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Adventist Residential Care Yooroonga

Young Adult Disabled Accommodation Project Update

As a Conference, we are committed to the commencement of a new and exciting ministry providing accommodation options to young adults living with a disability, to be able to live in a purpose built, yet welcoming and supportive environment.

It is exciting to be part of a church, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, that has a broad mission to minister to all within our church and general community, including those with a disability and, in doing so, show God’s love and care to all in meeting their needs wherever possible.

The Adventist Residential Care (ARC) Yooroonga project is but one ministry of the church that can meet the needs of our church and community family with accommodation that is suitable for those with special needs.

Design Update

As an update on this new and exciting ministry in the Conference, we can confirm that designs for construction of the accommodation units proposed for the separate site earmarked at Victoria Point for the ARC Yooroonga Ministry

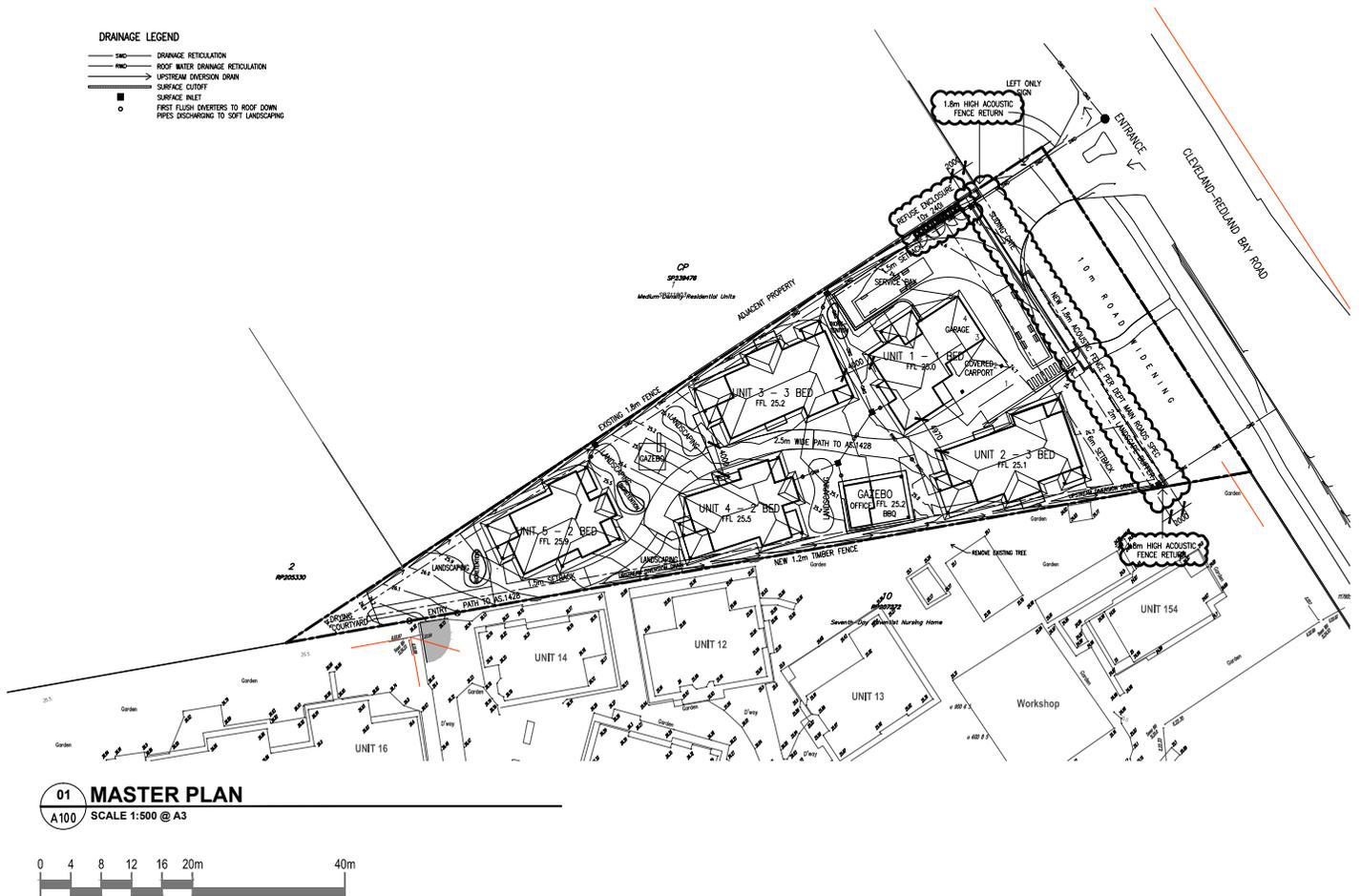
have been finalised. The site is separate from, but adjacent to, the Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village, allowing for the distinct ministry to happen while still allowing for some shared services between the ministry areas.

It is proposed that the following would be constructed:

- 2 x 3 Bedroom Units
- 2 x 2 Bedroom Units
- 1 x 1 Bedroom Unit
- 1 x Gazebo Area, including general meeting space and Managers Office

Extensive landscaping has also been incorporated into the final design to achieve the desired outcome of providing both functional accommodation as well as creating a welcoming and “homely” style of accommodation to our future disabled residents.

The final design of each of the units includes separate ensuite bathrooms to every bedroom. It was felt that this will be a unique and positive feature to the design to allow for



GENERAL NOTES:

1. THE WORKS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD BUILDING BY-LAWS AND THE BUILDING CODE OF AUSTRALIA AND ALL AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS RELEVANT TO THIS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING. REFER STRUCTURAL ENGINEER'S DOCUMENTS FOR STRUCTURAL WORK.
2. THE BUILDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WATER TIGHTNESS OF THE BUILDING. USE GALVANIZED FIXINGS AND FASTENERS EXTERNALLY INCLUDING NAILS AND BOLTS.
3. ALL STRUCTURAL TIMBER SHALL BE LOGS TREATED OR PRESERVED UNDERGROUND TIMBER.
4. ALL STORMWATER DRAINAGE TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH BCA PARTS 3.1.2 AND 3.1.3.2.
5. PROVIDE MECHANICAL MEANS OF FIRE PROTECTION TO EXTERNAL WALLS WITH GALVANIZED METAL ANCHORING. ALL WORK AND PROTECTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS3601.

