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SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

GO—DON'T BE AFRAID!

The first words of Jesus to us are almost always words of reassurance. Take, for example, John in vision on the isle of Patmos. After seeing the risen Lord in majesty, the first words he hears from Jesus' lips are "Don't be afraid" (Revelation 1:17). Why? Because the potential for fear is always present as we face an unknown and uncertain future. That fear can paralyse our step.

On another occasion, we see Jesus spending some time in the hills praying while His disciples were on the lake in a boat. A wild storm had whipped up and the disciples were afraid. Jesus comes to them, walking on water, and the first words He speaks bring reassurance, "Don't be afraid," then He adds, "Take courage, I'm here!" (Matthew 14:27).

Matthew records Jesus sending His 12 disciples out on their mission. They will face challenges and opposition as they go

about the Lord's work, but Jesus reassures them too. Again the words of reassurance come, "Don't be afraid . . . don't be afraid!" (Matt 11:26, 28, 30). Yes, He repeats it a third time, "Don't be afraid." The words are better translated, "You can stop being afraid now."

As Matthew closes His gospel, we see Jesus giving the disciples what we claim as our "great commission". The word is "Go!" "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." This gives us our marching orders (Matthew 28:19). We are commanded to GO. But we're afraid! What will people think of us? Will we be rejected? Will we be hurt physically? Will we get hurt emotionally? Will we have success or failure? What will the future hold?

Jesus again speaks reassurance; "Lo, I will be with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). As you go, Jesus says, there's one thing you need to know. "I will be with you," so don't be afraid.

My prayer for us as a Conference is that we will "go"—we will move forward—and do what God has called us to do in His mission.

Go in confidence, with Jesus' words of reassurance surrounding each step: "Take courage, I am with you; you can stop being afraid now."

PASTOR BRETT TOWNEND
PRESIDENT



FOOD INSECURITY A GLOBAL CONCERN

When Jesus said to Peter, “Feed my sheep,” He knew the full extent of what that statement meant. Today, nearly 1 billion people in the world are hungry and food is insecure.

The global demand for food outweighs the supply. Food insecurity is affecting all countries, and with rising costs, scarcity is becoming a problem. There are more needy people wanting food from an ever-decreasing supply. It was Mahatma Gandhi who said, “There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”

At ADRA Logan, we provide food for the many hungry people in the community, which is one way of demonstrating God’s love to them.

Food source a local solution

We are reliant on various food suppliers for our community food program at ADRA Logan. A portion of our food comes from charitable donations, but the majority is purchased at discounted rates, which impacts on the Centre’s operating cost. One priority is a secure supply of fruit and vegetables, as these perishable items should be replenished regularly. Fruits and vegetables are the most natural healthy food source available and yet these are becoming scarce in supply from market growers.

ADRA Logan needs a secure cost-effective supply of fruit and vegetables in order to meet the increasing demand on our food parcels so that we present the healthiest natural food available. A network of community gardens supplying food could become a base for this type of operation. Council-controlled land could be used for gardens, utilising the network of local Adventist churches and schools. If either of these two options were explored to develop community gardens, it might create a suitable supply chain of vegetables for ADRA Logan to distribute as food parcels for the community. Commencing a community garden creates immediate benefits for the locals, and these are not limited to growing produce. Local communities can benefit from developing their own community garden and having their own produce to consume.

The following are some valuable aspects of having a community garden:

1. Physical Value: People working together to create a sustained available food source.
2. Social Value: Community-building among neighbours and creating a place for “fellowship” plus the benefit of inter-generational community, having all ages involved from children to retirees, including families.
3. Economic Value: Growing produce can have a two-fold economic value, both saving money on produce and being able to get income from selling the same produce.
4. Spiritual Value: “Love thy neighbour” by giving to others, sharing the produce; plus providing produce to ADRA Logan for their community food parcels program.

Food supply gardens

Community gardens as food supply makes sense! Produce supplies from growers for charity non-profit groups like ADRA are diminishing. Supermarket chains are accepting a greater variance of produce quality for sale and with farmers seeking increased profit from their farms, these combine to create a shortage of produce for charitable organisations. Other factors in the supply chain equation are weather patterns and natural disasters. When there are floods, fire and other disasters that affect crops directly, the trickle-down effect leads to a shortage of supply.

