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(from left to right) David Syme, George Laxton, Jonathan Duffy and David Jack.

ADRA celebrates 25 years of service

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

More than 200 people gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) at a special service in Kellyville Adventist church, NSW, on October 11.

Those in attendance included current and former staff, former board members, volunteers, supporters and friends of the agency. Four of ADRA Australia's five Chief Executive Officers from the past 25 years were also present, including George Laxton, the first CEO when ADRA was renamed from the Seventh-day Adventist World Service in 1983; David Syme,

CEO from 1998 to 2004; David Jack, CEO from 2004 to May 2008; and the current CEO, Jonathan Duffy. The fifth CEO was Harold Halliday, who served from 1991 to 1997.

"It was lovely to meet so many people who have supported ADRA over the years," says Mr Duffy. "And it was a good opportunity to reflect on how far ADRA has come in 25 years—from a small church agency with one person to a government-accredited organisation with a staff of 21—and to consider again the great duty Christians have in helping to alleviate poverty."

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Power of poetry in *New Leaves*



The prosperity gospel can also creep into our mission stories.

Crying with the angels

ONCE SPOKE WITH A FRIENDLY MAN ON a busy street in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. As soon as he realised I was a Seventh-day Adventist, a huge smile broke over his face, and he announced joyfully, "I'm a backslider." He then embraced me in a big bearhug. The man had found a connection to the Adventist Church—however slight—and was proud of it.

In many parts of the world, Adventists are widely admired and respected. In fact, for many, becoming an Adventist is to become "upwardly mobile." Simply avoiding alcohol and tobacco means more money in your pocket, better health, and can even improve your ability to hold a job.

But there's a categorical leap between the lifestyle benefits of becoming an Adventist and the "prosperity gospel"—believing that if you follow God, He will make you rich, healthy and successful. This doctrine is popular but it's a long way from what the Bible teaches.

I was sitting in church once when the pastor asked all those who were feeling happy to raise their hands. Most, of course, complied but some hands remained down. "Those who didn't put your hands up," the pastor observed, "you need to know Jesus."

It's true that the spiritual, mental and physical closely intertwine in our lives but knowing Jesus doesn't automatically guarantee constant good feelings. We all wrestle with different aspects of our humanity, and the fact that someone feels unhappy isn't a

litmus test of their spirituality.

Think of Elijah. After literally having a mountaintop spiritual experience, he hit depression under a juniper tree (see 1 Kings 19:4). Picture Habakkuk crying out: "How long, O Lord, must I call for help. . . . Why do you tolerate wrong?" (Habakkuk 1:2, 3, NIV). Or Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, pleading with God: "Why are you like a man taken by surprise, like a warrior powerless to save?" (Jeremiah 14:9, NIV).

Does God promise peace and joy? Yes. Does He promise immunity from suffering and pain? No.

The prosperity gospel can also creep into our mission stories, focusing on "success" rather than on faithfulness, commitment and discipleship. Often the only mission reports we get are the triumphs, miraculous conversions and the latest glowing baptismal statistics from big public events in certain parts of the world. What can get lost is the true story of mission—sacrifice, mind-numbing challenges, a world that still doesn't know Jesus.

And, too often, the implication is that if you're a pastor battling to find even a handful of Bible studies in challenging mission fields, such as Australia or New Zealand, you don't have enough faith, your methods are faulty or you don't pray hard enough.

One of my favourite stories is of Vadim Kibe, a young Global Mission pioneer working in Kostroma, Russia. His task? To plant a Seventh-day Adventist congregation in this historic city.

Carefully, he planned a series of public evangelistic meetings. First night: seven attended. Second night: four attended. Third night: nobody attended—not one person.

On that unforgettable night, Vadim still went ahead and preached his message. But he preached it to 160 empty chairs. "I imagined that, in every chair, there was an angel," he said later, "and that 160 angels were looking at me and crying with me."

I often think of that humble pioneer, standing in the empty hall and preaching his heart out to the angels, tears streaming down his face. His faithfulness touches me as much as the latest explosive baptismal statistics from the Philippines, Central America or southern Africa.

We rejoice to see God's kingdom growing quickly in certain parts of the world. But we should never diminish what faithful people are doing in other areas. Prosperity gospel theology doesn't mix well with mission. We're called to be witnesses, to be faithful, to play our part in God's much larger plan. But conversions and numbers? They belong entirely to God.

Thank you for your sacrificial support of the mission of our church through Sabbath school offerings and special mission offerings, such as will be collected next Sabbath. They do make a huge difference and only Eternity will do the real accounting.

Gary Krause
Director of Adventist Mission
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Church encourages “going green”

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

In response to Professor Ross Garnaut's report on how Australia can take up the fight against climate change, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific is reminding church members of their obligation to care for the environment and the simple steps they can take to achieve it.

“As Christians, we believe that God has made us stewards over His creation and it is our responsibility to care for the environment in a faithful way,” says Dr Barry Oliver, president of the South Pacific Division. “The preservation and nurture of the environment relates intimately with the way we serve God.”

Dr Oliver says that church members do not have to go to too much expense or make overly-drastic changes in their lifestyles in order to help protect the environment. “Simple things like recycling, turning the light switches off when we're not in the room, ensuring we wash our laundry with a full load, avoiding using our cars as much as possible and taking shorter showers can all make a difference,” he says.

“Adventists have consistently advocated a vegetarian diet. Studies have shown that greenhouse emissions generated in pro-

ducing a vegetarian diet are up to six times less than those generated in producing other dietary choices,” says Dr Oliver. “But we shouldn't pat ourselves on the backs. We can and should do more.”

Professor Garnaut's 652-page study on the cost of climate change to the Australian federal government was delivered on September 30. The report contains detailed modelling on how efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will affect the country's economy. The independent study was conducted by Professor Garnaut and commissioned by Australia's Commonwealth, state and territory Governments.

Professor Garnaut said, “This problem is very small compared to the resources we mobilised for the Second World War,” and estimates an annual investment of two per cent of gross domestic product per year could meet the report's target.

The Adventist Church has previously affirmed its commitment to caring for the world as God's stewards.

In November 2006, Adventists joined



Dr Barry Oliver.

other churches in a consultation on climate change at the London headquarters of charity Christian Aid. According to Christian Aid at the time, “no other single issue presents such a clear and present danger to the future welfare of the world's poor.

“The potential ravages of climate change are so severe that they could nullify efforts to secure

meaningful and sustainable development in poor countries,” the report continued. “At worst, they could send the real progress that has already been achieved spinning into reverse. . . . Climate change, then, is a pressing poverty issue.”—*Melody Tan/RECORD staff*

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You can read more on the Garnaut Report at <www.garnautreview.org.au> or about Christian Aid at <<http://news.adventist.org/data/2006/1165347894/index.html.en>>. The Adventist Church's statement on the environment can be found at <www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/main_stat9.html>.



