It was another milestone for the history of Pacific Adventist University (PAU) as 76 students graduated with degrees and diplomas in various fields ranging from Health Science, Science and Technology, Education and Theology on December 10, 2006.

The graduates were mainly from the Pacific region, but also included some from China and one Australian.

Dr Nemani Tausere, the outgoing vice-chancellor of PAU, who was the keynote speaker, started his address by stressing to guests, parents and friends that PAU, for the past 24 years, had produced quality graduates who are serving in various sectors of their communities, the church and nations across the Pacific.

However, he added, “It is sad to note that after more than 20 years of existence as a private institution, providing skilled manpower for our nation PNG and other Pacific islands, PAU continues to struggle all alone and with no financial help or support from the government of this nation.”

To the graduates, Dr Tausere presented his secret to success in a challenging world, saying, “Together with God—meaning God (Continued on page 4)
This is not a road trip

We all know the scene. The camera draws back to show the expanse that lies ahead. The road slides into the distance across an almost endless plain fading away perhaps toward some distant mountains, with just the ribbon of blacktop connecting our vantage point with that far horizon. There is a cry of freedom, signalling the soundtrack music to kick in, and the road trip is under way.

It’s a regular sequence in movies, books . . . and daydreams. The images and metaphors speak of freedom, escape and some kind of disconnection. There is much to be admired in these images and stories. They are often associated with a sense of adventure and wonder. The journeys are often focused in one way or another on spiritual quests, of “finding ourselves” and attempting to discover some answers to the big questions of life.

But it isn’t real life; this is not a road trip. For most of us, life has far less glamour and mileage. And, even if the road-trip kind of life was desirable, few of us have the luxuries of the open road, the fast car, the long hair blowing extravagantly in the wind and the carefully choreographed soundtrack.

The journey as a metaphor for life and faith has been much overused. And while we should live in ways that embrace and engage with change and growth, there is also much to be said for an underlying stability of life that does not vary with wind or tide. Yet it seems something in ourselves and our culture prompts a kind of wanderlust. Somehow, we believe, the next new thing/place/purchase/relationship/belief/experience will give us happiness, completeness, freedom or whatever it is we dream of.

Recognising this human restlessness for novelty and new horizons, some Christian traditions—particularly some monastic communities—have asked new members “to take a vow of stability” rather than to wander constantly from place to place” (Albert Hsu, The Suburban Christian). They have recognised life is not about escape. The call is to a deeper experience of faith, community and life in general.

While the Bible does contain some stories of epic journeys (the Exodus, for example) and other road-trip adventures (perhaps the parable of the prodigal son could fit within this genre), the strongest images in much of the Bible and in the teachings of Jesus are more focused on growth. Stories of gardens, agriculture, trees and plants appear regularly. Even the results of righteous living are talked about in terms of fruit and other crops.

According to the Bible, the best kind of life grows strong and deep: “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit” (Jeremiah 17:7, 8;* see also Psalm 1:3).

God calls us to a holy and growing constancy, a faith that is engaged with life around us while drawing deeply from the life He gives. As Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit” (John 15:5).

*Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation.

Nathan Brown
ADRA approved for full accreditation with AusAID

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)–Australia announced at the beginning of December 2006 that it has been approved by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) to continue with full accreditation for a further five years.

Application for accreditation required that ADRA–Australia’s development philosophy, practices, policies and procedures be assessed by an independent accreditation review team, following the submission of an 83-page agency profile.

As part of the assessment, the review team examined ADRA–Australia in multiple areas, including project management, marketing, fundraising, financial management, risk management, accountability, compliance to governing body codes, its strategic plan and organisational structure.

“ADRA–Australia is a professionally run development agency and is fully capable of self-assessing its areas of strength and challenge,” reported the AusAID accreditation review team.

They also added, “As ADRA moves into a period of consolidation it could well become one of the sector’s most progressive and professional organisations.”

The review team also noted that elements of ADRA’s work likely represent best practice in the sector.

“This is a significant vote of confidence in ADRA–Australia’s ability and capacity, and is a process that ensures we remain accountable to continuing high standards in our development and organisational practice,” says ADRA–Australia’s Chief Executive Officer, David Jack.

He adds, “It affirms we’re a strong organisation that is conducting its project management and fundraising activities in a credible and appropriate manner.”

ADRA–Australia is required to renew accreditation every five years, allowing it to continue partnering with the Australian Government in a number of its projects in the Pacific, Asia and Africa.

Most recently, ADRA–Australia entered into a five-year $A5.1 million cooperation agreement to work with rural, agricultural communities in Cambodia. ADRA–Australia is also implementing a five-year $A8.5 million cooperation agreement, its largest AusAID-funded project, in Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia, addressing issues of food security within the context of HIV and AIDS.

Accreditation allows ADRA–Australia to apply for government funding for development projects overseas.

Cooperation agreements are generally fully funded by the government and implemented by ADRA–Australia, although the cooperation agreement in Africa also requires ADRA to raise funds.

The AusAID Non-Government Organisation Cooperation Program requires both AusAID and ADRA–Australia to contribute funding to a project, where AusAID provides 75 per cent and ADRA–Australia raises the remaining 25 per cent.

ADRA–Australia engages in sustainable development programs and disaster relief for people in Australia and abroad and is part of the ADRA network, which has a presence in 125 countries.

It is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.—Candice Jaques

More @ www.adra.org.au

To outlast the other 37 Nunawading Pathfinder Club members, Vic, during a recent survivor camp in Camp Howqua’s bush, Meredith Allen (pictured, right) endured a six-hour marathon of physically and mentally “torturing” challenges. Her reward was a helicopter trip to town for a fast-food dinner with director Rachel Wegener (left), who won the same right by beating all leaders participating in the same challenge. The rest of the Pathfinders stayed behind for their fire-cooked meal, including plain rice, Weet-Bix and coconut.

On November 17, a group of Adventist musicians from Melbourne presented a sacred concert in the Mount Gambier Prison, SA. Musicians were soprano Yola Mielczarek, her son, Matthew, on saxophone, Peter McCowan on trumpet, Gloria Grosser and Lauren Arthur on keyboard. The program included Christmas carols the prisoners could participate in with singing. The following day the group provided a musical program, with Lauren’s younger sister, Narelle, joining as a vocalist at the Mount Gambier church for their regional day. People from Millicent and Rendelsham visited for the program. Don and Aileen Sforcina have been caring for these three churches, and have been presenting health seminars in the prison.—Meryl McDonald-Gough

Primary students at Mountain View Adventist College (MVAC), NSW, recently had Willy Wonka visit them during their lunchbreak. The students mobbed Willy as he skipped around the playground distributing an assortment of lollies to the students. Students in Year 4 had the privilege of having Willy Wonka taste-test their “self-improved” cookies and then decide on the most creative array of food. Where previously only a sentence or two was the norm, most students wrote two pages about the event, learning correct paragraphing, resulting from their first-hand experience with meeting a character they have read about in class.—Intrasyd

SEE AND READ ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE PATHFINDER CAMPOREE @ WWW.12THGATE.ORG.AU

January 27, 2007 3
Eastward Missionary College celebrates graduation

ROLLANDS PLAINS, NEW SOUTH WALES

ovember 26, 2006, saw five people graduate from Eastward Missionary College in Rollands Plains, New South Wales.