More and more families are visiting foodbanks to get parcels of food to make up their weekly meals. Historically, having your own garden in the backyard was common practice, but nowadays it is rare to have a vegetable garden at home. The concept of community gardens is not new.

However, with our accelerated pace of life, the convenience of buying vegetables from the supermarket has overtaken the tranquillity and fulfilment of growing produce at home. These gardens give communities the ability to grow their own vegetables, and we want to champion the movement for families and communities to grow their own produce on available land. The potential for our churches and schools to have community garden plots appears to be underexplored.

Community action for churches

Growing food takes time, and while there is evidence community gardens can make a difference, there are challenges to making this universal. The idea of community gardens could be a solution to allow local Adventist congregations to have active community engagement.

Some feedback received from church members relates to security and ownership concerns, the attraction of “undesirables” coming on to church property and the fear of any unsociable behaviour this may bring about. These diminish when faced with the opportunity to bring about positive food change in a community.

How to get started?

The supply and demand of fresh food has become an issue, with food insecurity a global concern. Community gardens could be part of a solution, with universal acceptance of the concept from councils, local churches, plus other interested groups from the community. The drive to get these up and running has progressed with Springwood Adventist Church welcoming input from ADRA Logan and our support networks in getting their Community Garden Program established. This will be the first Adventist church community garden that ADRA Logan partners with in this city—your church could be next!

SAM LUTERU

Physical Inactivity. The New Smoking?

It has been estimated by the World Health Organization (WHO) that more people die globally today due to a lack of physical activity than they do due to smoking (5.3 million compared to 5.1 million). WHO has also predicted that the global inactivity crisis may become the number-one public health problem of the 21st century.

This reality has been brought on by changing patterns of employment, different modes of transport and new developments in recreational pursuits. What it means in quantitative terms is that people today have been estimated to be 60 to 70 per cent less active than 100 years ago. This results in us burning some 1000 calories less or walking the equivalent of 16 kilometres less per day than people living at the beginning of the 20th century.

This present state of affairs has seen the rise of a whole new field of study called “Inactivity Physiology” which looks at the effect of prolonged sitting on body metabolism. In one study conducted over a 14-year period, it was found that of the 120,000 participants who sat for extended periods of time with no exercise, 98 per cent of men and 40 per cent of women had an increased risk of premature death. Even among those who were found to exercise regularly, the men still had a 40 per cent and the women a 20 per cent increased risk of premature death. Another study controlling for such risk factors as smoking, blood pressure, obesity, social disadvantage and physical activity found that those engaging in more than four hours of screen entertainment a day had a 48 per cent increased risk of dying from all causes of disease and a 125 per cent increased risk of suffering a heart attack. It has also been revealed that even among those diligent enough to get 60 minutes of physical activity a day, some could still be found to be sitting up to 15 hours a day.



The effects of such prolonged sitting are that the body is less efficient in handling LDL cholesterol, blood glucose levels, and in burning up calories.

The good news, however, is that even a little or light physical activity has a beneficial effect on body metabolism. Things like standing up on the job or during study from time to time, walking around while you take a phone call or getting up during advertisement breaks on the TV can make a difference. The thing is that we were made to move and scientists are now telling us that too much inactivity is harmful to our health. It reminds me of something written by Ellen White over 110 years ago, “Inactivity is a fruitful cause of disease” (*The Ministry of Healing*).

So, what can we do to avert a personal inactivity crisis? The answer according to the physical activity experts is simple—SOS:

S—Sit less and move more: make sure you get up from time to time from your desk and walk around a bit.

O—Oxygenate more: enjoy those aerobic activities, such as walking, cycling, swimming, gardening, that improve the health of our heart, lungs and blood vessels—organs that often determine the length of our life.

S—Stretch and strengthen: stretching is important as it keeps us flexible to enable greater movement and activity, and strengthening is important as resistance exercise slows the loss of muscle mass and bone mass as we age, which has all sorts of metabolic and health benefits.

For more information, see, Live More: Active by Darren Morton.

PASTOR NEIL MARKS
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE

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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 March meetings.

