The weekend of December 8 to 10 marked a significant milestone for Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre (KAEC), situated 60 kilometres north of Meekatharra (WA).

The weekend featured a child dedication, a baptism, a wedding, two book launches, worship services and a concert. But these events formed the backdrop for celebrating the 20th anniversary of Karalundi reopening as an independent Aboriginal community-based centre.

The Karalundi Mission was originally established by the Adventist Church in 1954 but was closed in 1974. After lobbying and much hard work by the surrounding communities, including many former Karalundi students, Karalundi reopened in 1986, supported by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its education system.

Pastor Eric Davey, the outgoing director for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) for the Australian Union Conference (AUC), was based at the Western Australian Conference office and worked closely with the local people through the process of reopening Karalundi. “God had the right people in the right place at the right time,” he recalled.

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“Horses stand halfway between dogs’ slavish devotion to man and cats’ noblesse oblige. They respond best to kindness backed by strength, anchored by consistency. When their trust is betrayed, such a wound rarely ever heals. Horses, like elephants, have long memories.”
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“New” Karalundi celebrates 20 years

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“We had no money but a lot of people had a dream of reopening Karalundi. There are so many people to thank, but above all we really need to thank God. Many people have said this is God’s place—and it is.”

Pastor Davey was one of a number of people who recounted how the various government departments and authorities that gave approval for reopening Karalundi expected the “new Karalundi” to last less than two years.

“But 20 years later, we are here,” enthused John Kyanga, one of the original students at Karalundi Mission and KAEC chairperson for 13 of its 20 years. “This is a very special day for us and it’s great to be chairperson for 13 of its 20 years. “This is a dream of reopening Karalundi. There are so many people to thank, but above all we really need to thank God. Many people have said this is God’s place—and it is.”

To mark the anniversary, Mr Kyanga reopened the original Karalundi school building, which has been relocated and renovated as a museum and dedicated to the memory of Stan Louis, the first superintendent of Karalundi Mission in 1954.

Darren Farmer was one of the first students at the reopened Karalundi and is now chairperson of KAEC. “Karalundi has meant a lot to our people,” he said. “And this occasion is about honouring our founding members and their dreams and visions for this place over 20 years. If we keep that vision in sight and keep focused on God, we will keep moving forward.”

The first principal of the reopened Karalundi was Stan Armstrong, who with his wife, Nell, was honoured with life membership of KAEC. He reminded the group that Karalundi is not just a place. “Karalundi is the people who come and go from here,” he commented. “The best advertisement for Karalundi is the students who have gone out from this place.”

Two books were launched as part of the celebration on December 10. The first—“We’ve Got a Whole New Life Ahead of Us Now”—is a short reflection on the 20 years of the “new Karalundi” written by Dr Ian Duckham, a historian from the University of Western Australia. Dr Duckham was working on a larger research project on the history of Aboriginal missions in Western Australia when he came across the story of Karalundi. “Karalundi was a surprise to me,” he said. “I was inspired by what had happened here. Through all the hardships and struggles, somehow God has shone through and He has some special people here.”

The second book is more focused on the earlier years of Karalundi Mission and, according to author Steve Piez, the two books are complementary. What Are You Doing for Us? is based on Mr Piez’s master’s research on the history of Karalundi and was sparked by his seven years as a teacher and administrator at Karalundi. “When I was working, questions as to why Karalundi was the way it was burned in my mind,” he said. “And the generation who remember the early days is passing away and I wanted to record those stories before they are lost.

“Karalundi is reconciliation-in-action. It is self-determination achieved. It is a success and God has been leading.”

Mr Piez, who is the newly appointed director of ATSIM for the AUC, said he was proud to have been a small part of Karalundi and that all those celebrating this anniversary “should be proud to be part of it as well.”

“This weekend was exciting because it was driven, directed and guided by the Mardu [Aboriginal] people themselves,” comments Glenn Grey, administrator of KAEC. “It’s 20 years since those parents had a vision and today we were able to see the vision as a reality.”

According to Mr Grey, changed lives are the most important evidence that Karalundi is making a contribution to the people of the region. One such story was shared by Karalundi student Ruth Wiles, who has spent three years at Karalundi, was baptised last year and has been accepted to study ministry at Mamarapha Bible College in Perth this year. “Being at Karalundi has been important to me,” she told participants in the Sabbath worship service.—**Nathan Brown**

What Are You Doing for Us? by Stephen Piez is available from Adventist Book Centres.
Eight cyclists will ride the length of New Zealand to address issues of “at-risk” behaviours among young people in small, rural communities for four weeks this year. They are part of the “Circle of courage” New Zealand cycle tour that will kick off from “where the journey begins” in Bluff on the South Island on February 11.

“Studies have revealed worrying results of at-risk behaviours among young people in New Zealand,” says Jonathan Duffy, director of Adventist health for the South Pacific Division. “About half of the students in New Zealand have tried marijuana at age 16 and 80 per cent of them currently drink alcohol, with more than half having an episode of binge drinking in the past month. About 20 in every 1000 females of that age also get pregnant and have a child.”

The “Circle of courage” is a model that focuses on four main areas—belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

“Adults can help negate the disturbing trend of risk behaviours in young people by embracing the ‘Circle of courage’ model we’ll be promoting,” says Mr Duffy. “Research shows the most important protector against risk-taking for young people is for them to feel valued by significant adults in their community. I want to challenge the adults in rural communities to take the leading role in developing positive relationships. This will build resilience and self-esteem among young people.”

