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SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

ARMS, LEGS, HANDS AND FEET

Watching the last Paralympics, I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's description of the church as the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12). Hands and feet, fingers and toes, arms and legs, eyes and ears; all have their special purpose and contribute to the overall sense of the whole person. If some part is missing, the body is not whole and complete as it was designed. It was amazing to see how much those Olympians could achieve despite their handicap—those swimmers would leave me in their wake!

So what about the body of Christ, His church? There are arms and legs, hands and feet. Is it a perfect body? Paul was writing to the Corinthians to encourage unity: "Live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10, NLT). A divided body is not God's intention and makes it difficult to function at its best.

Living in such an individualistic society, we can tend to lose that sense of belonging—that sense of "body"—and we can feel we have nothing to contribute to church life. We are used to fending for ourselves in the world and like to pretend we don't need anyone else, thank-you very much, and no-one else should need us either. But that's not how God intended us

to be. When we accept Christ, we become part of His body; we need others and others need us!

Your absence from church could mean your church no longer has feet, or maybe it's the hands or ears that are missing? Indeed, as Paul says, it would be a very strange body if it only had one part (1 Corinthians 12:19). Yet the body needs each and every part if it is to function to its full capacity.

You are important to Jesus and you are important to His body, the church. He has placed each one of you just where He wants you to be (see 1 Corinthians 12:18). The body works in harmony (see 1 Corinthians 12:25) as each member values and complements the other. Without each one of us doing our God-given role, the church would be less able to fulfil its mission.

No more division among us! Let's be a harmonious body, "perfectly united in mind and thought" (1 Corinthians 1:10, NIV), recognising that we have a role to play and recognising we need each other. In so doing, our churches will function as Jesus wants us to—to His honour and to His glory.

Shaping for Mission, Praying for 400.

PASTOR BRETT TOWNEND
PRESIDENT

DREAMTRACK: Step By Step

Clear blue skies greeted us as we arrived at our destination. We could not have asked for a better day! There was the rhythmic bouncing of balls, only just out of time with the gentle waves breaking against the rocks strung along the shore.

A group of energy-enthused Murri kids had taken over Settlement Cove basketball court, eager shouts proclaiming their individual victories. The staff and young people began the day bonding, racing each other, everyone wanting their team to be the first to get the elusive five baskets. It was a “strange” basketball game, a hybrid of tunnel ball. The levels of excitement reached new heights as the kids took the court in their teams, battling each other to remain “King of the Hill.” Shouts rang out as the old tired kings had been de-



throned, by a fresher team. Shawn and his team from *Step By Step Basketball*, joined with us for the challenge, encouraging the kids, helping them to have a great time! In spite of the cool afternoon breeze, most of the kids braved the elements, finishing the day off with a swim in the lagoon.

DreamTrack continues to teach our Murri young people that the best way to live life is to live it with purpose.

JARED POLAND
CONFERENCE DREAMTRACK MINISTRY COORDINATOR

You Wouldn't Read About If She Hadn't Written About It



The Reformation is a staple in the theological diet of us as Seventh-day Adventists. It is a core part of our denominational history as we share an affinity with those who fought for biblical truth and the freedom to access its sacred pages in a language we can understand.

But the English Reformation is more than just the theological transition from Roman Catholicism to Protestantism. It wasn't an event or process that happened just in the courts of power, but in the homes, villages and churches across the country. Individuals, families and parishes had to grapple with the move from Roman Catholic to Protestant in a very real and personal way. *Renovating the Sacred: Faith Communities and the Re-formation of the English Parish Church* explores not only how people thought but also how they worshipped in their local church, the style of their services, what they used for their services and how they interacted with each other.

This was no smooth or inevitable process, but rather one full

of twists and turns. How people felt tested by religious change yet did their best to function as a faith community is the focus of these stories and purpose of this book.

THE AUTHOR: Dr Irena Larking

Born and raised in Auckland, NZ, Irena completed her university studies to Masters level majoring in history at the University of Auckland. She has always had a keenness for telling stories—some perhaps she shouldn't have told—and in her last year of high school discovered a love of history. In 2009, Irena moved to Brisbane to do her PhD in History at the University of Queensland (UQ), graduating in December 2013. In July, 2015, after three years of casual teaching at UQ, she felt God calling her into ministry. Irena is currently Director of ADRA for South Queensland Conference, working with our local churches and projects to help them be the hands and feet of Jesus.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Charmaine Patel



Art For The Heart

During April and May of this year, the Risk Management Department has been encouraging employees of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, schools and aged care to participate in the *Art for the Heart Challenge*. The challenge is encouraging workers to begin some form of creative expression which helps them to relax, bring happiness and most of all connect with God. Studies have shown that there is a connection between art, healing and public health. Although art therapy became recognised as a profession in 1991, many cultures have utilised creative expression as a powerful contribution to the healing process. Art can impact on mood, as well as health. For example, music has been shown to calm neural activity in the brain, reducing anxiety. Music has also been shown to restore effective functioning of the immune system.

Although the challenge has been designed for employees of the Seventh-day Adventist organisation, Caloundra Adventist Retirement Village recently reported positive outcomes from their established Men's Shed. Eight active members meet regularly to create beautiful projects, such as a rocking horse for a young child and a wooden bird's house. This wonderful wellbeing initiative has not only brought these men together to commune with each other, but has empowered them—and they are enthusiastic about it! This infectious energy has encouraged others at the village to visit the Men's Shed and watch these men at work as their creations come to life.

The positive energy and happiness brought by this initiative has positively affected all those around, in particular the employee engaged to help run the Men's Shed: "The most moving and emotional moment that I have experienced personally while working with these amazing men was the moment I got one of our lovely men who is in a fallout chair to help with some sanding. I asked him to feel the piece of timber we were working on to see if it was smooth enough. So he felt the timber, looked at me and said 'No'. This simple word

doesn't sound like much but this gentleman is non-verbal and now when I turn up to work with him, he smiles and laughs and reaches out his open hand ready to take the sanding block. I feel like the luckiest person in the world to be working and creating with these wonderful gentlemen. You could think that these men would get more out of the Men's Shed than I do, but you would be wrong. What a true privilege!!!"

I believe this is a beautiful, real-life example of how art and creative expression can benefit someone's health, wellbeing and overall happiness. I encourage you to work on something creative and be expressive! Choose an art form that resonates with you and that you can connect well with:

- Cooking
- Sewing/stitching
- Painting/drawing
- Building/sculpting
- Music/dance
- Poetry/stories

Spend time with God and search for ideas in His wonderful creation. Connect with Him, inviting Him to participate with you in your work. You will soon see how peaceful and positive you can feel! For those who are already engaged in creative expressions, I encourage you to continue and then share your beautiful experiences and healing benefits with those around you.

What a wonderful way to draw near to God and praise Him. Using the skills and abilities He has given us, we are reminded of his great love and mercy toward us. What a way to minister to and love one another!

