

FOCUS

SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

Servolution!

Would your Church be missed if it disappeared from your community? Over 250 leaders from around our conference gathered on March 18–20 at Watson Park to learn, share, pray and dream about mission and how your Church can become a significant positive influence in the neighbourhood. The Leadership Conference challenged us to follow Christ's method of reaching people – first mingling, sympathising, ministering to their needs, winning their confidence and then inviting them to 'Follow Me'. But how would this look in our own lives and Church?

Pastor David Jameson from *Church in the Valley*, a growing Adventist plant in Canada, challenged each leader to return to their local Church community and begin a "servolution", that is, to serve their communities by engaging in simple acts of kindness with no strings attached. His powerful reports of how *Church in the Valley* reaches the community through their AOK (Acts of Kindness) ministry demonstrated convincingly that simple God-blessed initiatives do transform lives. Inspirational worship, plus powerful presentations by

SPD President Glenn Townend, Gary Krause (GC), Wayne Krause (SPD) and our very own Pastor Brett Townend reinforced the central thrust, complemented by an inspiring evening of local Conference stories illustrating mission and transformation.

Your Church leaders who attended took a united stand to carry this challenge back to your Church, to inspire a Holy Spirit empowered *Servolution* in our South Queensland towns, cities and communities, becoming a Church that makes a difference in the community. The Lord is ready to bless you as you follow Christ's method in serving others.

ARTICLE BY GREG PRATT,
PERSONAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR
PHOTOS BY CHARMAINE PATEL



Meet Our Staff! Luke Stuart, ATSIM Director

FOCUS: *Luke, Welcome to South Queensland Conference! Tell us where you are from, about your family, and your ministry journey prior to moving here.*

Luke: I was brought up in Western Sydney. As a child I attended Mt Druitt Adventist Church. In fact, my family was instrumental in building that church. In 2000, I met and married Janet, and over eighteen years of marriage we have been blessed with five beautiful children.

My ministry journey began in 2008 with a call to be a full time Bible worker at Penrith Church. Both Janet and I believe that those three years we spent in this role provided a strong platform for pastoral ministry. This came in the form of a call from the Northern Australian Conference in 2010 to become Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ministry (ATSIM) Director and Church pastor. In this space we spent seven years, ministering in Mackay, Ayr/Home Hill and Cairns. After just one year in Cairns we received an invitation from Brisbane to step into the ATSIM Director role following Pastor Dave Garrard's transfer to Mamarapha College in WA.

FOCUS: *As ATSIM Director you already have an exciting community-based children's ministry—DreamTrack—plus a family-focused ministry, the Murri-Wantok Adventist Church Company. What personal vision and passion do you bring to this important disciple-making ministry?*

Luke: Being an Aboriginal descendent from the Wiradjuri tribe in NSW, I believe the Lord has brought me through tough challenges from my adolescence through into manhood. This helps me identify and connect with similar challenges our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community face each day of their lives. I believe through my ATSI ministry the Lord can provide a safe platform for someone to make sense of their life. Utilising the platforms of ATSIM, DreamTrack, the Murri-Wantok Church Company and Pathfinder Club, the Lord will help my paths to cross with ATSI individuals and families who are looking for useful tools to make life changes. As a family, we believe the Lord has His timing in everything. I am very blessed to now be a link in the South Queensland ATSI ministry chain.



FOCUS: *What could we do personally to strengthen ATSIM's impact on our region?*

Luke: ATSIM in 2018 is still young and fresh and full of promise. It is one of the fastest growing holistic ministries of the Adventist church in Australia. Did you know that 90% of our growth has been in the rural areas of Australia? That means your prayers and support are needed for the urban landscape of ATSI ministry in South Queensland. I believe the message the Lord has given to the Adventist Church has the power to transform the Urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander should the Good News be lived out and shared here in our Urban environment.

ARTICLE BY CHRIS FOOTE
PHOTO BY CHARMAINE PATEL

Brian Je—Pastor with a Passion

28 July 1964 – 21 March 2018

Brian Je came to know the Lord through the witness of his grandmother and was baptised in his teens. Sometime after commencing theological studies at Samyook Adventist University in Seoul, Korea, he was given a vision to move to Australia and minister to the Korean community here, which he did, finishing his studies at Avondale and marrying his dear wife Retta.

