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Malaita, Solomon Islands

Dr Silent Tovosia (with tie) stands with Pastor Zacchaeus (SECC) and his sons after their baptism.

**Break out of church!**

Wahroonga, New South Wales

It started in Nepal. It bounced to the US. And it pinged from one side of Australia to another like a pinball. What was it? Wayne Blakely’s RECORD article “Abide with Me”. How did it happen? An Aussie living in Nepal shared the article on Facebook. And within a few hours, a global discussion with more than 100 posts and counting was underway.

And it’s not just Adventists who are joining the discussions. A partner in one of the top 10 law firms in the US posted on Facebook how much she loved a recent RECORD editorial. She’s never been to an Adventist church, but she’s enjoying an online fellowship with our church. Ex-church members are also reconnecting with our community by reading RECORD articles shared on Facebook.

And why not? After all, the RECORD is full of great news stories about what remarkable Adventist Christians are doing all across our region and around the world, it has stimulating features, thought-provoking opinion pieces and candid discussions. And at its heart, it’s all about uplifting our Lord and the message He’s entrusted to us.

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POUR IT OUT.
Baptizvah
James Standish
Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Have you ever been to a bar or bat mitzvah? It’s the ceremony during which the Jewish community recognises that a boy or girl has come of age. I’d known generally what the ceremony involved before one of my close friends invited me to his son, Zak’s, bar mitzvah at a Reformed synagogue in Maryland.

Walking into the synagogue was very similar to walking into church—envisaging the point of catching the eyes and exchanging smiles with friends scattered throughout the congregation. I sat down next to one of my buddies from law firm days, and the service began. The rabbis kindly began the sermon—describing an outline of the preparation that had gone into the service, the aspects we would experience during the service and the meaning of each aspect.

As he described the preparation, it became clear that Zak’s preparation for this day had been rigorous. It involved learning Hebrew, preparing a sermon, and studying the faith with an unusual depth for a boy on the cusp of turning 13. When Zak got up, he first read a fairly long section from the Bible in Hebrew. Then he gave a sermon on the prohibition of bearing false witness. It wasn’t trite patter, but rather a deep and complex examination of Abraham’s lie to Pharaoh about his wife, Sarah.

Before the service was over, Zak had publicly proclaimed his intention to follow his forefathers in the Jewish faith. The way that he said it—with such obvious pride and confidence—was inspiring. The boy was now a man—a Jewish man—whom intended to be a strong, confident, proud member of the Jewish community and ensure our services are a public act to reflect a private decision. Let’s take a page from the book of the Jewish community and ensure our services are the most profound and memorable day in life. Baptism is a ceremony during which the Jewish community recognises that we as a community can ensure it is the biggest, most profound and memorable day in life. Baptism is a public act to reflect a private decision. Let’s take a page from the book of the Jewish community and ensure our services and ceremony recognise the weight and import it deserves.

In short, I hope the entire community will focus every thing they have on that day to let my children know just how important they are to the future of our faith. And then after sundown, I want to throw the biggest party they’ve ever had to celebrate their coming of age and their affirmation of faith. And I don’t just want it for my children. I want it for every person who takes the monumental importance, brave, joyous decision to give her or his life to Christ in baptism. No Adventist baptism should be a mediocre footnote in a foggy memory, when we as a community can ensure it is the biggest, most profound and memorable day in life. Baptism is a public act to reflect a private decision. Let’s take a page from the book of the Jewish community and ensure our services and ceremony recognise the weight and import it deserves.

For once, no matter our politics or nationality, I think we can all agree with the proclamation we honour Him as Creator and as I’m concerned, Christ can’t come soon enough!

"And worship Him who made . . ."

Sometimes people ask, "What is distinctive about Seventh-day Adventists?" While we hold in common with other Protestants much of our understanding of the teaching of the Bible, there are some things that stand out as uniquely Seventh-day Adventist.

For example, today it is rapidly becoming unique to Seventh-day Adventists that we honour God as Creator and Life-Giver. Although this may surprise us, it should not. After all, we are commissioned to proclaim as part of our family genealogy the oft-quoted line "I will to worship Him who made heaven and earth . . ." What is more, as part of that proclamation we honour Him as Creator by honouring the memorial of His creative power and glory: the Sabbath.