◆ Over the past 18 months, **Wauchope church, NSW**, has undertaken some initiatives to focus on more effective **13th Sabbath offerings**. Some of these ideas have been to give members tubs to put their coins in throughout the quarter, a harvest auction and the latest venture, a **Bible read-a-thon**, which the Juniors took up with great enthusiasm. They asked members of the church to spon-

sor them to read chapters of the Bible. Not only did this raise money for 13th Sabbath offering, it also encouraged younger members to read their Bibles. The 10 children read 1198 chapters between them and raised more than \$A900, with total offerings reaching an all-time high of \$A1541. The average offering for 13th Sabbath 18 months ago was around the \$A250 mark. —*Sharon Higgins*

◆ On September 8, **Avondale School's netball teams (NSW)** took to the courts. Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams competed at the

annual **Hunter Regions Independent Schools (HRIS) Netball Gala Day**, held in Newcastle. Despite weather conditions that ranged from intermittent sun to showers and howling wind, spirits remained high. The girls were also playing against the top three teams from last year's competition. A great success, the day was the result of many 7 am training sessions, and the commitment of coaches and support staff alike. —*Susan Rogers*

◆ At **Dora Creek church's (NSW)** recent Spring Sacred Concert,



young people presented most of the items, ranging from choral to family quartet, instrumental trio, violin duet, saxophone solo and cello solo (the cellist being 10 years old and very accomplished). There were several seasoned performers as well and, despite the inclement weather, they combined to convey the true spirit of Spring. —*George Drinkall*

Statement on homosexuality issues

The Adventist Church has a clear position on homosexuality, based on the teachings of the Word of God, and expressed in a consensus statement adopted by the General Conference and the South Pacific Division. The position of the Church has not changed. The voted statement reads: "The Seventh-day Adventist Church recognises that every human being is valuable in the sight of God, and we seek to minister to all men and women in the spirit of Jesus. We also believe that by God's grace and through the encouragement of the community of faith, an individual may live in harmony with the principles of God's Word.

"Seventh-day Adventists believe that sexual intimacy belongs only within the marital relationship of a man and a woman. This was the design established by God at creation. The Scriptures declare: 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh' (Genesis 2:24, NIV). Throughout Scripture, this heterosexual pattern is affirmed. The Bible makes no accommodation for homosexual activity or relationships. Sexual acts outside the circle of a heterosexual marriage are forbidden (see Leviticus 20:7-21; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Jesus Christ reaffirmed the divine creation intent: "'Haven't you read,'" he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said,

'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one'" (Matthew 19:4-6). For these reasons, Adventists are opposed to homosexual practices and relationships.

"Seventh-day Adventists endeavor to follow the instruction and example of Jesus. He affirmed the dignity of all human beings, and reached out compassionately to persons and families suffering the consequences of sin. He offered caring ministry and words of solace to struggling people, while differentiating His love for sinners from His clear teaching about sinful practices."

Insofar as some readers of RECORD have expressed their concern, we regret the misunderstanding surrounding the publication of "Beyond assumptions" (Editorial, October 4) and "*Christianity and Homosexuality*" (Perspective, October 4). These articles were not intended to promote, endorse or condone the practice of homosexuality in contradistinction to our Church's position.

As a church, we are committed to the teachings of the Bible, at the same time as following the command and example of Jesus to love people, as difficult as that may be or as distasteful as their lifestyles may be to us, and providing pastoral care and love to those who are struggling with very difficult issues.—*The editor and officers of the South Pacific Division*

College commences mentoring program

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

A new mentoring and recruitment program will offer Avondale students a free subject for every new student they introduce to the college. The program, called "Helping hands," rewards Avondale's best recruiters for their efforts, says director of advancement Lorin Bradford.

Students become mentors to those they introduce to the college by, among other things, helping them register and introducing them to college life. Upon completion of a checklist, the student serving as mentor can choose to receive a free subject or take \$A1000 off their living expenses.

The college's marketing officer, Nadine Clark, confirms there is no limit to the number of students a student can recruit. She says "Helping hands" is an incentive particularly to international students because of the higher costs associated with tuition fees and living expenses.

Mr Bradford says "Helping hands" has two major benefits. First, it helps first-year students adjust to their new environment and, second, it encourages other students to promote Avondale in the community.

—*Temreke Ngira*

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◆ The end-of-year school formal is a highlight of many **Year 12 students'** lives. But three young women from **Warwick church, Qld**, made the decision not to attend their formal when it was held on Friday night. Church members publicly honoured their stand the next day, **October 11**, by presenting them with flowers at the beginning of the church

service. Pictured are **Julisa Kelsey, Lauren Gentil and Jessica Rock** (standing in for her sister, Christel Rock) receiving flowers from church elder, **Margaret Bernoth**.—*Mary Fedorow*

◆ For three years running, **Longburn Adventist College (LAC)** students (NZ) have participated in the local **Secondary School's Chess Competition**. This has proven to be a great outlet for students who are keen on the "sport" but the relationships built from their participation are also rewarding. Each year, LAC has



improved its performance. A notable performance was **Kurt Leslie**, who was undefeated throughout the tournament. LAC had the highest percentage of female chess players compared to other schools. Some of the most tense, nerve-racking matches were played by **Haruka Tanabe**, an exchange student from Saniku, Japan, who defeated older, more

experienced players.—*North New Zealand Conference*

◆ This year's week of spiritual emphasis at **Gold Coast Christian College, Qld**, was a spiritual highlight for the Gold Coast community. The message was presented by **Pastor Wes Tolhurst**, challenged the **180 students** to go "over the edge" for Jesus. The seniors from **Tweed Valley College, NSW**, led the students in worship. The senior students went off campus during the week to try rockclimbing, giving them a practical example of what it means in the physical

DVD launched to reach Fiji's Indian population

SUVA, FIJI

The Fiji Mission has received a new DVD evangelistic series in Hindi that will specifically cater to the Indian population in the country.

The series, *Dukhi Duniyan Ke Live Shanti* (translated to mean "Peace for a sad world"), aims to show viewers how they can find "meaning behind the chaos, peace among the trouble and hope beyond the despair." It acknowledges the Indian population has suffered more than its share of bloodshed and sorrow through religious tension, riots and assassinations. It offers answers to questions such as, "Will the violence and racial hatred ever end?," "Will there ever be peace?" and "Is there a future for our children?"

"The DVDs will have a great impact among the Indian community and will also help church members," says Pastor Narayan Gounder, coordinator for Indian work in the Fiji Mission. "It has a good approach and is professionally made. We have never had such a great resource—not even in India."

Dukhi Duniyan Ke Live Shanti was produced and directed by Russell Gibbs in



Copies of *Dukhi Duniyan Ke Live Shanti*.

1992, but was never distributed. The archives were discovered by the Adventist Media Network in September this year, and have been authored into DVD format on request from the Fiji Mission.

Pastor Gounder plans to give the DVDs to Indian families and follow up the visits with Bible study. "It is difficult to enter into homes but with the DVD, the families can watch it and we can follow up with visits," he says. "It will open doors for Bible studies."