Hayley Maunder, Wayne Smith, Daniel Christie, Charlene Su’a and William Moala participated in the four-month training program and evangelism work that culminated in a four-week outreach series, which made a strong impact on the local community. New contacts were made and 15 people chose to be baptised.

Pastor Bruce Price was the speaker at the graduation service and had some strong admonition for the graduates. He told them the gospel will never make people comfortable—the Holy Spirit convicts them to make changes in their lives. The students are called to be shepherds—“not sheepdogs that nip at the heels of those not living up to standards of the church,” but to be examples in conduct and speech.

“Don’t settle for less, because we are dealing with eternal things of a very serious nature. Raise the standard,” was his counsel to the graduates.

Ms Maunder and Mr Smith will remain in the Port Macquarie area to assist Pastors Danny Milenkov and Joseph Maticic in the follow-up work relating to Bible studies the students had been giving, as well as with another evangelistic campaign.

Mr Moala and Ms Su’a will join Pastor Mark Finley’s team in Melbourne for his 2007 series, and Mr Christie will return to Queensland to continue his ministry there.—RECORD staff / Brett Higgins

More @ www.eastward.edu.au

PAU graduation farewells VC

(Continued from page 1)

abiding in you and you in God—only then can we find true success and joy in life, to victoriously overcome all storms of life, to experience a joyful life of service, and finally to enjoy life in the coming eternity.”

Coincidently, most graduates began their studies the same year Dr Tausere became vice-chancellor of PAU four years ago. Dr Tausere is leaving for another post in the ministry and the graduates will serve their respective community, church and nation.

In his concluding remarks to the graduates, Dr Tausere charged them with the commission: “With the formulae of God abiding in you and you in God, with deeply ingrained truth and experience of having that living connection with God, you can go out and change the world.” —Edna Woori

Daniela Schubert, who graduated with an MA in Theology, receives her degree from the president of the South Pacific Division, Pastor Laurie Evans.

◆ TV advertising of a free viewing of The Search videos will screen in the following regions: Brisbane on Channel 10, January 27 to February 4; rural southern Queensland on WINTV, January 27 to February 4; and rural Western Australia on GWN, February 3-11.

◆ For the second year running Heritage College’s primary soccer team recently won the annual Soccer Challenge at Lilydale Adventist Academy, Vic. Heritage and Nunawading emerged as the top teams after a round-robin program that also included teams from Edinburgh, Gilson and Warburton. The final was a close encounter with Heritage eventually winning 1-0. Award winners were: Golden Boot Award, Dominic Paul of Heritage College (8 goals); Most Valuable Boy Player, Jamic Button of Warburton; Most Valuable Girl Player, Shelley Dumiter of Heritage.—Intravic

◆ Religious rivalry was laid aside when Adventists joined hands with Catholics last year to bury prominent Catholic priest turned politician, the late Father Robert Lak in Mount Hagen, PNG. The deceased was one of the first two Papua New Guineans to be ordained to the priesthood by Pope John Paul II in the Vatican, Rome, in 1976. Seventh-day Adventist youth in the Hagen Central District of the Western Highlands Mission were invited to conduct the memorial service. Leading the procession was Baisu Adventist Youth Band Pipes and Drums. Adventist Youth and Pathfinders adorning in their respective colours marched with the casket through Mount Hagen. Moge Komonka leader Andrew Dokta joined other leaders in the province in requesting Adventists to bury them when they die. However, Pastor Pius Kitlae, district director of the Hagen Central District, responded, “Don’t wait until you die for me to bury you. Come to Christ now and be buried with Him in baptism first.” The Adventist church here has since been receiving frequent visitors at Sabbath school from Catholic and Pentecostal churches. Adventists were asked to conduct the funeral service because lately the church has gained recognition from the government for preaching and maintaining a correct position on the state of the dead.—Koim

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ FEBRUARY 10—SOUTH PACIFIC RECORD OFFERING
PNG church members get on their bikes for World AIDS Day

LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

To mark World AIDS Day on December 1, 2006, 25 bike riders rode from Goroka to Lae. They left Goroka on November 26, 2006, and travelled on the Okuk Highway for five days, stopping at villages along the way to conduct HIV/AIDS awareness training.

The riders from the Lae District were led by Buimo Road Adventist church youth members, who were raising funds for a new church building as well as carrying out activities to raise HIV/AIDS awareness.

Prior to the ride, all of the participants underwent basic HIV/AIDS training provided by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) AIDS education program and the Adventist Health Department.

During the ride, more than 7000 people received brochures and posters about HIV/AIDS, as well as condoms, which can help to prevent the transfer of the virus during sexual contact.

Riders were able to talk to people in the communities along the way on a one-on-one basis as well as to large crowds of up to 500 people about HIV/AIDS.

Each evening of the trip saw awareness programs conducted by Pastor Gad Koito, the Papua New Guinea Union Mission’s health director, and Rita Maruha, ADRA AIDS education coordinator.

These programs included sharing basic HIV/AIDS knowledge and statistics. They also focused on God’s plan for sexuality and ended with showing the locally produced AIDS DVD *Oh Papa God, wai na em olem*.

Many people along the way thanked the young people for the information, and often said it was the first time someone had talked to them about HIV/AIDS.

Team leader Roy Kumbou expressed his sadness about the feedback from people revealing there are still many misconceptions about HIV/AIDS at a local level.

“However, I am happy I have taken time to tell these people about AIDS and I know this may be the first and last time some of them may hear about this virus,” says Mr Kumbou.

The Sanitarium Health Food Company sponsored the ride, providing cereals as well as shirts, caps and drinking containers for the bikers and their support staff on the journey.—RECORD staff/Martina Darius

◆ The European Commission (EC) EuropeAid has given preliminary approval for ADRA–UK to fund a new development project in the West African country of Burkina Faso. The total budget of €1 million will help reduce poverty and improve livelihoods in one of the poorest areas of this country and would be the largest single development grant assigned to ADRA–UK to date. The EC is contributing 75 per cent of the cost and ADRA–UK is seeking private donations to secure the remaining 25 per cent. The project is designed to reinforce the capacities of 12 villages in the province of Bazèga to effectively manage and enhance their natural and water resources in order to reduce poverty.—Bert Smit

◆ Nobody spoke an audible word at a silent worship service at Newbold College, UK, recently. No-one sang a hymn or preached a sermon. There was no music and no collection of an offering. This was a first for Newbold and was available to students, staff and the wider community. “In Quiet Church we want to give people an opportunity just to be with God and really to listen to what He might be saying to them,” says the dean of students, Pastor Henrik Jorgensen.—Helen Pearson/TED News

◆ On August 27, the Robbins church, Illinois, USA, held its first annual Male Involvement Day—a free community event centred around a back-to-school theme. Activities included face painting and carnival-style games and inside the church three experienced barbers gave back-to-school haircuts.—Zakia Bradley

◆ An urgent call for blood donors went out during the 1943 Montana camp-meeting and 17-year-old Jim Kyle responded. Now 80, Mr Kyle has donated more than 75 litres of blood, and the Red Cross has recognised his contribution by awarding him 20 pins. When asked why he continues to give his blood, he says the Lord gave him the blood and health, and he wants to help where needed. His blood is type O, which means that anyone can use his blood. “The real universal donor is the Lord Himself,” he says, “and the whole world needs His blood”—Richard Dower
Adventist leader calls on UN for openness to religious groups

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

General Conference representative to the United Nations (UN) Pastor Jonathan Gallagher called for more openness to religious groups at UN-sponsored meetings, particularly large conferences, at the November 2, 2006, forum planning a gathering at the UN.