Our faith and practice are grounded in the teachings of the Bible. The Bible clearly affirms God as Creator (Genesis 1:1-3; Psalm 95:1-7; Isaiah 40:21-28). In fact, He is distinguished from other so-called gods, as the Creator God. The Bible clearly affirms that His power at work in the original creation, He is the re-creator (John 1:3, Revelation 4:11). The power to recreate a life and a world is clearly contingent in Scripture on the power demonstrated in the original creation.

We diminish this distinguishing mark of Seventh-day Adventist theology and practice at our peril. At a time when it seems that secularist and nominal Christian aliens are downplaying the creative power of the Creator, Seventh-day Adventists are called to stand up and be counted. To be true to our mission as a special people God we do not have any other alternative but to worship Him who made and makes all things.

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Health and hope
Church and political leaders officiated at the opening of the Adventist Church’s fourth medical school at Babcock University in Nigeria. The other three are in the United States, Mexico and Argentina. Adventist physician, Dr Ben Carson, attended the inauguration, at which the medical school was dedicated to his father. —AMN

Guides Dump God
The Australian Girl Guides replaced the commitment to the chaplaincy program with a commitment to “express my faith in God” with the cautioning: “It must be ‘true to myself’. The move was made to make the Guides “more inclusive”. However, excluding God is not seen as inclusive by many Australians. —Faith on Film

Historic step
Last month, the southern Baptist Convention, which was founded in 1845 after a split with northern Baptists, elected for the first time an African-American president. Reverend Fred Luter will head up the convention at New Orleans last month. —ABC

Church and state
After months of deliberations, the High Court has ruled that, although there are no breaches of religious freedom involved in the Australian Government’s National School Chaplaincy Program, the government erred in not processing the funding arrangement through parliament. The government is exploring new funding models so the funding arrangement through parliament. The government is exploring new funding models so the chaplaincy program can continue. —ABC

Movies with meaning
Queensland-based media ministry, Heritage Movies with meaning, has successfully negotiated a deal that will see faith-based films screening in mainstream cinemas. Since July 6, Hoyts cinemas in Australian capital cities have devoted two Sunday sessions to Christian movies, including a Billy Graham Biopic and a New Zealand comedy/drama called Holy Roller. —Faith on Film

Combined churches celebrate independence
Preston, Victoria
Melbourne’s Samoan Adventist churches gathered at the Preston Shire Hall on June 10 for a thanksgiving service celebrating the 50th anniversary of Samoa’s independence. Members of the local Samoan community joined in celebrating the anniversary, which highlighted God’s love and guidance upon Samoa and her people, and remembered the sacrifices made during the peaceful protest that cost the lives of members of the Maui (Voice) Movement under the rule of New Zealand at the time.

Six choirs participated in the service singing gospel hymns. Leaders from each Samoan Adventist church took part in the service by encouraging the attendees to be faithful to God in service to others. Themes shared on the night were love, faith, compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Pastor Eddie Vaafussaga Erika, the main speaker, summarised all the themes shared by the head elders. He quoted the words uttered by Mau Movement leader Fau Pia who said: “I die, peace must be maintained at any price.” Pastor Erika linked this to the price Jesus paid to free humanity from sin. The service provided an opportunity for the local Samoan community and church family to share stories from the past and reflect on how far they have come through the grace of God. —Anthony Sofe

Adventists committed to cleaning up Fiji
Suva, Fiji
Seventh-day Adventist young people are heeding the government’s call for a cleaner Fiji. Hundreds gathered to pick up rubbish around the capital city on June 3. The clean-up lasted from early morning until midday as participants made their way through Suva City to Albert Park. The initiative was part of the Adventist Church’s “Clean Suva—Clean Fiji” community project, which will see church members and youth spend the last day of every month for the next four years cleaning up areas designated to them. The project is a direct response to Suva City Council’s “Keep Suva Clean” campaign that took place earlier in the year.