There are 10 episodes in the series, shot on location in Sydney and India. Each episode features a music video and ends with a prayer. Around 500 of Fiji's 300,000 Indian people identify as Adventist.

—Melody Tan

Final world mission offering for 2008 next week

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The final world mission budget offering for 2008 will be collected on November 8, specifically for what have been termed "unusual opportunities."

These are things that may arise for which the General Conference needs readily-available funds, says Pastor Ray Coombe, director of Adventist Mission for the South Pacific Division (SPD).

"Particularly as the world church responds to opportunities in the 10/40 window, funds are sometimes urgently needed to seize an opportunity that's suddenly presented," says Pastor Coombe. "They need to have funds that aren't already allocated for other projects they can draw from."

Other Adventist churches around the world will have the "Annual week of sacrifice" offering on this date, which was collected in the SPD on September 13.

"The Adventist Church is a world church and its international operations are supported by our offerings," says Pastor Coombe. "Without this support, our church would never be able to sustain such dynamic growth and evangelism in almost every country of the world." —RECORD staff/Ray Coombe

sense to go over an edge. The week climaxed on Friday, when nearly every student from Prep to grade 4 rose out of their seats to demonstrate their commitment to Jesus. The seniors were given a special invitation to come to the front and write on a massive board their faith commitment to Jesus. Some 35 students have enrolled in pastoral faith-building classes. —Sean Berkeley

◆ On June 21, a large crowd attended a celebration service to mark the complete refurbishment and extension of the cottage next



door to the **Nowra church, NSW**. Retired builder and church elder **Geoff Bennett**, and **Norm Schultz** were instrumental in the work. Members have contributed funds over the years and also assisted in the building work. In addition to a modern kitchen, children's rooms, a doubling of hall size and bathrooms, there is a large back deck, enclosed for child safety. **Litera-**

ture-evangelist teams now come regularly to Nowra, attracted by the comfortable accommodation and hospitality of the church members. —Jeff Webster

◆ The sixth annual **Samoan women's ministry community annual camp**, held at the campground at Watson Park, Dakabin, Qld, during the Queen's Birthday weekend. Special guest, **Maranata Titimanu**, is a secondary teacher, who worked for many years at Pacific Adventist University and now works in Brisbane. The theme was



"**Forgiveness**"—"Faamagaloga," in Samoan. The focus was on the sanctuary and the hall was decorated in the colours that would have been used in the early tabernacle. Ten churches and companies participated in singing over the weekend and in a special musical program.

—Taimamao Sipoe

New Leaves shows healing power of poetry

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Writing poetry is a form of therapy for those suffering a life-threatening illness, research by an Avondale College communication lecturer shows.

Inspired by her doctoral thesis, which is examining the relationship between writing and healing, Carolyn Rickett coordinated a research team that included award-winning Australian poet Judith Beveridge, and academic and medical doctor Dr Jill Gordon. Dr Gordon taught creative writing classes to about 25 people, many from Sydney Adventist Hospital's Cancer Support Centre.

The poems from these classes are now part of an anthology, edited by Ms Beveridge and Ms Rickett, and launched at Jacaranda Lodge on September 22. The anthology, called *New Leaves*, takes its title from Richard Aldington's poem "New love."

Author, media personality and former Australian international rugby union player Peter FitzSimons, the cousin of participant Richard Lander, launched the anthology. "What comes through in these poems . . . is enormous wisdom and appreciation for what really matters—family, sunny days, friendships, reaching out . . . and a determination to do everything possible to get well again, to experience more of it," he writes in the foreword.

The launch served as a reminder that not everyone recovers from a serious illness. Ms Beveridge and Ms Rickett dedicated the anthology to John Hunt, who took the cover photograph for *New Leaves* and has since died from prostate cancer.

About a dozen of the participants read their poems during the launch. Dr Judy Fitzmaurice learned this past year she had breast cancer. "I found my medical knowledge didn't shield me one iota from the experience of my own human frailty and vulnerability in the face of potentially serious illness," she said in the introduction to her reading. A sceptic at first, she soon realised she could write poetry and it could help heal, saying, "the healing being in the explicit naming of previously unnamed fears and feelings, which then released them of their power."

This seemed to summarise the experience of the other participants. Michelle Witt, who has since died from uterine cancer, described the process of writing as "allow[ing] me to untangle the emotions within." Her poem, "Ribbons of love," was written for her daughters, Annika and Sophie.

"Michelle confronted her illness with such grace, courage, dignity and compassion, leaving us not only the legacy of her beautiful writing but also the motivation to live more purposefully, more generously," says Ms Rickett.—*Kristin Thiele*

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ADRA celebrates 25 years

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The celebration service included a thought-provoking presentation by ADRA Australia's International Program director, Harwood Lockton, on the relationship between Sabbath worship and justice. His talk, based on Isaiah 58, reminded Christians of God's heart for the disadvantaged, and its impact on a Christian's spirituality and expression of worship.

The program was also supported by several students from Mountain View Adventist College (MVAC), who performed an original song about poverty. The song, "Change the World," was written by the students and the chaplain of MVAC, Jean-Pierre Martinez, for the recent iGeneration campaign in Sydney, which encourages and celebrates the contribution young people make to ADRA's work.

The worship service concluded with an anniversary cake presentation from ADRA Australia to those in attendance, in recognition of the support ADRA Australia has received from generous supporters, professional staff, prayer warriors, friends and volunteers over the past 25 years. The event concluded with a potluck lunch.

—*Candice Jaques*

More @ www.adra.org.au

◆ According to **Global Mission** research, there are now **3.5 million extra unreached people** in Australia since Global Mission began in 1990. If every person in Australia walked past, one person per second, it would take **6.6 minutes** for an Adventist to walk past you. There is now one Adventist for every **425 people** on the planet. In 1980, the ratio was 1 to 1268.—*Global Mission*

◆ The Seventh-day Adventist owned **Middle East University** opened its gates to more than 30 children for a "**Peace Camp**,"

held from September 12 to 14. The camp's "Peacemakers" theme was based on the Bible verse found in Matthew 5:9. On Sabbath morning, the children started the day with their morning drill and devotional. The devotionals were designed to explore peacemakers in the Bible—**Abigail**, who demonstrated her hospitality and wisdom; **Amos**, who served justice; and **Micah**, who made way for the world's greatest peacemaker ever, **Jesus**.—*TED*

◆ An unusual copy of the **Bible** has begun an unusual journey.