Following graduation, they located in the Greater Sydney Conference where Brian established the Sydney Adventist Korean Church in 1990, and was then ordained in 1994. They returned for a time to Korea for further studies and while serving there as an assistant pastor, Brian discovered his passion for writing. He wrote about God, counselling and ministry to children, publishing more than 15 books. After completing an MA in Biblical Theology at Samyook University, Brian and Retta moved back to Australia to start work planting a Korean Adventist Church in Brisbane.

As he was not employed by the Conference at the time, he started a company in order to support his outreach. During this time he also served as Treasurer, and then Vice-President of the Korean Society of Queensland, establishing many contacts and networks in the Australian Korean community. He also completed a Grad Dip in Human Studies.

Brian commenced Ministerial service in the South Queensland Conference in 2005, establishing the Korean church soon after. During the years that followed he continued this ministry, also mentoring the Calamvale, Wynnum, Mt Tamborine Churches, and most recently the Mitchelton Church.

During this time he also developed a passion and vision to disciple Korean youth across Australia, New Zealand, Korea and the Americas. He established *Tamid.Net* and conducted an annual world Korean Youth Camp in January each year, with the final camp being held this year in January. Brian strived to live to the fullest and to better himself in every way he could so that he could further advance the ministry. He also completed a Masters in Counselling and this year commenced a Doctorate in Philosophy with the topic '*Study on Church Growth—Growth Factors of the Ethnic Adventist Churches in Australia*'.

Just prior to his death, Brian had successfully obtained approval to plant a second Korean church in Brisbane. He had also laid plans to further the gospel work among the Korean community in Australia, communicating



with Korean churches throughout Australia to coordinate funds to bring young missionaries from Korea to work here in Australia.

Following a short but intense battle with cancer, Brian fell asleep in Jesus on March 21. He will be sorely missed by so many. He is survived by his wife Retta, his daughters Esther, Susanna and Heidi, his brother Young, and extended family.

On Friday March 23 a large group of family, friends and pastoral colleagues gathered in Mt Gravatt Church to celebrate his life and the impact of his ministry. Pastors Jorge Munoz, Neil Watts and Brett Townend who have all served as Brian's South Queensland Conference Presidents, assisted in the service.

May we each look to the resurrection morning when we will see Brian again.

ARTICLE BY RUSS WILLCOCKS, MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

ACA Health Benefits Fund Changes

Earlier this month, ACA Health Benefit Fund, a Private Health Insurance company which solely exists to benefit the health and well-being of Seventh-day Adventist Church employees and their families, announced that the fund is now available to Local Church Officers.

ACA Health has been supporting the work(ers) of God for 84 years. With this announcement, Local Church Officers and their family members can join ACA Health.

“We are thrilled to now offer Local Church Officers and their families our products,” said Jody Burgoyne, ACA Health’s Fund Manager. “We work hard to continually provide our members with value-for-money health cover at a great price.”

ACA Health offer a range of Hospital and Extras products within the market. ACA Health are committed to its members and its values:

- Unbeatable Extras – We listen to our member when they tell us what is most important to them
- Members First – Our interactions and service will exceed expectations

- Ethics before Profits – We will be fair and do the right thing every time
- Supporting Each Other – We will support each other to get the job done and meet our goals

The company also offer the community and its member’s access to comparisons within the market to find the best fit policy.

This year ACA Health’s premium increase came in at 1.23% lower than the industry average of 3.95%. In the 2017 financial year ACA Health Benefits Fund paid \$22.2 million in benefits to members. ACA Health pay higher benefits per service than the industry in most ancillary areas.

You can contact ACA Health on 1300 368 390.

ARTICLE BY NADENE CAPUTO, ACA HEALTH



Discover a NEW Sabbath School App

Designed with useful features, multiple Bible translations and languages and ‘single tap’ access to each day’s lesson, this new free Sabbath School app is available for smartphones and tablets on both Apple iOS and Android. Search for Sabbath School in your app store then look for the green icon displayed here to identify the right app.

What does it offer?