“We need to make such gatherings more faith-friendly,” he said, “so that we can engage the membership of these large religious communities around the world.”

He added that religious groups frequently did not seem to be attracted to the current agenda.

“Historically, the UN has run on rather secular lines, and while not wanting to turn it into a ‘religion-fest,’ we do need to be aware of the values and principles that religious people bring to the table,” says Pastor Gallagher.

“We certainly do not want a religion-dominated UN with all that such a system would imply, but recognising the social contributions of religious believers is essential. People of faith have much to contribute to the wellbeing of this world.”

—Adventist Review

Tribute to retired ATSIM director at Armidale gathering

ARMIDALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

On the first weekend of November every year, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from as far away as Brisbane gathered at the Armidale church in the North New South Wales Conference for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) regional meeting.

Last year’s regional meeting was used not only to praise God and meet together, but to also give a farewell to Pastor Eric Davey, former ATSIM director for the Australian Union Conference, who retired at the end of 2006.

Dianne Roberts, an elder at Armidale church, said, “It’s not a farewell, but a big thank you for your sacrifices.”

People lined up to share their stories of how they had been influenced by Pastor Davey’s ministry and kindness, thanking not only him, but his wife, Maxine, and their children, for their contribution and commitment to ATSIM.

Pastor Davey had worked with ATSIM for 21 years and has been involved in church ministry for more than 40 years.

A vespers program welcomed visitors, with Pastor Kevin Brown reminding worshipers of “belongingness that comes from our beginnings.”

The main speaker for the Sabbath program was John Murison, pastor of the Mount Druitt church in the Greater Sydney Conference. He spoke on the theme, “Jesus Christ, the seeker of the lost.”

Musical items were presented by the Fatnowna family and Mirriwinni Gospel Singers.

The afternoon was filled with news about ATSIM activities and exciting stories and testimonies of how God is working in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.—North Point

◆ Tim Taylor’s job calls for finding ways to distribute food stamps to the Amish in Geauga County. He might as well be trying to sell them cars. The horse-and-buggy crowd philosophically opposes the support program overseen by Taylor’s agency, the Geauga Department of Job and Family Services. Accepting public assistance is verboten within the Amish culture. It simply is not done. But Taylor is under orders to at least try to get them enrolled. Taylor and his counterpart in Holmes County call the mandate a waste of tax dollars, time and resources.—John Horton

◆ The education ministry of Quebec, Canada, has warned private, unlicensed evangelical schools in the province they must teach Darwin’s theory of evolution or face closure. The directive came following a complaint from a school board in Quebec’s south-western Outaouais region that children at a small evangelical school were not being taught the full provincial curriculum. Supporters of the school, which enrolls 20 students, counter that it teaches a Christian “world view” that is essential for their students, rather than a humanistic world view.—Ron Csillag

◆ Wesley Mission has recognised the many rural families suffering due to the Australian drought by offering a family holiday as a way of showing their appreciation to the rural sector. Wesley Mission offered the holiday completely free of charge to any drought-affected rural family who feels they are doing it tough and could do with a break. While relaxing was an option, activities for those more energetic could take part in horse riding, swimming, canoeing and a water slide.—Wesley Mission

◆ The first Bible commentary written exclusively by African theologians has been launched in Kenya. Written by 70 contributors from 25 countries, the Africa Bible Commentary aims to explain the Bible from an African perspective. It contains local proverbs and folklore to help interpret the Scriptures and addresses contemporary issues such as HIV/AIDS, female genital mutilation, refugees, ethnic conflict and witchcraft. The theologians who prepared the Bible came from 10 major Christian denominations but excluded representation from the Roman Catholic Church.—BBC News

IS YOUR CHURCH DOING SOMETHING EXCITING, INNOVATIVE OR INSPIRING? EMAIL RECORD@SIGNSPUBLISHING.COM.AU
Avondale College awards recognise all-round excellence

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Braden Oliver and Janita Bond were the big winners at the academic awards forum on Avondale College’s Lake Macquarie campus on November 8, 2006.

Mr Oliver and Ms Bond each received the largest monetary award, the $A2000 Avondale Foundation Award of Excellence.

Mr Oliver, a fourth-year student, also received awards of excellence in science ($A600) and secondary education ($A750). Foundation president Dr Norm Young, who presented the award, suggested because Mr Oliver had earned so much money, he should “invest it, in the foundation.”

“I’m blown away,” says Mr Oliver. “I was hoping for a science award, but the other two are completely unexpected.” He is pleased the awards are for more than just academic excellence, saying it reflects well on the college’s holistic approach to education.

Ms Bond, who is in the first year of her Bachelor of Teaching (secondary) degree, attended the first half of forum, but then told herself, “I’m not needed here.” She was labelling bottles in the chemistry lab where she works as an assistant when foundation general manager Greg Meddick announced her name.

Ms Bond will volunteer at Helen Hall’s Eden Valley Academy in Thailand this year.

She and friend Michelle Long personally approached Ms Hall about the positions—this means they are covering their own expenses. Ms Bond is also a member of a mission team to Cambodia. The award has helped cover all the costs of both trips.

Tammy Pannekoek won the first-ever Huguenot History Award of Excellence ($A1000). She received it from the president of the Huguenot Society of Australia, Dr David Buchesne.

The award is sponsored by royalties from the sale of the book The French Pilot, written by Adventist Media Network chief executive officer Dr Allen Steele and published by Signs Publishing Company. Dr Steele, a direct descendant of Huguenot refugees André and Suzanne Lamoureaux, tells their story in the book.

Edge Bible columnist Clansi Roy won the first-ever W A Townend Award for Biblical Christian Journalism ($A500).—Brenton Stacey

Avondale College Foundation surprises at graduation

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Avondale Foundation, founded in 1978 as an initiative of businessman Lyn Knight, provided some surprises at the college’s graduation ceremony on December 4, 2006.