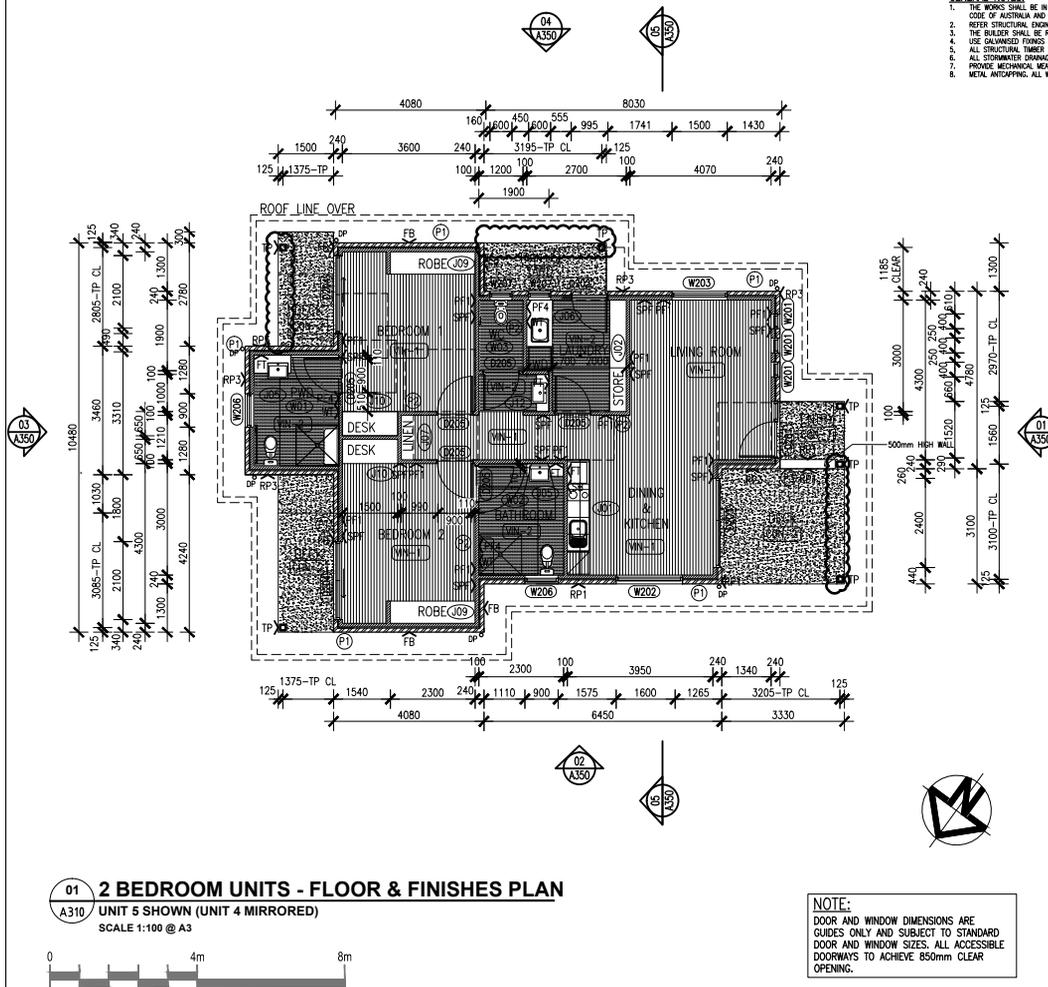
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| KEY | ITEM | |
| (P1) | EXTERIOR WALL - 110mm BRICK VENEER, 45mm GYPSUM BOARD, 15mm IMPACT RESISTANT PLASTERBOARD OR 20mm TIMBER STUD FRAMING, REFLECTIVE FOAM SANDING WITH REFLECTIVE FOAM FACING AIR GAP TO PLASTERBOARD LINING, 50mm AC声PROOFING OF 50 (NOTE 15mm WATER RESISTANT PLASTERBOARD TO ALL WET AREAS). | |
| (P2) | INTERNAL WALL - 15mm IMPACT RESISTANT PLASTERBOARD OR 20mm TIMBER STUD FRAMING WITH 50mm INSULATION (note 15mm water resistant plasterboard to all wet areas). | |
| (P3) | 1st RENDERS BRICKWORK LOW WALL | |
| (P4) | POWDER COATED ALUMINIUM SLATED SCREEN. REFER TO A750 DETAILS | |

| JOINERY LEGEND - REFER BMD SERIES FOR DETAILS | | |
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| KEY | ITEM | QTY |
| (W200) | STANDARD KITCHEN | 5 |
| (W201) | LAUNDRY LINEN CUPBOARD | 5 |
| (W202) | LAUNDRY TUB BENCH TYPE 1 | 1 |
| (W203) | ROBE TYPE 1 | 1 |
| (W204) | BASIC CABINET TYPE 1 | 12 |
| (W205) | LAUNDRY TUB BENCH TYPE 2 | 2 |
| (W206) | LINEN CUPBOARD TYPE 1 | 4 |
| (W207) | DESK TYPE 1 | 4 |
| (W208) | ROBE TYPE 2 | 10 |
| (W209) | DESK TYPE 2 | 6 |
| (W210) | LINEN CUPBOARD TYPE 2 | 2 |
| (W211) | BASIC CABINET TYPE 2 | 4 |

| WET AREA LEGEND - REFER A800 SERIES FOR DETAILS | | |
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| KEY | ITEM | |
| (W100) | DISABLED BATHROOM - FULLY FITTED OUT - AS1428 COMPLIANT | |
| (W101) | BATHROOM - COMPLETED FOR FUTURE OCCUPANT FITOUT | |
| (W102) | BATHROOM - AMBIANT - WITH RENDERS WALLS | |
| (W103) | DISABLED TOILET - FULLY FITTED OUT - AS1428 COMPLIANT | |

| FLOOR FINISHES LEGEND | | |
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| KEY | ITEM | |
| (F1) | IS GRABBLE FLOORING - EPDM PAINT "TOKALA GREY MAT" WITH SART FOR NON SLIP-FIT | |
| (F2) | HOLLOW AUSTRALIA - EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE COLOUR "BLAZED" NON-SLIP-FIT | |
| (F3) | HOLLOW AUSTRALIA - EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE COLOUR "BLAZED" NON-SLIP-FIT | |
| (F4) | CONCRETE WITH BROWN FINISH | |
| (F5) | VINYL PLANK FLOORING AMBROSIO BROAD EFFECTS LOW VOC COLOUR "MIDWINTER CLASS" 10.5mm RESISTANCE, 35mm UNDERLAYER SHARPING | |
| (F6) | VINYL SHEET FLOORING AMBROSIO ACCOLADE WHITE PLUS LOW VOC 10.5mm SLIP RESISTANCE, SHARPING 155mm COME ON TILE-TO-FLOOR | |