- Access to the Sabbath School lesson anywhere, any time!
- Includes full text of Sabbath School lessons, the Inside Story and Teacher’s Comments.
- Easy Reading version of English lesson.
- Built-in Bibles (KJV, NKJV, NASB). Just tap on Bible verse reference and the text pops up.
- Highlight key words or sentences.
- Boxes to write comments and answers to questions.
- Login with Facebook or Google to save and sync comments and highlights across devices.
- Lessons available in 24 languages, including: Arabic,

Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, English, Danish, French, German, Hebrew, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Macedonian, Malay, Nepali, Norwegian, Persian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, and Ukrainian!

Future planned features include additional English Bible translations, social integration to discuss lessons with other users plus audio versions of the lesson so you can listen on the go.

Jared Martin who pastors at Mt Gravatt and Brisbane Fijian Churches is a major developer of this app. He collaborates with an international team of Adventist volunteer app developers and is personally responsible for the English and Danish translations.

ARTICLE BY JARED MARTIN



More than an Op Shop

Tucked away in the middle of Bell Street in Toowoomba's CBD is the ADRA Op Shop and Emergency Relief Centre. It stands out from the shops around it by its distinctive ADRA colours—red and patent green—and its well-dressed shop windows. On any day of the week the mannequins are dressed in contemporary clothing, matched by subtle accessories. When you walk into the shop you are immediately greeted with a light and airy space served by friendly volunteers.

It's these volunteers and the work that they do that make the Op Shop and Emergency Relief Centre what it is. Faithfully, day in and day out, these volunteers and the local management committee that supports them, work tirelessly and passionately to reflect Christ in all that they do. And they do a lot! Op Shop is not only about selling clothes but also a space of refuge for some, a peaceful place for others, and an opportunity to connect for all who walk through its door. It is a true Centre of Influence in the heart of Toowoomba.

Op Shop funds support its very busy and vital emergency relief program. This provides food parcels to those in need, and starter packs for women who have escaped domestic violence situations containing new plates, cutlery, linen and other vital items. And the need is growing, providing a real opportunity to reflect Christ's love and practice his method of ministry in a tangible way.



But ADRA Toowoomba needs help—potentially your help. They are seeking a new Op Shop Manager to run this very busy and dynamic Centre—someone who can see God's vision and work with the local management committee and the Holy Spirit to make it happen. Like to know more? Check out the advertisement below. We'd love to have you join our team and the ADRA family.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY IRENA LARKING

ADRA Toowoomba Needs You!

Do you have a passionate heart to minister to those in need? Do you have proven leadership or management skills that you can use in God's service? ADRA Toowoomba is looking for a volunteer Op Shop manager to oversee its busy Op Shop and Emergency Relief Service – it is a real centre of influence. You will be responsible for managing a team of volunteers and overseeing the daily running of the Op Shop, working alongside the management committee. ADRA Toowoomba

will reimburse car maintenance costs (insurance, registration & fuel) on a *pro rata* basis. The role is best suited for someone who is a practicing Seventh-day Adventist, as connecting with the Seventh-day Adventist community will be key.

If this role sounds like your calling, then please email your CV to Errol Wilkinson: glynroll@optusnet.com.au. Applications due 17 June 2018.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARDROOM

The following are some of the highlights and decisions that were made by the Executive Committee and the Board of Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited during March meetings this year.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd Board:

Approved the following policy to address the recently amended Privacy Act in regard to legislation requiring data breach notification: SQC.254.001ADM – Notifiable Data Breaches.

Amended the terms of reference for the Administrative committee to record all miscellaneous contract signings on behalf of the Company.

Approved a donation up to \$50,000 in part support of the total medical care of Jelsian Rosal who lives on the island of Mere Lava in Vanuatu in response to a request from Pacific Yacht Ministries who are coordinating major surgical procedures for her at the Gold Coast University Hospital (see page 8).

