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# FOCUS

SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

## HIGH SABBATH IN SOUTHERN DOWNS

Regional days can be a real high-point especially for our country-based Churches, and the Southern Downs Regional on Sabbath 24 February didn't disappoint. This Regional is usually characterised by great fellowship, robust singing and a wealth of musical talent not to mention the warm community around the tables at lunch. The emphasis this year focused on the gospel ministry of all believers, highlighted by the ordination of Pastor Trevor Mawer. Throughout the day members from Stanthorpe, Warwick, The Summit and Inglewood Churches shared both beautiful music in worship, and warm words of affirmation for the leadership Pastor Trevor and wife Sharlene have given to their region over the past four years.

The Ordination service's theme focused on the sacred calling God places on each individual to serve Him according to the faith He has given them. Also included was teaching on the significance of receiving a call to pastoral ministry and the core vision for a united and active Church that Paul describes in Ephesians 3 & 4. A shared Vision was certainly evident in practice on the day with so many engaging actively to bring the event together.

If you have a sense of a call to pastoral ministry, or related questions, please contact Pr Russ Willcocks.

PASTOR RUSS WILLCOCKS,  
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARY



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# 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 February meetings this year.

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

Recorded the following calls to and from the Conference:

- Luke Stewart—Field Pastor / ATSIM Coordinator, NAC to Field Pastor / ATSIM Director, SQC—Accepted
- Rick Meale—Field Pastor, SAC to Teen / High School Director, SQC—Accepted
- Mel Lemke—Chaplain, Avondale College School, NNSWC to Ministerial Association Secretary (Education), SQC—Accepted

Resolved to support the request of the Brisbane Korean Church to plant a new Korean church on the north side of Brisbane.

Approved the operating budget for Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited for the 12 month period ending 31 December 2018 with a projected surplus of \$4,212.

## **The Executive Committee:**

Approved a name change request for North Brisbane Tongan group to be known as Brisbane Tongan Group (Penieli).

Approved the recommendation of the Sunshine Coast Adventist Fellowship Company to appoint Krystal Thompson as leader for 2018.

Approved the recommendation of the Brisbane Tongan Group (Penieli) to appoint the following leaders:

Taani Tupe (Leader), Jeanette Kailea (Secretary), Loretta Halatanu (Assistant), Taniela Halitanu (Treasurer), Saane Tupe (Assistant)

Appointed the following names to represent the Conference Church to the Constituency Meeting (18-19 August, 2018):

Steve Morga (Bay Islands), Peter Miller (Bribie Island), Choi Siong (Brisbane Asian), Rua Tetavano (Brisbane Cook Is), Richard Irvine (Childers), Kerry Young (LifeSwitch), Kevin Chugg (Maleny), Chris Rath (Mt Tamborine), Glyn Rence (Murri-Wantok), Shawn Sykes (New Life), Elias Obediente (Nundah), Dale Bryer (Refresh), Solofa T. Solofa (Riverview Samoan), Ira Dawson (Surfers Paradise)

Approved the projected distribution of 2018 Interest Income as below:

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| • Specific Distributions to Trust/Reserves | \$37,000 |
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Appropriation to Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Qld Conference) Ltd

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| • Evangelism (General Reserve) | \$100,000 |
| • General Operating Income     | \$190,000 |
| • Working Capital              | \$13,000  |

Total Projected 2018 Distribution                                   \$340,000

Met with the Australian Union Conference (AUC) Officers and AUC Structure Review Committee chaired by Mr Lindsay Borgas and resolved to work with the AUC in exploring MISSION EXCELLENCE in the following areas:

- Exploring options for Adventist Aged Care across the AUC
- Exploring options for Adventist Schools across the AUC
- Explore possibility of conducting a trial of the district/network model within the Conference
- To collaborate with the AUC in exploring opportunities to create greater efficiencies and/or reduce the management and governance of the administrative structures across the AUC.

PASTOR COLIN RENFREW,  
GENERAL SECRETARY



# Meet Our Staff! Mel Lemke

FOCUS Editor Chris caught up with recently-arrived Pastor Mel Lemke.

