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SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

TALKING WITH JESUS

Some time ago, while sharing in a Bible study with a very new Christian, I had one of the most rewarding experiences of my Christian life. As we began the Bible study, we shared some time talking about what it means to be a disciple and follow Jesus. We began by discussing what it means to know Jesus and live in a relationship with Him. This included how to read the Bible, make it come alive and apply it to our lives; we shared how to look up passages by book, chapter and numbers (something that can be a little confusing to a new Christian at first); and then we got onto the discipline of prayer when he said, "Isn't prayer just for the priests and pastors and those sorts of people?"

"No!" I replied. "It's for everyone, even you!"

As we began to talk about prayer and how to pray, I could see his eyes beginning to well up with tears, and then he said, "Pastor Greg, I have always wanted to pray. Since I was a child, I have thought there was something more. I have always wanted to talk to God when good things happened and also when I was scared and afraid, but I was always told it

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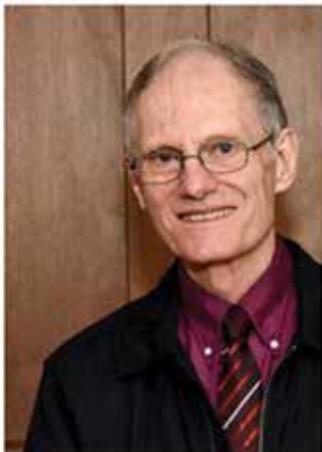
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In 2016 we welcome;

Pr Zuzai Hizoke. Zuzai is the General Secretary of the Eastern Highlands and Simbu Mission, He is the author of the book Keeping Connection, Rediscovering the Power of Prayer. Zuzai is well known for his inspiring stories of prayer and dynamic powerful presentations



Pr Ed Gallagher. While Ed is New Zealand born, he has also lived in Australia, England and the USA. He has served as a teacher, pastor, writer, chaplain, youth counselor, healthcare director, and regional church leader. Ed has written three books and many articles. He is married to a wonderful lady named Betty.

Ed is keenly aware that the key to Christian living and service is the place we give to the Holy Spirit and to prayer. His passion is to help people grow in Christ and influence others for the Kingdom of God. Many have been blessed by his engaging presentations and his love for the Gospel.



This years conference will run from dinner Friday night through to dinner Saturday night
The ABC will be open after Sabbath.

\$60 per person for the full conference.

Includes Friday night accommodation, meals, all sessions and materials

OR

\$30 per person 1 day only

Includes day entry, lunch and materials

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was something the pastor and the church did and I couldn't do it!"

"No!" I told him again. "It's for you! Prayer is for you!" and then I saw one of the biggest smiles I have ever seen.

This was to be one of the most powerful moments I have shared as a Christian, as I sat with this gentleman in the living room of his house, and taught him how to pray and to talk to Jesus as he would talk to one of his friends. Yes, it was a simple prayer, but it was such a God moment as we shared together in the power of connection with the Almighty Saviour, God and friend.

Prayer is something that can be so complicated, yet so simple. There are times when our connection with Him is really strong and may have been for years, but for others it may be like those phone calls that can be sometimes distant, distorted or disconnected. It can be a situation or circumstance with family, friends, community, church or work that may make talking to God difficult.

Let me encourage you not to give up! Talk to Him as a friend and just let Him know how you feel. Your hurts, pain, fears—give it all to Him. Why do I say this? Because sometimes the Devil likes to put obstacles in our path to stop us from keeping connection with God, and sadly, sometimes without us realising it, we are going about day to day trying to do it all on our own.

I am encouraged as I read Ellen White, and I find numerous gems about prayer and communing with Christ, like this one: "The church may be composed of those who are poor and uneducated; but if they have learned of Christ the science of prayer, the church will have power to move the arm of Omnipotence. The true people of God will have an influence that will tell upon hearts" (*Signs of the Times*, Sept 11, 1893).

