. He will be deeply missed. *Darren Croft*

**Campbell**, Molly (nee Guntarik), born 15.3.1951 at Kampong, Rugarding, Sabah, Malaysia; died 26.5.04 in Bendigo Base Hospital, Vic. On 20.12.87 she married Steve. She is survived by her husband; and her children, Kenneth, Olivia (both of Melbourne) and Melissa (Bendigo). Molly's death, aged 53, came after a long struggle against a debilitating disease, during which time her courage and great faith inspired those around her. *Kenn Duke*

**Carter**, Gwendoline Hazel, born 30.11.1918 in Sydney, NSW; died 20.5.04 at Esther Somerville Retirement Village, Normanhurst. She was the fifth and youngest daughter of Francis and Louisa Cottell. She joined the Adventist Church in the early 1970s and at that time married Bert Carter, who predeceased her in 1984. After her baptism she was an active member of the Epping church. She had no children. *Nick Brightman*

**Hawkins**, Allan Leslie, born 14.10.1930 at Clayfield, Qld; died 24.5.04 at Taree, NSW. On 13.4.54 he married Shirley. He is survived by his wife (Forster); and his children and their spouses, Lyndon and Vanita, and Glenn and Sonia. Allan faithfully served the Sanitarium Health Food Company for 27 years at many levels. The three loves of his life were his God, his church and his family. He was a friend to many. *Ray Dickson*

**King**, Clarence Ray, born 9.6.1928 at Cooranbong, NSW; died 18.3.04 at Sale, Vic. On 17.12.50 he married Merle. He was predeceased by his son, Alan; also his brother, Colin. He is survived by his wife; his children, Raelene, Lenise and Terry; his brothers, Alan and Pastor Reg King. The Sale church was a precious part of Ray's life. He was a caring husband and father, whose strength, good humour, courage and love for God was an inspiration to all, even as his strength failed. He lived and died with the assurance of Jesus' love and looked forward to His soon return. *Darren Croft*

**Kingston**, Dorolyn, born 25.7.1919 in Melbourne, Vic; died 30.5.04 at Springfield, on the Central Coast of NSW. The eldest daughter of the late Pastor J W and W L Kent, Dorolyn married Pastor Hector Kingston in 1941, supporting him in his ministry as pastor-evangelist throughout New South Wales and Victoria for 51 years. She is survived by her husband; her children, Rodney, Sharon, Pastors Andrew and Timothy, Fiona Russel; their spouses; her brother, Lyndon; her sister, Cecily Syme; her 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Dorolyn will be

remembered for her vibrant personality, musical ability, love of life and her commitment to Jesus. She will be sadly missed. Come, Lord Jesus! *David McKibbin*

**Mossell**, Christian Hazel, born 19.7.1933 on Pitcairn Island; died 31.5.03 at Wellington, NZ. She was predeceased by her husband, Bert, on 26.2.85. She is survived by her children, Elaine, Barton, Dale and Ricky; and her six grandchildren. She lived for others, especially her family. Her smile, caring attitude, friendship and hospitality will not be forgotten. She is greatly missed by her family, church family and the Pitcairn Island community. *David Bertelsen*

**Nichols**, Eunice, born 24.12.1930 at Terrigal, NSW; died 21.5.04 at Macksville, after a two-year struggle with a terminal illness. In 1952 she married Ron Nichols. She was the youngest of 10 children born to William and Edith Kay. She is survived by her husband; her daughters, Kay, Sandra, Rhonda and Joy; her sister, Pat Kay (Cooranbong); and her nine grandchildren. Eunice grew up in the SDA Church and was a committed member all her life. *Gavin Rowe*

**Pascoe**, Pastor Helier Martin, born 7.7.1917 in Auckland, NZ, the fourth son of Olive and William Pascoe; died 19.4.04 at his home in Cooranbong, NSW. After graduating from the ministerial course at Avondale in 1936, Martin worked in southern NSW. He married Joyce Willis on 24.3.31 and together they served in various appointments in Australia and Papua New Guinea. Their mission service lasted 29 years, and Martin served as district director and president in a number of local missions, a total of 44 years of denominational service. He was predeceased by his son, David, on 9.2.55; and his brother, Will, on 13.4.04. He is survived by his wife (Cooranbong); his children, Doreen (Wahroonga), Pastor Wilfred (Forster), Ruth and Dennis Tame (Lae, PNG), Merlene and Dickon Judge (Cooranbong, NSW); his grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Right through life and into retirement Martin's one aim was to serve his God in any way possible. His life of dedicated service is remembered with affection and respect by his family and all to whom he ministered. *Elwyn Raethel Wilfred Pascoe, Daron Pratt*

**Powell**, Ray Herbert, born 28.8.1917 at Gawler, SA; died 31.5.04 in Adelaide, SA. On 17.12.1941 he married Daisy. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Ashleigh and Lester; his daughter-in-law, Dianne; his four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren (all of Adelaide). Ray served Australia in 3rd Field Ambulance in Papua New Guinea, from 1941 to 1946. Later he worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company. He attended Prospect (SA) church for 60 years and served as deacon and treasurer. He was a quiet, reserved, non-intrusive and patient man; loved God; loved and respected by all who knew him. *Lee Bowditch-Walsh, Raymond Stanley*

**Shreeve**, Eleanor Doris, born 1.4.1919 at Bowral, NSW; died 23.5.04 in Taree Base Hospital. In 1977 she married her second husband, Victor. She is survived by her husband; and her children. She was baptised in the Taree SDA church on 7.2.04. *Ray Jerrard, Alex Penman*

**Wellington**, Jacqueline Isabel Catherine, born 7.12.1910 at Westport, NZ; died 20.3.04 at Hastings. Isabel served the church faithfully in a number of capacities. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was fond of reading and gardening, and remained in her own home until her death. *Paul Gredig*

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