The leatherbound copy is written in **66 languages**—one for each book. Its trip began at the General Conference's (GC) **Annual Council business session** in Manila, Philippines. **Pastor Jan Paulsen** handed it to **Pastor Alberto C Gulfan Jr**, president of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, the first stop of a global itinerary for rallies and marathon readings at villages, hospitals and universities. The journey, an initiative planned since last year called "**Follow the Bible**," is intended to rekindle in Adventists around the world the daily need for connec-

tion with the Bible. A recent survey of world membership found 51 per cent said they regularly studied the Bible. The Bible will travel to six continents and culminate at the next GC session in Atlanta, Georgia, USA in 2010. "This will be the most travelled Bible in the history of the world," said **Pastor Mark Finley**, GC vice-president for evangelism and personal witness. The Bible features Genesis written in Spanish, Psalms in Chinese and Revelation in Korean.—*ANN*

More at <www.followthebiblesda.com>

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RECORD editor launches *Nemesis Train*

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

RECORD editor Nathan Brown has had his first novel, *Nemesis Train*, published by Ark House, an independent Christian publisher in Sydney.

The story was inspired by a coroner's report Mr Brown read when he worked at a law firm in Queensland. He says, "From the suicide note and some brief details of one man's life, I imagined a larger story of what had brought him to that point and what a tragic loss it was."

"It is a story about despair and guilt but also, about wanting to make a difference and finding hope. Ultimately, it is a story of grace, how even small personal interactions can make a difference in people's lives."

He adds, "As part of the story, there is discussion of the good and bad things that happen in the world, and where God and faith can fit with that. I hope people can think about some of these ideas in a different way in the form of a story. It might also connect with readers who might not pick it up in other formats, like an article

in RECORD or a *Signs of the Times* magazine, for example."

The novel is a project Mr Brown has been working on for the past 10 years and he says, "It's exciting to see it in a solid form."



Nemesis Train.

The process to publication has been an interesting journey—one of those author's stories of countless rejections before eventual publication."

Melody Tan, public relations officer for the South Pacific Division, who reviewed the book for the *Nemesis Train* blog, writes, "This is not a book in the old-fashioned sense of the word, as chapters often appear unstructured and the flow of the book will take most readers by

surprise.

"However, readers of *Nemesis Train* will find themselves unwittingly and inexplicably drawn into a story that makes them want to find out more, if only to discover how all the characters fit into the story."

Nemesis Train is available from Adventist Book Centres and other Christian book shops.—**Adele Nash**

More @ <<http://nemesistrain.blogspot.com>>

More than one million join Adventist church

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

For the fifth consecutive year, more than one million people have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide, according to this year's church statistical report.

Church leaders said for the year ending June 30, about 2800 people on average joined the church each day, bringing the world membership total to 15,780,719. There is now one Adventist for every 425 people on the planet. In 1980, the ratio was one to 1268.

This year's report reflects a membership audit of the church's South America region,

which resulted in a more than 300,000-member decline.

"While previous audits in other divisions were also intense, the more accurate membership totals suggest a positive look toward the future," said Bert Haloviak, director of the General Conference's department of Archives and Statistics.

Growth patterns indicate most church growth took place in non-western societies. About 89 per cent of church growth occurred in South America, inter-America, east-central Africa, South Africa—Indian Ocean, Southern Asia and Southern Asia—Pacific.—**Ansel Oliver/ANN**

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Leaders say funds in SPD are "secure"

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The financial situation of the South Pacific Division (SPD) is stable despite the current global financial crisis, say church leaders.

According to Rodney Brady, chief financial officer of the SPD, rising interest rates have actually meant an increase in investment income for the church.



Rodney Brady.

"The SPD has a conservative investment policy. The majority of our funds are invested in Australia and New Zealand, in capital stable interest-bearing securities that have strong credit ratings," says Mr Brady. "Nearly every major investor has been affected by recent events and this is not an environment for complacency. However, less than 1 per cent of our investments have had a credit downgrade or have had reasons for us to monitor them closely. There has been no default in interest or capital payments on these investments to date."

Mr Brady acknowledges the SPD is not immune from what is happening in the global economy but assures church members they can remain confident that conservative investment and financial management practices will continue.

"The church is reliant on tithes and offerings from its members, and we recognise that many families will be affected by the credit crunch and global economic slowdown," says Mr Brady.

Church leaders are taking what they call "prudent steps" to manage during the crisis. On October 13, the General Conference's Annual Council voted to accept a 2009 budget based on 2007's income levels, along with a resolution allowing the leaders to make interim adjustments to the budget between the Manila meetings this year and the Spring 2009 business meeting.

—**Melody Tan**

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A snapshot of the church in Australia

BY KEN VOGEL

WHERE WERE YOU LAST SABBATH? On average, for every 100 people who attended an Adventist church last Sabbath somewhere in Australia, only 80 also attended Sabbath school. "So what?" you ask. An attendance survey conducted across Australia in February, 2008, reveals this might be significant for the life and mission of the church.

This is but one picture that has emerged. The attendance survey was conducted in every local conference across Australia in order to better understand those attending our churches. Being a totally anonymous survey, all participants were able to state the facts with no risk of their privacy being undermined.

The data provides church leaders in the local congregation, the local conference and the Australian Union Conference information of substance that will assist in determining the strategic directions of the church.

While there may be different ways of interpreting some of this data, it will provide a more realistic view of things than has been the case previously. And it is most important to remember that this data does not replace prayer but, rather, will be subject to much prayerful consideration.

Sample analysis

Sabbath school:

So where were you? Just 16.1 per cent who never attend Sabbath school consider themselves quite involved or fully involved in the life of their church. This contrasts with 64.4 per cent of those attending Sabbath school weekly, who consider themselves quite involved or fully involved with the church, using their spiritual gifts and sharing their faith with others.

Imagine the potential impact on the life and mission of the church if the weekly

participation in Sabbath school increased and there was a corresponding increase in the level of involvement, as the survey has revealed!

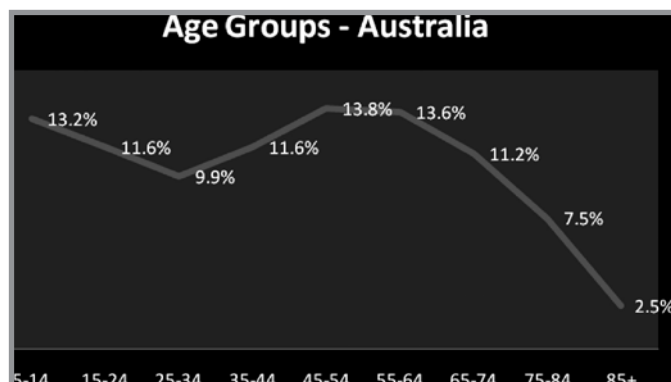
What leadership and other resources does your church give to the children's and youth Sabbath-school programs? Forty-five per cent of those attending Sabbath school in Australia are young people and so warrant adequate resourcing.

On the other hand, the question might need a different focus for your church: what leadership and other resources does your church give to the senior Sabbath school? Fifty-five per cent of Sabbath school attendees are beyond the youth age group.

While there is some variation in attendance data from conference to conference, it is worth specifically noting that between 5 and 16 per cent do not attend Sabbath School at all.