Suva City evangelism committee chairman Malakai Niuvevu, aware of the Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath, was happy to see the youth making the most of their Sundays. “While some youths would see it as their free day, others are willing to spend it working,” he said. —Fiji Times/RECORD staff

380 attend Bible boot camp
Coonabang, New South Wales
North NSW Conference, ARISE and Avondale Memorial church worked together to host 380 participants in a two-week, Spirit-filled training program, known as Bible Boot Camp (BIB). This practical instruction on how to share Scripture in a compelling and God-centred way was an inspiration to the hundreds of people who attended nightly. “The purpose of BIB is to give our members the necessary instruction and inspiration to feel more confident sharing their faith,” said Matthew Parra, director of evangelism for North NSW Conference. “It’s important for the participants because it helps them to enter into the joy of the Lord, the joy of winning souls.”

This was, in fact, the second Australian Bible Boot Camp. The first was held at Kingscliff church, NSW, in 2011 where 250 people were instructed on how to share Christ and the truths that communicate who He is. The instructors this year were Ty Gibson, Jeffrey Rosario, David Asscherick and Matt Parra. —RECORD staff/Matt Parra
**Bibles delivered on 4000km trek**

Wiluna, Western Australia

Three men have embarked on a 4000 kilometre trip to distribute Bibles to remote desert communities in far east-central Western Australia and across the border into South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Glen Cooke, an Indigenous man from the Warburton (WA) area, Brenton Lowe, a literature evangelist unit leader from Perth, and Pastor Keith Godfrey, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) director for the Western Australian Conference, set off on April 24.

They took with them a trailer filled with new CEV Easy to Read Family Bibles especially designed and printed for Indigenous people by the Bible Society in collaboration with ATSIM. They also took free literature, posters and DVDs.

The cost of the trip was sponsored by Rossmoyne church, the Bible Society, the Australian Union Conference and WA Conference.

Clinton Farmer donated the use of his business vehicle as back-up support. Glen Cooke, a non-Adventist, volunteered his time to be the guide.

The purpose of the trip was to give friendship and spiritual support and to build bridges between the Adventist Church and these remote communities.

More than 100 Bibles and Jesus posters were sold and hundreds of other items were distributed. The team also had an opportunity to take worships in some homes along the way and give Bible studies with leaders from other denominations.

The trailer, which broke down three times, became a way for God to guide the tour. After one breakdown, two passers-by sat for a Bible study on the roadside. The chairperson of the township of Wingelina (NT) welded the trailer back together for the cost of two Bibles and some Jesus posters. —NewsWest/Keith Godfrey

**Experts give vegetarian diet tick of approval**

by Jarrod Stackelroth

An Australian-first scientific research review published in last month’s Medical Journal of Australia, has dispelled a number of commonly held notions about vegetarian diets.

The 40-page review aims to provide up-to-date evidence and practical advice to general practitioners and dietitians/nutritionists across Australia on how vegetarian diets can provide adequate amounts of important nutrients such as protein, iron, zinc, omega-3 and vitamin B12.

Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing and Adventist Health sponsored the papers. The authors include three dietitians/nutritionists from Sani- tarium (Angela Saunders, Michelle Reid and Melinda Ramsay) and three from Sydney Adventist Hospital (Carol Zeuschner, Dr Jenny Posen and Dr Bevan Hokin). Dr Winston Craig from Andrews University (US) and Sue Radd, dietitian/nutritionist and presenter on InFocus, were also involved.

Sanitarium organised a media event to launch the journal, attended by Medical Journal of Australia editor, Dr Ruth Armstrong. The event was hosted by Dr Darren Morton from Avondale College and included a vegetarian luncheon, a panel discussion and a cooking demonstration by Maddison Fox, dietitian/nutritionist and presenter on InFocus, who wrote an accompanying editorial to the research papers.

The review reveals that iron needs can be easily met by a plant-based diet. Vegetarians who follow a balanced diet are not at any greater risk of iron deficien- cy anaemia than those on an omnivorous diet.

The review puts to rest the widespread assumption that a vegetarian diet is likely to lack protein and iron, and that it’s not suitable for pregnant women or children.

“The average Aussie eats significantly more protein than is required by the body. A plant-based diet easily sup- plies the body’s needs and meets daily requirements,” Dr Stanton said.