So how can we maintain a prayer life with Him so that we can have this influence? How can we stay connected despite the situations and circumstances? Below are some simple ways you could try to help you either connect or reconnect with Him:

- Keep prayer simple, to the point and like a conversation with a friend.
- Set your alarm for 10 minutes earlier than normal and spend those few minutes in prayer.
- Select a place/room in your house or outside where you can just spend time with the Lord, with your Bible and in prayer. Did you know Ellen White used to have a prayer room in her Sunnyside home in Cooranbong?
- Take a walk in nature. It's not only good exercise, but I find it's a great place to connect with God.
- If you enjoy writing, keep a prayer journal. Be sure to look back on it after a certain amount of time and see how the Lord has blessed and led.
- Take a few moments when at work or going about your daily chores or routines to stop and ask God's wisdom for the situation and for divine opportunities to share Him.
- Write a prayer list and place it on your fridge, bedside table, computer or somewhere you will see it, and pray over those requests every time you see/read it.
- Call someone else in your church family and pray with and for them.
- If you are married or have a family be sure to spend just 5 minutes together in worship and prayer before you all head off for the day and again at bedtime.

PASTOR GREG PRATT
DIRECTOR OF PERSONAL MINISTRIES,
SABBATH SCHOOL, DISCIPLESHIP AND STEWARDSHIP



DreamTrack Dives

DreamTrack is a club for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people that provides cultural, social and skill-building activities in a fun environment. Our vision is to have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people living life with a healthy, positive identity: To live with purpose.

A fun day of swimming and snorkelling on the Gold Coast was planned for DreamTrack's second meeting of the year. The day was everything we hoped it would be. Every year for the past couple of years, Devocean Dive, a dive academy, partner with DreamTrack to provide our kids with an amazing day of swimming and snorkelling. It really is a high-

light of our year. Seeing our DreamTrack kids face fears and discover new worlds and experiences underwater was really special. A huge thanks to Devocean Dive, all their volunteers and all our DreamTrack volunteers for making the day what it was.

If you feel a calling to be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our local Brisbane community and want to get involved with DreamTrack, we would love to hear from you: <www.dreamtrack.org.au>.

LAVONNE BOBONGIE WALL





Big Camp Music: We Need Your Help!

Dr Marcha William and Pastor Ernst William have recently moved to the southeast corner of Queensland to minister in two churches, Eden's Landing and Helensvale churches. Dr William comes to us with a wealth of experience in music ministry, having worked for the past several years a song leader, composer, solo artist and speaker for many conference camps, women's retreats, youth conventions and churches. She has also shared her music ministry through the media platform, appearing on Hope Channel, 3ABN Australia and 3ABN International Dare to Dream Network.

At Big Camp 2015 during a transition year, Dr William assisted Lorraine Ferris in the music ministry for the Big Tent. From 2016, she will be working in full capacity as the new Music Director for the Big Tent and is looking forward to working with the many talented musicians, singers and composers in this conference. We take this opportunity to express our heart-felt gratitude to Lorraine Ferris for her exceptional 23 years of service as Music Director for the Big Tent in the

South Queensland Conference's Annual Camp.

Dr William's vision is for South Queensland Conference's Big Tent Music to become the golden standard of excellence and sacredness in providing collective, Christ-centred worship for camps-meetings in Australia. It is therefore her desire to connect with local musicians, singers and composers who are willing to be involved in blessing others through their music at the Big Tent.

To begin this journey, Marcha and her music team would like to form an orchestra and choir consisting of interested musicians/singers throughout South Queensland, which will combine together to provide music for the second weekend of camp in the Big Tent, culminating in a Homecoming-style concert on the final Saturday evening. To express your interest in joining the orchestra or choir, and for the rehearsal schedule, please contact Vesna Rica on email: <vesna.rica@gmail.com> or mobile: 0419703934.

MARCHA WILLIAM





REEDY CREEK
MY VANUATU EXPERIENCE

My experiences in Aore, Vanuatu, have opened up my eyes. January marked my third trip with my family and the youth of Reedy Creek church to Aore Adventist Academy and each time I am reminded how little these people have, how happy they are with what they have, and how grateful they are for what they are given.

By helping out at the school in July last year, it showed me how fortunate we are here in Australia and how we take getting an education for granted. These students have to launder their own clothes, provide their own meals over the weekend, and assist after school either by doing housework or yard work for the teachers on the island. And yet they are happy and grateful to be attending school.

As I walked through the school, I was shocked by the state it was in. The classrooms have a plain blackboard and the desks and chairs are wooden and falling apart. The home economics room has one broken stove and not many utensils to share among the students. The computer lab is also run down, and the computers outdated. I didn't even know what rooms they were at first. The only place I could recognise was the science lab, and even that room didn't look good for use. The library has hardly any books and I was devastated at the sight of the boy's dorms. But yet I was happy, because the school wasn't going to stay like that forever—not if we could continue to help update the school's facilities.