Approved Capital Expenditure budget for the year ended 31 December 2018:

2018 Capital Expenditure
(as per Capital Expenditure Report): \$210,520

Proposed funding:

- Transfer from Fixed Asset Replacement Reserve \$209,520
- Donation Received \$1,000
- Total Capital Funding \$210,520

The Executive Committee:

Appointed replacement delegates to represent the Conference Church at the Constituency Meeting (18–19 August, 2018) due to unavailability of previously appointed delegates:

- Simon Siew (of Brisbane Asian, replacing Choi Siong)
- Peter Colquhoun (of Surfers Paradise, replacing Ira Dawson)

Received a draft AdSAFE policy document proposing the appointment of both a Head of Agency and AdSAFE Coordinator, and the proposal that all Executive members be required to have a Working with Children check (blue card), to complete (online) training in child safety, to sign the Code of

Conduct, and complete a National Criminal History Check or equivalent, with a proposed implementation date of 31 May, 2018.

Approved the Capital Expenditure and funding for year ended 31 December 2018:

2018 Capital Expenditure
(as per Capital Expenditure Report): \$410,225

Proposed Funding:

- Transfer from Fixed Asset Replacement Reserve \$380,225
- Appropriation Previously Received (AUC) \$30,000
- Total Capital Funding \$410,225

Approved significant refurbishment expenditure on Residential Aged Care facilities located as follows, including design, documentation and construction costs:

- Melody Park Retirement Resort \$1,223,706
- Caloundra Adventist Retirement Village \$1,922,249
- Capricorn Adventist Retirement Village \$898,849

Total: \$4,044,804

Received a recommendation from the Board of Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Ltd and approved the Stage 7 Building Development and Construction Budget amounting to \$2,784,032 in support of Northpine Christian College.

PASTOR COLIN RENFREW, GENERAL SECRETARY
PHOTO BY CHARMAINE PATEL



Bullying. NO WAY!

Adventist fundamental beliefs support the secular world's growing conviction that bullying is an unacceptable behaviour. For example, Adventist Fundamental:

- #7 discusses the nature of humanity and God's call to love Him and one another. Love is not demonstrated by a bully.
- #11 explains that if we believe in Christ as Saviour, accepting His sacrifice, we are to grow in Christ, becoming like Him. Did Christ bully those around him? Does He bully people today?
- #14 teaches we are ALL equal in Christ. In his believing community there are to be no discriminations such as race, culture, learning, ethnicity, high and low, rich and poor or male and female. Bullying discriminates.
- #21 calls us to acknowledge God's ownership of ALL creation, encouraging us to be good stewards, including respecting one another. Bullying shows no respect.
- #22 discusses Christian behaviour. We are to think, feel and act in harmony with biblical principles, including those affecting us inwardly, our hearts, thoughts, words and actions. Bullying behaviour is negative and not in harmony with biblical principles.

I am proud to say that in March 2018, the team at South Queensland Conference Administration and Resourcing Centre (ARC) made a stand against bullying in the workplace, schools and personal life. Our staff were invited to wear orange—the colour chosen to represent action against bullying in Australia—on Thursday March 29. An information pack was provided containing resources and facts about bullying and how to stop and prevent it.

Workplace bullying is any ongoing harmful or threatening behaviour by a person or group of people that creates a risk to your health and safety. A silent problem in Australia, it is why Brodie's Law legislation made it a crime, with serious bullying punishable by up to 10 years in jail. Like more information about bullying in the workplace? Contact the Conference Compliance Manager.

ARTICLE BY ASHLEY BAKAY, COMPLIANCE MANAGER



DreamTrack—On track!

It is 8:30 am Sunday morning, with blue skies and no sign of rain—good news for us! This is my first time at DreamTrack and I am already feeling excited to see what it is about and exactly how it works.

Destination: Redcliffe Lagoon on Brisbane's north side. We finally arrive at the parking area and start unpacking the car. I hear a thud of sneakers on concrete and the thump-thump-thump of a basketball zig-zagging the court.

The DreamTrack team are here. Our dedicated volunteers greeted twenty-six community kids from the Murri School. Excited responses from our volunteers to the children's cheers and hi-fives created a few curious glances from passers-by.

The team provided morning tea with a prayer and then the events began. A spot of basketball in the morning, a cool swim in the lagoon afterwards, Costco pizzas, birthday celebrations and full bellies guaranteed some tired but very happy children.

As we brought the DreamTrack session to a close, the children headed back onto buses. 'See you next month,' they shouted. With horns tooting as they depart, we enjoy the children's happy chatter and laughter as it drifts off into the distance.