*FOCUS: Mel, you have ministered here before, as Youth Director from 1992 to 1999. A call to return to a previous place brings many memories and emotions to the surface. Can you share some of the high points for you being back in the Sunshine state?*

**Mel:** It feels very much like coming home. Being a winning Maroons supporter in the midst of a sea of blue has been fun, but nothing is like being on home soil. Three of my four children were born here at Sunnybank Hospital, and my two eldest sons started school at BAC. Already I've caught up with old friends in Stanthorpe, Warwick and Brisbane, and look forward to many more as I get around. It is profoundly moving to see children and young adults I invested in back then now leaders both in Church and the wider community - two are now my work colleagues. Murray Hunter followed me into my Eagle St office and now I follow him into his office in our new (for me) Centre in Spring Hill. He even left a stapler with my name on it in his drawer. So yes, I feel very much at home. I am super impressed with the Ministry and Education teams here in SQ, the team in the office, and their collective vision for ministry. I hear Camp Somerset has grown some from when we based Summer Camps in the barn to now a resort on the hill with a magnificent swimming pool. Each of my kids planted a tree of dedication there at the top of the hill when we left to go south. I look forward to seeing how much those four trees have grown.

*FOCUS: Now about your role as "Ministerial Association Secretary—Education". Any sneak peeks into your passion for our frontline school-based ministry team?*

**Mel:** I think of myself as chaplain to our chaplains and the entire School staff - everyone that works in and around our schools. That's a lot to meaningfully support, encourage and advocate for. I see our great team of school chaplains - most I have worked alongside over the years or taught/mentored at Avondale College - as the key "go to" carers on each campus. I plan to resource and support them as they care for their local school staff. Along with Heidi Mazz I also plan to give on-site nurture for graduate and second year teachers as they get a feel for the Ministry of Teaching. I am totally passionate about our schools being the best evangelistic opportunity we have as a church, bar none. Many unchurched families love our schools, what we do and the values we stand for, choosing to send their children to our school. It is not a big next step to introduce them to our whole way of life, and invite them into our community of faith. We don't have to win their trust - we already have it. Through the hearts of our children we win whole new family networks into God's kingdom. This is what I get excited about! To pull back the curtains on His plans for



their future should they wish to step into that; Wow!! I have seen dozens of families accept Christ as Lord and Saviour because one of their children came to our School, teachers and School staff genuinely cared, and supporting Churches provided a beautiful community of faith for them to find a home. That's what fires me up, that's why I am here, and that's what I will be about. To give my all to encourage Churches and Schools to SEE what we have in our hand within our school communities, to IDENTIFY the opportunity we have as a sacred trust, and to RESPOND with resources, energy, creativity, integrated strategic planning, leadership and love.

*FOCUS: Mel, from the perspective of your ministry focus, what can I personally do to multiply your vision?"*

**Mel:** 1. SEE: Get to know the Adventist school closest to you - even if it is some distance away, and develop friendships with the families 2. PRAY: I mean really pray. Pray for the Principal, Chaplain and Teachers, by name. Let them know you are praying for them. Ask what specifics you can pray for, and be a dynamic powerful prayer partner with them in their mission (which is also your mission). Pray for students and their families. Prayer changes things!! 3. GET INVOLVED in your School. Volunteer. Find ways to specifically support class teachers. Ask them. 4. BE THE BRIDGE: As families learn you genuinely care, introduce them to the kingdom by inviting them to your Church or small group and when they come make them feel so loved and welcome that they want to come back again, and again, and again. Church and School, working together as one, to be and to build God's kingdom.

BY PASTOR CHRIS FOOTE & PASTOR MEL LEMKE,  
PHOTO BY CHARMAINE PATEL

# Work Health and Safety Legislation & The Bible

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1:18 (KJV). "Put Me in remembrance, let us argue our case together; State your cause, that you may be proved right" Isaiah 43:26 (NASB).

As these verses show, our God is one of reason and logic. He has also proved this to us by following a logical process during creation as well as by developing a logical system to solve the problem of sin.

Genesis shows us God's logic through steps taken when creating Earth. In the first three days God prepared the Earth for life, beginning with the basics and moving towards the more complex. God, on the first day, separated light from darkness, making day and night. On the second day He divided the higher waters from the lower waters, creating the sky. On the third day He separated the lower waters, bringing forth land which yielded grass, herbs, and trees bearing seeds and fruit. A systematic process, one step leading to the next, generating life.

From there, look at how the next three days correspond with those first three days as God extends the complexity of His creation:

- On day one, night was separated from day, and on day four, the sun, moon and stars were created to rule over the night and day, thereby replacing God as the sole source of light.
- On day two God created the sky and divided it from the lower waters, while day five, God filled both the sky and lower waters with birds and sea creatures.
- On day three, God created dry land with vegetation and it was completed on day six with the creation of animals and man, populating the Earth (Genesis 1:1-31).

Clearly, a lot of order, organisation, and a system. As a God of reason, logic, and process, He subsequently introduced processes to Israel including

- The Moral Law (or 10 Commandments - written by the finger of God on stone, Exodus 31:18)
- Moses' Law (instructed by God but written by the hand of Moses), consisting of:
  - The Ceremonial Law (Lev 1:1-13)
  - The Civil Law (Deut 24:10-11)

One can liken these laws to our 'worldly' laws. Take a look at the following comparison between the Moral Law and a familiar piece of legislation here in Queensland.