ASHLEY BAKAY
RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND
REHABILITATION & RETURN TO WORK COORDINATOR



Awakening, Revival is Here Prayer Conference

On the weekend of May 5–7, more than 270 people from around our great conference gathered at Watson Park Convention Centre for the 2017 Prayer Conference. Following with the South Queensland conference vision of *Shaping for Mission*, the theme of this year’s prayer conference was *Awakening, Revival is Here*. It was a power-packed, life-transforming and inspiring time of uniting as a church in prayer, worship, fellowship, learning and sharing. Special guests Ben and Mary Maxson, Kevin Wilfley and Leigh Rice, shared powerful and unforgettable messages that are still a part of many conversations around our conference. The weekend also included special times of worship with members of the South Queensland Choir and Orchestra led by Marcha Williams and Vesna Rica. Added to these were workshops featuring our special guests and times of intentional prayer for our churches, schools, aged care ministries, and our conference leaders and members. Intentional prayer focuses included: that we awaken revival now within our churches and communities; intercession for five

people each attendee knew who weren’t yet disciples of Jesus asking that opportunities may open to connect and share Jesus with them; and prayer for the South Queensland Conference goal of 400 baptised disciples of Jesus. Many attendees shared times of personal and intercessory prayer in the prayer room created as a prayer hub for the weekend.

Attendees received many tips, resources and ideas to take back to their churches and communities to assist in shaping for mission. Above all else, we as individuals were encouraged to pursue Jesus, seek His face continually and live out of that abundant relationship with Him every moment of every day—in order to experience true revival! We have an urgent need to unite together as churches, praying for one another, our communities, schools and age care. We must boldly pray for friends, family and neighbours who don’t yet know Jesus, sharing the story of how He has changed our lives. By living lives of prayer, talking with the One Who loves us, died for us, saved us and Who longs to be with us must be our priority!

Plans are already underway for the 2018 prayer conference. We are excited to share that Melody Mason, author of *Daring to Ask for More* will join us for an unforgettable weekend from May 4–6. Please block these dates in your diary NOW! Plan on being there as this promises to be another wonderful weekend you won’t want to miss! More details available later in the year.

PASTOR GREG PRATT
PERSONAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Charmaine Patel





IT'S ALL HAPPENING UP IN THE AIR AT THE MOMENT

Flight Operations for May: Pilot Log—Mike Grady

Sabbath morning, May 3, saw our team off to Charleville some 2.5 hours flying time west of Brisbane. After departing Archerfield, our newest pilot, Murray Brown, selected wheels up around 7.15 am. Team members were Col Brighton, Murray Brown and Mike Grady.

We arrived at Charleville around 9.45. There at the airfield to meet us with the largest of smiles was Bonggi. He gave us a warm welcome and, after a short drive into town, we were met by another 13 Adventist Church members. Their greeting was like meeting someone that I have not seen for some years. Col was delegated as Sabbath school teacher and also the preacher for the day and may I say Col has missed his calling in life. What a wonderful Sabbath school lesson and sermon he delivered.

After the service, the folks out West certainly knew how

to cater for their guests, providing a wonderful meal and good fellowship. We were even given an invitation to stay overnight the next time we come out. We gathered all names and phone numbers of those who attended that day so we could keep in contact. Bonggi and others are going to canvass the town and invite their friends and plan to look for a bigger venue for our next visit on May 27. The folk at Charleville have asked for some young people's activities and AAA is trying to find out what we could do for them. The "Tyranny of Distance" is a hard taskmaster in our big conference but with the Lord's blessing, nothing is impossible. After a good flight home, we arrived back at Archerfield at 5.22 pm.

If you would like to donate, become a prayer partner, or become an active AAA team member, please visit our website <<http://www.adventistaviation.com.au>> and sign up!

PASTOR DAVID EDGAR

Straight AAAs For Libby

My AAA Trip to Roma May 13, 2017

As I looked out of the plane window, I was excited, yet a little nervous. We were approaching Roma and I was not sure what to expect. I was with my dad, Dr Philip Rodionoff, and Murray our pilot and this was my first trip with AAA.

We were met at the airport by Len Thompson, the senior deacon at Roma church who did a great job looking after us. Approximately 30 people attended the service, some driving more than two hours. I was surprised to see many of them were young people with their families.

Before leading out in a discussion of the Sabbath school lesson, my dad talked about his recent evangelistic trip to Ukraine.

For the sermon, he provided a choice of sermon topics dealing with solid evidences for the Christian faith, and it was agreed that three would be presented, but in condensed form.

I also presented a devotional on gratitude and the importance of living out what we believe.

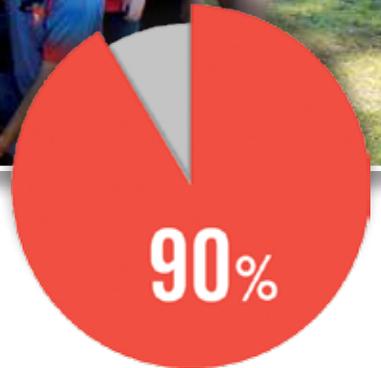
After the worship service, there was a lovely lunch provided. I was amazed that the young people of the church could make such delicious desserts. Once lunch was finished, we headed back into the church and Dad spoke about recent medical advances that confirm the relevance of NEWSTART.

As our team said goodbye at the end of the day, many people expressed their thanks for the programs and said the evidences for believing helped strengthen their faith. That afternoon I left Roma with a tinge of sadness, but looking forward to another trip. I believe that going on an AAA trip is a great opportunity for anyone who has the chance.

LIBBY RODIONOFF, AGE 16



90% Of This Community Claim That Jesus Is Their Hero!



More than 900 Camporee staff and Pathfinders attended the South Queensland Conference Camporee at Ivory Rock, Peaks Crossing, over the Easter long weekend. The event was coordinated by the Conference’s Children’s Ministry Department. The theme “Undercover Hero” was chosen to both remind and encourage our Pathfinders of the fact that many heroes of the Bible were ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Some of the Bible hero stories shared at the event included: Little Maid (who did not give up on her faith in God even though she was a captive in a foreign land); Little Boy (who gave his lunch to Jesus who in turn fed 5000 with it), Jonathan (and the faithful friendship he had with David—even though he was heir to the throne); and the three Hebrews (who stood courageously for God “in the heat of the moment!”).

Our Pathfinder District Directors and camporee staff were excited to see Pathfinders participating in fun activities, engaging in worship and building strong bonds with other clubs from around the conference. The District Directors and other volunteer staff are greatly appreciated by the conference personnel and the camporee simply could not happen without the immense amount of effort put in by them prior and during camporee.

A number of notable achievements occurred during the event;

1. The first combined Aboriginal and Torres Strait, Papua New Guinea, Solomons and Wontok club attended the Camporee.
2. The Capricornia club, consisting of Gladstone, Biloela and Monto church Pathfinders, made the long trek down to join in the fun.

3. Rockhampton and Emerald club members’ presence was highly appreciated.
4. A significant number of local church pastors visited and/or stayed with their clubs over the weekend, strengthening their rapport with their young people.

As a result of God’s leading and presence, our “Undercover Pathfinder Heroes” made the following decisions;

- 183 want to recommit their lives to Jesus
- 226 want Bible Studies
- 151 want to be baptised
- 253 want to serve in their school, church and community

The Children’s Ministry Department remain grateful to all the church members and parents who support this vital ministry through their fundraising and prayers.