The foundation used the graduation ceremony to present Dr John Cox, president of Avondale College, with a letter of guarantee for $A305,000 for scholarships, staff research and work to begin on extensions to Andre and Watson residential halls in 2007.

At the foundation’s annual general meeting in October 2006 (see “ACF funds growth,” Features, December 16, 2006), Dr Cox asked for $A55,000 for staff research, to which the foundation agreed. They also approved $A150,000 for academic excellence scholarships.

Dr Norm Young, president of the Avondale Foundation, said to Dr Cox during the presentation ceremony, “Having got $A205,000, you, like Oliver Twist, audaciously asked for more. You asked for $A0.5 million extra to be given over five years for extensions to André and Watson. Now, Dr Cox, you frequently come away with less than you asked for. You must have been surprised, then, when the foundation said yes. It gives me great pleasure to give you the letter of guarantee.”

In response, Dr Cox said he was not surprised the foundation had provided the funding, as he has had many experiences in the past of the foundation’s generosity to the college.

Dr Young said to the students, family and friends gathered for the graduation ceremony, “Have you ever wondered why the businessmen sitting with me on the foundation’s executive freely give so much of their time and expertise? You, the students and graduands, are the reason they do it. They believe in you.”—RECORD staff/Norm Young
Local church: Lilydale, Vic

BY DAVID EDGREN

Having just moved to Victoria, it was my family’s joy to be accepted as members at Lilydale Seventh-day Adventist church on October 14 last year. It was an exciting experience for a number of reasons.

First, it is the church in which my wife and I were married, her home church from childhood. We were coming home.

Second, it has a reputation for active members, something I was excited about getting involved in. Previously, as a pastor, I have given numerous edicts that members were supposed to understand and implement. Now it is my turn to warm a pew, join a small group, sing in kindergarten, teach in teens, lead worship, mentor a minor—in other words, use my spiritual gifts for the betterment of the community from within that community.

And what a community it is! Lilydale is a growing and thriving church because they are committed to empowering members to lead—they elderly, motherly or teens. At Lilydale, leadership is about handing the ball to the next person and then running alongside them.

I have watched with fascination as young people, led by parents and local youth pastoral workers (YPWs—more on that later), run worship, STORM Co, Adventurers, kids clubs, Sabbath school, Pathfinders and more.

Needless to say, the youth scene at Lilydale is bursting at the seams. So much so that in their nearly completed building project the largest area is the “teen hall”—an area that rivals the sanctuary for size. They have also added classrooms for the children’s divisions and an extended foyer for socialising and easier transitions between services.

A second service was implemented in the mid-1990s to meet the growth and worship needs of the community. In 2007, just a decade later and with a membership of 455, Lilydale is commencing a third service that will run in the new teen hall. Pastor Darren Croft, Lilydale senior pastor, says, “It will be overseen by the elders. To take on the role of elder at Lilydale is to take on a role that requires serious commitment to ministry. Lilydale is blessed to have people with this level of commitment.”

This “coaching culture”—as Pastor Croft calls it—is nurtured through “the support of local funding and the expertise of Pastor Rob Steed, who has helped the church in the ongoing implementation of a coaching system to support those in leadership as well as to help develop new leaders. It includes everyone from the pastors and deaconesses, to youth cell-group leaders.” And this coaching culture appears to be the primary reason for the steady, mature growth at Lilydale.

The youth ministry story at Lilydale is an interesting one. After struggling to replace their youth pastor in 2004 they struck a goldmine. Long-time member Bert Gibbs explains: “It is said that ‘necessity is the mother of invention’ and this maxim truly applied to our church at Lilydale. The elders’ team along with Pastor Neil Watts came up with the innovative idea that we could train some of our own young people to lead out as ‘youth pastoral workers.” The church board accepted the challenge realising more involvement would be needed from the pastor and selected leaders in monitoring and supporting the youth workers program. The apparent ‘crisis’ in fact became a turning point in the development of our church’s youth ministry and has proved to be a great benefit in strengthening the youth ministry of our church.”

I’ve watched the four current YPWs teach, preach, lead and care for others. They are local ministers in the truest form.

One might wonder how a church goes about making the transition into a coaching culture where the members are the active ministry force. Mr Gibbs explains the transition: “During 2002, under the leadership of Pastor Watts, the elders of the church underwent a training program in establishing ‘small group’ ministries. The uniqueness of this program was the use of Sabbath school classes as the basis for the small groups. Pastor Rob Steed—one of our elders—was able to give the elders personal guidance in making this an effective ministry.”

Thus began a commitment to elder-led small groups, which transitioned into elders training leaders and new groups forming. Pastor Croft, who came to Lilydale in 2004, tells this story: “Our head elder, Lynton...
Scale, began this class for what was a very small number of people. So small that for the first three weeks he brought music, food and drink and waited for those who had been invited to come but not one person came! Not being one to give up, Lynton persisted and it is not unusual today to attend the young-adult group and find 30 to 40 consistently attending.”

These elder-led small groups have become the core of church life at Lilydale. Pastor Croft explains: “Sabbath school classes operate as cell groups. With one exception each class has an elder who is the leader of the group. Each group is challenged to meet together for Bible study as well as to have a monthly social, specifically for the purpose of growing the group."

The worship services provide a time of community for small groups to interact with the wider church family. The two services in the main sanctuary run at 9 am and 11.30 am, with Sabbath school in the middle at 10.15. This choice in time and worship style is convenient. Our children (we have three—ages five, seven and eight) enjoy the first service, which is family oriented, quiet and predictable. The music, children’s story and Sabbath school following are all great. I didn’t realise how much expendable energy kids have until I had to sit with them for a whole service! Having Sabbath school second is a real blessing.

The second service caters for those who prefer a more contemporary service. The youth are highly involved in providing the service each week, which not only gives them training that ensures the church has future leaders, but entices their friends along to church to see what they are up to. It’s a great strategy and an enjoyable worship service.

The first service has been growing over the past couple of years, while the second service has plateaued, due largely to a lack of seating. Once again, Lilydale is bursting and ready for another service. Pastor Croft says, “Running a third service will allow for further growth as well as training opportunities for those who might be afraid to stand up in front of the larger worship group. The third service will be smaller, allowing for greater intimacy and informality.”

“Because of the close proximity to the Lilydale Adventist Academy and Edinburgh Primary School, the church has a close affinity to the school and its children,” says Mr Gibbs. “At the beginning of 2005, Pastor David Erickson was appointed chaplain to these schools as well as becoming an associate pastor to the Lilydale church. Pastor Erickson has complemented the team at Lilydale with his skills and is an important link between the church and the schools.”

It is clear that Lilydale church understands their target audience, and yet they do a good job at providing care and ministry opportunities for people of all ages. They have run through the full gamut of programs an Adventist church can run, including senior citizens club, vegetarian cooking demonstrations, stress-management seminars, quit-smoking courses, prophecy seminars, Net 98 and 99, fitness and aerobic exercises, financial management seminars, harvest festivals, holiday kid's club, musical concerts, soup kitchens and more. It is this wide net that has served them so well in gathering people into the kingdom from all walks of life.