“Eating more plant-based meals is a good recipe for our own health and that of the planet. Diets dominated by wholegrains, legumes, nuts, seeds, fruits and vegetables are almost certainly the way of the future,” Dr Stanton said.

Three of the authors, Dr Kate Marsh, Carol Zeuschner and Angela Saunders, also had another article, “Health Implications of a Vegetarian Diet: A Review”, published in hard copy in the May-June edition of the American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine.
Teenagers and religion

The world today is filled with more distractions than ever before. The media and technology are the main things influencing nearly all teenagers, providing fast impact entertainment and social connectedness. How can the Church compete with this?

As a result of messages in the media, teenagers believe that they are not ‘good enough’ and that their happiness depends upon the latest phone, a perfect body and lots of money. This, as well as the shallow connection teenagers experience through social media (one where real human communication is often neglected), is creating a world in which teenagers find themselves ‘lost’.

I believe that the Church has an important role in making a difference for young people. It’s important to reach out to teenagers and give them a sense of belonging.

How do you make a church environment one where teenagers will want to spend time learning about God? Well, begin with establishing these four things in your church:

1) Personal attention—The fear of not being accepted is heightened in the teenage years, often causing low self-esteem. It’s important that youth leaders, parents and other role models give personal attention and genuinely befriend young people.

2) In-depth Bible study—Often studies of the Bible only ‘skim the surface’, discussing social issues that are not of great significance. Such an approach to the Bible underestimates teenagers’ intelligence. Teenagers need in-depth Bible study; something they can sink their teeth into to discover who God really is, and His purpose for their lives.

3) ‘Today focused worship’—An in-depth, yet, no teenager wants to sing hymns with words like ‘thy’, ‘thou’ and ‘thine’. Nevertheless, most teenagers don’t want to attend a rock concert every Sabbath either. A balanced music choice is very important—if teenagers like the music, they will come back.

4) Fun—Church should be a fun environment where teens can enjoy themselves. No teen is going to come back to a boring church! Whether it is weekend socials, a game, outreach opportunities or a funny story, it’s important to engage teenagers in something they will remember and enjoy.

Maryellen Fairfax is a Year 10 student who did work experience at RECORD.
Prostate danger

Blokes, it’s your day today. Partners read on, for he needs lots of pushing on this topic.

We’re talking about that little organ called the prostate. It’s a great thing in younger life: the size of a walnut that sits under the bladder, it produces seminal fluid, a vital ingredient that transports sperm.

From around 14 to 50 it behaves itself but then it starts to go crazy. It can get bigger, reducing bladder capacity and squeezing the urethra. This is called BPH, short for benign prostatic hypertrophy. Apart from requiring several nocturnal toilet visits, poor pressure when urinating and an after-dribble, there’s nothing much to worry about. Or is there? With age, the risk of cancer rises abruptly. Some grow rapidly, spreading quickly, while others grow very slowly.

Prostate cancer kills more guys than breast cancer kills women. As soon as symptoms occur, see your doctor. A PSA blood test will be ordered. Normal results measure between one and three. Above this indicates cells growing very slowly. Most are non-cancerous, but a check by the doctor is needed. If the surface feels rough, an ultrasound is ordered and this will indicate whether prostate cell nests are occurring. A needle biopsy gives an accurate answer. Options vary depending on what kind of cells are identified. An aggressive prostate cancer that’s out of control can kill within six months, and it’s horribly painful. Don’t delay.

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If symptoms continue, see your doctor.

Digital thunder

I WAS SURFING IN THE LATE AFTERNOON SUN AT Avoca beach, when I noticed a storm to the south. Maybe I should have surged into shore immediately, but I love storms. They showcase the real power of nature and the Creator. And this storm was a majestic sight—a massive line of dark angry clouds swallowing between one and three. Above this indicates cells can get bigger, reducing bladder capacity and squeezing the urethra. This is called BPH, short for benign prostatic hypertrophy. Apart from requiring several nocturnal toilet visits, poor pressure when urinating and an after-dribble, there’s nothing much to worry about. Or is there? With age, the risk of cancer rises abruptly. Some grow rapidly, spreading quickly, while others grow very slowly.