Pastor Strickland says, “We are committed as a department to work closely with pastors and Pathfinder leaders in order to follow-up the significant decisions made at camporee. In the first week following camporee, our pastors and leaders were contacted. We know that as they support and see their young people give their lives to Jesus through baptism, then become further involved in their local church, it will be so exciting! I, and my wonderful secretary, Sherilee, wish to thank everyone who contributes to the creating of opportunities for our young people to choose Jesus as their Ultimate Superhero!”

PASTOR WILLIE STRICKLAND
CHILDRENS MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Pr Gideon Okesene

Reflections Of Camporee 2017

Easter weekend 2017 is over and we are rolling fast toward the middle of the year. But for more than 900 Pathfinders, leaders, volunteers and staff, the weekend will live on for many days (as we all wash out the mud!) and weeks, months and years as the good memories live on. Uch!!

It was my first year staffing at a Pathfinder camporee and I came into it with excitement and a passion to help deliver to these Pathfinders the memory-making and faith-shaping experience I still remember from my youth—a time when I knew I wanted to commit my life to Christ.

My camporee experience this year was different to that of most people on site, for while they ran in the mud pit, raced billy carts, played life-sized fuse-ball, “rock-climbed” and much, much more, mostly I sat behind a desk, or “trekked it” back and forth across the grounds. But I have loved every

moment, because when you see the dirty, messy, laughing faces; when you hear their stories; pray with them and spend time with them; you see the Spirit of God moving through the place and working on the hearts and minds of not just the Pathfinders, but each and every one of us. Uch!! Uch!! Uch!!

I strongly encourage you to take the time to catch up with the Pathfinders from your sphere of influence—your church, your extended family, your friends—and ask them about camporee, their activities, their experiences and their encounter with Jesus.

... and if you are unsure what “Uch” is all about, ask your Pathfinders about that too!

SHERILEE WARING
PERSONAL ASSISTANT, CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FROM THE BOARDROOM

Committee Highlights

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

The Executive Committee:

- Received a backdated return of tithe from the Helensvale group totalling more than \$70,000.
- Gave in-principle approval to the request of Coastlife Adventist Church for a maximum Conference Building Grant of \$100,000 and a Conference Church Building Offering of \$15,000 to assist with Coastlife's securing a church property, and a similar in-principle approval for the arrangements of an external loan with Westpac, according to policy, for the amount of \$275,000 to assist with the purchase when a suitable property has been located.
- Approved the recommended disbursement of equipment and cash as presented by the former Bay City Company leaders, and subsequently directed work of the regional churches.
- Approved a Conference grant to the Inala Church for an amount of \$10,000 to be funded from the Church Development Reserve to directly assist the church to fund the cost of an emergency re-wiring of the church building

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

- Approved the appointment of Mrs Susan Hensley to the role of Human Resources Coordinator (0.6 FTE) on a 12-month fixed-term contract beginning June 6, 2017.
- Endorsed Ray Hobbs as having satisfactorily completed stage 2 of internship and passed the recommendation onto the Australian Union Conference for approval.
- Received an interim tithe report for the three-month period ending March 31, 2017, noting that to date there continues to be the effect of one less Sabbath compared to this time last year which will eventually equalise as the year progresses. Also of note is an adjustment made, due to the pay cycle at the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017. Overall, the report records a decrease of 4.63% compared to last year.
- Received an interim operating statement for the three-month period ending March 31, 2017. The report indicated that a series of expenditure increases such as Pastoral Families Retreat and the Tutankhamun Road Show has had a net negative effect upon the operating budget of \$34,503.
- Resolved to move to a quarterly reporting of tithe and operating to the directors due to the amount of work required to produce the reports.

PASTOR COLIN RENFREW
GENERAL SECRETARY



Health Bite: Balancing our Act

He had a giant intellect, could do the work of three men at times, and was so energetic, so constant that it seemed he had more than mortal energy. The cause of God could not spare him without the suffering of great loss. Such were some of the sentiments Ellen White communicated to her sons concerning her husband, James White.

In spite of this, James White was to suffer a crippling stroke one morning while on a walk with his wife. He was only 44 and at the peak of his powers, while the newly formed Seventh-day Adventist Church was only in its infancy. He had achieved an enormous amount over the previous two decades but had burnt the candle at both ends—labouring hard for the Lord during the day but also working long into the nights. This pattern continued in spite of counsel and warning from his wife two years previously in the great health vision received one Sabbath at Otsego in 1863.

Part of that extensive health vision included the words, “I saw it was a sacred duty to attend to our health, and arouse others to their duty. . . . We have a duty to speak, to come out against intemperance of every kind—intemperance in working, in eating, in drinking, in drugging.”

This was particularly relevant to the leaders of our church at that time, many of whom were out of action, unable to work due to sickness and poor health habits. It would appear that number one on the list of needed reforms was their poor life-work balance. Interestingly, this not only pertained to the leaders of our young church but to Sabbath-keepers as a whole, spoken of by Ellen White as, “labouring too hard and not allowing themselves change or periods of rest.”

The truth of the matter was that, although an amazingly gifted man doing the work of the Lord, James White was intemperate when it came to balancing his work with his life. Today we would brand him a workaholic!

Unfortunately, he—and maybe the church as well—was to pay a dear price for this as he was never quite the same after his stroke, passing away prematurely at the age of 60 just as the church was about to enter one of the most turbulent periods of its history.

If we compare this with Jesus, the difference is striking. He was on the greatest mission imaginable with only a few short years to carry it out, yet gospel writers depict a beau-

tiful balance in the life and work of our Saviour.

Time and time again Jesus is presented as between “the mountain and the multitude”—busily labouring for the sick and lost during the day but regularly seeking secluded places where He might rest and communicate with His heavenly Father in prayer.

We see Him praying in the quietness and solitude of the early morning, walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, walking through fields of grain on a Sabbath and climbing a mountain to pray. Particularly is this the case in the gospels of both Mark and Luke. We also read of Him telling His disciples to come apart and rest awhile following a busy season of ministry.

One gets the picture that Jesus balanced His life really well.

It reminds me of something else that Ellen White said: “Care needs to be exercised in regards to the regulation of hours for sleeping and labouring. We must take periods of rest, periods of recreation, periods for contemplation. . . . The principles of temperance have a wider range than many think” (*Adventist Home*, page 494).

I wonder what Ellen White would say today? If intemperance in working was an issue in the middle of the nineteenth century for us as a people, what about in the early twenty-first century? As I have read and reflected on this issue, I think the secret to balancing our act in this life is to make our relationship with Jesus Christ absolutely central, just as He did with His heavenly Father while on this earth.

Speaking on the issue of temperance in his first papal encyclical in 1979, Pope John Paul II said, “Man always walks along precipices; his truest obligation is to keep his balance.”

When it comes to balance, we live in dangerous times with precipices at every turn tempting us to excess. Let us therefore make our relationship with Jesus the number-one priority in life. Let us regularly “come apart” as He did so that we do not fall into the trap that took the health and eventually the life of James White.