One last thought, which is far more important than usually noted, is the humility with which the leaders at Lilydale lead. In both responses I received from Mr Gibbs and Pastor Croft there was a plea to recognise that no one person, other than Christ Himself, is worthy of glory. Lilydale is a healthy, growing church because of Jesus and His presence in their midst.

Mr Gibbs said it this way: “Lilydale church, like many other Adventist churches, has had its challenges and should not look to its own merits to claim success. While we have been blessed over the years with many talented church members and ministerial staff, were it not for the continued presence and leadership of God in our church, we would not be where we are today. The church is not perfect and we need more than ever to be vigilant and uphold the principles that God has given us through the Scriptures and the counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy.”

Pastor Croft commented, “I am happy to share the many good things that are happening at Lilydale, but how do you write that no church is without its history and ongoing challenges—or is that a given? I don’t see what we do as a template for others to unthinkingly emulate—if indeed that was the case—but there are always principles from which we can learn.”

The small group–centred culture at Lilydale has created an authentic place with honesty and transparency in the leadership. It is this maturity in spiritual leadership that encourages me most as I attend and become more deeply involved at Lilydale. R
Hindson Awards 2006

BY NATHAN BROWN

Back in February last year, our promotion for the annual Record Offering included a blank page with the caption “Record without you.” It wasn’t just our attempt at clever advertising; it was a reflection of the reality of putting together a magazine such as Record. Across a year of Records, we rely on so many people for the contributions they make to the magazine and without these contributions Record would be so much less of a magazine. Thank you to everyone who contributed in 2006.

Recognising the importance of our contributors and appreciating the quality of material submitting to us, Record has the practice of noting some of the best contributions from the previous year with our annual Hindson Awards. Not only do these awards honour current contributors, they also remember the pioneering church publishing work of Anna Hindson, editor of Record for a total of 34 years in the early part of the 20th century.

So, without further ado—and you can add your own drum roll, if you wish—the 2006 Hindson Award winners are:

**Best devotional article**
  Bringing together a variety of realities of the world in which we live—suicide, stress, busy-ness, work pressures—Granger reflected on the powerful antitode Adventists have in the Sabbath. The article also touched on the warnings and promises of Jesus and concluded with the “astonishing invitation” of Matthew 11:28-30. Nicely written, this article demonstrated the vital connection between Bible teaching and real-world living.

**Best feature article**
- Simon Houstoun, “Does it have to be alright?” September 16.
  This article grabbed readers’ attention with a story from the first-time writer’s professional experience as a paramedic, leading into a thoughtful reflection on the problems of suffering and how we can live and maintain faith in the face of that reality. This article generated some response—and not just for the repeated and contentious use of “alright,” a usage allowed by the Macquarie Dictionary.

**Best practical feature**
- David McClintock, “10 keys to passing on faith,” April 1.
  Based on research, this article—as the title suggests—presented 10 practical factors affecting the transmission of faith to children in family, church and school settings. Connecting with the children’s ministries’ focus, this article provided solid, usable areas of emphasis for anyone who cares about growing spirituality in children for whom they care, with whom they work or with whom they come into contact.

**Best news photo**
  When the editors looked over the past year of Records in deciding on these awards, one photo stood out and was unanimously endorsed as the “photo of the year.” The photograph of Julie Stefani and Dr Arthur Patrick cutting the Avondale Homecoming 25th anniversary cake told the story in one-one hundredth of a second, capturing the spirit of the occasion and drawing the reader into the story.

**Best news article**
  The push toward the purchase of a new plane for the Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) in Papua New Guinea has been a focus for the church in the South Pacific Division in the past year. But, while looking to the future, Pastor Millist took time to celebrate the 28 years of service given by an ageing Cessna 206, affectionately known as “Charlie.” This warm news story highlighted the longstanding mission of AAS.

**Best letter**
  Tackling the topic of the interaction of major world religions that continues to dominate news headlines around the world, this letter calls Adventists to a unique response to these issues. Noting our common Abrahamic heritage, the three angels’ messages is urged as a common “banner” under which Muslims, Jews and Christians could work for greater peace and justice in the world. In just a few paragraphs, Chester offers a thoughtful and world-changing perspective—and calls us to live it.

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.
My personal ministry

BY JOHN GATE

God could take the gospel to the world without directly involving the church. But He has shared that privilege with us—the church. Further, just as physical health is enhanced by exercise, so our spiritual wellbeing is enhanced through the exercise of sharing Jesus with others.

As a church we have become familiar with one particular form of outreach, and that is corporate outreach programs. From time to time, there are organisationally initiated programs where we are all invited and encouraged to be participants. There’s great synergy in doing things this way and some real benefits. But there are some challenges and drawbacks as well. Most church members who participate in these corporate events do so willingly and with a sense of loyalty, but too often there is a lack of personal ownership and deep commitment to the program. These programs usually have a starting date and a finishing date, and then the outreach is finished. This can hardly be called a personal ministry.

A personal ministry is one that the Holy Spirit leads us into, where we can use our gifts and our talents in sharing the good news with others. A personal ministry is something we have a passion for. It’s a ministry that we have great ownership of, and we become knowledgeable in how to perform it. We skill ourselves and, through the Holy Spirit, we become empowered and supported by others who are like-minded. God richly rewards those who commit themselves to a personal ministry.

What is your personal ministry? What has God called you to, to be your passion in outreach? There are many ways we can do this. Video ministry is only one way. But as a lifestyle and as a fruitful outreach ministry, you are invited to start your own personal video ministry and become a video minister.

“Video ministry gives me an opportunity to meet the people and become acquainted with them.”—Colin Lewis, Blacktown, New South Wales.

To become knowledgeable in this ministry, request the resource CD. To become skilled, attend a training seminar and get beside someone who is a successful video minister and learn from them. Commit some time each week to your personal ministry of sharing Jesus through videos and friendship.

What is your personal ministry? Is it a program or is it a lifestyle?

R

This is part of a series of articles exploring video ministry and how it can work in your community.

John Gate is director of the Adventist Discovery Centre.
Fundamental defined

G R STARK, QLD

“The appeal—and peril—of fundamentalism” (Feature, November 25) was biased as it only focused on the negative aspects of fundamentalism, such as “bigotry, fanaticism, rigidity, exclusiveness, intolerance, dogmatism.”

What about the positive side of fundamentalism? According to the dictionary, fundamentalism is a strong belief in the basic teachings of the Bible. If you believe in the divine inspiration of Scripture, Creation, the Sabbath, the incarnation of Jesus, atoning sacrifice of Jesus, justification by faith, Jesus’ second coming and other basic beliefs, then you are a fundamentalist.

The problem is Satan has perverted fundamentalism as he has perverted many Bible doctrines so fundamentalism has become a dirty word.