What a blessing DreamTrack is to both volunteers and the children who attend! Please keep this vital ministry in prayer before the throne of God.

ARTICLE BY LUKE STUART, ATSIM DIRECTOR
PHOTO BY CHARMAINE PATEL



Pacific Yacht Ministry—Touching Lives

Another Angel II departed the Gold Coast on Monday 29 May, 2017, with Brian and Jan Dodds on board. She was bound for Vanuatu, loaded with 1500 kg of clothing and supplies for isolated islands. As with every Pacific Yacht Ministry (PYM) tour of duty, the whole project was bathed in prayer.

Two days out from Australia, storms threatened to engulf *Another Angel II*. An endeavour to evade the storms proved useless. Then an almighty flash of lightning and thunder made Brian concerned the yacht would be completely disabled. Jan was already on her knees seeking protection, with Brian at the helm. Watching the storm-tracking radar, he saw a miracle happen before his eyes. The storm had completely encircled the yacht, the radar showing a rain, wind and lightning free area two kilometres in diameter embracing them like a mother hen her chicks. This continued for another hour, as *Another Angel II* sailed on, away from the storm towards Vanuatu.

In 2017's three tours (July to September), PYM served 24,702 patients. Of that, 3,940 were dental and 3,827 were ear, nose & throat cases and a further 514 were immunisations. Over the years PYM has done a mighty service to assist the Vanuatu Mission and many of the more isolated people of Vanuatu.

On five occasions since 2012, Brian and Jan have visited a very remote island, Mere Lava, in Vanuatu's far northern Banks group. They encountered a young girl, Jelsian, with a facial bone disease. She was referred to hospital in 2013, but owing to isolation never went. In 2015, Brian again referred her, with arrangements for a biopsy in Port Vila. Adventist doctor, Mark Turnbull, flew her there in his small plane, but sadly the hospital lost the biopsy records leaving Jelsian back on her isolated island with her condition deteriorating. Now 13 years of age, Jelsian's rare tumorous bone disease, fibrous



dysplasia, has disfigured the left side of her face, she has lost sight in one eye and without professional intervention will soon be unable to breathe.

Jelsian's case is urgent, and a decision was made to get the necessary medical help she needs. Joanna de Bruyn, a Speech Pathologist and Oralfacial Myologist from Helensvale Church is coordinating the response. It is hoped the multiple surgeries Jelsian needs will be done at Gold Coast University Hospital by two specialist surgeons who have agreed to operate pro bono. The problem is the hospital currently will accept her only as a private patient, with post-op & intensive care likely to be in excess of \$200,000 for the multiple surgeries.

Several donors have offered assistance, including our South Queensland Conference who have earmarked up to \$50,000 to assist; but we are still short. Jelsian has been transferred to Port Vila, awaiting confirmation she can come for this life-saving surgery. Keep Jelsian in prayer that resources may be found to give her a way out of this storm.

ARTICLE BY NICK BRIGHTMAN, PYM PRESIDENT
PHOTO BY BRIAN DODDS



WYNNUM

SUNFLOWER STREET RECIPE CLUB



I have always wondered why more of our churches do not attempt to conduct recipe clubs. Wynnum Church began a Recipe Club one Sunday afternoon in October last year, with more people coming from the community each time we run. Beginning with three members, the Club grew to six then ten, and the two times we have met this year numbers grew from eleven to twenty one—and we are just beginning!

One lady asked for ten advertising brochures at our last get-together, then in the week prior to the next Recipe Club, she contacted me to say she had fourteen people coming. She had personally invited 18 people and with her marketing expertise also shared how we could better market the Club. Another lady uses Facebook to share Sunflower Street Recipe Club with her friendship group.

At the moment my wife Karen and I present the health talk, ably supported by the ladies of Wynnum Church. Other members are involved with registration, greeting and set up, etc. We are only a small church so nearly all hands are on deck.

It seems that food and food preparation are the flavour of the month. Consider all the cooking shows currently on TV. A Recipe Club is a great way to capitalise on this community interest—a monthly get-together with a short health talk, recipe demonstrations, food tasting, and recipe sheets to take

home—and the people are loving it.