During our July visit last year, I made friends with a girl call Jenethy who was a student at the school. And even though the facilities are run down, she was happy. That hit me. I am so lucky to be attending a modern, fully equipped school and they are just happy to be attending the Adventist school at Aore. We have much; they have little. We can give.

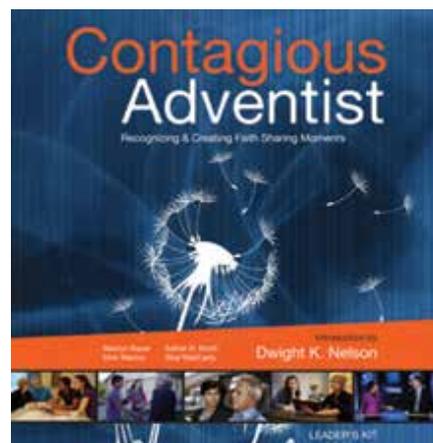
This year our main project was to do the sewage system for the boy's toilets and shower area. It gets hot very quickly on the island; by 8 o'clock in the morning you can already be sunburnt. We would work from 8 am to 12:30, have lunch, go back and work a little bit more, and then have some free time in the water to cool off.

Everybody worked hard and teams were split to help where it was needed. I felt uplifted when I helped redo the render and paint the dining hall exterior, do what I could on the slipway in July, and also hammer a pick axe into the powdered earth to dig trenches that laid the pipe work for the sewage system this year.

Aore is where the young people can get a chance to do something for somebody else. It is not a holiday—it is a place to go because there are needs to be met, and it is hard work, especially if you are not used to it. As a young person, I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to be part of the Vanuatu experience.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: JESSALYN BRZESKI
[Jessalyn is 16 and in Year 11 at Gold Coast Christian College]

EIGHT MILE PLAINS
CONTAGIOUS ADVENTIST



Home groups have been very popular at Eight Mile Plains, so in March we commenced a new nine-week program called "Contagious Adventist" by Dwight Nelson. This book looks at our Adventist beliefs and how we can share these in a practical way with others. We have seven home-group leaders, including one especially for youth and young adults. Please pray for our home groups at Eight Mile Plains!

ARTICLE & PHOTO: ANDRE VAN RENSBURG

LANDSBOROUGH
EASTER PROGRAMME



March 26 saw Landsborough church filled to near capacity for a special Easter programme presented with music and video presentations. The narration was written and read by Gabriela Davies, giving an account of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Saviour.

Among the congregation we had visitors from Noosa, Pine Rivers, Kilcoy, Melbourne, Austria and Papua New Guinea who enjoyed the presentation.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: GLEN WOOSLEY



IPSWICH

IPSWICH HOSTS MINISTRY EXPO

Ipswich church held its first ministry expo on February 6. Each ministry held a stall in the expo that was outside and in the car park. The purpose of the ministry expo was to allow people to sign up to ministries to serve and participate in. The ministry expo started in the morning and then led into family worship time with Pastor Francis, who shared on the importance of getting involved as we aim to multiply disciples who connect, grow, serve and share Jesus. Then the opportunity was given to go back outside and sign up to get involved in ministry. The feedback from the church was a positive experience with the ministry expo and plans already exist to run it again.

LEADERSHIP DINNER

On Saturday night, February 13, the pastoral team of Ipswich church hosted a ministries leaders' appreciation dinner. The pastoral team saw this as an opportunity to cook and serve a dinner to the leaders of our ministries that do so much for our church and community. Pastor Casey and Kate Wolverton were our special guests, and shared some insights about what it means to be a leader

who makes other leaders. A very talented chef, Jennifer Powrie, who is a part of our church's leadership team, oversaw the food, and the pastoral team did the serving. The night concluded with a small communion and prayer service, led by Pastor Lachlan and the elders of Ipswich church. Pastor Francis and Pastor Lachlan want to thank all of our ministry leaders who work hard in making a difference for our church and the community.

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GOLD COAST CENTRAL

LIVE MORE HAPPY

Live More Happy

"Live More—HAPPY" commenced at Gold Coast Central in the last week of March with 12 keen participants (including myself!)