JANELLE RAJASINGHAM, QLD

The dictionary defines fundamentalism as “the belief that the words of the Bible were inspired by God and should be believed and followed literally.” Adventist views on inspiration, the millennium, heaven, hell, prophetic interpretation, the law of God and the Sabbath originated directly from the Bible and so are in fact by definition fundamentalist.

Do we as Adventists now hold the belief that the Bible is not inspired by God? (“God on My Side,” Letters, December 2).

On God’s side?

KAREN ROBERTS, VIC

I was astounded by the “God on My Side” letters (December 2). As a relatively new Adventist, baptised last year, I have spent many hours watching the “Millennium of Prophecy—Net 99” series and have never imagined Doug Batchelor a right-wing fundamentalist.

While I have not seen the movie God on My Side, it sounds like those other writers have not yet, either. Are we in any position to comment about why Batchelor and the Amazing Facts team were at the Texas convention? Perhaps God wanted them there for a reason. Maybe they were there on God’s prompting, as He foresaw the benefits of Andrew Denton’s interview. I don’t know, but I know God does. And His plans are a lot more impressive than any of ours.

MELAYNA SMITH, VIC

If truth matters then I believe God is on that side. Do you think God was on the side of the martyrs down through the centuries to this day, who would rather die than deny His atoning sacrifice? If we believe God’s Word, then we are fundamentalists in the true sense of the word and also evangelical. We have God’s Word as our fundamental belief platform and His commission, which compels us to be evangelical.

Doug Batchelor shows us how the two work together, instead of the watered-down version we are served up most Sabbaths in our churches today. He shows what Adventism stands for and will always stand for in a world of relativism and compromise. It is the judgment message given in love to a dying world. Batchelor and others like him give a voice to the millions of Seventh-day Adventists around the world who feel betrayed by those who allow the world to mandate our beliefs, so we can feel comfortable and accepted.

We need to be asking ourselves, whose side am I on?

Help for small church

LYNETTE TUNG, VIC

It was encouraging to read Andrew Opis’s report on the revitalisation of Mount Colah church by volunteers from Avondale College (“Avondale students help grow church,” News, October 14).

Many churches in country areas are suffering a similar fate to Mount Colah’s, with a diminishing and ageing attendance. I also attend a church with an attendance of 15 on a good day. As these churches shrink, so does their ability to impact the community. It would be wonderful if more volunteers could help reinvigorate these churches before they disappear.

Get back to . . . !

WAYNE DAVEY, QLD

With the little or non-use of Ellen White in our studies, the lack of preaching on the Second Coming and other prophecies, the use of snippets of movies during sermons, female elders and lack of pastoral care, why don’t we change the name of our church to “the-first-day-church-of-anything-that-goes”? Let’s go back to being people of the Book while preaching the message as required by God of His last-day remnant people!

The secular weight-loss industry has now usurped the role of the Adventist health message.

The chubby church

DAVID PENNINGTON, NSW

For many years I have watched with professional concern the increasing girth of the average Adventist (“Study: Is church making you chubby?” News, November 25). We are little different from the general populace in incidence of diabetes, hypertension and heart disease.

The causes are many, but our division health ministries director, Jonathan Duffy, gets to the root cause: “You were a good Adventist because you didn’t do this, now you are a mature Adventist because you are no longer tied to the old ‘works’ thing and you show it by doing what you didn’t used to do.” We witness this in many areas: the gluttony at church pot lucks, the replacement of outdoor activity with video and computer games, and the abandonment of vegetarianism and even of alcohol abstinence by many professed Adventists.

The secular weight-loss industry has now usurped the role of the Adventist health message. It seems the “right arm of the message” has become decidedly flabby.

Note: Views in Letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author’s original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See masthead (page 2) for contact details.
Volunteers!


Film, design and layout volunteer—Avondale College church (Cooranbong, NSW)—to design posters and Power-Point presentations; layout and writing of newsletters; develop advertising concepts; video production and editing. Maintain website. Term: Feb 19–Nov 30, 2007. Contact Hayley.

Email: <volunteers@avt.org.au>
For more positions, check the web on www.avt.org.au.

+61 2 9847 3275

Appointments

Avondale College Appointments 2007:
• Sheila Alfonso, to teach Year 5 primary, Mountain View Adventist College, Great- er Sydney Conference (GSC), Australian Union Conference (AUC). 
• Brett Barons, to teach Physical Education and Outdoor Recreation, Lilydale Adventist Academy, AUC.
• Andrew Baschen, to teach English and History, Narre Warren Christian Col- lege, secondary campus, Victorian Conference, AUC.
• Tenelle Dobson, to teach Bi- ble and ISEE, Macarthur College, North New South Wales Conference (NNSW), AUC.
• Graham Duncan, SHF Cooranbong (25 years).
• Helen Ellis Signs Publishing Company (24 years).
• Nola Hartley, SHF Christchurch (42 years).
• Lorraine Lockyer, Sydney Adventist Hospital (19 years).
• Marlene McGill, Sydney Adventist Hospital (24 years).
• Richard Smith- eram, South Queensland Conference (26 years).
• Allan Whitson, SPD Education (34 years).
• Russell Woolley, South New Zealand Schools (15 years).

Papua New Guinea Union Mission Madang Manus Mission
• Harrold Anuru. 
• Jim Kambou.

New Britain New Ireland Mission
• Walter Kangere.

Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission
• Abraham Asua.
• Luke Rasoani.
• Edijah Sandol.

Western Highlands Mission
• Pei Kend.

Trans-Pacific Union Mission Vanuatu Mission
• Ronnie Bong.

Fiji Mission
• Turagakula Epelisoro.

Eastern Solomon Islands Mission
• Melryn Sanga.

Western Solomon Islands Mission
• John Tutsa.

New Zealand Pacific Union Conference French Polynesian Mission
• Dominique Pothier.

Retirements

• Sergio Ampirico, South Pacific Division (30 years).
• John Banky, General Conference (42 years).
• Stella Benu, North New Zealand Conference (18 years).
• Weldon Carr, SPD Risk Management Service (42 years).
• Lynelle Chester, SPD Risk Management Service (40 years).
• Paul Devine, Greater Sydney Conference (36 years).
• Graham Duncan, SHF Cooranbong (25 years).
• Helen Ellis Signs Publishing Company (24 years).
• Nola Hartley, SHF Christchurch (42 years).
• Lorraine Lockyer, Sydney Adventist Hospital (19 years).
• Marlene McGill, Sydney Adventist Hospital (24 years).
• Richard Smith- eram, South Queensland Conference (26 years).
• Allan Whitson, SPD Education (34 years).
• Russell Woolley, South New Zealand Schools (15 years).

Spanish French Mission
• Wayne Boehm.

Liebels—Leigh. Dean Philip Liebels, son of Miri (Adelaide, SA) and the late Norman Liebels, and Vanessa Kate Leigh, daugh- ter of Christopher and Maree Leigh (Ad- elaise), were married on 18.11.06 at Port Pirie Adventist church.

Glynne Slade, Brian Leigh.