Age:

Let's turn our attention for a moment to the various age groups attending the



church worship period. The 5-14, 45-54 and 55-64 age groups each represent more than 13 per cent of the total attendance. But the 25 to 34 age group seems to be underrepresented.

Gender:

At long last, there is trustworthy data that can help the church understand the gender balance and plan accordingly. More women than men attend worship in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia. While there are more females than males in the general population anyway, there is a higher proportion of women attending our church. Of those aged 15 and over who completed a survey form, 56 per cent are female compared to 44 per cent male.

But there is more. And this should challenge everyone! There is a sharp contrast between the gender balance under 15 to

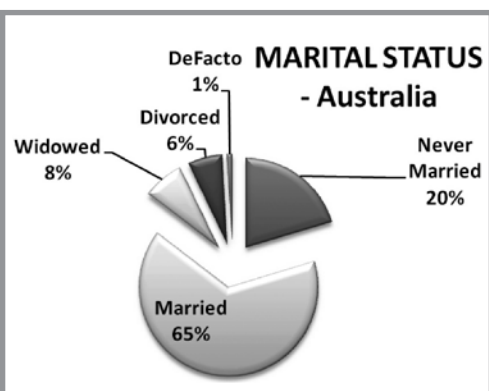
Sabbath school attendance

	Weekly	2-3 times / month	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
Northern Australia	72%	11%	2%	10%	5%
South Queensland	68%	10%	2%	12%	8%
North NSW	66%	10%	3%	12%	9%
Greater Sydney	68%	9%	2%	12%	9%
South NSW	68%	11%	3%	10%	8%
Victoria	66%	11%	2%	13%	8%
Tasmania	57%	10%	1%	16%	16%
South Australia	67%	9%	1%	13%	10%
Western Australia	66%	11%	2%	11%	10%

those 15 and over. The males aged 0-14 make up 51 per cent of that age group. Yet males aged 15 and over make up only 44 per cent of that group. What happened to the boys? Where have they gone? While there are variances between local conferences, the clear trend is that the loss begins in the 15-24 age group. This continues into the succeeding age groups. Attention needs to be given to how the church might remain relevant to the needs of young men; how young men might be better integrated into the life and mission of the church.

Marital status:

While only 6 per cent of attendees aged 15 years and above are divorced, this represents more than 1300 people who have special needs and require focused support.



Baptised Seventh-day Adventists:

As 88 per cent of attendees older than 14 are baptised Seventh-day Adventists, there is the matter of the remaining 12 per cent—nearly 2500 people—who have yet to be baptised. This is twice the number of people baptised in Australia in 2007. An intentional ministry focus is needed to help this 12 per cent become baptised, active disciples for Jesus.

Have you truly befriended one of these, young or old? Remember, it does not require you to go down town and preach in the marketplace. These are people you saw last Sabbath at church and will likely see again next Sabbath.

Home church:

This snapshot of the church in Australia in February showed that 86 per cent of attendees considered the church they were in that day as their home church. Two per cent of all attendees did not have any church anywhere they would con-

Where is your Adventist Church membership?

This church: the one I am in today	Another Seventh-day Adventist Church in this Conference	A Seventh-day Adventist Church outside this Conference
72%	15%	13%

Where is your home church?

This church	Another SDA Church	A non-SDA Church	Do not have a church to call "home"
86%	11%	1%	2%

sider a "home" church, whether Seventh-day Adventist or not.

Some 28 per cent of baptised Seventh-day Adventist attendees were not in the church where they held their membership on the Sabbath of the survey. Of that 28 per cent, 15 per cent had their membership in another church within that conference, while 13 per cent had their membership in a church in another conference entirely.

Putting these two factors together, it is reasonable to conclude that there are a significant number who have not transferred their membership to where they are attending and/or do not feel a part of the congregation they are attending. There is a challenge here to the local church to assist people to feel at home and want to formally become part of that congregation.

Regularity of worship attendance:

As indicated in the following graph, 85 per cent of those aged 15 and older attend worship every week, which compares with only 67 per cent who attend Sabbath school every week. But the survey also reveals the proportion of those under 15 attending Sabbath school on a weekly basis is much

better, at 82 per cent.

Further data:

The analysis above is just a sample. The data that has been reported by the participants in the 2008 attendance survey can provide much more. Each local conference in Australia has now received the data for their churches and can begin prayerfully analysing this.

Reflection

The Seventh-day Adventist Church exists by God's grace for God's purposes. Our mission is to prepare the world for the return of Jesus. What a positive but huge challenge this is! Who needs to be reached? And who will do the reaching out?

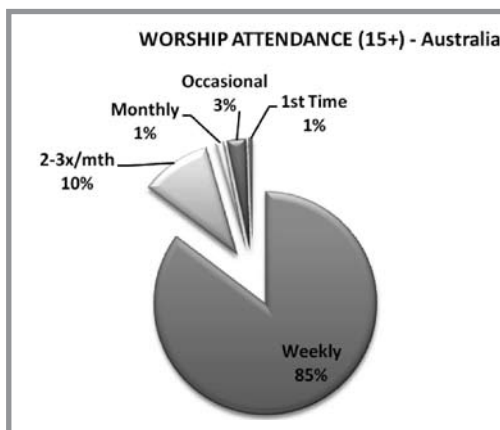
The attendance survey is a tool for leadership as we seek the way forward. All local congregation, local conference and Australian Union Conference leaders need to pray for God's guidance as this data is studied. God's guidance will bring about relevant and timely responses to the needs and opportunities revealed in this survey. **R**

Ken Vogel is general secretary of the Australian Union Conference, based in Ringwood, Victoria.

Attendance Survey 2009

The next national attendance survey is planned to take place in Australia on February 21, 2009. This will provide even greater benefits as trends will also be noted over time.

Each church in Australia is urged to participate next February 21.





In Sanitarium's Kitchen

BY NATHAN BROWN

LUNCHTIME ON EAGLE STREET, IN Brisbane's central business district (Qld), is a busy and often hurried arrangement. Office workers might take a few minutes to catch some fresh air or springtime sunshine along the adjacent riverfront but the traffic flows unabated and, usually, the only people with time to linger over meals are those who have brought work with them, whether in the form of a lunchtime meeting or a pile of paper to be read before returning to the office. Of course, there are a few sightseers and more relaxed pedestrians but those moving at a slower pace stand out on the crowded footpaths.

Among the many options of lunch is a still-new eating establishment called Kitchen Sanitarium, tucked under one of Eagle Street's many office buildings with its tables, greenery and burnt-red shade umbrellas spilling onto a raised platform that overlooks the sluggish traffic congestion and bustling footpath. Kitchen Sanitarium opened in April this year and, according to manager Deborah Peralta, Sanitarium's new venture in bringing healthy, wholesome food to the public is going "really well."

"We extended the seating area about six weeks ago, with another 40 chairs in the adjoining building foyer," she reports enthusiastically. "We were trialling it to see how using the different space would go but it is working well."

But the success-to-date of Kitchen Sanitarium has not been without its doubters.