The Work Health and Safety Act provides a framework to protect the health, safety and welfare of all workers at work. It also protects the health and safety of all other people who might be affected by the work. An Act of Parliament is the highest form of legislation, which is formally written down and enforced.

The Moral Law is a direct law commanded by God. It is THE law governing all laws and reinforced in the New Testament by Jesus' words in Mark 12:28-31. The Moral Law is the framework of all laws provided thereafter. The Moral Law, in essence, is like the Act of Parliament.

This initial comparison illustrates how fundamentally the principles of God have influenced our daily lives through the laws of the land. God guides people's thought processes, in wisdom, to follow certain systems and processes for the wellbeing of His people.

In the next FOCUS, I plan to explore further comparisons between other biblical laws and our current Work, Health and Safety legislation. If you would like to do some thinking yourself, consider the other biblical codes, such as the Ceremonial and Civil laws - also given by God, but written down by Moses' hand. Are there similarities in the relationship between these laws and the Moral law? Does this relationship compare with our current Work, Health and Safety legislation?

BY ASHLEY BAKAY, SQC COMPLIANCE MANAGER





## Hard Landings for “A Double A”

Nothing is more embarrassing for a pilot than to do a hard landing while onlookers anxiously watch the aircraft bounce back into the air, only to bounce again, and sometimes again, until the machine rests safely on terra firma. Meanwhile the often fretful (and relieved) pilot vows to do better next time. There are over 300,000 people in AAA’s “patch,” all in remote areas only accessible by air. Our Lord’s Great Commission is to go into all the world, not just the South East Corner of Queensland and your “A Double A” has faithfully done this for over 50 years.

“A Double A” has been having some financial hard landings since the Global Financial Crisis hit us all in 2008. Our operational budget is around \$30,000 per year, but since 2008 donations have reduced dramatically and last year only \$7,000 was received. Meanwhile, we have been using up our meagre reserves, and the time has come for your AAA Directorate to take some strong action to ensure the ministry continues until the Second Coming.

Essentially the major action taken has been to reduce the number of flights from two per month, down to one until the

situation improves. The alternative is to continue with two flights (plus the road team) and simply run out of money, park the plane and close the hangar doors. Strong words, I know, but it costs to do ministry in our part of the world and the huge distances in the South Queensland Conference make it difficult to reach folk easily. So, from our hearts, we ask you to dig deeply to help us do the work we were called to do. Our SunCorp account details are: Adventist Aviation Association, BSB: 484 799, Account Number: 0406 338 52.

BY AAA DIRECTORATE, SOUTH QUEENSLAND





## 10 Years of Cook-Ups!

The Health team members at Glenvale Adventist Church are celebrating their tenth year of offering healthy cooking programs to their friends in the Toowoomba community.

"Back in 2009 we used to get excited when 25 people turned up to our cooking classes; now we plate up three courses for over ninety guests every time!" Melinda Archer said, "It's such a rewarding experience to see people realising how simple and tasty plant-based eating can be."

Since the beginning of 2009 there have been 46 cooking classes offered, with an average of 6 recipes demonstrated per event. Lisa Booth and Melinda Archer, the joint health team

leaders, extended special thanks to all the 'sister-friends' in their health team... Donna Murray, Leah Anderson, Belinda Edser and Dari Ugljesa. They also recognised the earlier contributions of Nyla Hughes and Daniella May who had been part of the original Health team.

Glenvale recently gave their church hall a facelift and rebranded it as The Abundant Living Centre. The vibrant Café-style foyer provides a professional, welcoming entrance to visitors and church-members alike.

BY GEOF FRAUENFELDER  
PHOTO BY NATHAN BIRACH-MAYER

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## Students Enjoy Summer Camp

Conference Summer Camps at Camp Somerset over year end provided three separate weeks of action-packed fun for different age groups. Campers had the opportunity to experience water activities such as sailboarding, skiing, and wakeboarding, plus other outdoor activities including mountain biking, archery, high ropes, flying fox and a giant swing which all held a lot of interest and enjoyment!.

While everyone agrees that summer camping is a whole heap of fun, there are even more rewarding aspects. Northpine Christian College's chaplain, Neil Redman, says, "It is a great witnessing opportunity. We received many commitments from our participating students to start Bible studies, and ten requests for baptism all made at Summer Camps." Of the approximately 280 kids attending one of the three weeks, Northpine was represented by 42 of its students, and 18 of those committed to start Bible studies. 19 were not from Adventist homes, and 4 of those made commitments to be

baptized. A total of 11 Northpine student campers made a commitment to prepare for baptism.