Stanley—Lumsden. Christopher Grant Stanley, son of Pastor Chester and Robyn Stanley (Melbourne, Vic), and Jody Jo- lene Lumsden, daughter of Jim and Iris Lumsden (Bakersfield, California, USA), were married on 1.10.06 at San Diego, California, USA.

Chester Stanley.

Travers—Thomson. Brad Travers, son of Keith and Louise Smith (Dunborough, WA) and the late Bernard Travers, and Kristina Thomson, daughter of Neville and Lynette Thomson (Perth), were mar- ried on 2.12.06 at Belvoir Homestead, Upper Swan, Perth.

Andrew Seeggy.

Wrettos—Skers. Marcus Wrettos, son of John and Yvonne Towill (Perth, WA) and the late Herbert Wrettos, and Rochelle Skers, daughter of Fred Skers and Elaine North (both of Perth), were married on 15.10.06 at Glen Forrest Uniting church, Perth.

Andrew Seeggy.

Obituaries

Violet Mary, born 6.12.1914 at Nera- ng, Qld, were married on 29.11.06 in Maitland, NSW; died 25.9.06 in Maitland Nursing Home. She is survived by her son, Lorna, Bob, Graeme, Murray and Kaye; 11 grand-nieces and grand-nephews; and her great-grandchildren. Violet Mary was a loving wife, mother and grandmother to her family. During her lifetime she was involved in every aspect of church activities and was a charter member of the Mountain View Adventist Church of 23.12.35 she married Bill, who predeceased her in 1990. Merle and Arthur served together in ministry in PNG, and were members of the Australian Conferences. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Glenda and Gerd Neuschulz (Wodonga), Heather Gilbert (Newcastle), Lynette and Norman Carlsen (Cooranbong), David and Helen Dural (Kinglake, Vic); and her six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Merle was a loving and practical Christian who will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Ray Roenfeldt, Elizev Barrett

Henderson, John Gardner, born 10.8.1920 at Mount Lawley, WA; died 26.11.06 in Per- mante Hospital, WA. On 12.8.44 he mar- ried Joyce Gaston, daughter of Bill, and his son, Peter (both of Perth). Happiness and satisfaction were his, and honesty the key to finding these commodities. Honesty and integrity defined his life.

Phil Rhodes, Pat Downey, Cyrus Adams

Horton, Ed Hardray Gee, born 12.1.1917 in Shekki, China; died 6.11.06 at home in Bradbury, California, USA. He is survived by his children, Shirley, Robert (both of California, USA), and Ted (Hawaii); his sisters, Merle, Ora Mee Lee, Hona, June Long, and Jill Wong (all of Sydney, NSW); and his six grandchildren. While a graduate of Loma Linda Medical School in Americana, he was known for his modesty and gregarious lifestyle and resident and fellow- ship at Yale University Medical Center. It was here that he became a pioneer in the field of electronic foetal heart-rate monitoring. In 1999 he received a Member of the Order of Australia, in recognition of his outstanding achievements. Loved and respected by all who knew him, he will be sadly missed by both family and friends in Australia and the USA.

Ray Roenfeldt

Biographies

Barry Wright

Kros, Eric Theodoros, born 3.4.1925 in Brisbane, Qld; died 15.11.06 in hospital in Brisbane. On 21.12.55 he married Diana Simmonds. He is survived by his wife; his

Jan 27, 2007 13

January 27, 2007
Advertisements

Note: Neither the editor, Signs Publishing Company, nor the Seventh-day Adventist Church is responsible for the quality of goods or services advertised. Publication does not indicate endorsement of a product or service. Advertisements approved by the editor will be inserted at the following rates: first 30 words or less, $A49.50; each additional word, $A2.25. For your advertisement to appear, payment must be enclosed. Classified advertisements in Recorder are available to Seventh-day Adventist members, churches and institutions only. See masthead (page 2) for contact details.

Positions vacant

▲ Network Communications Administrator—Sanitarium Health Food Company (Berkley Vale, NSW) is seeking a self-motivated IT professional to join the IT team. Key responsibilities include corporate voice/video services and systems, and assisting with network administration. The successful applicant will possess TCP/IP experience in a Cisco Unified Communications environment, CCNA accreditation, relevant tertiary qualifications, and a minimum of 3–4 years network administration experience in a Cisco environment. Applications in writing (including résumé) should be forwarded to Group Human Resources, Sanitarium, Locked Bag 7, Central Coast Mail Centre NSW 2252; fax (02) 4349 6099; or email <humanresources@sanitarium.com.au>; no later than January 31, 2007. Website: <www.sanitarium.com.au/company/employment.html>.

▲ Director of Nursing—Adventist Retirement Villages Sydney (NSW) is seeking to appoint a Director of Nursing at its Wahroonga facility. This encompasses Elizabeth Lodge, Esther Somerville Nursing Home and Independent living villas and apartments. The successful applicant will reflect the mission and philosophy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Adventist Retirement Villages Sydney; be a registered nurse, last A in NSW; have at least five years postgraduate experience; aged-care experience and knowledge of relevant legislation. Applications in writing should be forwarded to Bob Butler, Manager, Adventist Retirement Villages Sydney, PO Box 231, Wahroonga NSW 2076; email <bbutler@adventist.org.au>; phone (02) 9487 0600; by January 31, 2007.

▲ Maintenance Shift Fitters, Electrical and Mechanical—Sanitarium Health Food Company (Berkley Vale, NSW) is seeking several full-time, self-motivated and service-oriented Shift Maintenance Fitters. The successful applicants will have appropriate trade qualifications or relevant work experience; will be aware of and understand OHS, quality and safety-management systems; undertake further training; and work rostered shifts. Applications in writing (including résumé) should be forwarded to Group Human Resources, Sanitarium, Locked Bag 7, Central Coast Mail Centre NSW 2252; fax (02) 4349 6099; or email <humanresources@sanitarium.com.au>; website <www.sanitarium.com.au/company/employment.html>; by February 6, 2007.

▲ Assistant Academic Registrar—Avondale College (Cooranbong, NSW) is seeking an Assistant Academic Registrar, commencing March 2007. The successful applicant will assist in the implementation and management of a new student management system, the administration of academic administration processes associated with the life of a student; and assist in the supervision of Academic Office staff. For selection criteria and job description please visit <www.avondale.edu.au>. For further information contact Paul de Ville <paul.deville@avondale.edu.au>; phone (02) 4980 2125. Applications, addressing the selection criteria (including three referees) should be forwarded to Sonya Muhl <employment@avondale.edu.au>; or Human Resources, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong NSW 2265; by February 16, 2007.

▲ Director of Patient Flow Services—Sydney Adventist Hospital (Wahroonga, NSW) is seeking a Director of Patient Flow Services and invites applications from registered nurses who have a minimum of five years clinical and proven management experience. This is a newly created role, and as a key member of the Nursing Management Team you will manage the process of optimal patient flow throughout the organisation. Applications and inquiries should be directed to Annette Baldwin, Nursing Executive Officer, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076; phone (02) 9487 9431; email <Annetteb@sal.org.au>; by February 9, 2007.