Kilcoy Adventists also currently run a Recipe Club in its eleventh year of operation, having consistently had twenty-five to thirty-five community interests every month. Building on a decade of health ministry in this town via the Recipe Club, some 300 people—or 10% of the town's population—presently attend another health program, the Diabetic Health Clinic, run by Peter Pratt.

As Director of Health and now pastoring my own Wynnum Church, I highly recommend this type of outreach and wish that more Churches would try it.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY NEIL MARKS

MALENY

THE ANGELS JOINED IN



Just four weeks after occupying new premises, Maleny Company held its first ever Easter Program on March 31. With minor building renovations not yet complete, the normal attendance of around 20 swelled to almost 70 as members and guests were wonderfully blessed by the combined voices of the “For His Glory Singers.” This choir, led by Owen Christian and ably backed up by musical director Hildegard Christian, would have charmed any audience from humble Maleny to the Sydney Opera House ;the performance was truly world class. In prayer prior to the performance the angels were invited to sing along and many

attending believed this was so. Maleny plans to hold other guest events this year so keep an eye on the Conference and local Church bulletins for further

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY DAVID EDGAR

MT GRAVATT

Απολογία



We grow up being told that God is real and that He loves us. But how do we know this is true? From March 21–24 the youth of Mt Gravatt Church ran an apologetics program tackling some big questions:

- God, where is the evidence that You exist?
- God, how can You watch pain and suffering?
- Jesus, are You really the Son of God?
- Jesus, are You anti-gay?
- Jesus, did You really come back to life?
- Jesus, why the Adventist church?

Members of local churches, along with community members, were impressed with the biblically-based presentations by keynote speaker Pastor Sven Ostring (from Sydney, NSW). Following each session, Sven answered a range of questions from the audience and reinforced how a relationship with God is logical, sensible, and life-changing.

Απολογία (the Greek word for “apologetics”) involves giving rational reasons to believe in the Word of God. The disciple Thomas asked Jesus for proof of His identity, and Jesus showed

him His nail-scarred hands. May you also seek evidence for God and reasons to believe. Jesus is excited to join you on your journey.

ARTICLE BY JARED MARTIN
PHOTOS BY MARC SALCOR

WARWICK

SPECIAL DAY FOR CONNER



Sabbath March 10 is now firmly locked in the Clark family’s memory. It was Warwick Church’s annual family camp, full of spiritual, relational and family connection. After a coolish Friday night sleep the hardy bunch of campers were awakened to a drizzly Sabbath morning. Sabbath School was sent scurrying for shelter amid showers of much needed rain—but that didn’t dampen a rich time of Bible study and sharing.

The main worship service was conducted in patchy sunlight as the Lord held the rain at bay, with Conner Clark’s baptism the highlight. Faithfully led by his parents, Dr John and Julie, Conner committed his life to Jesus in the waters of Dalrymple Creek. It became a time of reflection and contemplation for both those already baptised and those considering this next step in their journey.

Assisting Pr Trevor Mawer was Conner’s father John, who lives out the fundamentals of Christian living through his own walk with Jesus, and had studied the Word deeply with Conner.

Conner’s Church family are committed to support and pray for him in his journey with Jesus.

ARTICLE BY TREVOR MAWER
PHOTO BY KACEY WEIER

NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE



Along with 120 other Queensland students, I was privileged to attend the three day United Nations Queensland State Conference on the Sunshine Coast in February. We learned about leadership, diplomacy and advocacy, with panels of guest presenters including the former CEO of UN Youth Australia, social entrepreneurs and public policy experts. Each delegate was assigned a UN recognised country, then had to thoroughly research that country’s foreign policy. We used knowledge from the research to speak for or against resolutions set in place by the Chair, and edit amendments. Workshops and debates followed, giving new perspectives on various cultures.

I enjoyed the conference, forming friendships with students from across Queensland and was encouraged to help make a change in my local community and the world beyond. I felt

comfortable knowing I could express my opinions regarding any topic and look forward to attending the National Conference in Adelaide.