I am studying a Graduate Diploma in Lifestyle Medicine at Avondale—a new course commenced in 2015—and as a part of the assessment, our lecturer Darren Morton has asked his students to implement the brand new "Live More—HAPPY" initiative, an emotional boost program that he has developed.

The program is based on Darren's latest book project, which is due to be published later this year.

Ten years ago, Darren published a book called *Seven Secrets for Feeling Fantastic*, which was very well received. His latest project adds 10 more years of research and he has packaged that information into a book that will most likely be called "Live More—HAPPY". On top of that, Darren has developed a nine-week practical program of one hour each week that guides participants to implement the strategies in his book for building emotional wellbeing. The program includes informative and entertaining videos by Darren, quizzes, small-group interactive learning, and a weekly challenge to implement what has been learned. Participants also fill out a survey (at the beginning and at the end) that provides them with a personal "Live More Score", measuring various aspects of wellbeing.

This pilot program is really a way of checking out how "Live More—HAPPY" goes as a practical implementation in a group setting. There are no plans at this stage to roll it out on a wider scale, but it really depends on the success with the various groups. Watch this space!

ARTICLE & PHOTO: MEL RENFREW



RED HILL

EASTER EGG HUNT

On March 26, Red Hill Youth put on an Easter egg hunt social. We started at the Botanic Gardens in Mt Coot-tha, and raced through Brisbane city in teams, following clues and finding eggs along the way. The hunt finished at Red Hill church, and we finished the night with pizza and chips. It was a great turnout, with around 30 young people from around Brisbane, and everyone had a fun night.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: CHARMAINE PATEL

MT GRAVATT

REMARKABLE RESULTS COMING OUT OF DIABETIC HEALTH CLINIC

We are now in Week 11 of our Diabetic Health Clinic, and soon the program will come to an end. The desired outcome of the program was to tackle and change people's dietary lifestyle. As in-



dividuals and as a group, we have witnessed remarkable results: high blood pressure has normalised in all who had an issue with it; blood sugar in type 2 diabetics has stabilised to normal levels; a number of people on insulin, under advisement of their doctors, have ceased from

using it; and great deep-sleep patterns have developed in many people. All of these things come as a direct result of juicing or clean eating. Isn't that amazing? We are so grateful to Peter Pratt who has taken us on this journey where our lives have been so positively impacted. As a group, we have been separated into smaller support groups to give encouragement to each other for staying on a "healthy course".

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GOLD COAST CHURCHES

REGIONAL DAY



The Gold Coast churches and school came together on Saturday, March 12th for our annual Regional Day. "I love our concept of 'One Church, Many Campuses,'" commented Marianne Fisher of Reedy Creek Church, "and our Regional Day brings us all together with the atmosphere of a family reunion." Karen Collum of Gold Coast Central Church added, "Seeing people of all ages engaged in worship together filled up my heart and I was absolutely blessed by the sense of community I experienced."

The first half of the Regional Day's morning program included children's services, a choir, special items, prayer, and testimonies from some of our Gold Coast members. The main worship service included our Conference President Pastor Brett Townend preaching on the topic of "The Best of Adventism". One church regular reflected, "It's easy to forget we're part of something much bigger than our local church. I enjoyed gaining an insight into the bigger picture of the Adventist Church on the Gold Coast and across South Queensland."

"There's a lot of prayer and planning that goes into bringing together a Regional Day", observed Pastor David Riley who helped coordinate the day. "Our aim is to ensure all our churches are involved in sharing how the Lord has blessed each of us. We've already begun planning for the Regional Day in 2017."

ARTICLE & PHOTO: DAVID RILEY

GOLD COAST ADVENTURER CLUB



The children of the new Gold Coast Adventurer Club reciting the Adventurer Pledge

The Gold Coast churches and school have combined to restart their Adventurer Club. Their first meeting for the year attracted more than 80 kids and the club leaders are expecting a similar turn-out for their next club day at one of the local Gold Coast beaches.

"We have a great team of volunteers for each of the Adventurer divisions and we feel blessed our local churches and school are supporting the restart of the club," commented Pastor David Riley. "We're looking forward to seeing how the Lord uses Adventurers this year to help grow our kids in His grace."

ARTICLE & PHOTO: DAVID RILEY



DARLING DOWNS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WOW! WEEK OF WORSHIP AT DDCS

During the recent Week Of Worship at Darling Downs Christian School, 210 students experienced a time of joyful creativity, vibrant worship and great spiritual messages.