The Executive Committee:

- Received a report from the President detailing the consultative process engaged with the Executive members, Departmental Directors and Field Pastors in arriving at a baptismal goal for 2017 of 400 new believers. This goal came after extensive discussions on the question: What are we aiming for and how are we “shaped for mission”? It was agreed the goal involves:

Allowing the Lord to “shape us for mission”.
 Not focussing on numbers but people for whom Jesus died.
 Praying for God to lead us to 400 individuals.
 Praying for the Holy Spirit’s work.
 The goal being set in the context of ongoing discipleship of all believers.
 Keeping Christ and His mission in the foreground of everything.

- Approved an application for a Denomination Property Loan from the Eight Mile Plains Church for \$25,398 as part of the funding for an overall development project at the church amounting to \$74,188 for the installation of solar panels and a new security system to the church and hall complex.

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

- Received a report of an appropriation application to the South Pacific Division for the establishment of an FM Radio network within the Brisbane Metro area as part of the “Mission to the Cities” Initiative.
- Received a final tithe report for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2016. It was noted that the church’s subtotal compared to the previous year (2015) indicated a 2.58 per cent increase. When factored in, the sundry tithe figures provided a final year increase over last year of 3.75 per cent, representing \$528,258 increase. Praise belongs to the Lord for the faithfulness of His people.

PASTOR COLIN RENFREW
GENERAL SECRETARY



CHAR GRILLED KEBABS

INGREDIENTS

Sweet Potato
 Potato
 Capsicum Red
 Capsicum Green
 Eggplant
 Onion
 Pineapple
 Mushroom
 Olive Oil
 Moroccan Seasoning
 Salt

METHOD

- 1) Slice vegetables into bite-size chunks.
- 2) Line baking tray with baking paper and place vegetables on tray.
- 3) Sprinkle seasonings over vegetables and drizzle with a little olive oil.
- 4) Place under grill and cook until vegetables are cooked.
- 5) Remove and let cool.
- 6) Thread vegetables on to skewers alternating vegetables and colours.
- 7) Reheat on barbeque for a few minutes or in frypan (or can be served cold).
- 8) Serve with peanut sauce.

PEANUT SAUCE

INGREDIENTS

1 tbs sesame oil
 1 small onion, finely chopped
 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 1 red chilli (seeds removed), chopped
 1 tsp fresh ginger, grated
 2 tsp "Live Chef" curry powder
 1 tbs palm sugar
 2 tbs tomato sauce
 2 tbs lime juice
 2 tbs kecap manis
 1/2 cup peanut butter
 3 tbs coconut powder in 1 cup water or coconut cream
 2 tbs fresh coriander, chopped

METHOD

- 1) Saute onion, garlic, chilli and ginger in a small saucepan until soft.
- 2) Add curry powder and mix through, then add palm sugar, tomato sauce, lime juice and kecap manis.
- 3) Mix peanut paste through and stir well. Add coconut cream and continue to stir until smooth.
- 4) Remove from heat and add fresh coriander.
- 5) Serve with spring rolls, rice paper wraps, satay sticks, dumplings or add to stir fries.

Notes: This recipe will make a reasonably thick sauce. If you prefer to make it thinner, add more coconut cream or water until you have desired consistency. Palm sugar is available in Asian grocery stores or in the Asian section of your supermarket. It comes in the form of a block and needs to be grated. Kecap Manis is a sweet soy sauce (sweetened with palm sugar) and has a thicker texture and stronger flavour than soy sauce. Store in a sealed container in fridge and it will keep for a couple of weeks.

Live
 Chef



A Triple AAA Rating

Charleville Baptisms—March

Roma minister, Carl Rattray rang me recently to inform me he had two candidates ready for baptism at Charleville and could we fly out to support him. *Charleville?* I thought. Other than installing a couple of satellite dishes, we have not flown to Charleville for about eight years since the work tapered off there.

“What has happened?” I asked Carl. He replied that he had been working the town and there were about 16 regular worshippers there now. He asked if we could put Charleville back on our flying schedule. “You bet, Carl!”

Linda James had an Adventist friend who lived in Charleville and who attended the house church that met in the Adventist Aviation Western Base at the time. After Linda’s friend left and moved to Quilpie, Linda had no place to worship. So she and her husband Ron started watching “It Is Written” with Pastor Gary Kent. Through doing studies with It Is Written, they came to a turning point in their Christian walk on the Sabbath and other Bible truths. Some three years ago, Roma Church packed up and conducted Sabbath in Lincoln Steinhart’s back yard in Morven. Lincoln had invited Ron and Linda to the church in their backyard. Ron and Linda now attend the group in Charleville.