PASTOR NEIL MARKS
CONFERENCE HEALTH DIRECTOR

INGREDIENTS

- 1 CUP BROWN BASMATI RICE
- 2 CUPS BOILING WATER
- 3 RED OR GREEN MEDIUM CAPSICUMS, HALVED AND SEEDED
- ½ CUP CURRANTS, SOAKED IN BOILING WATER FOR 5 MINUTES AND DRAINED
- 2 TBS OLIVE OIL
- ½ SMALL RED ONION, FINELY CHOPPED
- 3 CLOVES GARLIC, CHOPPED
- 2 TSP SUMAC
- 1 TSP "LIVE CHEF" MOROCCAN SPICE
- ZEST ½ LEMON
- ½ CUP PISTACHIO NUTS
- 1 CUP SMALL BROWN LENTILS, RINSED AND DRAINED
- ¼ CUP POMEGRANATE MOLASSES
- ½ CUP VEGETABLE STOCK
- 3 TBS FRESH MINT, CHOPPED

NOTES: SUMAC IS A PURPLE COLOUR HERB AVAILABLE FROM CONTINENTAL GROCERS. POMEGRANATE MOLASSES IS AVAILABLE IN COLES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OR CONTINENTAL GROCERS.

METHOD

- 1) HEAT ½ TBS OLIVE OIL IN SAUCEPAN AND ADD RICE. STIR FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO COAT RICE.
- 2) POUR BOILING WATER OVER RICE, COVER AND REDUCE TO A LOW HEAT.
- 3) COOK FOR 10-15 MINUTES UNTIL WATER IS ABSORBED. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND LET STAND WITH LID ON.
- 4) PLACE CAPSICUMS WITH THE SKIN FACING UP ON A BAKING TRAY AND GRILL UNTIL SKINS ARE CHARRED.
- 5) REMOVE AND SET ASIDE.
- 6) HEAT REMAINING OLIVE OIL IN FRY PAN AND SAUTÉ ONION AND GARLIC FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES AND THEN ADD SPICES.
- 7) CONTINUE TO STIR AND ADD LEMON, NUTS AND CURRANTS FOLLOWED BY THE LENTILS.
- 8) ADD POMEGRANATE MOLASSES AND VEGETABLE STOCK.
- 9) REDUCE HEAT AND SIMMER FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE ADDING THE RICE.
- 10) MIX THOROUGHLY AND REMOVE FROM HEAT. MIXTURE SHOULD BE QUITE MOIST.
- 11) PREHEAT OVEN TO 180° C.
- 12) PLACE CAPSICUMS SKIN SIDE DOWN IN BAKING DISH OR TRAY AND FILL WITH RICE MIXTURE.
- 13) BAKE FOR 10-15 MINUTES AND REMOVE FROM OVEN.
- 14) SERVE IMMEDIATELY WITH YOGHURT SAUCE OR HOMMUS AND TABBOULEH SALAD.

TURKISH BAKED CAPSICUM



Celebrating “Dad” on Mother’s Day Too

A church community cannot fully appreciate the blessings of God without thinking about the past. On Mother’s Day, Sabbath, May 13, the Toowoomba Central Adventist Church reflected on almost 100 years of living history. We celebrated Roy Teis’s Birthday (99 on May 8) and Merle Cook (90 on May 13). Due to ill health, Roy was unable to attend the special occasion. Here are a few of Roy’s blessings as shared by Gladys, his wife:

“Roy was born in Gatton in 1918 and left school at 14 to help on the family farm. He joined the Australia Infantry Force (AIF) but did not have to serve overseas, due to sickness. He played cornet in the Darling Downs Regiment Army Band. Roy set up his own garage business in 1947. Then in 1965, a tragic work accident occurred when a piece of steel lodged in his brain resulting in a small piece of his brain having to be removed.

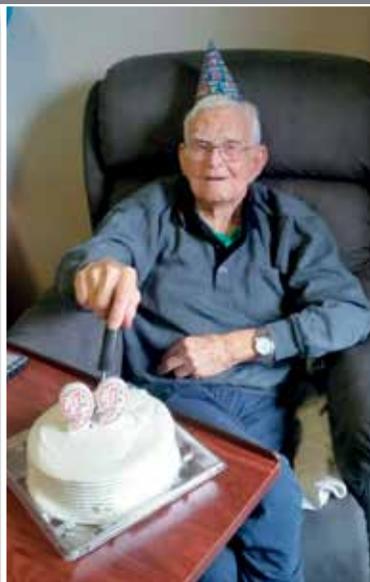
Then, following a massive heart attack in 1976, Roy was forced to retire. He attended evangelistic meetings in 1970 and was baptised in 1971. During his active church life, Roy has held several positions including elder, Pathfinder counsellor, ABC secretary and more.

Due to Roy’s failing health in 2016, he and his wife Gladys moved to the Churches of Christ Care Retirement Village in Crows Nest.”

Roy is an inspiration. Up to July, 2016, he faithfully attended church each week being so active and friendly, and always with a smile on his face.

Merle Cook was also honoured when her church community and friends gathered in the church hall. Merle’s daughter, Yvonne Perrett, commented:

“Mum took my brother Barry and me to prayer meeting every Wednesday night when we were children and we were just about the first ones there waiting for the church to be opened. She was involved in the mission programs in Toowoomba in the 1960s. Church roles



held during her life included Dorcas welfare leader, senior deaconess and most recently she retired from being Record secretary on her birthday. I believe Mum has held a church office without a break as long as I can remember. Mum has been known as Auntie Merle in this church for 40-odd years. She loved young people and this love was expressed during one particular phone call from Canada to wish her “Happy Birthday.” The call lasted for two and a half hours and the lady said to me “we picked up where we left off.” In Mum’s own words, she loves the Lord, the church and church family.”

Many stories from Merle’s past were shared. When the song “How much is that Doggy in the Window?” (a common song many of us older people remember) was played, it was revealed that Merle had sung that song some years ago in the very same hall for a fundraiser.

Pathfinders tastefully decorated the hall and helped serve the delicious birthday cake.

The cutting of the cake, by Merle, was a highlight. Of course, the cake was also celebrating Roy’s birthday.

The celebration was extra special because Merle’s birthday fell on the Sabbath of Mother’s day. In the morning service the congregation was reminded that God has a “Mother heart”. Rosy Gwynne, a member of the Central Church, also a mother, explained that all the qualities we find in mothers are those qualities of God’s love for each of us. Merle is a living example of a mother who has displayed these qualities. Roy also has displayed a love for others and his family.

The Sabbath of May 13 was a Mother’s Day to be remembered.

We celebrated the birthdays of two valuable members. Almost 100 years of living memory reminded us that God has blessed the lives of individuals and these blessings inspire us.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY EDWARD CRAIG

SQDL CONFERENCE

AT A GLANCE

04/05/2017: Pastor Trevor Mawer informs us that the newly formed Inglewood Group is about to have its first baptism this month!

03/05/2017: Pastor Daryl Groves reports that the Laidley Company is growing with one person recently baptised, two people entering by profession of faith, and another three more indicating that they are wishing to join the community in the coming months. Praise God!