For church-related employment opportunities visit the Employment section on the SPD website <www.adventist.org.au>.

James Morrison and Emma Paul will be performing at the CCAS grounds in Erina, NSW, on March 24, 2007. Tickets can be purchased from the CCAS on (02) 4367 7239 or Avondale Music on (02) 4977 1398.

Canada group—May 14, 2007, 22 days. Includes land tour, Rocky Mountaineer and cruise to Alaska. Contact Ann at Timeout Tours, 1300 854 242; or email <contact@timeouttravell.com.au> for complete itinerary.

For sale—a beautiful 2 BR mobile home on-site at very low price. Walking distance from SDA church and campground, Kallangur, Qld. Many other SDAs. Suit elderly single. Phone Lina (07) 3888 1343 (BTH).


Nick Kenz

Leson, Irene Mary (Rene, nee Winter), born 5.7.1918 at South Grafton, NSW, the third of eight children; died 10.11.06 at Ferros Village, Bangalow. She was predeceased by her first husband, Lenard Moulden, in 1967; also her second husband, Walter Leson, in 1999. She is survived by her brothers, Pastor Clifford Winter (Bendigo, Vic), and Arthur Winter (Brunswick Heads); her sisters, Iris King (Canberra, ACT), Ruth Taylor and Dorothy Winter (both of Mullumbimby, NSW). Rene wrote poetry and short stories. She loved her church and was a very daring, loving, caring, giving person.

Ernie Krause

Lessa, Lynette (nee Musk), born 26.2.1945 at Mullumbimby, NSW; died 26.10.06 in the Wynnup Hospital, after suffering poor health for much of her adult life. She was the second of six children, Jan Gosling (dec), Desre Partlat, John and Barry Musk, and Judy Watts. She will be remembered for her courage, perseverance and creativity.

Malcolm Allen, Ernie Krause

Pallin, Gwendoline Winifred (nee Lansdown), born 21.4.1929 at Napier, NZ; died 5.8.06 in Middlemore Hospital, Auckland. She was predeceased by her husband, Ivan; her daughter, Nadine Ferris, in 1986; also her brother, Lewis; and her sister, Lorna Barker. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Pastor Jim and Judith Lansdown (Gold Coast, Qld). Gwen was a very much loved aunt and great aunt. She gave many years of faithful service to the Royal Oak (NZ) church. Her strong faith embraced the great hope of all who believe in Jesus and this gave her the calm assurance that she would see her Saviour soon.
Endless Praise office secretary. A position is available for a qualified secretary aged between 25 to 35, from Mon–Fri, to look after the running and demands of our bookings office at Hoxton Park, Sydney, NSW. Computer knowledge and driver’s licence required. Please contact Sandra on (02) 8783 7000; or email cep@epraise.com.au.

Receive the Hope Channel and IABN. Complete satellite kit $265 + freight. Full instructions for DIY installation. Installers available. Australia only. Rural Electronics (02) 6361 3636; or <ruralele@bigpond.net.au>.

Gosford church 10th anniversary celebration day—February 24, 2007. All former members and ministers are warmly invited. Sabbath school 10.00 am; praise service 11.00 am, with fellowship lunch to follow.

The official opening of the new Swan Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lot 10 Talbot Road, Stratton, WA (formerly Midland), will take place on Sabbath afternoon, February 24, 2007, at 2.30 pm. All welcome.

Carmel Centenary—2007 Homecoming weekend. Calling all former students, workers and friends of Carmel Adventist College. Our centenary will be held this year and the highlight of our year-long celebrations will be the Homecoming weekend to be held September 28–30, 2007. This will be the Homecoming weekend to be held September 28–30, 2007. This will coincide with a Vespers program on Friday evening, and include a special Sabbath service, evening program and Sunday tour of the college. Please plan now to attend. For further details contact the Centenary Committee on (08) 9291 5333; or email centenary@adventist-ed.wa.edu.au.

Endless Praise seeking auditions for 2007! EP is now searching for talented young singers and musicians for 2007. The full-time interdenominational faith music ministry group, based out of Sydney, is now holding auditions. If you are passionate about mixing music and ministry for one or more years on a full-time basis, this may be what you are looking for. Contact Sandra at the EP office on (02) 8783 7000; or email cep@dpraise.com.au.

Data projectors, screens, DVD/ VCRs, PA systems etc. Lower prices for SDA churches, schools etc. Australia only. Rural Electronics (02) 6361 3636; or <greenfields@netconnect.com.au>.

Electrician 4U—for all your electrical needs contact Bruce Petrie on 0418 333 175. Servicing Melbourne Eastern, South-Eastern, Outer Eastern and Yarra Valley areas.

Tours 2007—Allround Travel Centre (QLD). Thailand and China, May 07. Reformation Tour, May 2007. International travel to all parts of the world. Contact Anita/Debbie, email calltrav@bigpond.net.au; phone (07) 9550 3555.

Finally
The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don’t know what to do.

Before – In 1945 George graduated from Avondale College in theology and business. He went on to make an enormous contribution to the church for many decades – business manager of Sydney Adventist Hospital, ADRA, Religious Liberty, Schools Commission Funding, Public Affairs and Inter-church Relationships. Doreen was always by his side.

Now – Retired in their 80s. Still playing tennis and going on skiing holidays. A lifestyle to die for. Inseparable companions living a life (to the full) that every retiree should strive for.

Where – In the perfect villa – Adventist Retirement Villages, Wahroonga.

George: “Like many people, we built our large dream home. It quickly became too large to maintain. Beautiful home but exhausting. Bought a villa in a ‘luxury’ retirement village. For all the comforts it offered, it failed to recognise that residents aged. There was no progressive care.

“When ARV began building at Wahroonga, we put our names on the top of the list. Best investment in our retirement and old age that we could ever have made. No more lawn-mowing, heavy gardening, falling off ladders and building maintenance. And it is so reassuring to know that Elizabeth Lodge and Esther Somerville are right next door.”

Doreen: “We love the tranquility of our new home. We are free to come and go as we like. We are not a burden on our family. If either should ever need nursing or hostel care, we will still be close together.”

Advice:
• Have no illusions about getting old, frail and dying. There are no exemption clauses.
• Plan for every phase of retirement and old age.
• Do not become too attached to your home. It can become a liability.
• Do not leave moving into retirement accommodation until you are too old.
• Retirement living can be a ton of fun.
• For Adventists, there is no better place to be than our own retirement villages.
Sanitarium canned products

Offer available between Monday 29th January and Sunday 4th February, 2007. available in most Woolworths and Safeway stores.

Products Include: Tender Pieces, Casserole Mince, Nutolene, Nutmeat. Savoury Lentils are not included in this promotion.

Note: Not all varieties available at all stores. Offer available while stocks last. Normal retail sell price applies to single product purchase.

Available in the Health Food Section

For tasty recipe ideas visit our website at www.sanitarium.com.au