Two years ago, Antoine Autufuga and his family moved from the Logan–Eagleby area to Langlo’s crossing to stay with their uncle and aunt, Alby and Linda Van de Vrugt. After a short stay, Antoine and his family moved into Charleville where he attended the state high school. This year has been a big year for Antoine, being elected as school captain, which includes being a member of the school council. I have been told that Antoine is a person who stands out from the crowd and is prepared to help those who struggle to fit in at school. When I asked Antoine when he became aware Jesus was calling him, he quickly answered, “While in Grade 8 I came to realise there was no other way.”

Pine Rivers Drive and Build Team—Dirranbandi House Church—March



The house church at ‘Bandi needed some urgent renovations, so AAA president, David Edgar approached Warren Bailey from Pine Rivers Church to see if he could help out. Warren has decades of both overseas and domestic church-building project experience. In his usual genial tone, Warren said, “Well, we can at least have a look at it.” Thus, with his usual enthusiasm, Warren started the ball rolling with on-site inspections, estimations and the all-important fundraising to make this project happen. A group of nine men and two ladies travelled there to complete the project between March 22 and 28, and were able to replace fascias and guttering, improve the drainage, install two water tanks and make electrical repairs to the house plus connect a coldroom. Up to a dozen people travel in from other country places around the area to fellowship there when AAA visit. The project costing around \$10,000 was funded by Pine Rivers Sabbath School (\$2500), the Pie Shop at Camp (\$4000), South Qld Conference (\$1500) and private donations.

Adventist Aviation Team—March

On Sabbath, March 25, the building team from Pine Rivers and local worshippers were joined by a group of five young adults from Mitchelton church. For some this was their second trip to Dirranbandi as part of the Adventist Aviation Association program connecting with church folk in rural townships. It was a delight for the group to see both new and familiar faces and the progress being made on the renovations.

With construction underway on site, it was necessary to hold the Sabbath worship service off-premise. The historic Dirranbandi railway station provided an opportune setting with its hall accommodating what must have been one of the larger Adventist worship services to take place in the region.

David Edgar

Dirranbandi's status as the end of the railway line generated discussion about the time when our earthly lives will reach their end, and the assurance and hope we can have in Christ for the adventure beyond.

At the worship service, one of the Mitchelton young adults shared her experiences as a member of last year's Mission Mongolia initiative with the group. This included providing similar acts of service for the local community. On a hot Dirranbandi day, many may have been dreaming for the freezing temperatures they endured in Mongolia! The corners of God's earth may be vividly contrasting and challenging to reach, but the work of volunteers who assist in far-flung places is valued by the communities who are blessed.

In closing

Adventist Aviation Association thanks the following ministry partners: South Queensland Conference for their generous donation; the Pine Rivers building team for their sacrificial efforts in bringing the 'Bandi project to completion; the Roma church pastor and members for their unselfish ministry in one of the hottest places in Australia; Pastor Gary Kent and the "It is Written" team for just being there when we cannot; the house churches at both Charleville and Dirranbandi for being absolutely wonderful hosts and giving us a reason for ministry. AAA does not believe in "re-inventing the wheel," and has long dreamt of bringing ministries together in a common cause—and Dirranbandi and Charleville have seen this dream materialise.

PASTOR DAVID EDGAR
ADVENTIST AVIATION ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATOR



Cheers

Wellbeing is a vital aspect of Risk Management, so the South Queensland Conference Risk Management department started the year off with some wellbeing challenges. The first challenge encouraged everyone to replace their daily intake of sugary drinks with water, the plan being to drink 1.5-2 litres of water each day for four weeks, then see and feel the health and wellbeing benefits. I am delighted to announce that we had two winners of the challenge, who each achieved the required daily water intake and the benefits thereof.

Congratulations to **Belinda Edser** from Darling Downs Christian School and **Carol Bartlett** from the Administration and Resourcing Centre. I had great pleasure in presenting their prizes.



I would like to encourage everyone to daily drink plenty of water, the most necessary substance for our bodies to function properly and live well.

ASHLEY BAKAY
RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICER



Ashley Bakay

ROSEWOOD

ENJOYING THE SWEET SMELL



Back to Rosewood day: May 20, 2017.