"I had a lot of sceptics who commented on setting up something like this in the middle of corporate Brisbane," Ms Peralta recalls. "We had a number of issues with the site itself and this gave me the opportunity to meet many of our neighbours before we opened for business. Some of them were saying we would never make it in this part of the city with no meat and no beer. But just the other day, one of them stopped to congratulate me on our progress—this seems to be working."

Ms Peralta says the positive response has not just come from those in surrounding buildings. "We have lots of regulars now," she reports. "Today, we had eight tables booked before lunch. We are also seeing larger groups coming. That is a good sign because often, there will be at least one person in a group who won't trust vegetarian food or will want to order alcohol but people are getting to know more about us now."

For vegetarians, to sit down and look over a cafe menu in which everything is vegetarian provides an unusually large choice. Rather than deciding between just one or two obscure possibilities on the end of the menu, suddenly there are pages of possibilities and one needs to allow more time than usual to explore the options.

But the wait staff are friendly and understanding. If anything, the service is too efficient for a relaxed diner, geared as it is to meeting the expectations of lunching professionals with limited time available.

The food itself is an interesting fusion of wholesome vegetable-based cooking,

done in a mid-price cafe style by two on-site chefs. A notable absence is Sanitarium's supermarket products. "We have just upgraded our menu," explains Ms Peralta. "We plan to get people used to the concept and then move them along."

The menu itself has an intriguing dedication to Ellen White, describing her as a pioneer in nutrition and wholesome living. "A few people have asked about that and I have been able to share the inspiration Ellen White has been in developing Sanitarium's ideas about nutrition," says Ms Peralta. "At this stage, the concept is about building relationships with people; it is about them asking questions, as Ellen White suggested."

"This whole idea was new to people and it is not done in the way others have tried to do it before. My concept began with Ellen White talking about going into other people's kitchens. Of course, we can't go into other people's kitchens but we can invite them into ours, so we chose images that were modern and contemporary but also tried to make it a place where people feel comfortable."

Kitchen Sanitarium in Brisbane has been planned as an 18-month pilot project. "The success of this so far is encouraging," reflects Ms Peralta. "I have learnt a lot during the past six months. Hospitality is such an unpredictable business but I think we have a good model. I am quietly confident." **R**

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.



No hope without our Father

BY THOMAS DAVAI

AS I LOOKED OUT THROUGH THE window of our thatched-roofed house, the sun was setting beyond the blue mountains—and my hope for tomorrow was slowly diminishing.

For me, the future was about education. But it seemed all opportunities to broaden my view of the world were about to end abruptly as I focused back inside the room, where my helpless father lay in agony from a snake bite in early 1960.

Will I see him alive tomorrow? What will happen to me if he dies? were questions that bothered me as I fell sleep that night, only to be awakened at 4 am by my mother's weeping.

This was the end of my hope. The future became dark, offering only hopelessness. The feelings of despair and the uncertainty of life without a father crowded in on me.

A lonely child

He had been bitten by a poisonous Papiuan black snake while walking back from the garden. Because of the lack of medical

facilities in the remote village in the inland of Rigo, Central Province, he died an unnecessary death. He could have been saved by today's medicines.

I could vividly recall him talking to my mother before he died. "Take care of the

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children, tell their uncle to protect them from harm by unkind people"—those words became louder. It was now reality. As my mother mourned, saying she was helpless to look after me and my small siblings chilling fears travelled down my spine, and hurt so much I still remember those words to this day.

Fear, hopelessness and a future without a father became a fact of life the day we

buried him, leaving us with no money and no clothes, except for those we wore each day. I had to grow up without a father to guide and direct me in life. My mother became both the father and mother for many years.

It was more hurtful and disappointing as I grew up, and saw boys and girls of my age being cared for and hugged by their fathers. I would watch them while my mind would go back to my father before he died. As my eyes moistened with my tears, I would run into the enclosed areas to pour out my agony and longing desires no-one could fill.

With or without our Father

But life without God can be much more difficult than what I felt some 48 years ago, when I lost my father at the age of seven. The Bible describes this experience in Ephesians 2:12: "At that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world."*

It is a terrible experience for one who has no-one to turn to in times of trouble and need. A person who has not known God in his or her life is exactly like a child who does not have an earthly father to care for them—someone they can look to for comfort and help. The fear that came over me at that time actually reduced my hopes for the future.

As Christians, we are often worried and fearful about current situations. Realities like economic crises, HIV/AIDS, global conflicts and criminal activities can test our faith in God. The future looks bleak, as if there is nothing promising in our society. These experiences can obscure and destroy people's only hope in Christ.

As Paul says in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." In other words, fear does not increase our trust and confidence—it decreases hope in Jesus.

But Christians look beyond our horizon, beyond those blue mountains. Our hope in Christ becomes reality when we read God's promise to His people of the past. Taken into captivity, God promised He would restore them fully when 70 years ended. He would give them the future and hope (see Jeremiah 29:11). These promises give us hope and comfort of the better future ahead of us. These assurances also help us have a constant relationship with the One who gives eternal life. This is our only hope in a hopeless and fearful world.

Going forward with God

As I write this article, I am travelling with Dr Eugene Shu, a vice-president of the General Conference. We had planned to fly from Port Moresby to Goroka and, later, by small plane to Madang. But we missed our flight due to change of schedule by the airline, and all our plans were thrown into disarray, our hopes were gone. Church leaders and members were expecting us. To stay another night in Port Moresby would disappoint our members and, with this in mind, I had to find another way to get there.

Adventist Aviation came to our rescue and were able to organise an alternative flight, so we made a detour to Goroka but eventually arrived in Madang in time to meet with God's people. Dr Shu was able to speak to the people at Madang Seventh-day Adventist church, who have gathered in large number.

God has every possible way to restore our hope. When we are on His business and live according to His will, becoming partners in His service, He will ensure we are cared for and our needs are met by the almighty God.

Our Father has not died. God is alive, and we can go to Him at anytime for help, comfort and guidance. He is our only hope. **R**

**Bible quotations are from the New International Version.*

Thomas Davai is president of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, based in Lae, Papua New Guinea.

Record Roo



Hi kids!