03/05/2017: Pastor Casey Wolverton writes; “Just starting a two-day conference here in Sydney called National Gathering, pulling together more than 170 Christian leaders from across the nation. It’s clearly a who’s who of some of Australia’s most significant Christian leaders with people like Lyle Shelton (Australian Christian Lobby), Stu Cameron (CEO Willowcreek Association Australia), Miriam Gluyas (Salvation Army Divisional Commander), Brian Pickering (Australian Prayer Network) and many others. I’m speaking a couple of times in the plenary sessions (Developing Unity Between Pastors and Developing a Passion for Your City) and I am, I think, the only Seventh-day Adventist participating. I pray that God can use what I share to bless these ministry leaders and broaden our Seventh-day Adventist collective influence in spiritual matters.”

02/05/2017 Pastor Darryl Groves writes on the Gatton Church Soup Kitchen (run each Monday evening for the community) Last night went well again with around 200 attendees at our church’s Monday Night Soup Kitchen. There was not a chair or table left in the place! We even had a special chef come in



who helped us by cooking seven huge pots of soup! That’s the most we have ever had and not a drop was left over. Now the church and I are working on a plan for our next outreach venture to the mostly young people who are attending our kitchen. I’m busy working with five people towards baptism—Praise God!



18/04/2017: Stanthorpe, The Summit and Warwick churches have started collecting blankets for the homeless and needy as winter approaches. “In Stanthorpe I have been able to involve all the community churches in the ministers’ fraternal to become involved too.” reports Pastor Mawer

13/04/2017: Pastor David Yeo from Gladstone has been busy with his ministry up there. He shared recently, “The Capricornia Pathfinders, who are seven weeks old as a club are attending their first camporee having arrived in their brand new bus provided by the SQC, Gladstone Church and donations! There are 12 pathfinders in the club, and about 15 in the Adventurer club (also seven weeks old). I am now visiting a family in Gladstone with nine children looking to try and involve them in our Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs too.”

13/04/2017: Pr Yeo also reports, “Monto church has shifted their church service to the afternoon to suit members’ hec-

tic work schedules and to work around my plan to engage at all 3 churches more regularly.”

30/03/2017: A note from our Glenvale pastor, Casey Wolverton, “Two days ago, I received a referral call from the Conference Office. A 69-year-old man has become interested in Adventist beliefs. Yesterday I met with him for an hour and a half, concluding with concrete plans for a weekly Bible study. He is a delightful man who’s been searching for a long time. His joy was palpable after our first meeting at the prospect of perhaps becoming part of our church family.”

27/03/2017: Pastor Steve Ward says that a picture and a 1000 words are handy: “The Maroochydore church has started a Sunshine Coast Photography Enthusiasts Club! It now has 24 members and is growing, plus 19 of the members are not members of the church!”

15/03/2017: At Central Brisbane, Pastor Wayne Humphries has conducted two baptisms—and is currently preparing a number of others for the future.

15/03/2017: Pastor Neil Marks, our new Pastor at Wynnum church is excited that he received a decision for baptism recently.

14/03/2017 Pastor Mladen from Springwood church meets with a former-Muslim from Iran for Bible study. The man walked into a prayer meeting at the church while looking for an AA group meeting! He feels our church is different from other religions and is wishing to know more.

Chaplain JP Martinez from Brisbane Adventist College relates, “We’ve planned a College campus baptism for later in the year. I’ve already put it out to our students and just this morning one of the students confirmed they are ready to ‘Walk On’ with Jesus in baptism.”

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY PASTOR RUSSELL WILLCOCKS, MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

ROSEWOOD

CHURCH CELEBRATES 30 YEARS



Charter members of Rosewood Church; Vince and Rhelmae Hebbard, with daughter Rhian and Jordan Dennis

The Rosewood church was filled with more than 90 happy worshippers on May 20 when former members and ministers gathered to remember the opening of the church 30 years previously.

Among the original members who returned were Vince and Rhelmae Hebbard and their daughter Rhian with her husband and children. Also coming back to Rosewood were Wes and Beth Hughes, daughter Bronwyn and son Frank, with his wife and children. Greetings were sent from Tasmania from Cedric and Nola Trower and Lance Smith. Five charter members who have attended regularly since the company was organised into a church in 1980 are Brenda Duff and her sons, Kent and Neville Hughes and their wives. Brenda was happy to have grandchildren and great-grandchildren attend the Reunion.

Pastor David Lawson who, as conference president, dedicated the church in May, 1987, was the speaker for the service, while the Sabbath school lesson was taken by Pastor Tim O’Keefe, a “new member” 30 years ago. Other “pastors from the past” who attended were Ervin Ferris, who told exciting mission stories and Phil Downing who closed the day with prayer.

Following lunch, an afternoon of memories was enjoyed. Pictures of the church building in various stages brought to mind unusual methods of fundraising and Pathfinder pranks. Local councillor David Pahlke made a brief appearance to present a congratulatory certificate and to offer financial assistance toward disabled facilities.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY MARJORIE ENTERMANN

VICTORY FOR JESUS @ ROSEWOOD



When Anna Allen was baptised on April 29, she had one regret—that her husband Steve had not lived to see this day and share her joy. It was his encouragement that led her to deeper Bible study resulting in her decision to become a member of our church. Witnessed by friends and family, the baptism took place at Rosewood church with Pastor Jakob Kelava officiating, assisted by Darryl Fry who has been studying with Anna for several months. In sharing her testimony, Anna gave thanks to God for restoring her to full health and for His leading and support during her difficult days of sickness and bereavement.

ARTICLE BY MARJORIE ENTERMANN AND PHOTO BY ADRIAN SMYTHE

DARLING DOWNS REGIONS

THAT’S NOT COLD—THIS IS COLD!



Winter doesn’t seem all that bad in Queensland where in most places the temperature “plummets” from the mid 30s to a brisk mid 20s. But in the Darling Downs/Granite Belt regions winter means minus temperatures, morning frosts, days that don’t get above 10 degrees and fires being lit. For most of us it is a time to shut the doors, boil the billy and snuggle up with the FOCUS. But for an increasing number of people in our region, it is a time of just plain cold. The homeless are often associated with parks and under bridges but in our local

community that homeless group sleep in their cars or find a place to “camp out” for a night or two until they are shifted on to someone else’s couch for a few days.

So it was, with the first cool days ending April, that the combined effort of Warwick, Stanthorpe and The Summit churches and the Inglewood group moved into action, calling for the collection of blankets for those doing it tough. Jesus said, “You will always have the poor with you,” and this was an opportunity to put into action our faith as suggested by James 2.

Partnering with the local emergency aid organisations has allowed for the distribution of more than 200 blankets to go to those facing the cold winter days ahead. As we prayed over the bundles of blankets, our request was not just for physical warmth to be imparted but for the warmth of the Son to be seen through our helping.

As we shape for mission this year and next out here in the regional communities, the shaping starts with a rectangular piece of fabric covering the shape of a fellow human in need.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY TREVOR MAWER

YEPPON

TOM AND ROBYN’S BRILLIANT MARKETING STRATEGY



Sabbath May 27 was a high day for the Yeppoon Church. Tom and Robyn Roberts were baptised by Pastor Mark Turner and welcomed into fellowship by Yeppoon members. Tom and Robyn have been attending Yeppoon church since July 2016, after coming to a conviction over the Sabbath from their own Bible reading.