Former ministers and members of the Rosewood Seventh-day Adventist Church are invited to a reunion celebrating 30 years since the church was opened.

Plans include a shared lunch followed by an afternoon of memories and thanksgiving.

If unable to attend please send a current photo with an update/greeting.

RSVP May 1 with favourite hymn and historic pictures to <kentandjudy@bigpond.com> or Church Clerk, 1 Sherlocks Road, MUIRLEA QLD 4306 Ph: 07 3201 5402

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WARWICK

OUR CHURCH SHOWING OFF



The weekend of March 24–26 saw Warwick church return to the local show arena. After an absence of many years, the team decided that this year was the year to return. It also coincided with the 150th year of Warwick Regional Show which has run continuously for 150 years without a break, even through war time.

Despite the noisy chainsaw carving demonstration area being opposite our

stall, we offered the public free water, recipes and sample products from the Sanitarium healthy food range.

Once again the team from Creation Ministries International shared our space and offered a view on origins so often drowned out by the voices of evolution. Even the chainsaws could not stop the conversations on Creation and spiritual alternatives to life's big questions.

There are many to thank for their time, effort and help but special thanks goes to Cathy Oehlmann for organising rosters and team planning. To the rest of the team, a very big thank you for your efforts. We look forward to next year going a little bigger, a little further and better shaped for mission.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY TREVOR MAWER

HERVEY BAY

RETIRED PASTOR STILL SHAPING UP TO GET INVOLVED



Retired minister Pastor Frank Williams who attends Hervey Bay church, recently had the privilege of baptising Dominic Boston at Urangan Beach on Sunday, April 5. Dominic was gladly accepted into the fellowship of the Hervey Bay Adventist Church the following Sabbath.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY KAREN WILLIAMS

GLADSTONE

THERE ARE NO MORE DRIPS IN OUR YOUTH ROOM

Thank you! It's raining in Gladstone and our youth room is dry. The members of Gladstone church deeply appreciate the generous support you gave to the conference-wide offering in August 2016, which has enabled us to undertake the long-overdue replacement of roof, guttering and electrical wiring in our church. We could not have done this without the help of our conference-wide church family.

Now that we have a waterproof youth room, we plan to put it to good use. This year we are teaming up with Biloela church to start the Capricornia Pathfinder club. At our first meeting, we had eight children, one of whom is from a non-Christian home. Since then we have had interest from a further nine children from non-Adventist backgrounds. We are also excited to be starting an Adventurer club which currently has five nine-year olds eagerly anticipating Pathfinders. Local families are seeing the Pathfinder program as leadership training in an ethical and Christian environment and a desirable place for their kids to learn and grow. When we invest in their children, parents take notice and are more likely to get interested in what we as a church are doing.

Transport is proving to be a challenge for our fledgling club. There is a 130 kilometre gap between Gladstone and Biloela. To ensure equitable access, we have decided to meet once a month, alternating between the two church venues. Some members are concerned about regularly driving this distance, particularly at night.

In order to lessen the barriers to joining Pathfinders, we are considering purchase of a 21-seater bus that would allow us to transport our kids safely to meetings, camps, camporees, rallies and fair days with minimal disruption for other family members, also reducing the cost of running multiple vehicles. Good bus signage could also be evangelistic.

The goal of Biloela and Gladstone is growth. So far we have raised \$2195 through our "Go Fund Me" campaign with an additional \$3500 contributed from local church funds.

We believe that through establishing good community relations and actively engaging our young community leaders in service we can build the kingdom of God in the little region we have been given.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY DAVID YEO



REFRESH NORTHPINE COMMUNITY

SHOWERS OF BLESSING AT REFRESH



On Friday evening, March 24, at beautiful Lake Kurwongbah, Lucy Roper was baptised by Pastor Neil Redman. Friends and family gathered around the lake's edge to witness and support Lucy in her decision to have Jesus as Lord of her life. As the rain poured down, Lucy's baptism was a blessing to all who were able to attend, but more so we know it will be a blessing to Lucy and the start of her amazing commitment to following Jesus wherever He leads.

Lucy attends Refresh Northpine Community Church and is in Year 10 at Northpine Christian College. Lucy had the privilege of growing up in a Christian family and always knew in her mind that she would commit to Jesus. However, recently she concluded that there was never going to be the "perfect time" where she knew everything about God and the Bible or was perfectly close to God. "You can always pray more and be closer to God," said Lucy, "but I realised that I don't have to reach for God; He is reaching for me."