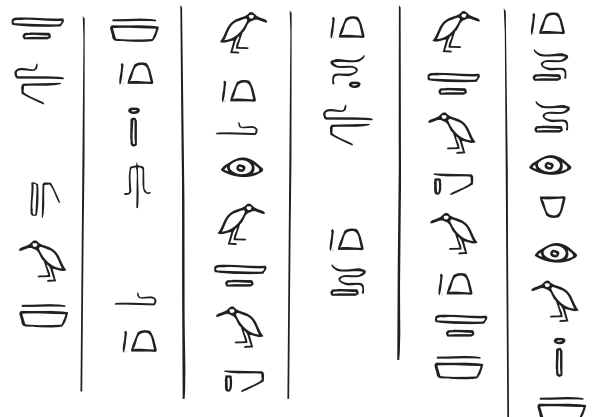
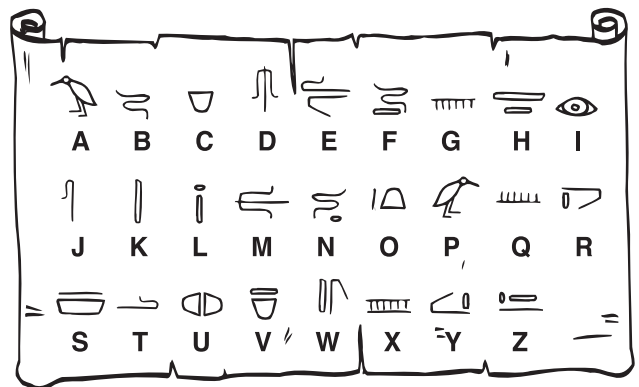
Joseph had been sold as a slave and was on his way to Egypt! He had been betrayed by his brothers, and must have been scared and sad. The brothers lied to their father Jacob, about what had happened to Joseph, telling him that he had been killed by a wild animal...

Bible Text

Then Jacob _____ his clothes, put on _____ and _____ his _____ for many days. All his sons and daughters came to _____ him but he _____ to be comforted...
Genesis 37:34 NIV

Decode

What happened to Joseph once he arrived in Egypt? Decipher the hieroglyphs to find out.
(Read each row from top to bottom, left to right.)



Write your answer here...

Answers: He was sold to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials.

Fly or build?

BILL MILLER, QLD

The reasonable and balanced article "Giving with integrity" (Feature, October 18) was thought provoking in dealing with a multifaceted topic. It must be remembered that no individual and no organisation is perfect—misjudgments can occur. An individual may feel prompted to support a certain institution or project in a particular country when such is not one of the projects of an organisation. Should we try to deter them?

The cost of flying should be balanced against the desired outcomes. Should we murmur if a group, who otherwise might be tourists, decide to combine assistance to others as part of their travels? This particularly applies if the project is the provision of a building—school, church, clinic—that the recipients are able to maintain but for which they cannot meet the capital cost.

While Jesus often provided "fishing lines," He also gave the multitude literal fish. The people were not given seeds, then told to plant them and make bread when the crop was harvested. There are situations where "fish" are needed and others where "fishing lines" are more appropriate.

Using airfares to meet capital costs has drawbacks. In some developing countries, money provided seems to have disappeared into the sand with only one-third of the project completed. Strict supervision needs to be provided by any organisation. If built by the volunteers, the materials certainly go into the project.

No doubt the volunteers benefit because they have a feeling of satisfaction. They have seen what they considered a need and have met it. They have a better idea of the mission field, and become ambassadors in their local churches and community. They encourage members to give Sabbath school offerings and support ADRA in financing projects in other lands.

Thank you for pointing out the difficulties. Volunteer projects need to make sure the proposed product is needed, will be maintained and the whole venture is reasonably efficient with regard to the expenditure of money compared to results.

In any case, do not give up supporting ADRA and do not seek to stifle individual effort.

Sponsorship thanks

DAVID JONES, VIC

Among the various comments about Sanitarium's sponsorships ("Sponsor protest," Letters, October 4), as event manager of the Billy Cart Grand Prix at Lilydale Adventist Academy, I would like to thank Sanitarium for helping make the event successful.

In 2008, there were 85 teams—765 competitors—and 3500 spectators (see "Thou-

sands attend LAA grand prix," News, September 27). This year also saw Adventist schools and local churches in Melbourne develop a new sense of cooperation, taking roles to ensure a smooth and professional program.

The billycart grand prix has grown to be a much-anticipated event on the calendar of the wider community in Melbourne. It has provided an opportunity for the church to engage with the community in a non-threatening and positive way, promoting the principles of the church's health message, the importance of family and community involvement.

So thank you, Sanitarium, for your support. It is appreciated.

Unequally yoked?

SAM JONES, WA

It seems Sanitarium is in a sticky spot ("Sponsor protest," Letters, October 4), being partners with Cricket Australia and thereby sponsoring the Sheffield Shield matches, which are played on Sabbath. Perhaps this is why God said, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV). Oh that God's people would be separate from the world and a peculiar treasure to Him.

Visitors blessed

JOAN JAENSCH, SA

I believe in giving credit where it is due. According to the Bible, we are to encourage

and uplift one another, not pull down.

Recently, I was on holiday in Queensland and was advised to go to the Kuranda church to worship on Sabbath. It was a real blessing to my family and me.

About a dozen people welcomed and wished us a "happy Sabbath." Between Sabbath school and church, I went outside while the organ and piano were being played skilfully. They played some of the old hymns I had learnt as a girl and, as the music touched my heart, I shed a few tears.

According to the Bible, we are to encourage and uplift one another, not pull down.

A church member came up to me, gave me a hug and spoke with me. Her kindness brought more tears.

I praise God for a welcoming church and thoughtful church members.

Meeting procedure

NORMAN TYACK, NSW

I was intrigued by "Unevangelism" (Letters, September 27). But the letter suggests there may have been more to the incident.

The writer mentions not being allowed to speak during the presentation. But it must be remembered that evangelistic meetings—the same as church meetings—are not public meetings where attendees are invited to contribute. They are private meetings, to which the public are invited to come and listen to the speaker on a particular topic.

Audience participation is only allowed at the invitation of the speaker. There was no invitation given by the speaker at this time, shown by his request that the writer speak with him after the meeting. The letter indicates the writer was not happy with this, showing a lack of respect for the speaker and, also, a lack of respect for others in the audience, who had come to listen to the speaker—not the interjector.

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Positions vacant

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Retirements

● **Ross Baines**, SQld Conference (38 years).
 ● **William Blundell**, NNSW Conference (32 years).
 ● **Pamela Board**, WA Conference (30 years).
 ● **Heather Buchanan**, Sydney Adventist Hospital (36 years).
 ● **Colvin Christensen**, Sanitarium Health Food Company, Brisbane (41 years).
 ● **Maureen Courtney**, Vic Conference (21 years).
 ● **Adrian Flemming**, Sydney Adventist Hospital (36 years).
 ● **Patricia Howard**, Adventist Retirement Village, Coronella (18 years).
 ● **Yvonne Moala**, Sydney Adventist Hospital (36 years).
 ● **Murray Oliver**, SA Schools (41 years).
 ● **Vernon Parmenter**, General Conference (43 years).
 ● **Kenneth Read**, Adventist Media Network, SPD (36 years).
 ● **Meryl Smith**, Avondale College (32 years).
 ● **Patricia Tenorio**, Sydney Adventist Hospital (27 years).

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Kinnon—Tan. Stuart Kinnon, son of Howard and Pam Kinnon (New York City, USA), and Jessica Tan, daughter of Lian and Seok Tan (Bracken Ridge,

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Qld), were married on 21.9.08 on a private property at Elimbah. The couple met eight years ago at high school and became great friends.