Year 11 student Kelly Stanton thoroughly enjoyed her experience, rating it an 11 out of 10. Her favourite activities were wakeboarding and tubing, and she made many new friends. When asked if there was more to camp then having fun on the water, she highlighted the "What the Heck" program where campers could ask members of the camp staff questions about the Bible and God. Kelly also decided to get baptized while at camp, because as she shared, the atmosphere there "makes you want to know how to connect, makes you want to know and find out more about God." Kelly is definitely going back next year, and hopes to eventually work there as well.

BY ANDREW SCHNELL, NCC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER  
PHOTO BY CHARMAINE PATEL

## Capricorn Celebrates Milestone

On Wednesday, 14 February, Capricorn Adventist Retirement Village (CARV) celebrated a very special milestone. By May 2018, Cecile Iverach, one of their treasured staff members will have worked at CARV for 21 years!

An active member of Yeppoon Church, and the mother of two young boys, Cecile first started work housekeeping at CARV, and then as a catering assistant in the kitchen. But she had bigger dreams and took up studying Business, as well as volunteering one day a week in Admin. Cecile now works fulltime in payroll and HR and is renowned for her sunny disposition, caring heart, and ever-willingness to assist staff and residents.

20+ Years of Service is a massive achievement and shows Cecile's dedication and loyalty to Adventist Retirement Plus. Cecile was honoured for her dedication and commitment with the presentation of a gold watch and it is hoped that she remains in the CARV family for many years to come.

What a blessing to have Cecile in the CARV community.

BY JULIEANN RHODES, CAPRICORN ADVENTIST RETIREMENT VILLAGE



**LANDSBOROUGH**

70 YEARS OF BLESSING



Landsborough are going to celebrate how God has blessed and led. Landsborough Church first met in a Pineapple Packing Shed in the Glass House Mountains area in January 1948. When Brother Grosse's new home was made available, the group met there for some time, officially welcomed into the sisterhood of Churches in September 1950. The group relocated to Landsborough School of Arts until land was purchased in 1955, on which a large double garage was erected (see photo), serving as meeting hall for Sabbath School and Church.

There's much to celebrate: 70 years since we first began meeting, and 60 years since dedication of the original Church building. During those 70 years the community has been impacted in many ways. We are known as the "Pineapple Church" because we have delivered a pineapple to most homes in Landsborough for the past 6 years. We are known as a "Caring" Church, because we have helped Morris House a local Community Aid group, the Landsborough School Chaplains, packed Christmas Hampers for needy people, held cooking demonstrations and a 12 week Diabetic Health Clinic, evangelistic outreach programmes, participated at the Maleny Show, visited retirement homes and visited homes on Mother's and Father's days. Five Church plants to our credit, with three still active. We even purchased a vehicle for a needy family. You are invited to come and celebrate with us, to see how God has blessed our Church.

If you have been a member or a minister of Landsborough or would just like to

join us in the celebration, we extend an Invitation to come on June 23, 2018. Together we will celebrate how God has led us over our lifetime, and that though we might be 70 years old, we are not finished yet—there is still more to be done.

Need further information? Contact Glen Woosley via email: [gwoosley33@bigpond.com](mailto:gwoosley33@bigpond.com) or his mobile: 0408 934 652

BY GLEN WOOSLEY

**CALOUNDRA**

TAPESTRY DONATION



Caloundra members, Keith and Kay Bond, have kindly donated a fine tapestry depicting Jesus as the Good Shepherd, now prominently displayed in the Church for all to admire and contemplate. It has a touching history. It was presented to Keith in an unfinished state as a gift from the family of his interpreter, Appa, during a 2004 missionary visit to the isolated northern community of Sant in Mongolia (led by Pr. Mike Brownhill). The incomplete tapestry had been hidden by the family while the Communist government reigned during the 1940s and '50s and remained unfinished. Just before his departure from Sant, Appa bid Keith a tearful farewell, presenting him with this family heirloom as a token of sincere appreciation for Keith's friendship and support of many locals, including children, during his brief but robust (that's Keith!) encounter with the community.

Kay's contribution was in later finding and commissioning Bea, a nearby Palmwoods lady of 92 years, to complete the work's missing features—Bea's "last

tapestry work". Bea's son then added mounting to enable the work to be hung. Thus, Caloundra Adventist Church now displays a beautiful tapestry of Mongolian/Anglo Saxon/Australian heritage with strong Christian love as its theme and, indeed, in every stitch. It will also be valued by present and future members and visitors as a unique tribute to one fellow member's kind heart and God-given talent for sharing the love of Jesus with others - even those in a distant land, brought nearer by an outreach mission trip.