The pillars in Lucy's faith are her family, supportive friends, church and school. "I love my church community," said Lucy. "Last year I had many questions for God, and each week at church the message seemed to answer them." As a student at Northpine Christian College, Lucy has found that teachers and her relationships with them outside the classroom has had an impact on her faith journey. "They are people I look up to because of the way they live. They encourage me to choose God

and make good choices. I learned from them you can have a great life without all the other things the world offers."

Lucy was happily accepted into membership at Refresh Northpine Community Church the following Saturday.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY SHARYN HARRINGTON

GOLD COAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

TO THE POWER OF GEN "M"



Our Student Chaplains recently enjoyed a hike at Purlingbrook Falls in the Gold Coast Hinterland with Mr Moore, Mr Mattner and Miss Young. It was a beautiful day and as the trail wound its way down to the base of the falls and then on to a waterhole, there was plenty of relaxed chatter among the group. At the waterhole, everyone sat together for a lunch, a short devotional and conversation.

At Gold Coast Christian College this year, a key focus of chaplaincy is mentoring those who are younger than us. Chaplain Mr Moore said, "It was great spending quality time with students in God's creation . . . what better way to spend Sabbath than investing in our young people!" Both students and staff were heard saying, "We should do this more often!" on the way back to the College. A big "Thank you" to our teachers for taking time out of their weekend to invest in our Student Chaplains.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY CARLY MOORE

BRISBANE ADVENTIST COLLEGE

BAC'S ON ITS KNEES!



BAC Secondary staff member Aron Sleight and the Chaplaincy team have initiated a Friday morning staff prayer session this term. Mr Sleight shares, "In trying to grow the College, we feel prayer is central to successful growth." The College community are invited to submit their prayer requests via a specially set up email <prayer@bac.qld.edu.au>.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY PASTOR JP MARTINEZ

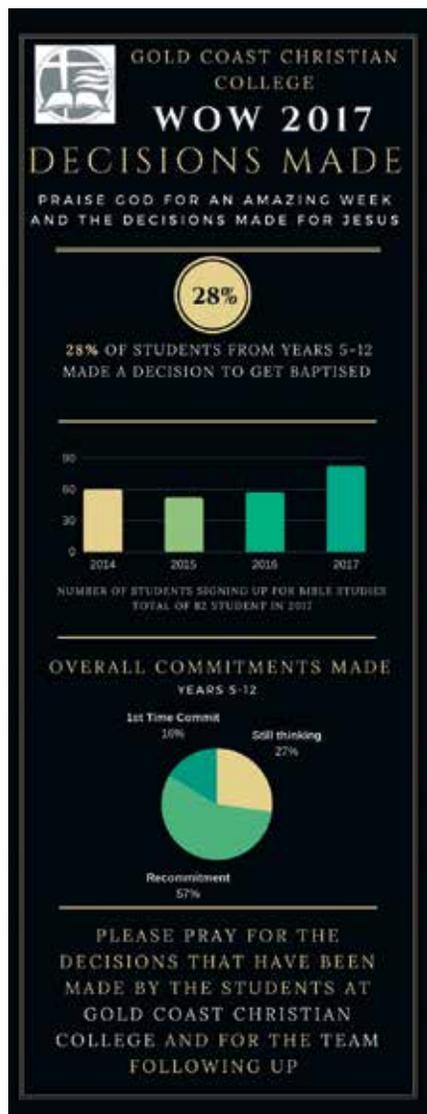
WHEN THE LORD SPEAKS



Brisbane Adventist College is looking forward to a baptism on its campus later this year. The Chaplaincy team are working alongside students and local church pastors to follow up baptism interests. We are thrilled that Year 8 student Pavle Resanovic has indicated he loves Jesus and wants to be baptised. Pavle shares, "I want to get baptised because I feel like God has spoken to me and I am ready."

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY PASTOR JP MARTINEZ

Schools WOW—Week of Worship



GOLD COAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

“It is a blessing serving Jesus at Gold Coast Christian College and what an amazing Week of Worship we had. The speakers challenged all the students to be ‘Fearless.’”

Pastor Mike Collum shared each day to Primary levels and for the Secondary program we heard from five different speakers (including three student chaplains).