ARTICLE BY TINASHE SITHOLE, YEAR 12
PHOTO BY SILVER ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY

YEAR 9 CHALLENGE—THE NEXT STEP CAMPS



Students braved three nights tenting in rainy weather on the Northpine campus, as part of the Overnight Camp, a preparation for Survival Camp later this year. A key feature of the Overnight Camp was a sunrise walk in the Glasshouse Mountains. At 4am students boarded the bus, then walked up Wild Horse Mountain to see the sunrise as a symbol of their transition from child to young adult.

In these early hours, new life sprang into the group. The boys hit the summit in fog and heavy rain, then debriefed how some days in life are just like that. Despite the challenge, every young man held his head high, standing tall and confident to face the sunrise and this new chapter in their life.

Two girls’ groups had their turn at camping out on Tuesday & Wednesday. Despite rain, they learned how to pitch a tarp shelter and cook their own food. Groups bonded over worship, songs and learning how to make s’mores. They also made the 4am bus trip and hike up Wild Horse Mountain—and though early, students always say this was a favourite moment of the camp.

The Overnight Camp is first of this year's three major camps and activities, and one of the most influential. Year 9 Challenge – The Next Step teachers, Dustin Dever, Caitlin Arnold, Jessica Jenkinson, Sarah Martin and Lynden Chester deserve to be commended for planning and conducting these camps. They extend a big 'Thank you' to additional teachers, Darryl Hobson, Tatiana Green, Claudia Houstoun, Jodie Peet, Christia Willcocks, Cindy Sykes, Justin Fraser and Jaco Tams who gave up their time to support our first Year 9 camp of the year.

ARTICLE & PHOTO BY LYNDEN CHESTER

NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

FLOURISH-ING



Noosa Christian College and Nooscare Kabara partnered to implement 'FLOURISH', a program bringing students and the elderly together, enhancing the lives of both young and old. There are smiles all around when Year 3 students and residents meet fortnightly to sing, read stories and play games.

Students experience the rewards of new friendships, fun times and understanding, contributing to their local community in a tangible way. Year 3 teacher, Angela Gray is very excited about 'FLOURISH'. "The children are increasingly taking ownership of the program as they come up with ideas for activities and new songs to sing. Many spend their own time making gifts or drawing pictures to give to residents. The flow on effect is a sense of satisfaction and personal growth from seeing other people's responses."

Opportunities Response Strengths
Likes **FLOURISH** Have a Go!
Feelings Improvement Understanding

The FLOURISH program aligns with the Australian Curriculum and assists in building confidence, social skills and self-identity, enabling students to create and maintain positive relationships and make a difference in the community. Intergenerational connection also provides many benefits for the residents and they look forward to children's

visits. Kabara Diversional Therapist Michelle Connor says, "It's amazing to see the difference in the elderly people when the kids are around—it's better than any medicine."

ARTICLE BY DALE BERGMAN
PHOTO BY ANGELA GRAY

NEW UNDER 18 DIVISIONS!

CRECHE

0-2 years

PRESCHOOL

3yr, Kindy & Prep

LOWER PRIMARY

grades 1, 2 & 3

UPPER PRIMARY

grades 4, 5 & 6

JUNIOR HIGH

grades 7, 8 & 9

SENIOR HIGH

grades 10, 11 & 12

**2018
BIG
CAMP**

The terminology has also changed.

UNDER 18 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

1. Register your child/ren
2. Purchase activities (when registering or at camp)
3. Collect participant wristband (Actipass) from Camp Office

WWW.SQCHILDREN.ORG.AU/ACTIPASS

OPEN 28th MAY - 31st AUGUST 2018



Northpine Christian College— WOW! Students EQUIP

Northpine’s Week of Worship (aka WOW) focused on the theme of EQUIP—getting equipped with God. Chaplains Simo and Neil made the stage like a construction site with scaffolding and a ute tray, and the hosts, dressed as tradies brought a good laugh as students filed in. Instead of an imported guest speaker, 11 brave middle and senior Northpine students shared testimonies and message on the EQUIP theme. It was amazing to hear our peers courageously share their passion for Jesus in front of us! They shared how to develop an authentic relationship with God, and share Him into the real world.

Cooper Redman (Year 9) spoke about struggles people face when choosing to spend time with God. “The reality is”, said Cooper, “every person on this planet has the same amount of time in a day, but we all CHOOSE how we spend it. Spending time with God is a bit like doing school work. It is not that we don’t get time, it is that we choose NOT to make it a priority.”