BY KEN DOVE, CALOUNDRA

**REDCLIFFE & MALENY**

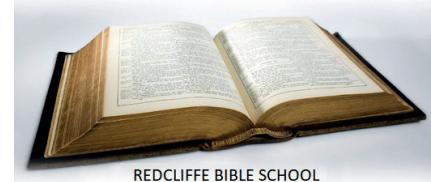
BIBLE SCHOOLS NOW OPEN

Twenty six people attended the first Bible School at Redcliffe Church on Sabbath afternoon, February 10. The aim of the school is to graduate students as Bible Instructors for Bible work in the Redcliffe and Maleny Church ministry areas. The schools are also open to those who just want to advance their Bible knowledge as disciples of Jesus Christ. "I have had a burden for many years to open a Bible School at the local Church level," said Bible School pastor, David Edgar, "because I truly believe Jesus is soon to come." "We are in the "tarrying time" of Matthew 25 and we must give others the opportunity that God has given us to inherit eternal life too." At this stage, the Bible school only runs one Sabbath afternoon per month at both Redcliffe (3rd Sabbath) and Maleny (2nd Sabbath) churches, and it is never too late to join. The next school at Maleny is April 14, and Redcliffe on April 21, both commencing at 4pm.

BY PASTOR DAVID EDGAR

**THE HOLY BIBLE**

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."



REDCLIFFE BIBLE SCHOOL

**MALENY COMPANY**

ENJOYING A NEW HOME



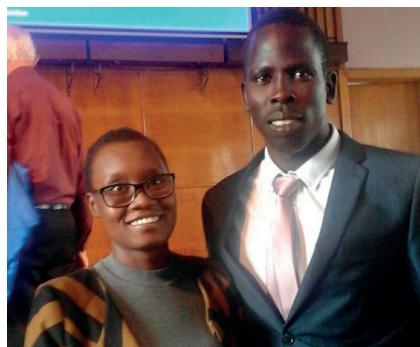
After twelve years worshipping in the local high school, Maleny Company has moved to a permanent home. Although the official opening is a little way off, members enjoyed their first Sabbath in the new premises on February 25. "We have everything we could hope for in a building," said company pastor, David Edgar, "we just have to re-arrange a few things to make it fully operational as both a Church and a Life Development Centre for the folk up here on the mountain. Maleny members spent the last year searching for new premises", he said, "and this one came up first, however, after looking at many other properties during the year we kept coming back to this one and soon became aware that this was the one God wanted us to have." Building Manager, Kevin Chugg, has his work cut out for him in the next few months knocking out and putting in walls, stairs, carpet and other minor renovations that will turn the building into an ideal outreach and discipleship centre for the Maleny-Mapleton area.

The new building is located at 926 Maleny-Montville Rd, Balmoral Ridge, 4552 and is open for (His) business!

BY PASTOR DAVID EDGAR

**TOOWOOMBA CENTRAL**

BAPTISM, A SPIRITUAL MARRIAGE



Sabbath afternoon, 21 October 2017, witnessed the wonderful baptism of Mark Bol Weet. This was a much anticipated day, especially by Mark's wife Viviana, and their two children, Emanuel and Elijah. A former student of our Darling Downs Christian School, and baptised member of Toowoomba Central, Viviana was eager for her husband to accept the Lord she loved.

Mark stated that he needed to see the evidence for Christianity and was not going to accept Christ for any emotional reason. After Bible studies with Pastor Andrew Feaveai, and with the faithful loving influence of his wife, Mark became fully convinced that the Bible is true and that he should join the Adventist Church. In a sense he had decided to get married for a second time, and this time his marriage would be to Jesus Christ. When he symbolically became dead to the old life when immersed in the waters of baptism, he was then raised to a new life that can be expressed as being married to Christ.

Pastor Andrew shared how Mark had come to his decision for baptism, explaining the relevant verses in Romans 6. He added that baptism is neither an automatic ticket to heaven, nor does being baptised mean we have become perfect. Mark's new extended spiritual family gladly welcomed him into fellowship.

BY DAVID PEERS

**REEDY CREEK**

BAPTISMS—PURE JOY



Reedy Creek Church on the Gold Coast recently baptised five people as a public declaration of their commitment to Christ.

Phillip Brzeski, baptised the day after his 23rd birthday, said, "For me, being baptised in Christ means receiving a second chance. It also marks the start of a new journey where Jesus will be the centre of my life and not on the side."