Tom and Robyn were first contacted by Yeppoon member, Fern Matthews,

whose friendship over the years led to their introduction to the Adventist church. By the time they came to a prophecy seminar on Revelation, run by ministerial intern Ray Hobbs in July and August, 2016, the Roberts had already started keeping Sabbath at home!

They felt right at home from the moment they first walked in the door of Yeppoon church and have hardly missed a Sabbath since. Tom and Robyn previously made a living by selling produce at the local markets on a Saturday, and wondered how their Sabbath observance would affect their income. But God has faithfully rewarded their trust in Him, and they have had more orders for their produce, without even having to attend the markets!

Robyn has become involved with music at church and volunteers her time once a week to play piano for the high-care residents at Capricorn Adventist Retirement Village.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY PASTOR RAY HOBBS

PINE RIVERS

THEY CONTINUE TO RAISE THE ROOF—WE MUST CONTINUE TO RAISE THE AWARENESS



For the second year running, Pine Rivers Church held a concert to raise awareness of Domestic Violence and to raise funds for the Sunshine Sanctuary Women's Refuge.

All the church ministries worked together to make this a special night and a great success.

The Caboolture Community Choir performed for the second year running

and has been very committed to this cause.

Dr. Subrat Mishra, a local GP spoke about his work with victims of Domestic Violence. He is also an artist donating three paintings for auction that raised \$350.

Many of our Church members including the Pathfinders also provided entertainment at the concert.

Anna Beaden travelled from Toowoomba and Stuart Taylor from Hervey Bay to sing for us.

Watson Park Convention Centre provided the venue.

This was a combined community and church effort to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause. It was also a very enjoyable night for us all, with \$2500 raised as a result of the concert.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY PASTOR KELLY RICHARDS

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY



John Taylor (on left) and the Recovery Program team

Approximately 15 people attended the first session of an eight-week "Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program" which began on Sunday, May 7. Over the eight weeks, the program will cover topics such as "Overcoming and preventing anxiety and depression," "Enhanced energy levels and moods," "Making healthy lifestyle changes," "Improving brain function" and "Helping a loved one".

This program is specifically designed to give hope to those suffering from de-

pression, anxiety, burn-out and stress. "We have been very pleased with the numbers coming each week" reported John Taylor, program organiser and Pine Rivers' church elder.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY MAXINE THRIPPLETON

HARVEST COMMUNITY A NEW MESSAGE FOR OLDER HEARTS



As part of Harvest Community Church's discipleship outreach, the members visit Forest Lake Seniors Home once a month. The youth and young children of the church provide residents with small gifts and fruit baskets.

Together with some of the home's staff members, a fellowship program of praise and worship, and sharing God's Word is offered each visit—all prepared by the church's young people.

At the conclusion of each visit, the young people mingle with residents to have prayer with them. Still others team members pray with residents not able to leave their rooms to attend the presentations.

It's a blessing to see and witness these residents being involved and participating in the singing and sharing. They certainly look forward to our visits. Most of the residents are unchurched or from other denominations, which doesn't stop them getting involved and having a great time with our young people.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY TANU SANFT



BLACKBUTT

CHRISTIE FOR CHRIST IN BLACKBUTT

In September, 2016, Danny and Raelene Christie felt impressed that Blackbutt was the place where God wanted them to relocate. By October, both of them were keen to plant a church in their area. They had conducted a fair amount of research and spoken to some Adventist families who lived in the area, but were unable to attend any other church or group. After the wheels got turning and the necessary procedures had taken place, the first official Blackbutt Seventh-day Adventist group Sabbath worship ser-

vice took place on February 25. Seventeen were in attendance that Sabbath and it was a wonderful time of worship, with leader Danny Christie preaching.

I got my first opportunity to preach there on April 22 and we thoroughly enjoyed the Sabbath school discussion, the worship service and later on the lunch where more bonding took place. What I am encouraged and excited about is that the whole group is outreach focused.

The leaders take seriously the commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20 to all His disciples in every generation. They have a desire to share the love of Jesus with others in their

community in various ways. They also want their mission focus to be like Christ's where He "mingled as one who desired their good, showed sympathy, ministered to their needs, won their confidence and then bade them, 'Come, Follow Me.'" Please join with me in praying for this energetic group as they "cast their nets on the right side of the boat."

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY PASTOR GIDEON OKESENE

LANDSBOROUGH

LADIES KNOCK MOTHER'S DAY



To celebrate Mother's Day, Lindsay Grace, Sue Dixon and Michelle Hoy (pictured) from the Landsborough church doorknocked several homes in the area. Mothers were personally given chocolates and cards with inspirational Bible verses. "The role of mothers in our society is often underestimated," says Lindsay. "It was good to tell the ladies their work was very much appreciated."

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY CHARLES RUSSELL

SCHEDULED AAA ACTIVITY

June 5 – 12
Road team visits to remote church members in Western QLD

June 10
Chinchilla

June 17
Charleville (and road team to visit Dirranbandi)

June 24
Roma

July 8
Dirranbandi

July 22
Longreach



GOLD COAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

WELCOMES STUDENT YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHERS

At Gold Coast Christian College, we have just invited a group of Secondary students to assist with capturing photo memories for our College Yearbook. Two or three students from each year level came along for the Welcome Launch where they were treated to pizza and shown some tips on the use of a camera, how to “frame up” and take great pictures. We look forward to these students having some of their pictures included in our 2017 yearbook!

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY CARLY MOORE



BABY DYLAN

Year 11/12 Biology have been studying parental care of offspring among species in the animal kingdom. To bring this module to life, students have been given the responsibility of having baby “Dylan Angel Jnr” for 3 days each. While caring for Dylan, they are required to act as the sole guardian, providing bathing, feeding and care around the clock. Dylan must be with the student at all times, and if there is



a need for him to be cared for by someone else it is up to the student to find appropriate babysitting. Some students took it all in their stride, with one student affixing a “baby on board” sticker to the inside of his car, while another made the most of Mum for babysitting when it was required.

Thanks, Miss Young, for taking learning to a new level and creating an interesting way to engage with the subject matter being studied in class!

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY CARLY MOORE

NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING EXPO



On May 17, Northpine Christian College held their annual Open Night evening, once again it was a great success.

The purpose of the night is to create a fun, open atmosphere that the school community can enjoy for a night.

Many first-time visitors were also present, creating an entertaining dynamic. Northpine’s wide-ranging, mostly outdoor event, was blessed with a friendly sky, and even friendlier members of the public!

A great variety of activities were available for all to enjoy and participate in: tours by current students were offered to anyone interested; an inflatable obstacle course was the source of many a puffed-out patron; a nearby petting zoo came complete with sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, piglets and guinea pigs; visitors could also try their hand at climbing up an artificial rock-climbing wall.

The library was bustling with activity as the College ran its annual Book Fair.

The Primary and Secondary teachers set up exhibits and ran activities displaying each year level’s work and the Music and Drama Departments showcased the students’ talents with a number of performances, including a sneak peek into the school’s planned 2017 musical production of Annie Jr.