On Monday morning, the students walked into the Chapel to see an amazing sight—an innovative stage set fit for a television chat show, designed by casual teacher Kirsten Groves, and constructed by her father Darryl Groves. Special lighting added to the visual beauty.

In two worship programs each morning (for primary and high school students), the theme was “Get Real.” Leading the programs were many gifted students and talented teachers providing a wonderful worship experience through skilled musicians, singers and soloists. They shared inspiring stories and personal testimonies, fun and meaningful dramas, and ran a crazy quiz game reviewing the stories of the previous day. Daily prayer was important from planning to presentation and included a carefully prepared “prayer corner.” All the creativity was intentionally focused on “Getting Real with God.”

The speakers for the week were Darryl Groves and Pastor Sean Berkeley, the SQ Conference Youth Director. Darryl spoke Monday and Tuesday about Getting Real with “Friends and Community” and Pastor Sean spoke on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday about Getting Real

with “Family, Yourself and God.”

Darryl followed up the Week of Worship by recapping what it means to have “Life in Christ” and what “Getting Real with Christ” looks like. 93 students either committed or recommitted their lives to Christ and expressed practical ways in which to “Get Real with God” and here is how they responded: 47 students requested to get involved in a community-service project, 32 requested to get linked into a faith community, 64 requested to join a small-group study or have Bible studies, and 39 students requested baptism.

Now the challenge for chaplains and staff at DDCS is to reach out to all these students and “Get Real” with them by providing meaningful ways for students to follow through and live out their commitments to God. Four new staff members have stepped up to the challenge by offering to help with Bible studies.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: ADRIAN FITZPATRICK,
ARLAGENE GROVES & GEOFF FRAUNFELDER

GREAT OP RESULTS FOR DDCS!

Early in March, Toowoomba-based newspaper *The Chronicle* published a list of the 15 best schools in Toowoomba, based on OP scores. Darling Downs Christian School was number 10 on the list, with 20 per cent of Year 12 students achieving an OP score of 1-5 in 2015. Well done, DDCS! We are proud of your achievement!

GOLD COAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

DO LIFE BIG WITH JESUS!

This year, both primary and secondary students were treated to a colourful week of challenging messages and activities during Gold Coast Christian College’s Week Of Worship 2016, titled “Do Life Big with Jesus.” David Toogood used stories to illuminate John 10:10 in a fun and engaging way that captured the primary students, while Pastor Steve Kane spoke on lessons from James, challenging secondary students to live life big in practical ways.

“We wanted to take students beyond talking about enacting change, to being a part of the change and recognising that life with Jesus is full of action,” said school chaplain Matthew Moore. Many students took up this challenge by serving others in the school community during the week, seeing opportunities that were previously overlooked.

To end the week, parents were invited along to the Friday night secondary program, “Impact”, and “Pray n Play” on Saturday night. Both events were well attended and a great way to finish the week involving everyone in the College community and beyond.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: CARLY MOORE



IPSWICH ADVENTIST SCHOOL

FLYING THROUGH WEEK OF WORSHIP



The theme of Week of Worship this year was “Aim High”, more commonly known as “Aim High Airways”. This year, the church was converted into an airport and plane, featuring security systems, flight attendants, pilots and the cockpit. Every day, students would travel with their passports and boarding passes to a new country. There they would meet their tour guide, Pastor Jared Smith. Pastor Jared would guide them through the story of Daniel and countries such as Brazil, Israel, Kenya, India and the USA. Students learned insightful lessons on how to follow Jesus through the story of the hero Daniel. Students also enjoyed the lunch-time activities that included finding hidden facts about certain countries all over the school. Every student carried a passport and lift ticket, but a special lift ticket was given to those in Grade 5-6 who wanted to participate in Bible studies. Nearly all the students on Friday made a decision by standing up to make Jesus their best friend. Pastor Jared finished off our amazing week by encouraging us on our adventure to heaven at our Saturday morning final WOW week celebration service.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: LACHLAN CAMPBELL



BRISBANE ADVENTIST COLLEGE

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS CONNECT AT USQ

On Wednesday, March 9, three of our secondary indigenous students travelled to USQ Springfield for an Indigenous Connections day.