Chantelle stopped going to Church in her teens through circumstances beyond her control, but enthusiastically celebrated her Saviour's ever-present encouragement to come back to Church. "Being baptised has been the best experience I've had in my whole life," shared the 20-year-old Chantelle. "I always wanted to be baptised as this is a commitment to Him in accepting Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, and knowing He died for my sins."

Eighteen year old Jessalyn added, "For me, baptism meant giving everything to God—my love, trust, and future—because He knows what's going to happen."

Reedy Creek Church is blessed to have Deanna, Phillip, Chantelle, Sean, and Jessalyn as part of our Church family.

BY PASTOR DAVID RILEY

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PRAYER CONFERENCE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH SOUTH QUEENSLAND



# Dare to ask for More

PRAYER CONFERENCE FRIDAY 4 - SUNDAY 6 MAY 2018



## Welcome

I believe in the power of prayer to work miracles both in our personal lives and in our Churches. I am excited for the possibilities before us as we unite together, praying like we have never prayed before and seeking an abundant outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon our lives and Church.

**GREG PRATT** PASTOR & SOUTH QUEENSLAND PRAYER MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



## Keynote Voice

**MELODY MASON** PRAYER COORDINATOR, GLOBAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (GENERAL CONFERENCE), SILVER SPRING, USA

Based on Ephesians 3:20, this prayer weekend will challenge and boost your faith as Melody shares how to take your relationship with God to the next level and go from being a spiritual dwarf to become a spiritual giant of faith. She will share inspiring testimonies and stories, as well as many practical tools and keys to grow your walk with God. Come prepared to be energised and refreshed!

Melody Mason is passionate about Jesus and about helping people develop a vibrant walk with Him. She currently works with Prayer Ministries and the Revival & Reformation initiative at the Adventist Church Global Church Administrative Office (General Conference), Silver Spring, USA. Melody is also author of the book, *Daring to Ask for More: Divine Keys to Answered Prayer*, 2014.

## The Purpose

The aim of this Prayer Conference is to:

- Inspire, equip & empower your prayer life and your relationship with Jesus
- Unite as leaders, members, prayer leaders and warriors from around our conference to seek an outpouring of His Holy Spirit & to pray as we have never prayed before
- Encourage you to breathe new life into your local Church and other spheres of influence
- Dare ourselves to ask for more



God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us

- EPHESIANS 3:20 MSG



## Session Voice

**SHELLEY POOLE** ARTIST & DESIGNER

Award-winning artist and designer, Shelley enjoys creating work that speaks to human experience. Her work is peppered with optimism, charged with colour and harnessed with classic elegance as she shares her relationship with Jesus through art.

Shelley will share of the power & experience of prayer like never before both through the "God in Pain" initiative and her work 'Unspoken'. Both initiatives explore the heart of who we are and the stories of faith, hope, love & overcoming as found through a loving and redeeming Jesus.



## Register

**DATE** Friday 4 May - Sunday 6 May

**COST** **Full Weekend** \$85, inc meals & accommodation for one person for the weekend  
**Day Visitor** \$45 incl lunch for one day

**VENUE** Watson Park Convention Centre  
337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin

**REGISTER** Online: [sq.adventist.org.au](http://sq.adventist.org.au)

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# PRAYER CONFERENCE



Seventh-day Adventist Church South Queensland

## BRISBANE ADVENTIST COLLEGE

CHOOSE KIND



Many of us were shocked by the recent death of 14 year old Amy Everett who played the role of 'Dolly' in the Akubra hats campaign. Amy took her own life after being bullied online.

Online and face-to-face bullying is an issue that we, like all schools, deal with. For the past year, we have been trialling a disciplinary approach called Restorative Practice. It more closely aligns with our Christian values and is recognised by the Queensland Government as a school-wide positive behaviour approach, effective against bullying.

With Restorative Practice, children learn important life skills such as responsibility, accountability, self-discipline, empathy and forgiveness. The victim's experiences are acknowledged and validated whilst the wrongdoer understands the impact of their behaviour, learns how to relate to others more positively and to make amends.

We recognise that real change is only possible when culture is changed. The Restorative Practices model is one way to begin this process but it must also be supported by a strong, school-wide stance against bullying.

For this reason, the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on March 16 kicked off some important conversations and become the catalyst for a school-wide #choosekind campaign. Inspired by the heart-warming

movie *Wonder*, our college (supported by the Student Welfare Team) have committed to nurturing a safe and caring environment for children and adults. Our goal is to have a school culture that reflects the value God places on all people.