Northpine Christian College would like to thank the students, staff and Parents and Friends team involved in the preparation and coordination of the evening, as well as all the families who took the time to come learn more about the amazing program the College has to offer.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW SCHNELL

CORAL COAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

BRUSH UP ON THE 3Rs



After being on the waiting list for two years, Coral Coast Christian School hosted Bruce and Denise Morcombe from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Bruce and Denise continue to travel the country raising awareness about child safety and protection. They remain dedicated to promoting a safer community for children and are passionate about educating children regarding their personal safety. By the use of entertaining presentations, the Morcombes encourage young people to consider the 3Rs when it comes to personal safety;

RECOGNISE. REACT. REPORT.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY CORAL COAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

IPSWICH ADVENTIST SCHOOL

DIDN'T FORGET



The staff and students of Ipswich Adventist School together with Ipswich Adventist Church members and around 400 attendees from the local community, gathered around the monument stone at 4.27 am on the school campus to remember the “Forever Heroes” at the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

The students arrived early in the morning to greet community members on their arrival, hand out the programs and to lead out in the singing of the Australian National Anthem.

Flying Officer Ewan Haig from the RAAF, who is one of the school parents, lead out in a very moving commemorative address with the school and church working together to honour the fallen of our blessed country.

Following the service, many stayed to take the opportunity to connect with each other and share stories over a hot cuppa and an Anzac biscuit during breakfast in the hall.

Thank you to the school community and Church members for serving together and providing a wonderful event for the greater local community.

Lest We Forget.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY NADIA GOLTZ



DARLING DOWNS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NUMBERS UP FOR SECOND PINK FIG MARKET



The Pink Fig Committee celebrate at the end of a successful day

Markets, food, music and ideal weather provided the perfect recipe for a successful Pink Fig Mother’s Day Market at Darling Downs Christian School this year.

Now in its second year, the markets attracted families from around Toowoomba, offering the chance to buy something unique from more than 50 stall holders who attended with their handcrafted and bespoke goods.

Live music, gourmet foodvans and kids activities, including an animal nursery, vintage games and kids craft tents, kept everyone entertained.

“It was really encouraging to see numbers were up on last year and we had almost double the number of stall holders housed in our beautiful white marquee,” market coordinator Elissa Dowling said.

“It was nice to see people stayed and enjoyed the school grounds. We had some great music and food and people gathered to sit under our tree and enjoy a lovely afternoon out.”

The markets are a fundraiser of the Darling Downs Christian School Parents and Friends, sponsored by Toowoomba businesses and coordinated by volunteers at the school.



“It is a great fundraiser and a wonderful way to showcase our school to the community, while also supporting local businesses,” said Adrian Fitzpatrick, principal of the school. “We are looking forward to seeing it grow every year and become a popular, annual market on the Toowoomba calendar.”

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ELISSA DOWLING



NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Eleven Noosa Christian College Year 11 students travelled to Vanuatu on March 28 for a two-week overseas service trip, accompanied by Mr David Rogers, Miss Courtney Ace, Mrs Danielle Rogers (the cook) and three builders. The trip ties in with our College value of “Service.”

The students had a great time, with everyone enjoying getting to know the locals and absolutely loving swimming in a warm sea most days after work. Most enjoyed a range of local food, from “pit pit” (the protein rich insides of something that looks like giant grass stalks), to local greens and giant, very creamy, avocados that are sold for just 50 cents each in the local market!



The students were keen to start on the planned projects. Students worked at the “desk factory” (set up under a giant rain tree), where 120 desks were repaired and re-assembled. Other projects included significant repair work completed on the mission school’s diesel launch and re-roofing a shed.

Highlights of the trip included a day trip to the renowned Champagne Beach up the East Coast of Espiritu Santo, which is a stopping off point for many Pacific cruise ships. We stopped and swam in the Blue Hole (fresh water) on the way back and then enjoyed lunch in a café in Luganville, before taking the boat back to Aore. Boisterous table games after dinner most nights were enjoyed by all, led by an enthusiastic Miss Ace. The students also loved exploring around the island of Aore on Mr Rogers’ old World War II army Jeep and trailer, with some returning home just a bit mud spattered.

On the last day, some (with Mr Rogers sitting close beside them, and far away from any coconut trees) were privileged to have a go driving the Jeep, with varying degrees of success. Last, but not least, the Noosa students were able to observe and partly engage with a different culture, learning to appreciate the unique ni-Vanuatu method of expressing their spirituality. Lifetime memories were made.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY DALE BERGMAN



WOW! WELL DONE!



From Monday, May 29, until Friday, June 2, Noosa Christian College held its annual WOW (Week of Worship) celebrations.

The theme this year was “Shine” and a light maze was erected for an exciting entrance for students to our chapel. They marvelled at their shirts glowing purple in the maze!

Our chapel was decorated in lights and

students enjoyed ice-breaker games each day for both Primary and Secondary WOW sessions, as well as listening to guest speaker Pastor David Toogood and his wonderful stories about following the Light of God.

Students from both Primary and Secondary performed on stage using piano, keyboard, guitars, drums, and cymbals, as well as singing.

Special WOW shirts were made for the students to wear all week and lots of fun was had by all!

The Noosa Christian College community would like to thank all staff for the extra hours they put in helping to organise the event led by our capable College chaplains Pastor David Reilly and Mrs Cathy Campbell.

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Nutrition Update 2017

Sabbath, 22nd July at Wynnum Adventist Church

* for more details, please visit <http://sq.adventist.org.au/ministries/health/>

Guest Presenters: ■ Graham Roberts

• **Dietary Approaches to the Prevention of Cancer and its Recurrence**
Graham Roberts is an Accredited Practicing Dietitian with a masters degree in Human Nutrition from Andrews University. He worked in Cardiac units in the USA prior to his current role of 10 years in the prevention of cancer and its recurrence at Hervey Bay Hospital.

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■ Angeline Yeoh

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Angeline is a Consultant Dietitian - Nutritionist with particular interest in Diet Therapies including: Diabetes, Weight Management, Food Intolerances, Cancer, Women's Health, Plant-based Nutrition & other Chronic Disease Management .

Presentations will be followed by a Panel Discussion Q&A Session

Food Safety Training

Lecture and Exam date - Sunday, 17th September (at Big Camp)

■ Registration closes 17th August 2017

■ Register here: <http://sq.adventist.org.au/ministries/health/>

■ No Late Applications Accepted ■ Numbers are limited

■ Cost - \$20 per participant payable at time of registration

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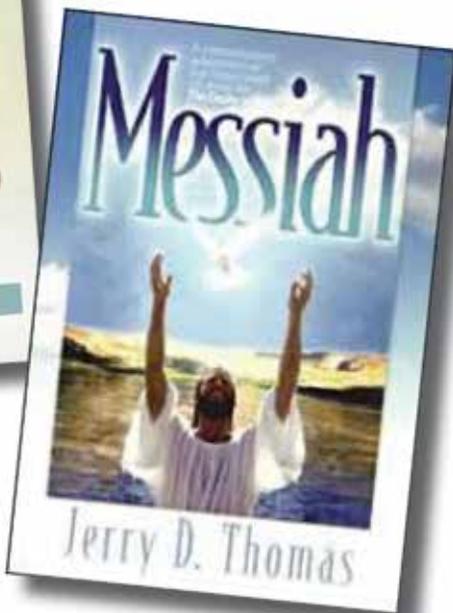
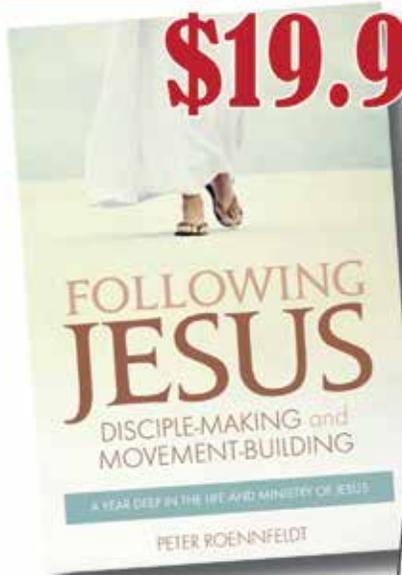
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- attend a lecture and sit an exam at Northpine Christian College from 2:00pm - 3:30pm on 17th September 2017 (during Big Camp)