While at the university, they listened to a keynote address by Keiron Lander, former captain of the Ipswich Jets; watched a performance by the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts; and sat enthralled at the work of Brett Leavy, an immersive heritage specialist, virtual historian and artist who is developing interactive games with the purpose of sharing the cultural heritage and history of Australia’s cities.

The students also learned a little about USQ and what it has to offer and then had the opportunity to participate in activities run by different departments. The day ended with two half-hour cultural sessions, where students were involved in a number of activities including painting, weaving and Torres Strait Island singing.

This is the third year BAC has been involved in the Indigenous Connections event. It is always a fun and interesting day, and a great way for our students to start thinking about their future education.

RAIN DOESN'T DAMPEN SPIRITS ON YEAR 9 CAMP

On Wednesday, March 16, the Year 9 class ventured off on their camp to Hossanna Farmstay, near Murwillimbah, for three days of teamwork and bonding.

On the way to camp, the rain set in, easing long enough for tents to go up before starting again. This didn't dampen the students' spirits, as they played a very wet game of Katapult, which is a crazy combination of Capture the Flag, catapults and a mixture of challenges all rolled into one.

Even with leaking tents, the students got a good night's sleep and were greeted by sunshine for their walk at Minyon Falls. Thanks to the heavy downpour the previous day, the falls were magnificent. After a hard day's walk, the students relaxed that evening with games in the hall.

The students were responsible for preparing their own meals over the three days. It was interesting to see the various dishes—from gourmet meals through to two-minute noodles (even for breakfast)!

On the final morning, while tents were drying, the students were able to experience a farm tour, where they fed chickens and cows while learning about the various aspects of farm life. They ended the camp with a swim at Burleigh Beach on the way back to school.

The staff members who attended this camp were impressed with the behaviour and attitude of all the students. They remained positive through the rain, even while wearing their wet shoes on the hike. They pitched in and helped out, and as a result, had a very successful camp.

ARTICLES & PHOTOS: BAC NEWSLETTER



NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

JUNIOR CHOIR SINGS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

On Wednesday afternoon, March 16, our Junior Choir (Vive Voce) sang an original song written by children's author and songwriter, Bev Pershouse, at Parliament House for the Queensland Members of Parliament. This was a great opportunity for them and they prepared well. Thanks to Mrs Wiggill and Ms Page for leading the preparation!

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Maintenance Supervisor

Victoria Point ARV— Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland)

We are seeking a Maintenance Supervisor to lead our maintenance team at Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village. Reporting to the Operations Manager, the position will be full time and located in Victoria Point, Queensland. The role has a strong focus on ensuring that the scheduled, routine and day-to-day maintenance requests are met in a timely and professional manner.

As the supervisor of a team of full-time and volunteer maintenance personnel, the Maintenance Supervisor will ensure that we meet our legislative requirements as they relate to maintenance within our facility. As the role will interact with residents, families, staff and management, it requires a person with a strong customer focus. The ability to work collaboratively with the Operations Manager and other Head of Departments will be paramount and as such the person will need to have excellent communication and planning skills. This is a hands-on role that requires a person who leads by example.

The successful applicant will ideally be a practicing baptised member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with a strong commitment to its mission, particularly as such is demonstrated in the Aged Care ministry of the church. It is envisaged that the person will have significant prior experience as a maintenance supervisor. A trade qualification will be viewed favourably but is not essential.

For a full position description please contact Daniel van der Merwe, Operations Manager Victoria Point ARV via email <danielv@adventist.org.au>.

Applications close April 28.

Manager

Risk Management Services—Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd

The South Queensland Conference is seeking a skilled risk-management professional who will play a key role in the next phase of risk management and its implementation throughout the Conference. The successful applicant will build upon and further develop an already established Risk Management Framework for South Queensland that supports the Conference to achieve its objectives, fostering operational excellence.

As the Manager, you will give leadership to the process of ensuring that the Conference and all its entities are compliant with new and existing regulatory and legislative requirements. You will provide independent and professional advice to administrative and senior management, boards of directors, and board sub-committees including each of its operational companies. Reporting to the Board of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd, you will lead, direct and manage all aspects of the risk management function.