BY LEANNE ENTERMANN  
PHOTO BY BRENTON HOBSON

## NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

JASMINE JENSEN



Jasmine Jensen, Year 8 student at Northpine Christian College, is an up and coming young showjumper. She was 2017's 12 & under Show-jumping Champion for Burpengary Pony Club and also for her region of Zone 26. Jasmine has been riding horses since she was a baby and show-jumping from the age of five. She practises every day for an hour, competing in show-jumping and dressage most weekends.

Jasmine and her show-jumping horse JFK have a bright future. Recently she was given an opportunity to train with Sydney 2000 Olympic Silver medallist Albert Voorn from the Netherlands. Albert is regarded as a living legend in Europe after winning many Grand Prix events throughout the world. Jasmine says, "It is cool to train with an Olympian. I also want to compete in the Olympics when I'm old enough." She doesn't only have hopes for the Olympics, but for a career as well, already helping coach other young athletes.

Jasmine has two younger sisters who also compete. Isla is already learning to show-jump, and Ava, in Year 4, is very competitive. Now that she is thirteen, Jasmine is glad as she doesn't have to compete against Ava anymore because, "Ava sometimes beats me." Northpine is proud of Jasmine's accomplishments and wishes her the best on her journey to become a professional showjumper.

BY ANDREW SCHNELL, NCC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER  
PHOTO BY LEIGH ROBERTSON

## GRIP JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERS CONFERENCE



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## Choose Kind at Brisbane Adventist College

Many of us were shocked by the recent death of 14 year old Amy Everett who played the role of 'Dolly' in the Akubra hats campaign. Amy took her own life after being bullied online.

Online and face-to-face bullying is an issue that we, like all schools, deal with. For the past year, we have been trialling a disciplinary approach called Restorative Practice. It more closely aligns with our Christian values and is recognised by the Queensland Government as a school-wide positive behaviour approach, effective against bullying.

With Restorative Practice, children learn important life skills such as responsibility, accountability, self-discipline, empathy and forgiveness. The victim's experiences are acknowledged and validated whilst the wrongdoer understands the impact of their behaviour, learns how to relate to others more positively and to make amends.

We recognise that real change is only possible when culture is changed. The Restorative Practices model is one way to begin this process but it must also be supported by a strong, school-wide stance against bullying.

For this reason, the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on March 16 kicked off some important conversations and become the catalyst for a school-wide #choosekind campaign. Inspired by the heart-warming movie Wonder, our college (supported by the Student Welfare Team) have committed to nurturing a safe and caring environment for children and adults. Our goal is to have a school culture that reflects the value God places on all people.

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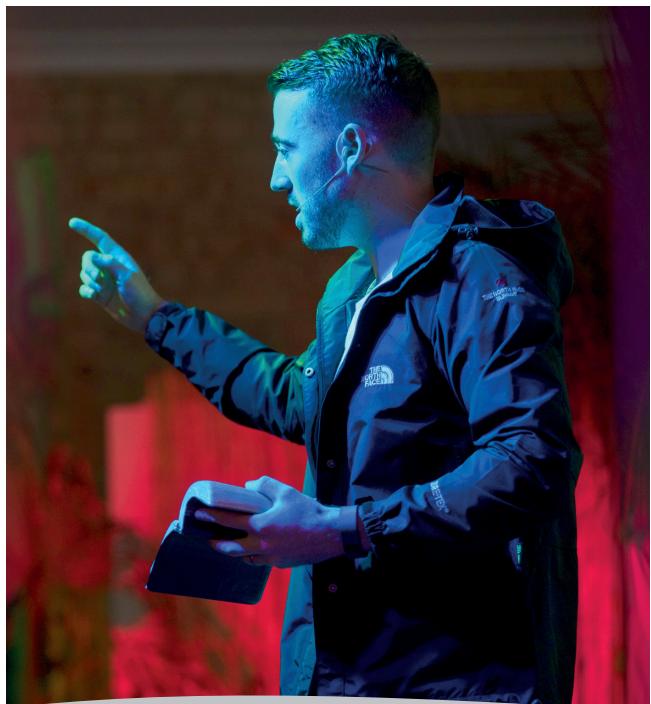
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## Students Enjoy Summer Camp

Conference Summer Camps at Camp Somerset over year end provided three separate weeks of action-packed fun for different age groups. Campers had the opportunity to experience water activities such as sailboarding, skiing, and wakeboarding, plus other outdoor activities including mountain biking, archery, high ropes, flying fox and a giant swing which all held a lot of interest and enjoyment!