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“My MINISTRY IDEA

One Sabbath a month, Sydney Adventist College (SAC) senior students and teachers serve the Redfern community in Sydney, NSW, through a lunch and activity program.

The ministry involves conducting God-based activities with the children and young people who attend, preparing lunch for a number of local adults and children who would not otherwise have a nutritious meal, making new friends and participating in a casual worship service.

Many of the people who benefit from this ministry have experienced very difficult situations in their lives and in some cases are still battling issues like addiction, family violence and discrimination.

In Matthew 25:35 Jesus says, “I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me a drink.” We seek to follow the example of Jesus by ministering to the physical needs of individuals before attempting to meet their spiritual needs.

To ease the suffering of others is a goal of all religions and at SAC we have decided that we want to be a part of the solution, beginning with this ministry in Redfern. —John Jackson

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The Mayans developed a highly complex culture, with elements of enormous sophistication. They invented a complex writing system that some liken to hieroglyphics but which has an element of phonics; they built enormously impressive stepped pyramids; their cities were large and diversified; they were the first to develop chocolate as a food (a mixed blessing!); they developed complex sports; their mathematics were advanced; but their complex writing system that some liken to hieroglyphics. All remarkable achievements. And it is clear that Mayans were the first culture on earth to discover that the Orion Nebula is not a singular solid mass. They built relatively advanced observatories. And they created calendars. Complex, intricate calendars. All remarkable achievements. And it is their long calendar that has the mystics murmuring.

The Mayan Long Count Calendar is built around base 20 counting. I won’t go into the intricacies, but one of the periods involved (called a b’ak’tun) probably concludes in less than six months, on December 21, 2012. If that isn’t an auspicious number, what is—2312/22 (or, as Americans express the date, 12/21/12). Of course, it’s only remarkable in our western Gregorian calendar—as the Mayans marked a b’ak’tun as 260 years, or 10. So, by the Mayan calendar system there is no special numeric alignment of 15 and 2. But why let that get in the way of hype?

Our astrological industry is in overdrive over 2012. Some are claiming December 21 is when the Earth will collide with the Sun in a cataclysm for the ages. Others claim it will be the beginning of a mystical new age of cosmic convergence. Others suggest that if you stop by and lay down your hard-earned money for insights into life after 21/12/12, you will be able to stare deeply into the future of this world, and the world to be. But who would fall for all this mumbo jumbo? Certainly not sophisticated, well-educated people today. Not us!

When knowledge of the true God is lost, society is wide open for the most preposterous counterfeits. And our society has fallen hook, line and sinker for age-old occultist practices. Fortunately, you and I have the Bible. There are many passages that warn us away from the pernicious nonsense that is deceiving our culture.

So why was I thinking about Mexico at the beginning of this year? Is it because I’ve been duped into placing credence in an ancient calendar? No! It’s because I know how effective these kinds of deceptions can be for modern people. I’ve seen it time and time again when I’ve led evangelistic efforts. Our cities are teaming with genuine people derailed by spiritualism and astrological mysticism. These are people who are seeking something spiritually fulfilling, but are searching in the wrong place. I think of those hundreds of thousands—probably millions—and my heart breaks.

But thanks to the Lord, we don’t have to sit by exasperated and powerless. We have a way to get the other side of the story out. A way to bring the truth. God has given us a voice and the means to get the truth out.

That is why earlier this year we went to Mexico and filmed programs that will be the highlights undermining the 2012 myth, and explore God’s truth found in His inerrant Word. The programs are going to pique people’s interest. As the saying goes, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." And we hope the going will get tough for the armageddon sects and their false propositions. We will do our part to reach the Redeemer.

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The devil set out to use this year for his purposes. But God has a plan for 2012 that is far greater. Each one of us has the opportunity to do our part to reach out to our society in 2012.
Today, we’re working on innovations in technology, foods that treat illness and reversing disease. These investments will allow us to stay competitive, have unique products for our Australian and New Zealand markets, and move more rapidly into the emerging market of medicinal foods. We will utilise technology that we have internally developed and patented ourselves while joining it with new technologies. Already these investments are starting to reap exciting results with potential food products and also some new pharmaceutical-based products likely to be taken to market in the foreseeable future.