To be successful in this role, you will possess:

- A postgraduate degree with relevant professional experience together with proven leadership skills to work with and motivate diverse groups of people to achieve agreed goals.
- A thorough understanding of contemporary risk practices, developments and arrangements associated with the private and public sectors.
- A proven ability in establishing and maintaining high-level relationships with internal and external stakeholders and excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Proven ability designing and implementing an enterprise-wide framework for critical incident and emergency management.

All applicants for this position should be practicing members of the Seventh-day Adventist church and should also be able to demonstrate a clear commitment to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This is a varied and challenging position that requires a person with vision, enthusiasm and energy who will give strong leadership in the area of Risk Management Services

Detailed Position Profiles are available on request and written application for this position including detailed Curriculum Vitae and referees should be forward to the Secretary, Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited, 400 Boundary Street, Spring Hill, QLD 4000 (Facsimile: 07 3236 1305, Email: <colinrenfrew@adventist.org.au>).

Applications Close 15 April 2016



RAW MEXICAN BURRITO



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large avocados
- 1 red onion (diced)
- 1 small purple and/or green cabbage head
- 2 tomatoes (diced)
- 2 red or yellow capsicums (diced)
- 1 lemon
- 2 cloves of garlic (minced)
- ½ bunch of coriander (chopped)
- ½ teaspoon of Himalayan salt
- Pinch of paprika

TO MAKE GUACAMOLE:

Mash or blend the avocados, either by hand or in a food processor. Add onion, coriander, garlic, salt, and paprika. Squeeze lemon over the mixture. Stir all ingredients through together, mixing well.

TO MAKE WRAPS:

Slice cabbage in half and carefully separate each leaf. Choose 4 large leaves and remove the stem on the outside of the leaf (this makes it easier to wrap and roll the burrito). Spread guacamole mixture on the inside of each leaf. Add the tomatoes and the capsicum, making sure to keep the vegetables in the centre of the leaf to ensure an easier wrap. Roll into a burrito shape by folding the bottom of the leaf towards the centre, then folding the outer sides into the middle.

Enjoy!





YOU ARE INVITED TO GIGI RALLY 2016

You are invited to come to the GIGI Rally 2016! It will be an awesome day filled with drama, music, guy talk, clips and a great speaker. You will hang out with your friends and also meet girls your age! You will LOVE every minute of this event.

Date: Saturday, July 30, 2016 **Time:** 10 am – 12 midday

Guest Speaker: Sharon Witt (Well-known author)