While everyone agrees that summer camping is a whole heap of fun, there are even more rewarding aspects. Northpine Christian College's chaplain, Neil Redman, says, "It is a great witnessing opportunity. We received many commitments from our participating students to start Bible studies, and ten requests for baptism all made at Summer Camps." Of the approximately 280 kids attending one of the three weeks, Northpine was represented by 42 of its students, and 18 of those committed to start Bible studies. 19 were not from Adventist homes, and 4 of those made commitments to be baptized. A total of 11 Northpine student campers made a commitment to prepare for baptism.

Year 11 student Kelly Stanton thoroughly enjoyed her experience, rating it an 11 out of 10. Her favourite activities were wakeboarding and tubing, and she made many new friends. When asked if there was more to camp than having fun on the water, she highlighted the "What the Heck" program where campers could ask members of the camp staff questions about the Bible and God. Kelly also decided to get baptized while at camp, because as she shared, the atmosphere there "makes you want to know how to connect, makes you want to know and find out more about God." Kelly is definitely going back next year, and hopes to eventually work there as well.

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# Northpine Christian College—Jasmine Jensen

Jasmine Jensen, Year 8 student at Northpine Christian College, is an up and coming young showjumper. She was 2017's 12 & under Show-jumping Champion for Burpengary Pony Club and also for her region of Zone 26. Jasmine has been riding horses since she was a baby and show-jumping from the age of five. She practises every day for an hour, competing in show-jumping and dressage most weekends.

Jasmine and her show-jumping horse JFK have a bright future. Recently she was given an opportunity to train with Sydney 2000 Olympic Silver medallist Albert Voorn from the Netherlands. Albert is regarded as a living legend in Europe after winning many Grand Prix events throughout the world. Jasmine says, "It is cool to train with an Olympian. I also want to compete in the Olympics when I'm old enough." She doesn't only have hopes for the Olympics, but for a career as well, already helping coach other young athletes.

Jasmine has two younger sisters who also compete. Isla is already learning to show-jump, and Ava, in Year 4, is very competitive. Now that she is thirteen, Jasmine is glad as she doesn't have to compete against Ava anymore because, "Ava sometimes beats me." Northpine is proud of Jasmine's accomplishments and wishes her the best on her journey to become a professional showjumper.

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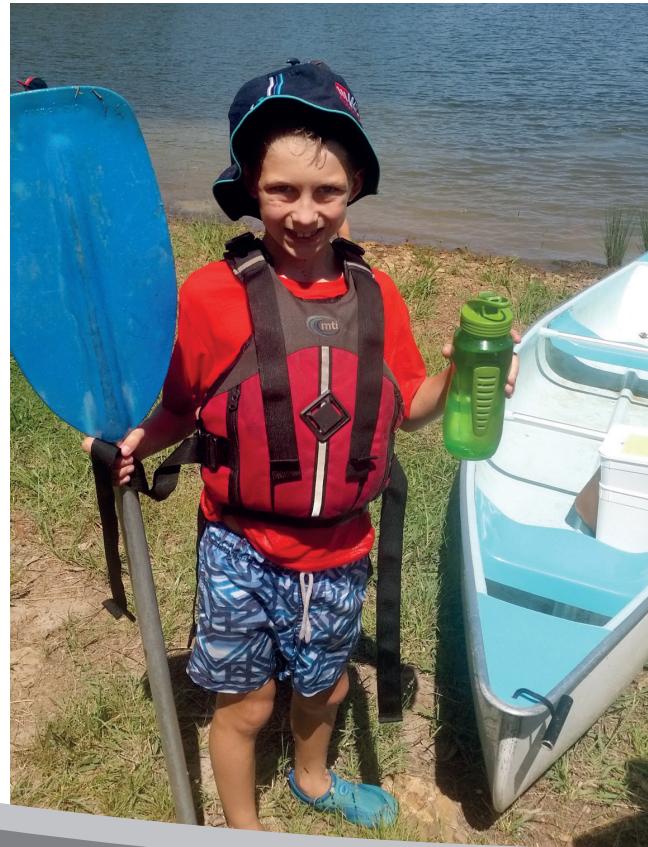
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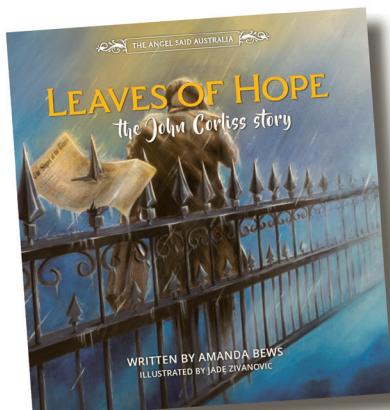
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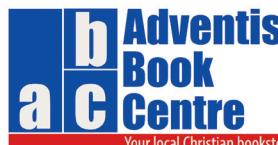
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