Ken Lawson

Merzlikoff—Brown. Luke Edward Merzlikoff, son of Eddy and Lynda Merzlikoff (Diamond Beach, NSW), and Yasmine Nicola Brown, daughter of Peter and Jillian Brown (Bray Park), were married on 5.10.08 on Windaroo Lakes Golf Course, Qld.

Neil Tyler

Stafford—Bibby. Martin (Marty) Stafford, son of David and Ann Stafford, and Kristina (Nina) Bibby, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Bibby, were married on 15.6.08 in the Morisset Hospital Chapel, NSW.

Mark Ellmoos

Obituaries

Ainsworth, John (Jock), born 12.7.1918 at Collie, WA; died 8.9.08 in Albany Regional Hospital. On 22.12.1939, he married Ellen May Pritchard, who predeceased him in 2006. He is survived by his five children and their spouses, Joan and Ken Marshall (Albany), Eric and Beryl (Duranillin), Judy and Eric Roberts (Kojonup), Lesley and Robert Kingdon (Bunbury), and Kaye and Brian Pitt (Albany); and their families. Jock was a retired farmer who moved to Albany, where he grew cherries in partnership with his Lord. An Adventist of 54 years, he found a renewed experience over the last five years thanks to the ministry of 3ABN. He now awaits the Resurrection.

Robert Kingdon, Mark Goldsmith

Clarke, Mary Ivy (Wendy), born 29.8.1933; died 30.8.08. She is survived by her cousins, Ruth Warne (Armadale, WA), Eunice Vaughan (Cooranbong, NSW) and Laurie Board (Mt Barker, WA). Wendy had many years of good care from the ACTIV foundation, who ensured she had a quality of life that we all would expect. She lived a happy and fulfilling life, and was kind and loving to others. Wendy trusted in Jesus and died peacefully, knowing that God cared for her.

Steven Goods

Edgeworth, Donald Robert, born 8.11.1935 at Ipswich, Qld; died 14.8.08

at Cooranbong, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla (Cooranbong); and his children and their spouses, Wade and Fiona (Brisbane, Qld), Trish and Gary Campbell (Wahroonga, NSW); and his six grandchildren. Don was a faithful church worker and served as an educator in church schools in Tonga, Papua New Guinea and the Cook Islands, and before retiring worked for Sanitarium at Berkeley Vale. He will be sadly missed by his family and his church family.

Adrian Craig, Daron Pratt, Rex Cobbin

Hanbury, Ernest Vincent, born 6.3.1913 at Karragullen, WA; died 11.6.08 at home in Madeley. On 10.6.1962, he married Josephine Stewart. He is survived by his wife (Madeley); his children, Olivia, Daniel (and wife, Carol), Esther and Naomi (and Carlo) (all of Perth); and his three grandchildren. Since his conversion at 18, Ernest's focus in life was to share the gospel with everyone he met. Always whistling, Ernest's life was a "series of divine providences." He has left behind a legacy of faith that has buoyed the spirits of those who miss him, especially his family. It is because of his faith we look forward to meeting him again when our Redeemer comes to claim His own.

Naomi Hanbury, Cyrus Adams
 Lynn Burton

Healey, Gloria Mae, born 15.8.1925 at Wauchope, NSW; died 14.9.08 at Port Macquarie. On 15.9.1945, she married Leslie "Bob" Ford, who predeceased her in 1968. On 28.6.1975, she married Stephen Healey, who predeceased her in 1989. She is survived by her sister, Joyce Guidoux (Swansea); her two daughters and their husbands, Deidre and Alan Rosendahl, and Robyn and Bill Rosendahl (Port Macquarie); and her grandchildren, Larissa, Anna, Matt, Brooke and Joel. Gloria was involved in the Wauchope church and community most of her life. Remembered for her love of family, she awaits the Resurrection.

Joseph Maticic

Horton, Alexander (Alex), born 11.5.1933 in Wales, United Kingdom; died 27.8.08 in Maryborough, Qld. His wife, Nadia, predeceased him on 14.4.08. Alex had a great love of the Lord of the Book, and lived his life by His principles. He was loved and respected by all who came into his life. He will be greatly missed by his church family. He missed his wife terribly and had great hope of the Resurrection morning. They rest together in the Maryborough Cemetery till that day. Come, Lord Jesus.

Phil Downing, John Rabbas

Lewington, Earnest George, born 16.10.1917 at Kalgoorlie, WA; died 8.9.08 at Port Noarlunga, SA. Earnest was a humble, quiet man, who loved his Saviour and now awaits the Resurrection morning.

Allan Croft

Vidler, Allan, born 22.11.1907 in Qld; died 17.7.08 in the Redland Bay retirement complex. Allan is survived by Patricia and Lindsay Few, Catherine and David Horner, Danita Jennifer and Luke Philip, Alastair, Karen and Ross Vidler, Tracey and Daren Vidler, Noah, Emma and Mark Vidler, Benita and Luke Hallam; his grandchildren; and one great-grand-



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Dr Neil Barnard, President, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Washington Centre for Clinical Research and the Cancer Project.

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Australian Summit—November 28-December 1, 2008, Caloundra, Qld.

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child. Allan enjoyed a full life, living for his Lord. He was a master tradesman and spent some senior years on the Gold Coast, enjoying fishing with family members when possible, before entering the Adventist Retirement Village, Brisbane. Allan's happy nature will be missed at the village, and by his loving family and friends until the mighty Resurrection day when lives will meet again around the King of kings.

Keith Grolmund

Williamson, Maud Frances, affectionately known as "Bobby" by her family and friends, lived a long, joyful relationship with her Lord Jesus. Bobby died peacefully 7.8.08 in the Maleny Hospital, Qld. She was laid to rest at Caloundra on the 14.8.08. In her most senior years, Bobby resided in a granny flat beside her daughter, Margaret and Peter Owens, who treasured experiencing her wit and sparkling personality so much. Jeremy Russell, Bobby's great-grandson, sang beautifully at the service. Brian Husband gave a wonderful picture of her long Christian life. All her church family, friends and relatives from as far as NZ gathered to convey their last respects to Bobby. We look forward to the glorious day when we will all meet together around the feet of Jesus. Come Lord Jesus!

Mike Brownhill, Keith Grolmund

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Prospective graduates, Wahroonga Church, 7.30 pm

Lake Macquarie Campus

Consecration Service: For all other prospective graduates,
Avondale College Church, 7.30 pm

Sabbath, December 6

Programs held on the Lake Macquarie Campus
In the College Church:

8.40 am & 11.30 am	Church Valedictory Services
10.00 am	Sabbath School
4.00 pm	Sounds of Praise
5.30 pm	President's Reception, College Cafeteria (Ticket entry only)

Sunday, December 7

Lake Macquarie Campus, Cooranbong
Chan Shun Auditorium

10.00 am Graduation Service (Ticket entry only)

For all Graduation information visit our website

www.avondale.edu.au/students/graduation

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