This is the second “Circle of courage” cycle tour organised by Adventist health. Mr Duffy rode from Perth to Sydney, covering almost 4500 km in 31 days, with five other cyclists addressing at-risk issues in small towns across Australia in 2005.

This year, Mr Duffy will be riding with Steve Bank, Doug McLeod, Neone Okesene, Jake Ormsby, Norah West and father and daughter Paul and Rebekah Rankin. They will cover an average of 100 kilometres a day and speak in 23 towns across New Zealand. The tour will conclude at the lighthouse on Cape Reinga on the North Island on March 8.

The “Circle of courage” New Zealand cycle tour has been organised by Adventist health in the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC).

“As adults, we can make a difference in the lives of the young people in New Zealand,” says Paul Rankin, tour coordinator and director of Adventist health for the NZPUC. “By the end of the tour, I hope to see every adult in the towns we’ve visited get to know at least five young people by their name.”

His daughter, Rebekah, 16 and an avid cyclist, will also be joining him on the ride. “The ‘Circle of courage’ ride is a chance to do one of those once-in-a-lifetime things that I couldn’t let go by without me,” she says. “But more than that I see it as a way to spend a month with my dad and have one of those father-and-daughter adventures.”

The 26-day, 2229 km ride is being sponsored by a number of businesses and organisations, including Sanitarium Health Food Company and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency–New Zealand. —Melody Tan

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Rebekah Rankin on a training ride from Hamilton to Pukeko.

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Learning from children

JULIE WESLAKE, DIRECTOR, CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

Thanks for “The animal parade” (Editorial, December 2). It will be a time of celebration when all our churches have functioning safety policies and physically protect their children.

I love that the editorial reminded us that the children will be leading the parade in heaven. I believe now is the time to empower children to tell the world about Jesus and heaven. We have a lot to learn from them.

More to Sodom

PETER RALPH, TAS

Congratulations on highlighting the economic injustice of Sodom in “The sins of Sodom” (Editorial, November 18). Christians cannot smugly pay tithe and offerings and neglect their broader responsibility of stewardship, when the vast majority of the world’s population live in poverty.

However I am disappointed the article contrasted Sodom’s sins of economic injustice with sexual immorality. The editorial ignored the biblical condemnation of sexual immorality when both were sins of Sodom (see Ezekiel 16:50 and Jude 7). That they “gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion” (NIV) must not be ignored.

I found the editorial useful in describing the biblical reasons for the fault of greed in the current society we live in but please don’t neglect that our society—and, sadly, our church—is also guilty of sexual perversion.

Support for man of God

JEFF CROMBIE, SOUTH KOREA

Old fashioned or not, let’s not disparage the work of Doug Batchelor (“God on My Side,” Letters, December 2). Batchelor’s ministry is a real blessing to the church, through Amazing Facts and 3ABN. When it comes to internet and telemedia evangelism, he is out there in the marketplace, and that’s the reason he gets the attention of the likes of Andrew Denton and the National Geographic Channel.

I say let’s support this man of God. He’s not afraid to speak out, get the attention of people and spark an interest in the distinctive truths of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Exodus 10:22 NKJV

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Cantrill—Moore. Daniel Cantrill, son of Alan and Julie Cantrill (Tanahmerah, Qld), and Katie Moore, daughter of Wayne and Glenda Moore (Wolfdene), were married on 5.11.06 at St Andrew’s Anglican church, south Brisbane.

Alan Moore, Mark Raines

Henley—Mizusaka. Daniel James Henley, son of Dr Roger and Ann Henley (Normanburn, NSW), and Sachiko Mizusaka, daughter of Makiko Mizusaka (Hiroshima, Japan), were married on 20.8.06 at Beccroft Presbyterian church, Beecroft.

Roger Henley

Landall—Chandler. Scott Leonard Landall, son of Carl and Rosemary Landall (Nelson, NZ), and Kylie Louise Chandler, daughter of Glenda (NSW) and the late Greg Weslake, were married on 1.10.06 at Lovedale Chapel, Lovedale.

Roger Henley

Lee—Lim. Cobben Chen Lee, son of Voon Tong and Lee Ching Lee (Taipei, Taiwan), and Siew Seen Lim, daughter of Bee Ling Lim (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) and the late Beng Teng Lim, were married on 19.11.06 in delightful Rynill Park, Asdakle, SA.

Fred Webb

Os—Hamura. Garry Os and Nelle Hamura were married on 8.1.06 at the Kabuna SDA school chapel, PNG. Philip Daboyan

Salle—Burrell. Jan Kristian Salle, son of Timo and Paula Salle (Sydney, NSW), and Clare Grace Burrell, daughter of John Burrell (Lismore) and Janet Clark (Sydney), were married on 22.10.06 at Gunners Barracks, Georges Heights, Sydney.

Garth Bainbridge

Stott—Prescan. Kevin David Stott and Yasna Isabella Prescan were married on 5.11.06 in the Croatian Adventist church, St Albans, Vic.

Nikola Trajkov

Winley—Alridge. Rad Walter Winley, son of Kay Winley (San Remo, Vic), and Amanda Sherie Alridge, daughter of Karl and Sandra Alridge (Wangaratta), were married on 8.10.06 in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

Wayne Boehm

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