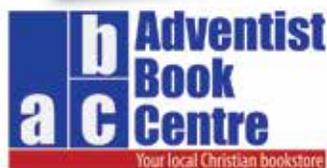
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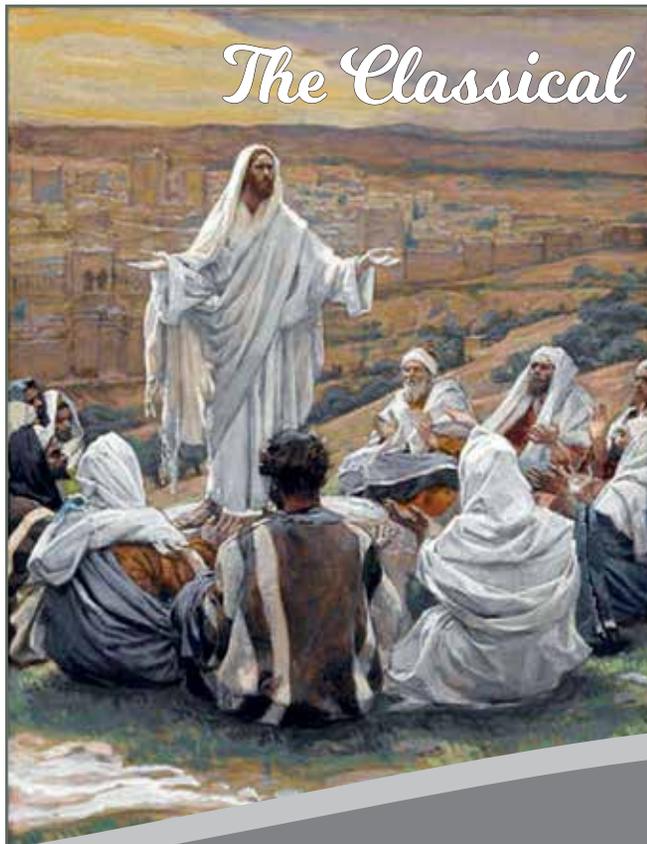


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The Classical Lord's Prayer



Mitchelton Adventist Church will be presenting an evening of classical and sacred music inspired by "The Lord's Prayer".

It will feature music by Bach/Busoni, Mozart, Cesar Frank, Rachmaninov, as well as favourite anthems and revered hymns. Our performers will include a reputed concert pianist, professional singers and dedicated church musicians.

The evening program will feature a plethora of musical items that reflect on the emotional journey through "The Lord's Prayer," dwelling into the Kingdom of God, investigating into the nature and repercussions of sin, and paying tribute to the magnificence, glory and love of our Almighty Heavenly Father.

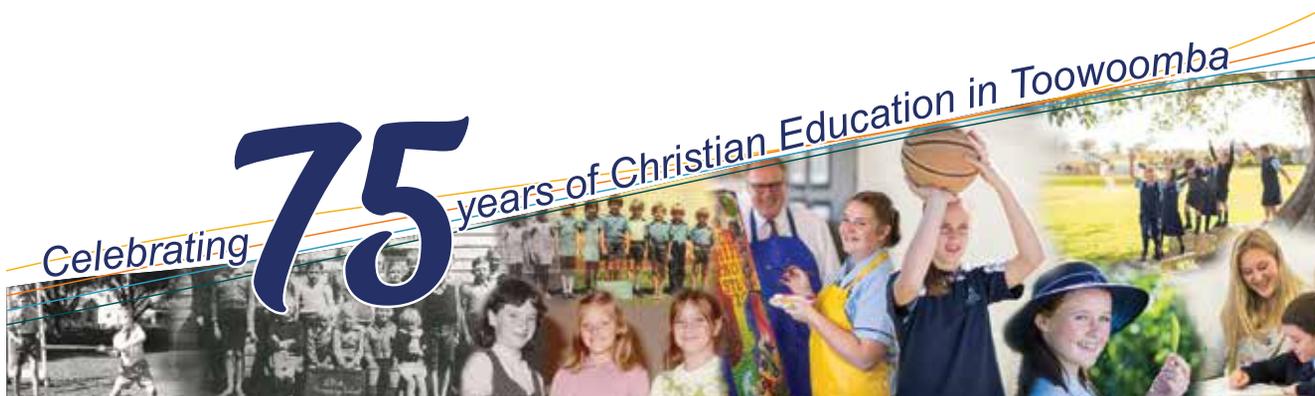
We invite all Adventist and any other music lovers to share a meaningful and enjoyable evening with us.

Please join us on June 24, at 5.30 pm for soup and buns prior to the concert which will commence at 6.30 pm.

A suggested minimum donation of \$20 per family or \$10 per person will be collected. All proceeds will be donated to ADRA Logan.



DARLING DOWNS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



“Celebrate with Us in Our Anniversary Year”

Pink Fig Mother's Day Markets

Sunday, May 7
12-4pm

- Bespoke markets
- Live music
- Gourmet food vans

A chance to find a unique gift for mum, while enjoying a relaxing afternoon under our beautiful fig tree

Open Classrooms

Wednesday, May 16-17

- Primary and Secondary
- Historical projects
- Student performances

Enjoy a tour of our school and discover our history of wholistic education

Anniversary Day

Friday, October 27
10am

- Historical re-enactment
- Plaque unveiling
- Student performances

Students and teachers – past and present – will commemorate our school's anniversary on World Teacher's Day

Community Bush Dance

Saturday, October 28
6pm

- Live music
- BBQ
- Alumni gathering

Join us for a fun night of dancing under the stars with family and friends.

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...you are invited to the next Sabbath Seminar on Saturday, 15 July, 9:15am - 3:30pm

Learning to Fall Upwards - Walking with Men in the context of their Faith

Like to better understand the spiritual journey of men? Get fresh and valuable insights into a man's life-journey, whether you are a man, are married to - or parent - a man, feel a burden for ministry to men, or if you are a relationship professional working with men. Rob Jones, speaker for this Sabbath Seminar presented by the Association of Adventist Counsellors, is founder of Centre for Men Australia, is a pastor to pastors, a clinical counsellor, regularly engaging with men on their life-journey.

AAC Members & Friends of AAC: \$50 Non-AAC Members \$60 Accompanying Spouse \$30 Bookings after 4 July will include a \$5 pp late surcharge
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