| WALL FINISHES LEGEND | | |
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| KEY | ITEM | |
| (F7) | FACE BRICK: AUSTRALIAN/BROCK PRESSION MOCHA | |
| (F8) | RENDER AND PAINT: METAL AREA "SUNBURN" COLOUR USED IN ALL BUILDINGS | |
| (F9) | RENDER AND PAINT: METAL AREA "SUNBURN" COLOUR USED IN UNITS 2 AND 3 | |
| (F10) | RENDER AND PAINT: COLORBOND "TUCKER WOOD" / METAL "TERRACOTA DUNE" AREA USED IN UNITS 1, 4 AND 5 | |
| (F11) | GENERAL WALL PAINT COLOUR THROUGHOUT - METAL INTERIOR DESIGN COORDINATED WITH AREA "SUNBURN" | |
| (F12) | PAINT FRESH WET AREAS: METAL INTERIOR DESIGN LUXURY LOW SHEEN TO INTERNALS, BATHROOM & LAUNDRY AREA "SUNBURN" | |
| (F13) | 3500mm UNDERCOAT SPRING FRESH FRESH METAL JOINT SEAL SILENT SATIN AREA "SUNBURN" | |
| (F14) | INTERNAL DOOR FRAME AND ARCHITECTURAL FRAME FINISH: METAL AREA TRIM SATIN AREA "SUNBURN", DOOR PAINTED "BUSHLAND" | |
| (F15) | EXTERNAL WINDOWS & DOORS FINISH: "WOODLAND GREY" APPLIED TO ALL EXTERNAL WINDOWS, DOORS AND FINISHES (GLAZING POWDERCOATED STEEL & GOLD COLOURED DOORS PAINTED). ALL TO RECEIVE ARCHITECTURE TO MATCH INTERIOR METAL AREA TRIM SATIN AREA "SUNBURN" | |
| (F16) | WET AREA WALL TILE: TERRAZZO 300 x 100mm WHITE (GLAZED) SUBWAY TILE, GROUT 200 WHITE | |
| (F17) | FEATURING TILE: MARCA 300 x 450mm MOSAIC 8729-48 "TAGE" LUSTRO | |
| (F18) | SPRAYONBOARD: GLAZED/PANELS "WHITE PEARL" ACROLYC PANELS 600mm HIGH OR TO SPECIFICATIONS OF ARCHITECTURE COORDINATED AND MATCH | |
| (F19) | CEILING AND CORNICES: METAL, PREMIUM CEILING WHITE | |
| (F20) | TIMBER POST: 150 x 150mm, TREATED, ON GALVANIZED STRAPLUS | |



01 2 BEDROOM UNITS - FLOOR & FINISHES PLAN
UNIT 5 SHOWN (UNIT 4 MIRRORED)
SCALE 1:100 @ A3

both privacy of the residents, as well as flexibility in that each room can be occupied by either a disabled resident or carer and therefore separation and privacy respected.

The overall design of the site allows for good vehicle access from Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, allowing for the future projected widening of the road without impacting on the functionality of the units into the future.

While the site will be a welcoming home for our disabled residents, it will also be a secure site achieved by appropriately designed secure fences and gates as part of the site development. Great care has been taken in the site design and unit layout to create a vibrant and welcoming, yet functional site/home for our disabled young people for the future.

Current Council Status of Development

We have achieved Development Approval from Council, however we are currently seeking the next stage of approval being final Operational Works approval. We are not expecting any issues in achieving this with the current design, although the final design must be subject to this approval being received.

Projected Construction Budget

The current proposed development has been now fully costed (*subject to Council's operational works approval*) at just a little over \$2 million for the completed project, ready for occupancy.

This cost includes the cost of the buildings and base fittings (*excluding resident specific furniture*) as well as extensive site development, civil works (roads, drainage and carparks), extensive landscaping and paths as well as Council Infrastructure costs.

We are currently developing a final Business Plan for the development and operations of the ministry with such to be submitted to our Conference Board of Directors / Executive Committee for approval.

Operational Management Committee

A Management Committee will be appointed to assist and provide oversight to the regular operating of the ministry

moving forward. We are inviting in this edition of FOCUS, for those to respond who have expertise in and a passion for this future ministry and are able to commit time to regular meetings as part of this management process.

The Conference Board of Directors will appoint this Management Committee at its first meeting in 2017, and those who may express an interest in this role, will be a potential source of willing names to select from to serve on this ministry committee.

Appreciation

To all those who have and continue to support this new ministry, our sincere thanks for your ongoing positive support. Yes the planning and journey has taken longer than expected, but our commitment to this project remains unwavering. Even though the financial “landscape” with the Commonwealth’s National Disability Insurance Scheme remains somewhat uncertain and fluid, as a Conference we have a commitment to seeing this project through to completion and with God’s grace and guidance, it will be achieved as soon as possible.

Your continued interest and prayers offered in support of the development of this new ministry are valued as we work on the planning for this ministry area that will form a critical part of God’s ministry here in South Queensland for many years to come.

It is important to acknowledge those that have contributed financially towards this development project to date, either through direct donations, or who have supported fundraising events and concerts. Many individuals continue to support the ministry project with each and every donation being appreciated, but a special message of sincere thanks must go to our Inala and Victoria Point churches and leadership who, through concerts and other fund raising activities, have raised significant funds for this exciting new ministry.

Those wishing to make additional donations to this ministry, which are Tax Deductible, can do so by contacting our Conference Finance team here at the Administration and Resourcing Centre (07 3218 7777) or through e-mail to either myself (scotthopkins@adventist.org.au) or our Conference Accountant responsible for these donations, Ms Wendy Rebolledo (wendyrebolledo@adventist.org.au).

We know that God will continue to bless and guide this ministry and, while the development of this new ministry has not always been an easy “journey”, particularly as we have sought development approvals and registrations, God has always “opened the doors” and found a solution and we are confident that He will continue to bless and guide such a ministry for the future.