Our Senior chapel band lead out with music for both Primary and Secondary. The week was also filled with drama, activities and a funny fellow called “Fearless Frank”.

The highlight for me was seeing our three student chaplains stand up and share God’s Word with their peers openly and fearlessly. It had an incredible impact on the student body—praise God.

God showed up as He always does, and commitments were made for Jesus. Now the fun begins as the local pastors and school chaplains begin to follow up each decision.

The College remains very grateful for the team of pastors, teachers and student chaplains who are a huge blessing to the College. We ask our church members all over the conference to pray that the Lord will continue to lead the young hearts and minds who have decided to become “Fearless” disciples for Him!

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY CARLY MOORE



IPSWICH ADVENTIST SCHOOL

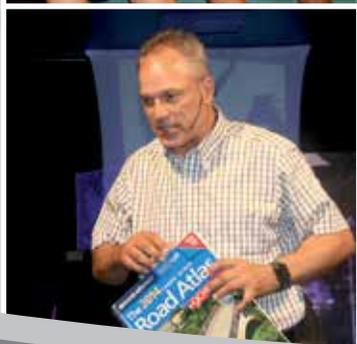
What an incredible week Ipswich Adventist School students had “Diving Deep” at our Week of Worship. Our special guest Pastor Darryl Groves took us on a journey through the stories of the Bible as we dug deeper into God’s word, getting to know Jesus better.

We kicked off the week with a delicious pancake breakfast and then each day the students had a great time with a daily mini challenge and lunch-time challenges. Each class had a sea creature mascot that we got to learn about each day. We also learned some new songs to sing as well as watch a daily skit about sea creatures in the “Everlasting Ocean” presented by our school leaders.

Friday night saw our school community come together and support the students as they presented a snippet of their week at our WOW Celebration. What a great way to end of an awesome week.

Thank you to all the students for being fantastic and willing to “Dive Deep” and make a commitment to invite Jesus into their hearts.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY NADIA GOLTZ



Schools WOW—Week of Worship



NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Here at Northpine we have enjoyed our Weeks of Worship. “Let it Echo” was the theme song for High School Week of Worship. This song fits perfectly with the WOW theme, Echo. Pastor Moe from the Victorian conference unpacked the story of Jesus, highlighting the “echo” He created. She challenged students to think about what they will do with this incredible story.

The Primary School enjoyed the week’s theme “Mega Sports”. Students were put “in training” all week and found out about some of the epic moments in the apostle Peter’s life. Special guest speaker Pastor Marcus, from Greater

Sydney Conference, in telling of Peter’s life, shared with students what valuable life-lessons they could learn. Pastor Marcus also related stories of athletes who had been through difficult and challenging times, performed amazing feats, suffered dismal defeats, and enjoyed the sweetness of victory. Each day students were given a collector card of these athletes to remind them of the special character these sporting heroes portrayed, special characteristics that were mirrored in the life of Peter.

To add to their training students were also given the task of learning a Bible verse for the week: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been

called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

All these different elements came together to communicate to students the message that if they partner with God it will not matter what happens. God can always use it for good, and when He does, it can be an epic God moment.

We hope that our students at Northpine have been able to connect with their Saviour and gain a blessing from what has been shared during these weeks of spiritual emphasis.

God is moving in our school! May we continue to show students and their respective families Jesus each day.

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AWAKENING

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WITH SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr Ben and Mary Maxson

Mary and Ben have partnered in ministry together for 40 years. Ben is the senior Pastor of the Paradise California Seventh-day Adventist Church where Mary also serves as Associate pastor in discipleship and nurture. Dr Ben has spent much of his pastoral ministry in the Northwest and Southern United States and held the position of Director of Stewardship at the World headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists from 1995 to 2004. He serves as a lead professor in Andrews University Seminary Doctor of Ministry cohort for Spiritual Growth and Discipleship. Mary has served in various roles including hospital chaplancy and Womens Ministry director of the North American Division. They have two adult children and one grandchild.

Pr Kevin Wilfley

Kevin Wilfley was recently the Director for Health, Prayer Ministry & Revival for the Washington Conference and currently serves as the Prayer director of the conference while pastoring the Kirkland Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has served various churches over 35 years in the Oregon and Upper Columbia Conferences and has spoken at ministerial gatherings, revival weekends, prayer conferences and camp meetings all over North America and Scotland on the subjects of prayer, the Holy Spirit and evangelism. Pastor Wilfley and his wife, Dolly, have three grown children, and seven grandchildren.