**RECORD: Isn’t this risky?**

Jackson: The most risky thing we can do is do nothing—as multinational firms move in and as the industry structures change, many locally-owned brands are being forced to exit the market. Of course, as with all new products and investments, some will create substantial returns and some will not. We have made a number of strategic investments, and some offer more promise than others, some are at an early phase of development, others are more mature. Overall, we are very pleased with the aggregated performance of our investments.

Industry statistics tell us that 80 per cent of new food products launched fail within the first three years. But that didn’t stop us creating innovative new products that are now market leaders.

**RECORD: Who oversees the strategy and strategic investments?**

Jackson: All of our strategic decisions, including strategic investments, are made by the relevant boards of directors, with their representatives chosen from church and lay representatives. It’s a deliberate process that requires significant analysis, and at times, substantial discussion. I’m not going to pretend this isn’t complicated stuff. It is. But it’s also absolutely necessary. I can give you many New Zealand and Australian brands that haven’t survived globalisation. We have not only survived, but we are growing in this intensely competitive world. And for that, I am deeply grateful for the blessing of God and the collective wisdom and insight of our boards of directors.

**RECORD: What do you see in the near future?**

Jackson: We are at an exciting phase of development and believe some of our new, innovative products will be sold globally. In fact, we are already in active discussions with multinational companies who have approached us for the licence rights to these products outside of Australia and New Zealand.

**RECORD: You’ve piqued our interest—can you give us a description of exactly what the new products will look like?**

Jackson (laughing): No I can’t! We are in a competitive marketplace, and I know I can’t spill the beans on our new products before they launch! You’ll hear about them soon enough, and when you do, I am sure you are going to be as excited as our board and our management team is.

But seriously, with all the complexity and the quickly changing world we’re dealing with, the most important factor in our success is never changing. I am always thankful God continues to bless our organisation and we see evidence of His leading in our business on a daily basis. Against the odds, we’re still here and I am confident He will continue to lead and bless us as we commit our plans to Him.
When San nurses gave their lives

We refer to Christians who died for their faith as martyrs, literally “witnesses”. I am deeply impressed by San nurses who, engaging with a multitude of cultures, demonstrated their faith by lives of loving service. I am even more fascinated by those whose commitment to loving service cost them their lives, like Norman Wiles.

After studying at the Australasian Missionary College, Norman and Alma Wiles married in 1914 and hurried to the Wahroonga San—to acquire some basic knowledge of tropical diseases and their treatment.

Posted to the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu), they were alone as Europeans amongst thousands of people divided into independent tribes speaking a variety of languages. By 1920, the Wiles’ task was to develop a new mission station on the west coast of the island of Malekula. When fighting broke out among the Nambus tribes, Norman brokered an end to the conflict.

Norman arrived home on April 28, exhausted, and told Alma he had blackwater fever, a virulent form of malaria. Alma’s diary for the next few days tells a harrowing story simply, disarmingly, yet with intense pathos. By Wednesday, May 5, 1920, Norman was dead. “Now it seemed that my wall of protection was torn from me, and I was open to everything with none to help me bear,” Alma wrote.

A new shirt made do for a shroud. Survived by people she could barely communicate with, Alma buried her husband. With a few belongings, she set out on a journey by boat, on foot and by canoe for the island of Atchin and the comforting support of European missionaries.

Against her will, Alma Wiles was dissuaded from further service in the New Hebrides. After additional nurse training she “gave her life in service in Nigeria and New Guinea”, dying at Loma Linda, California, in 1980, at 86 years of age.

* Martin Johnson was one of the first to make films of wild animals in Africa. He was killed in a plane crash. He made a film about his time among the Big Nambus tribe, called Among the Cannibal Isles of the South Seas (1918).

Dr Arthur Patrick is an honorary senior research fellow at Avondale College of Higher Education.