SCOTT HOPKINS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Do you Enjoy High School Ministry?

I love Working in the High School ministry arena. It has been a part of my life for the last two decades. Twelve months ago I accepted a call out of my local pastorate at Gold Coast Central because I want to see our high school young people engage and empowered into their local churches.

SDA Schools Make a Massive Impact!!!

I have been so impressed by the work our SDA schools, our chaplains and teachers do. They are magnificent! The Opportunities at our schools for young people to make commitments to Jesus through their Weeks of Worship, pastoral bible study groups are numerous and there are countless baptisms that come through these avenues. I believe that every SDA family should choose to send your young people to our schools if you have an opportunity.

Where did you make your commitment to Jesus?

I gave my heart to Jesus at summer camps. They made sense to me because I loved the activities, the worship and the community that happens at camp. For this reason I am super passionate about our summer camps. This coming summer we will have 270 of our 10-18 year olds attending our camps. On top of this we will also have over 120 staff run the three camps. We have 3 awesome pastors preaching the word; Gideon Okesene our pastor from Kingaroy, Pr Jeff Parker our AUC youth Director and Lachlan Campbell our pastor from Ipswich.

Is there Anything Exciting Happening in the High School Ministry in 2017?

I would encourage high schoolers to get involved in your local church. I pray that local churches give their young people the keys to your church. By this I mean involve them, back them and give them a healthy budget to create their ministry ideas.

From the Conference, we want to:

- grow our Storm co ministry from 9 trips to 15 trips in 2017.
- grow our summer camps from 270 campers to 330 campers next year.
- support the work of our SDA chaplains and Schools.
- run our first ever High School Rally in May with a touch footy and basketball event for our High School Students.
- increase our presence in our rural towns and our regional centers.

Finally, it is a joy to work for our High Schoolers! May God bless our kids in 2017.

SEAN BERKLEY
YOUTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



VISIT TO DIRRANBANDI HOUSE CHURCH

Adventist Aviation Association

Early Sabbath morning, on August 27, five young adults from the Mitchelton Seventh-Day Adventist Church flew with Colin, Jared and Stewart to visit the Adventist House Church in Dirranbandi. We were introduced to the AAA ministry by a good friend of ours who had himself flown with AAA a couple of times.

There was in total about 20 people, including the AAA group, who gathered at the home in Dirranbandi to break bread and study the Word together. They were all very friendly and welcoming and we really appreciated the fact that some people drive up to three hours to keep the Sabbath day together when the AAA team make a visit.

That evening, after we returned to Brisbane, the Mitchelton young adults closed Sabbath together and shared some feedback on the trip. We had challenged ourselves to converse with as many people as possible to get to know them personally, find out what life and keeping the Sabbath is like in the country and discuss the opportunities for ministry in their community. We all discovered that, as much as they looked forward to the bible discussion, sermon and song service that we had prepared, they were most excited about simply meeting other Adventist members and spending the Sabbath day together enjoying each other's company. After all, our faith grows stronger by meeting other believers, sharing our knowledge of the Word and supporting each other in our daily walk with God.

After talking with the Dirranbandi members we realized that it can be quite lonely keeping the Sabbath all alone or with just a few other people in a small town. This helped us to discern, in anticipation of future AAA trips, how to prepare a Sabbath worship program that would be most suited to, en-

couraging and most memorable for the members in the rural towns. Not only is the study of the Word an important factor, but helping foster closer relationships between the members themselves and also with the AAA team would be another important factor to consider in preparing the day's program. We closed the Sabbath with a prayer to God for wisdom, discernment and encouragement to better prepare ourselves and the worship program under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to meet the most important needs of the outback members.

We are all very much looking forward to flying out again to share a blessed Sabbath day with the Adventist congregation in the "outback" through praise, worship and good Christian fellowship. The AAA ministry is so special in that the tie we have through our common faith in Jesus Christ has created this opportunity to travel to various places and connect with people who we would not otherwise cross paths with and to witness how Jesus is working in their lives and in their community.

On September 10, the Mitchelton young adults shared about the AAA trip with their local church members. We also had Mike and Dorothy Grady visit our church to promote the AAA ministry. We hope to assist in informing and encouraging more people to volunteer to fly with AAA and be involved in this amazing ministry. Just as Paul encouraged the churches through his letters, we have the opportunity to do the same but through an even more direct and physical means by flying out and visiting our members in the outback churches.

Please visit Adventist Aviation's Facebook page to see comments from the team who went.

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When should you consider a new Will ?

- When your relationship status changes; for example:
- When you marry (marriage automatically revokes any previous Will).
- When you enter a de facto relationship.
- When marital or de facto separation occurs.
- When you divorce (this does not automatically revoke an existing Will).
- When you wish to *change* the Executor of your Will.
- When a person named in your Will dies *or* becomes incapacitated
- When you wish to *change or* add someone who will benefit from your Will.
- On the birth of your baby *and* you wish to nominate a guardian.
- When you *change* your mind about who should be the guardian of your children.
- When you wish to make *specific provision* for a person, organisation or charity etc.
- When you *acquire or purchase a major asset* (such as a farm, business, house).
- When you start a *family trust, partnership or business* of any kind.

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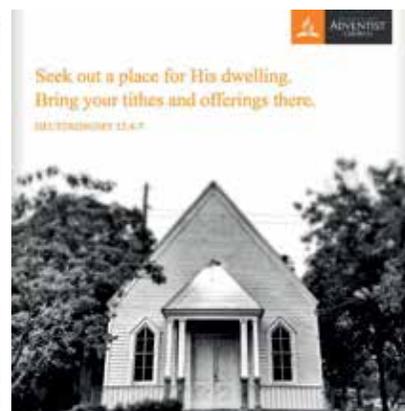
- Ensures your estate is distributed according to your wishes
- Enables you to make provision for the Lord's work if you choose to do so
- Allows you to make provision for the guardianship of your children that is consistent with your beliefs and values
- Enables you to be a good steward
- Provides a service that is free of charge and without financial obligation
- Ensures your Will is checked carefully by a practicing solicitor
- Thousands of satisfied clients have trusted the Seventh-day Adventist Church to prepare their wills during the last 30 years.

DARRIN PARKER
TRUST SERVICES

E-GIVING

You know the feeling, the offering is announced, you look in your wallet and there is nothing because you forgot to get money out yesterday for the offering or your dear little child is screaming and needs some attention outside and you wish there was just another way to give. Well now there is! it's the e-giving app, the easy way to worship through giving your tithes and offerings.