Teagan Laszlo (Year 12) said, “Okay, so my relationship with God definitely didn’t happen overnight and has faced many challenges ... Through events like STORMCo, becoming more involved in church ... and other spiritual inspirations, my relationship with God keeps growing.”

Harrison Mega (Year 9) put it powerfully. “God does amazing things around us every day but most just don’t realize it. If

you don’t let God in you won’t see God [at work].”

Grace Archer (Year 12) reflecting on her experience said, “Although at the time Chapels, Bible classes and Camps may have seemed insignificant, these were actually the times God was shaping me and I was growing in Him.” By the end of the week, 108 students requested Bible studies, 119 committed to continue their relationship with God and 36 wanted to learn more about baptism.

“WOW was so incredibly inspiring,” declared Chelsea McCormack (Year 11), “It opens up so many ways to grow your relationship with God.”

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW SCHNELL
AND SPIRITUAL PREFECTS ARIELLE & GRACE





Ipswich Adventist School— SHINING for Jesus

Entering into a seascape complete with lighthouse, pier balustrades, fishing nets, mooring ropes and special lighting, Ipswich students soon learned to SHINE for Jesus during Week of Worship. Theology student Mrs Sarah Redman shared daily how they could SHINE for Jesus in their community with confidence and humility because He is the light that shines through us.

Friday morning, students were invited to take a stand, making a commitment to accept Jesus into their hearts and SHINE their light for Jesus by praying a special WOW prayer: “Dear God, Thank You for being the Light that shines through me, into my community, with confidence and humility. Amen.”

Friday night was a celebration, showcasing to family and friends the amazing week worshipping together, having fun, learning about Jesus and shining our light for Him.

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Darling Downs Christian School— WOW, You are God’s Masterpiece!

Jonathon Gillard, chaplain at Southland Adventist Christian School, Invercargill, NZ, vibrantly presented the Bible truth that every human is “Under Construction as God’s Masterpiece”, encouraging students to “build each other up.” Ephesians 2:10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11, NLT.

Using a Construction Site theme, joyful and creative worship programs were held each day for both primary and high school students, coordinated by School chaplains Jacob Ugljesa and Jeanine Sandy. Dedicated students formed the prayer and AV teams, worship band, singers and drama group.

Over 60 students from years 6–12 requested Bible studies in response to an invitation to “go forward and change your life” with God. Chaplains and teachers are committed to lead these students in a spiritual journey with God throughout this year.

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the caregiver's SHADOW

...we all have a dark side



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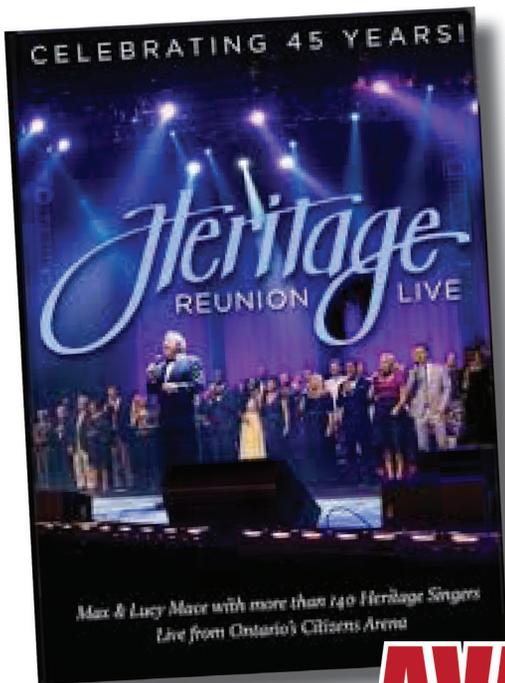
As we seek to journey with others towards greater maturity and wholeness, how well are we travelling ourselves in managing the complexities & multi-layered reality of our personhood?

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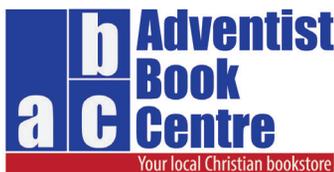
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