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Mighty Marmite moment
A formal dinner and auction were held at Gold Coast Central church auditorium (Qld) on June 16 to raise funds for the new Pathfinder club. A five-course meal was served, followed by an auction. Pastor Sean Berkley raised $125 from a single 250g jar of Marmite. A total of $6270 was raised, which will help children from struggling families to attend an upcoming camp.— Faye Garrick

Equestrian excellence
Avondale Adventist School student Tahlia Ellam won Primary Reserve Champion in preliminary dressage at the Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian championships (NSW) in April. She also received a first and third in show jumping. Avondale was also represented at the Hawkesbury Show, where Naomi Murray and her horse Ridgeview Maximus finished first in their class in the junior 1.05 metre show jumping.— Susan Rogers

Girls shine
Forty-two girls attended an AUC Women’s Ministries ‘Shine’ conference at Livingston church (WA) in May. The conference, aimed at 12 to 17-year-old girls, was organised by Sharon Witt from Teen Talk. Topics such as ‘Body Perfect’ and ‘Cyber Girl’ were covered from a biblical perspective. The girls also had fun decorating journals and sharing experiences.— Christine White/NewsWest

Voice-activated shoelaces
Eight primary students from Nunawading Christian College were recently invited to attend a workshop run by the Design Foundation at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre (Vic). The aim of the program was to encourage children to improve the world through design. Grade 3 student Nicholas Bowman spoke in front of 1000 people about developing ‘voice-activated automatic shoelaces’ to help kids who cannot tie their own.— Peter Michalsk/IntraVic

Anniversary celebration
Para Vista church celebrated its 25th anniversary on June 23. The special Sabbath program included a fellowship lunch, where an anniversary cake was cut by long-time members Marlene and Colin Clarke. An afternoon program of praise by Pastors George Hirst, Will Grobler, Jim Zyderveld and David McKibben completed the day.— Christine Cassells

Healthy food discovery
Esperance Christian Primary School kindergarten and pre-primary students were placed runner-up in a healthy foods competition run by Goldfields Population Health in WA. Photographs of artistically presented fruits and vegetables impressed judges, and the students came away with a prize package that included everything needed to start a vegetable garden.— NewsWest

Gladys turns 90
Gladys Hampton, a member of Deloraine church (Tas), recently celebrated her 90th birthday. A special Sabbath luncheon was held to honour Gladys, who loves a festive occasion, still enjoys good health and attends Sabbath School and church every week.— Cedric Trower/ Tasda

Sweet poison
A display by two Avondale Library staff members has encouraged others to remove sugar from their diet. Lynette Frazer and Sharon Kenealy’s ‘Sweet Poison’ display illustrated the sugar content of processed foods. Lynette has lost 13 kg in seven months and Sharon is now free of headaches after cutting back on sugar. Inspiration came from David Gillespie’s book of the same name.— Brenton Stacey/ Lagani Gairo

Where it all began . . .
A Heritage Day was held at North Fitzroy church in May to celebrate the establishment of the Adventist Church in Australia. The program included a service, lunch, re-enactments, and horse and carriage rides. Scenes were re-enacted in front of buildings such as the Echo Publishing building, the health food agency and the house in which Ellen White stayed.— Phyona McMahon/IntraVic

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APPRECIATION

Sibilla Johnson and the family of the late Arthur Allan Johnson would like to say a sincere and personal thank you to their friends and acquaintances for their support during the time of Arthur’s illness and passing, as well as for the flowers, cards and messages. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. We look forward to resurrection day.

OBITUARIES

Griffiths, Amanda Michelle (nee Zahmel), born 17.12.1976 in Mackay, Qld; died 27.1.12 from cancer. She married Mark Griffiths in 2006 at College Park church, Adelaide, SA. She is survived by her husband (Mildura); her stepdaughters, Sarah and Emily (Portland); parents, Wendy and Len; and only sister, Alicia (all of Adelaide, SA). Amanda always had a special interest in children, even putting aside pocket money when she was young to sponsor a girl in Bangladesh. In 1999, she started her teaching career at Brisbane Adventist College. She attended the 2000 General Conference session in Canada as well as StormCo projects in Canada, the United States and Qld. In 2002, Amanda took leave to work in London and during that time she travelled throughout Europe, Asia, Egypt and Africa, and was involved in several volunteer groups. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Will Grobler