The E-giving app has been developed by the South Pacific Division and is a safe, secure and easy way to give and only takes a few minutes to set-up. So go on, download it today, set yourself up, find your church and start giving your tithes and offerings the easy way. Oh and you don't have to wait till the offering time on Sabbath, you can now give anytime, anywhere, even when you are outside rocking your little one off



to sleep or you are on holidays knowing that you have made a difference in your church and community both locally and around the world.

If we can be of any further assistance in this regard be sure to contact Greg or Susan in the Stewardship department in the Administration and Resourcing Centre and we will be more than happy to assist you as best we can.

GREG PRATT
STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR



Passing the torch at ADRA Logan

If Pam Wood had it her way she would slip away quietly to her beachside retreat without fanfare. But hers is a legacy more than a decade in the making where she felt God called her, even through difficult personal circumstances, to serve Him through ADRA at Logan.

Little did she realise that she would have to resurrect an entity that was struggling at making a difference to the community it was serving. Under Pam's leadership as Centre Manager ADRA's presence in Logan received a much needed boost. Her tenacious drive, business nous, infectious personality, and heart for people combined to point the centre in the right direction. As a result ADRA continued from strength to strength assisting people who relied on the community centre for food, clothing, furniture and other key services. Pam was instrumental in ADRA relocating to its present site in Woodridge on Station Road across from the train station. This profited a prime position where people in the community welcomed the assistance they lovingly received. She also established clear Christian principles to which all staff were to adhere—in behaviour, language, even dress standards. Her focus was to do anything that would usher God's blessing to their daily work and understanding that some things 'blocked' the blessings from flowing through ADRA's service to others.

Well equal to the impact she has had you can imagine there was fanfare aplenty in the weeks leading up to her impending departure from ADRA Logan. This culminated in a mammoth shared lunch honouring Pam on her last day at the Centre. All the staff, volunteers, and students were on hand to salute our retiring Centre Manager Pam Wood. Such was her influence in the community that Federal MP for Rankin Jim Chalmers appeared personally to surprise her and presented Pam with a lovely bouquet of flowers. A wonderful tribute to a tireless lead-

er who has served faithfully and in true modern day fashion an immediate Facebook post of the event appeared on the Honourable Member's page as a dynamic tribute to Pam. Thank you Pam for your missional service at ADRA you are one of a kind!

The torch now has sincerely been passed on with the appointment of new Centre Manager - Henk La Dru. Commencing in mid-September the week of the South Queensland Conference Big Camp Henk's anonymity has allowed him to visit churches and sense ADRA Logan's awareness amongst the membership. He transitioned into the role with Pam on hand to share her knowledge and insights while also passing the torchlight across to our new leader. Henk comes to ADRA Logan from Adelaide, South Australia. He is not new to ADRA Australia having been instrumental in Emergency Management plus other integral ADRA projects down south. Henk has an Engineering background with business aptitude having managed his own electrical engineering company for many years before a season of change and moving into more church missional interests. He views his appointment to lead ADRA Logan as a calling that God has equipped him to fulfil. Henk has quickly settled into his role at

ADRA with Pam introducing Henk to the local networks and people that contribute powerfully to ADRA Logan from local politicians to business leaders, to other service providers and agencies.

We will miss Pam's daily inspiration and we pray that she enjoys her well-deserved change of pace surrounded with loved ones. We fondly remember her legacy as the torch shines bright at ADRA in Logan upheld by a new light bearer called to continue the ministry.

SAM LUTERU
TRAINING COORDINATOR, ADRA COMMUNITY CENTRE



COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

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 November meetings.

The Executive Committee:

- Heard a challenge from the President that we all need to be more intentional in making our churches places for people to find sanctuary.
- Discussed at length appropriate strategic goals for the Conference to be working toward with the view to formalize goals over the next few meetings.
- Received a report of the exciting activities taking place on the Bay Islands since the introduction of a Global Mission Pioneer (GMP) early this year. Pat Tuiali, the GMP has quickly won the confidence of Island folk and recently the Islands experienced a number of baptisms as a result.
- Approved funding assistance for both the Biloela (\$10,000 grant) and Gladstone (\$5,000 grant) churches to replace roofing.

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

- Approved the officers of the Adventist Health Association (AHA) for 2016/17

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| President | Dr Martin Strahan |
| Vice President: | Pr Don Bain |
| Secretary: | Tim Stanko |
| Treasurer: | Dr Bruce Hands |
| Public Relations: | Mr Doug Friend |
| Committee: | Dr Winsome Abbott |
| Committee: | Chrystal Gibson |
| Committee: | Pr Brett Townend (SQC President) |
| Committee: | Pr Neil Marks (SQC Health Director) |
| Committee: | Mr Eric Anderson (SQC Aged Care Director) |
| Committee: | Mr Nick Brightman (PYM) |
- Approved the endorsement of Pacific Yacht Ministries (PYM) as a recognized supportive ministry within the South Queensland Conference and to recommend to the AUC / SPD a further three years of operation

- Appointed Mr Steve Cowley to the role of Project Officer— Education Services.
- Received a report from Mr Jack Ryan, CEO for Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Ltd. The report included: a brief synopsis of each school; SQC Education Vision is aligned with AUC schools vision; Cyclic review aligned with Adventist Schools Australia (ASA) and Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB); Case / Cape reframed and realigned from curriculum to developing connections and supportive environment; Intentional use of term Teacher / Minister; Rebranding to include the name ‘Adventist’; Missional Mandate is driving the vision; Developing local capacity in each school
- Received a report from Pr Russ Willcocks, Ministerial Association Secretary. The report included: a description of the Ministry Development Plan (MDP) recently launched on behalf of our pastoral team. MD seeks address create a culture of connection, support and community for our pastoral team; Seeking healthy leaders to grow the churches; developing core skills and competencies for successful ministry development (bible studies, relational ministry, preaching / teaching, evangelism, leadership); Annual Cycle (Clarity, Action, Review, Evaluation); 65% of pastoral team currently on MD...by 2018 all will be on MD
- Processed the following calls:
 - Wolfgang Stefani, South Australia Conference to SQC—Accepted
 - Daniel Kewley, Western Australia Conference to St Andrews (Bundaberg) / Rosedale —Accepted
- Approve the following names as having satisfactorily completed either stage 1 or stage 2 other their internships.
 - Stage 1 Completion: David Toogood
 - Stage 2 Completion: Leathan Fitzpatrick, David Yeo

Endorsed the recommended to the Australian Union Conference for commission / ordination of Alina van Rensburg and Gideon Okesene.