Dr Leigh Rice

Dr Leigh is the discipleship director of the South Pacific Division. He is passionate about life in the local church and experienced in both city and country and small and large congregations. He has over 40 years of ministry experience in pastoral, departmental and administrative leadership. Having completed a Doctor of Ministry in Cross Cultural Leadership and Masters Degrees in Leadership and Management, and Religion, Dr Leigh is a Queenslander at heart he is married to Barb and they have two children and 8 grandchildren.

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- **The Brain - Immune System Connection; The Suicidal Brain**

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- Mr Peter Pratt; "Diabetic Health Clinic."
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Sabbath, 20th May 2017 (Health Sabbath)

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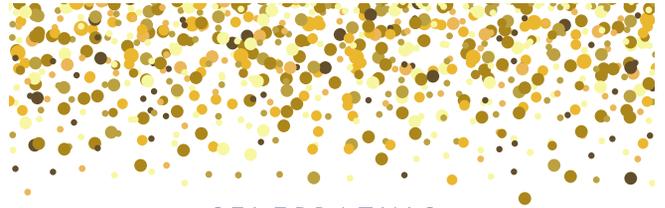
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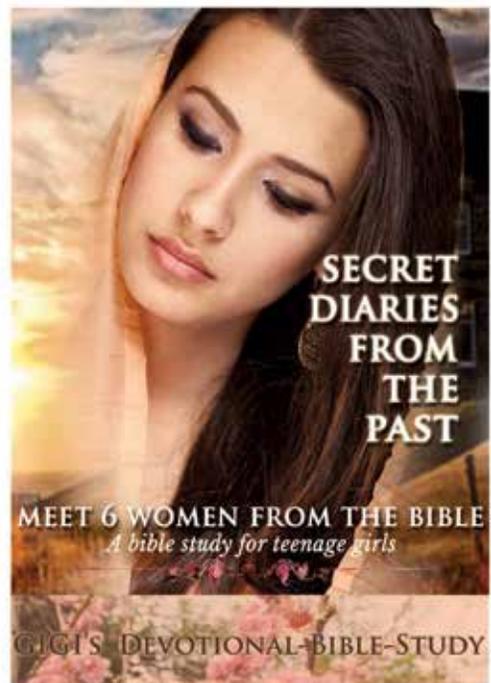
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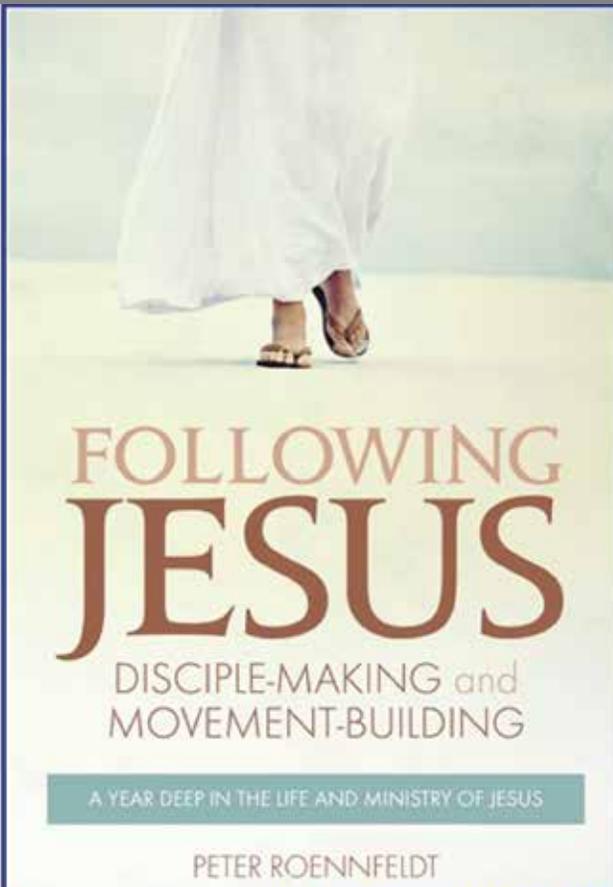


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