Murray, Pastor Robert Peter (Bob), born 16.11.1947 in Romford, Essex, England; died 31.3.12 in Kyogle, NSW, from mesothelioma. On 5.3.1978, he married Lyn Robinson at South Brisbane church, Qld. He is survived by his wife; and his daughters, Rochelle (Kyogle, NSW) and Dr Anneliese, and her husband, Mark Perkins; and granddaughter, Sophie (Adelaide, SA). Bob worked for 12 months in an asbestos environment before studying ministry at Avondale. He served as a pastor in the North NSW Conference from 1985 to 1994. The music presented at his service by Dr Robb Dennis was a spiritual inspiration to all. Bob’s
The agenda of the meeting will hold the meeting in accordance with the constitution. The agenda of the meeting will include: amending the association's constitution; electing the president and the vice-president of the association for 2012/2013; electing at least five members of the association to serve on the association's committee for 2012/2013; receiving the association's report for 2011/2012; and conducting any other business brought to the meeting. Registration is in Avondale College Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Friday, August 24, 2012, from 9am to 12pm.

Annual general meeting of the Adventist Aviation Association—South Queensland will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 2pm at the Pine Rivers Church Hall. Facilitating reports presented. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.

Perspect holders for the GLOW tracts, either wall or table mounted, are available from the AUC Resource Centre. Photos are on the order form, which is available at www.resources.adventist.org.au or 03 9871 7902.

Missing members. Warrinna church, Victoria, has lost track of the following members over the years and we would appreciate any help to find them again:inka Bertram, Melinda Gray, Joy Keiley, Brian Marks, Sheila Roberts, Michael Robins, Carina Seemann and Irene Seurat. Please email the Clerk <lizhill@adventist.org.au> or call Lesley on 0418 320 934.

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Guest Presenters

Volunteers

1. Builders and tradespersons needed for a Fly-n-Build project in Fiji. September 5-18 2012, to build a church in the Town of Marou in response to a RECORD article (November 19, 2011, p. 10). We are currently needing trade skilled people in building, carpentry, plumbing and electrical as well as general labourers. For further details contact Anna Downing at Adventist Volunteer Service details contact Anna Downing at Adventist Volunteer Service by emailing volunteers@adventist.org.au or phone (02) 9847 3278.

2. Primary teacher and Head of Secondary—Adventist Schools Victoria (Officer, Vic) is expanding its operations at Heritage College campus in the suburbs of Officer. 2013 will see the opening of an early years program (F–2), along with the expansion of the secondary school (7–12). Applications are invited for the positions of: 1. Primary teacher. Qualifications—Bachelor of Education (Primary). Applicants will need to demonstrate: support of the ethos of Adventist Education; best practice in learning and teaching strategies, understandings and skills in the area of early years, a sound knowledge of the use of ICT in all learning areas is essential; innovation in an open classroom setting. 2. Head of Secondary. Qualifications—Bachelor of Education (Secondary). Master of Education is desirable. Applicants will need to demonstrate: support of the ethos of Adventist Education; best practice in learning and teaching strategies, understandings and skills in the area of secondary education; successful administrative and leadership experience; ability to foster and develop appropriate relationships with staff, students, parents, and the wider church and school communities. Please email letter of application and CV to: The Director of Education, Adventist Schools Victoria, <primarymercer@adventist.org.au>—Applications close August 31, 2012.

3. Manager—ADRA Sunraysia (Mildura, Vic). Specialists in new and used office furniture since 1993, we seek the services of a manager to oversee the furniture department. Marketing, sales, logistics and administration experience is in essential; innovation in an open classroom setting. Must have a minimum of 5 years experience in the office furniture industry. The position is suited to a ‘hands on’ person who is able to drive sales in a challenging environment. Experience in a similar role in a furniture sales environment would be an advantage. Strong customer service, communication and negotiation skills are essential; innovation in an open classroom setting. Please email Letter of Application and CV to: The Director of Education, Adventist Schools Victoria, <primarymercer@adventist.org.au>—Applications close August 31, 2012.

In conclusion, faith in his Lord and his peace in his heart will bring about a transformation in our lives. We will experience a deeper sense of purpose and meaning, which will enable us to serve others and make a positive impact on society. Let us trust in the power of faith and strive to live a life that brings glory to our Lord and his kingdom.
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