**PASTOR COLIN RENFREW,
GENERAL SECRETARY**



DreamTrack—Straddie Adventure

“Cross your legs and your arms. Ready? Okay. Three, Two, One.” Whoosh. Falling. Wait, am I going upside down? Splash, oh it’s over.

What a fantastic day! It ended up being the perfect weather for it, and the weather forecast; it kept the crowds away, leaving the lines reasonably short. Two busloads of energetic Murri kids and numerous car loads of volunteers arrived at Wet ‘n’ Wild on 13th November for our last Dreamtrack event of the year. Altogether 57 kids spent the day running from ride to ride, sliding into pools of water, while volunteers spent the day running after adrenaline-filled children.

We have had a great year this year at Dreamtrack with our club increasing in numbers as more children decide to join us on our different adventures. Even though we always have an amazing time, our Wet ‘n’ Wild event was a highlight. As 57 tired kids got back on the buses, the question that was asked the most was “What are we doing next year?”

If you too want to join us on the team next year, and hang out with some pretty incredible children, we would love to have you, as we continue living with purpose.

JARED POLAND
CO-ORDINATOR OF DREAMTRACK.



Caloundra Adventist Retirement Village: brings more into the lives of residents with Dementia

The Caloundra Adventist Retirement Village has recently completed construction of an extension to their residential accommodation area for residents with Dementia. This new addition offers more space in the outdoors for residents and their families to enjoy, equipped with new tables and seating areas, a water therapy feature, new raised garden beds, and a shed that houses a second hand care for the menfolk who have a love of cars and all things mechanical.

The concept was the brain child of Sharon Dunn, Care Manager of the site, in recognition of the need to bring added interest and opportunities into the everyday experience of residents with dementia. A significant amount of landscaping has been carried out by the local maintenance team as part of the effort in bringing this together.

The number of people diagnosed and living with dementia in Australia continues to grow and so dementia specific care is of the utmost importance. This project seeks to address and reduce a number of key behaviours often demonstrated by people with dementia. This new space provides them with a range of activities to engage in, that helps to keep them active and involved in areas of their interest.

Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care South Queensland’s vision is “Inspiring to Learn More, Live More, Love More” and it is clear that this project lives up to this vision. With many of the residents already using the new and improved space and so many positive comments from staff, residents and families, it’s already proving to be a real success.

BETTINA BROOKES
STRATEGIC PROJECT MANAGER (AGED CARE)

DARLING DOWNS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SCHOOL BAPTISM REWRITES HISTORY BOOKS



More than 200 eager Darling Downs Christian School students and staff gathered on the school soccer field,

an arena where lunch time champions usually leave their legacy. On the afternoon of Tuesday November 8, a different kind of champion was about to make a bold statement and leave his own legacy. Never before in its history has DDCS witnessed a baptism on their own school campus. Bailey Scur re-wrote history. During his compelling testimony Bailey recognised the influence of DDCS staff—specifically Mr Kevin Lozada, his peers and his grandmother as his spiritual mentors.

As Bailey rose from the watery grave, and stood in the newness of life, an invitation was given to all students to give their lives to Jesus and be baptised. One by one, students stood unashamed

—a total of 30 students making a decision for baptism.

This is a testament to the committed staff at DDCS and the spiritual nurture that takes place in our school community.

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HACKSAW RIDGE UPDATES PAGE



Over the last month churches across South Queensland and Australia have been busy seeking to make the most of this opportunity. Opportunities like this and of this proportion don't come very often if at all but the South Queensland Conference along with the Australian Union Conference and the Faith of Doss committee have sought to assist and resource churches to reach out with our faith. To date we have received more than 350 names of contacts from across our conference requesting the Free "Hero of Hacksaw Ridge books" this has been as a result of pre cinema advertising the faithofdoss.com.au website, the power of social media directing traffic to the site and word of mouth. Members have also requested and purchased copies too to give to their friends, family and neighbours. We originally ordered 10,000 copies of the book and have had to place another order for more due to demand both here and across the country Copies may be purchased from the ABC or CLR who have tirelessly sought to get the books out as soon as they have arrived.

There have been come exciting stories from around our conference of how members and churches have hosted Hacksaw

Ridge and Doss events and campaigns, have been handing out books at cinemas and also to friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues, letterboxing their street and more.

We would love to hear your stories so be sure to send us an e-mail or write to us in The Resource Centre so we too can praise God together.

Thank you for all your efforts in seeking to make the most of this opportunity, it is great to work together as one church right across our conference. Plans are now underway of how we can make the most of the release of the movie on DVD/Blue Ray and other opportunities that will come in the next year, we will keep you updated with some exciting developments as they come to hand but in the meantime lets continue to share this wonderful story of the faith of a Seventh-day Adventist just like you and I whose love for Jesus lead him lead him to do the extra—ordinary.

GREG PRATT
PERSONAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



NAMBOUR

On November 12, there was a special sheep at Nambour Church that was lost and found. Pr Daron Pratt with his gift of twisting balloons created Cecil the Lost Sheep. Noosa Christian College Primary Choir were invited to come and lead the worship music and sing a special item. Just like the Shepherd went searching for Cecil the lost sheep, so did Desmond Doss who was like the shepherd went searching for the injured on the battlefield to bring them back to safety. The abridged Book of Desmond Doss' autobiography was handed out to all our visitors and church members who appreciated the gift and the opportunity to learn more about Doss' life.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY SCOTT WAREHAM

PINE RIVERS

A group of about 40 members and friends of the Pine Rivers church had lunch at a local North Lakes restaurant on Sunday, November 13, and sang grace. We then went to see the movie "Hacksaw Ridge" The cinema management allowed us to hand out the 'Faith Of Desmond Doss' book. We also got permission to display the books for the duration of the movie at North Lakes and Morayfield cinemas.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY JOHN TAYLOR

REEDY CREEK

On a recent warm Wednesday evening 240 people lined up at a Nerang Cinema for a free viewing of the movie "Hacksaw Ridge". The event was coordinated by Reedy Creek Church with support from Gold Coast Central, and was an outreach opportunity that neither church had tried before. "Hollywood's telling of one Seventh-day Adventist's faith and courage shines a wonderful spotlight on our church's message," explained Pastor David Riley, "and over half our audience tonight aren't currently

attending any of our churches."

Organised primarily by Lauren Butcher and Natalie James, the promotion of the event was mainly through social media and word-of-mouth. "What stands out for me is how diverse our guests are tonight," Lauren excitedly shared as she stood by the door and collected tickets. "There are many church members who are bringing their friends and neighbours to a church event for the first time. What a great opportunity!" Natalie added "We pray that a seed of faith is being planted in the hearts and minds of those attending."

Reedy Creek organised a follow up seminar a few days after the cinema event that explored the topic of faith in Christ despite persecution and also observing the seventh-day Sabbath.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY DAVID RILEY





SCARBOROUGH SAMOAN
RENOVATION CELEBRATIONS

Sunday morning, 13 November was a very special day for the members of the Scarborough Samoan Church. After much planning and patient waiting the renovations in both the church proper and the hall were finally finished; the church would be dedicated for the 3rd time in its long history.

It was a very colourful scene as the members and many visitors met together to praise God and thank Him for blessing them with a “new” church in which to worship.

Early afternoon saw over 1,200 Samoan church members and friends from all over the South Pacific Division meet together to enjoy a wonderful luncheon feast.

Praise God for the wonderful church family that is the Scarborough Samoan Church; they are a light in their community. May God continue to bless their ministry, both as a church fellowship group and as a witness for Him in the Scarborough area.

ARTICLE BY JULIE HOPKINS, PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS

PARK RIDGE
SEVEN IS PERFECT



If by a ‘high’ day one really means high altitude, then the members of Park Ridge Church would all have needed oxygen masks on Sabbath November 12. As one drove into the church property, one could sense the vibrant expectancy in the air, evidenced by the large number of persons in attendance.

Cars were parked in unusual locations, flowers were seen in profusion and there were marquees erected near the font—which was filled with water. Yes, you have the right answer—a baptism was planned.

The candidates consisted of two parents and five of their eleven children; Benni and Barbara Loyd, Jeun, Geolesina, Danny, Tua and Blandis—a perfect number! This family is a Cook Island family who have come to live in Australia, who were prepared for baptism by Sye Tairi an elder of the Clayton Cook Island Church in Melbourne Victoria. He studied with them over the course of the past 12 months, flying up from Victoria to instruct them, sometimes weekly and sometimes fortnightly, for about three hours each weekend. The baptism was conducted by Pastor. Russell Puna, Pastor of the Clayton Cook Island Church, who came up for the special occasion. It was with great joy and a unanimous vote, that the family was welcomed into the membership of the Park Ridge church.

We were favoured by wonderful singing, special items, some in English and some in the Cook Island language. At the end of the service, a delicious meal was enjoyed together and it was with reluctance, yet with songs in our hearts, that we made our journey home at the conclusion of the day’s activities.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY BILL MILLER

NAMBOUR
FOUR BAPTISED



The celebrations were beginning at Nambour Church on the 28th November but continuing in Heaven as four young people were baptised into Christ. Rebecca Olwata, Harley Elliott, Jamie Elliott and Monique Olwata (left to right in photo) had been studying the bible with Pr Scott Wareham and Head Elder Malcolm Ace. Family, friends and church community were there to witness this important de-

cision as Pastor Scott Wareham lowered each one into the watery grave and were raised a new in Christ. The church community took up the challenge given to them to nurture and care for these young ones who were just baptised.

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY SCOTT WAREHAM

SPRINGWOOD
PRAYER PACKS
DEVELOPED FOR
KIDS



This year’s Week of Prayer at Springwood Church was enhanced by the development of special Prayer Packs for Kids.

Robynne Roussos, one of the Prayer Team members, had a burden for children and families who find it difficult to attend prayer meetings during the week.

Three types of packs were developed, one for Kindy, Primary and Junior age groups.

Church members met in ‘home groups’ for two nights during the week. The packs were especially helpful for those with young families who could participate at home by utilising the prayer ideas included in the packs. These enhanced the reading and made prayer not only interesting and fun, but helped children to learn and experience various types of prayer.

Some of the many suggested activities were: Driving Prayers, which involved praying a short prayer for anyone you saw while driving that needed a prayer. Other activities included: carrying a stone to remind the children to pray, a ‘feelings prayer’ board game, Road sign prayers and a chart with ‘prayer starter’ sentences.

Many positive responses were received from the approximately ninety families who received the packs. One mother wrote: “We LOVED our envelopes of goodies—so practical and helpful! Thank you so much—I believe there were many families that experienced week of prayer as a family at home which is simply wonderful (including ours)”.

If you would like access the full details of the “prayer packs for kids” you may email robynne.roussos@gmail.com

ARTICLE BY GREIG LIPMAN & ROBYNNE ROUSSOS

YANDINA

STREET FAIR STALL

For the 3rd consecutive year, The Yandina Church had a stall at the Annual Yandina Street Fair on August 21.

According to the organiser, Liza Slater, “The stall provides an excellent opportunity to make valued community contacts, and also to make available timely spiritual and health related material to the attending public”.

A variety of herbs and other plants—more than 500 in total—grown by committed church members, along with 300 gift packs, were made available on the day.

An enthusiastic team of helpers served on the Herb Stall, while others mingled with the crowd and handed out free gift vouchers. This proved most successful and generated considerable interest in the stall.

Not only did the proceeds of the day cover set-up and running costs, but they also made a valued contribution to the Yandina Church Personal Ministries fund.

Another important feature of the stall was to conduct a community survey, in order to ascertain the level of interest in several programs which the church is planning to run. Over 50 Survey Forms were completed on the day, with interesting results.

Liza added that “our heartfelt gratitude was also expressed to an ever present God, who answered specific prayer for the healthy growth of the plants to be sold on the day, and for fine weather—the weather forecast had been for storms on the weekend of the Fair”.

Yandina Church has also been actively supporting the local community by help-



ing supply much needed backpack beds and food supplies to “The Shack”. The Shack works with the homeless to provide meals and assistance. Pastor Dale Dowler, the Shack Community Relations Officer in Nambour says that, “The assistance received (from Yandina Church) allows the Shack to continue functioning effectively.” The meals the Shack provides helps restore dignity and self-worth for those in need, and for many, the realization of “homeless but not hopeless”.



ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY BRIAN SODEMAN

BRIBIE BAPTISM

Janice Brown, having watched *It Is Written* contacted our Pastor, Heinrich Rusterholz for further information about Seventh-day Adventist churches in her area. Amazingly at the same time Pastor Gary Kent and his team at *It Is Written* were praying fervently for some evidence of somebody having watched the program and accepting Jesus Christ because of it. Janice completed studies and so it was, that on November 26 Bribie Island church swelled to maximum capacity as special guests arrived for church. We had well over 40 people, some past members and several visitors and our special candidate for baptism, Janice Brown, her daughter, granddaughter and sister. Through a miraculous series of events, the speaker of the day was Pastor Gary Kent, Director of *It is Written* Oceania. Bribie Island church company are proud to be partners with the *It Is Written* team.

Pr Heinrich Rusterholz, our pastor at Bribie Church has also been busy doing baptismal studies for our young people and conducted a baptism last Sunday of two of our older members who asked



him to marry them in the morning and baptise them in the afternoon.

ARTICLE BY SUE BELLETTA AND PHOTO BY BRETT JONES

GLENVALE TEEN BAPTISMS



Sharna Sonter’s Year 12 studies neared completion at Darling Downs Christian School (DDCS) in October, when she was baptised at Glenvale Adventist church (see photo) by Pastor Casey Wolverton and her former Bible teacher, Mr. Lyndsay Hiscox. She states, “My baptism was a way of making a public declaration that I love Jesus and want to give my life to Him and live for Him everyday.” This decision reflects the values she learnt at home, school, and church.

Natasha Irianto, a Year 11 student at DDCS, chose a beautiful outdoor pool for her baptism in November, where over one hundred people of all ages came to celebrate her decision to follow Jesus. Pastor Casey Wolverton baptised her, assisted by his wife Kate. The Wolverton family have nurtured Natasha’s journey with God for a large portion of her life.

As Sharna and Natasha each shared, before baptism, a testimony of their spiritual growth, it was very evident that the spiritual focus of Darling Downs Christian School was significant in leading them over many years to give their lives to God—including the “Encounter” curriculum for Bible classes, teachers who became both friends and spiritual mentors, and school friends who shared the journey of faith with them, both at school and at church.

ARTICLE BY GEOFF FRAUENFELDER PHOTO BY ERROL BRIANT

MOROCCAN SOUP

INGREDIENTS

1 Onion - diced
 3 Cloves Garlic - chopped
 1 Green Chilli - chopped (if less heat desired, remove chilli seeds before chopping)
 2 Tbs Olive Oil
 3 Tsp Moroccan Spice
 1 Large Red Capsicum - diced
 1 Large Tin Crushed Tomatoes
 1 Litre Vegetable Stock

2 Tbs Tomato Paste
 1 Medium Sweet Potato - peeled and diced
 2 Small Red Potatoes - diced skin on
 6 Mushrooms - chopped
 1400g Tin Chick Peas - drained
 1 Tbs Honey (or Agave Nectar)
 Yoghurt to serve



METHOD

- 1.) Sauté: onion, garlic, chilli and capsicum in a saucepan with olive oil. When soft, stir in Moroccan spice
- 2.) Add: tin tomatoes, vegetable stock and tomato paste
- 3.) Stir: remaining ingredients
- 4.) Simmer: for 40 minutes stirring regularly on a low heat. Soup is cooked when vegetables have started to break down and soup has thickened
- 5.) Serve: with a spoonful of yoghurt in centre of soup together with warm crusty bread

Notes: Green chillies are generally not as hot as red chillies. Depending on the quality of your Moroccan seasoning you may need to juggle the quantity to achieve the desired flavour. I suggest starting with less and adding more seasoning if needed.

Special Diets: This recipe is Gluten Free. Delete honey and serve with coconut yoghurt to convert to Vegan.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ADVENTIST RESIDENTIAL CARE—YOOROONGA MINISTRY

Expressions of Interest are invited from members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church willing to be considered for appointment to a new Management Committee to be established to support the Adventist Residential Care (ARC)—Yooroonga Young Adult Disabled Accommodation Ministry.

If you have expertise, passion and an interest in this new ministry area of the South Queensland Conference, and the time to commit to regular meetings of the Management Committee to be established to support this ministry, we want to hear from you.

Please share your interest, in writing, to the Conference and

your name will be placed before the Board of Directors as part of the selection process for this committee in 2017. An expression of interest is not a guarantee of appointment.

Expressions, including a brief outline of your experience, skills and interest in this ministry area should be forwarded, before the closing date of 31 January 2017 to:

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Youth Pastoral Worker

Refresh—Northpine Christian College

Many young adults give their lives to Jesus Christ at school only to fade away when they complete year 12 as they are no longer connected to a local church or faith community. One of the founding principles of Refresh is to slow the fade so that when young adults complete year 12 they still have a place that they can call their home as Northpine Christian College has been their only local church / faith community. As Refresh is part of the Northpine Christian College community our aim is to integrate as many young adults as possible who have chosen Jesus Christ to be their saviour into a faith community before they leave high school so that they don't fade away and let go of their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Due to this ambitious aim we are seeking a Youth Pastoral Worker to build relationships / networks with senior students and young adults to create a seamless environment for senior high school students to transition and remain connected to Refresh as they continue their next step into adulthood.

On offer is a 12 month contract (review after 3 months) working 10 hours per week with a minimum wage, plus re-imburement of related expenses, to be the Pastoral Youth Worker for Refresh Northpine Community Church.

If you are passionate about slowing the fade and growing followers of Jesus Christ and this opportunity appeals to you, then send an application addressing why you would be an ideal candidate to work with our passionate team. Please also attached your resume.

Send all applications to info@refresh.com.au

Applications will close 20th January 2017.

Office Personal Assistant

Education Department

The South Queensland Conference has a vacancy for an office personal assistant to serve in a dynamic and vibrant Education department. Expressions of interest for this position are now being received.

The applicant should be a practicing Seventh-day Adventist who is committed to serving the mission of the church, is energetic and possesses good personal skills. Competence in computer software packages, office management and core office based skills are essential for this role.

Send applications with CV to:
General Secretary
South Queensland Conference,
PO Box 577,
Spring Hill Qld 4004

07 3218 7777 or colinrenfrew@adventist.org.au.

A position profile is available from the conference General Secretary. The conference reserves the right to make an appointment.

Applications close 13 January, 2017.

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