Address: Church of the Nazarene
68 Meadowlands Rd, Carina QLD 4152

Entry: FREE

Age: 12+

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2016

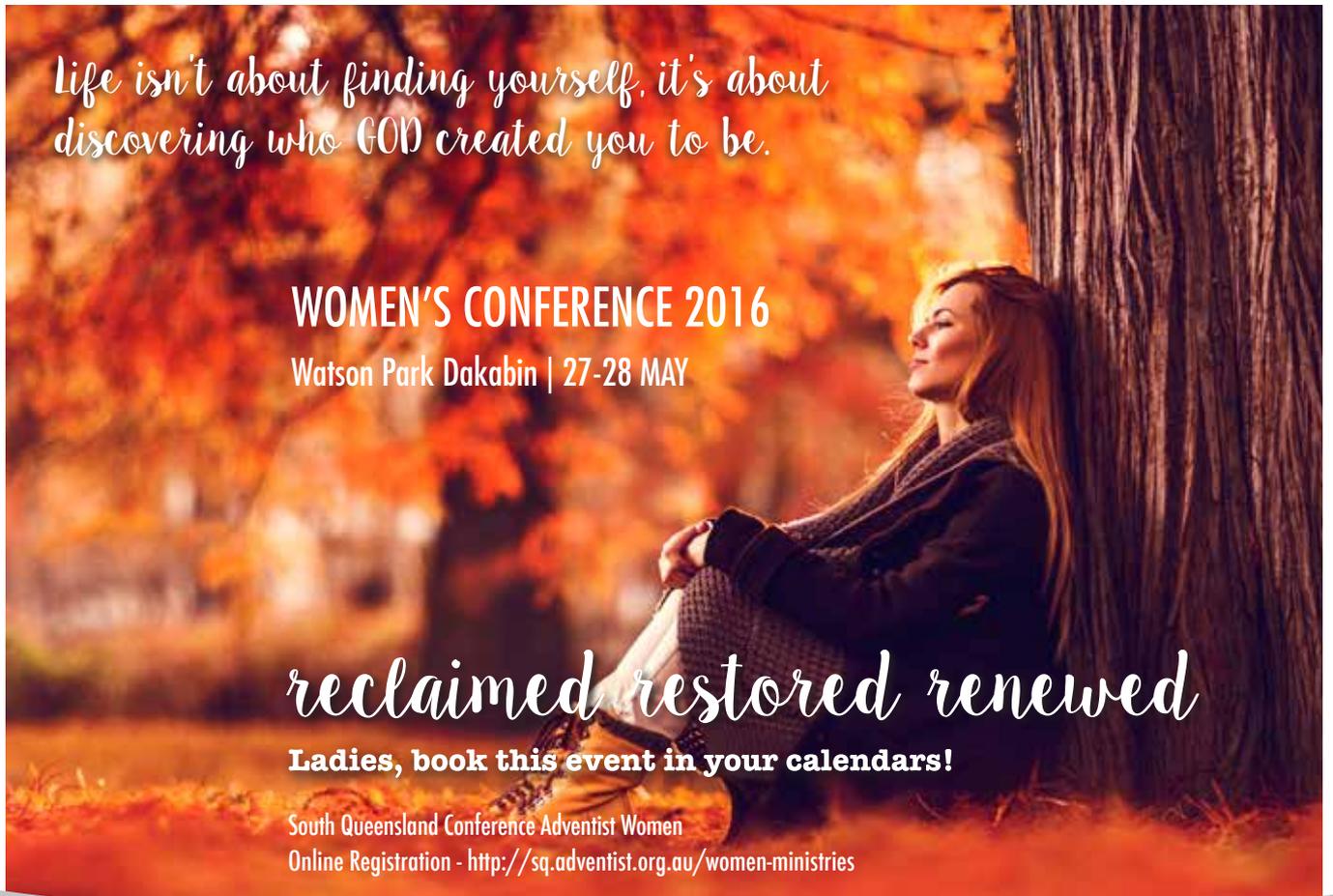
Watson Park Dakabin | 27-28 MAY

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Ladies, book this event in your calendars!

South Queensland Conference Adventist Women

Online Registration - <http://sq.adventist.org.au/women-ministries>



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Hi Ladies,

I want to invite you to our 2016 Women's Conference. This year we're doing things a little differently. The Conference is shorter, but filled to the brim with fabulous inspired messages and workshops. We have Laura Rupsaite from the UK. Laura has been with us in 2011 and 2013. This woman loves the Lord, and as soon as you share a space with her, you feel your own heart quicken to Heaven's invitation.

Graham and Michelle Hood are the founders of Mission Serenity. They are incredible leaders in relationship workshops, drawing truth and grace together to do its work in our hearts. You won't want to miss them. And so my beloved girlfriends, search out your sisters, your mum, your neighbour and your friends, and bring them to the Conference. I promise that this time with Jesus will change all of our lives.

Love, Helen xxx

REGISTRATION FORM - Registrations only by mail or online.

Your Details		Online Registration	
First Name:		http://sq.adventist.org.au/women-ministries	
Surname:		Payment Details	
Address:		\$115 - 2 DAY CONFERENCE includes Friday and Saturday night accommodation, all meals (last meal served is Sabbath lunch & afternoon tea) and conference resources. \$90 - 2 DAY CONFERENCE includes Friday night accommodation, all meals (last meal served is Sabbath lunch & afternoon tea) and conference resources. \$45 - DAY CONFERENCE - includes lunch, afternoon tea and Conference resources.	
Postcode:		Cheques	
Phone:	Email:	Cheques payable to: Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd. Post to: Women's Ministry Department, Sth Queensland Administration and Resource Centre, PO Box 577, Spring Hill 4004	
Age: Please circle 14-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45+		Credit card details	
If you attend church, which church do you attend:		Card type:	Amount:
Room Buddy: Please tell us who you would like to room with -		Cardholder's Name:	
Dietary Requirements: (please circle) Dairy free Gluten free Diabetic		Card Number:	Expiry Date:
Other -		Cardholder's signature:	

REGISTRATION OPENS FRIDAY AT 3 PM AND SATURDAY MORNING AT 8.30 AM.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING BEDDING, PILLOWS, TOWELS AND YOUR BIBLE.

EXECUTIVE 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 March meetings.

The Executive Committee:

- Heard a devotional presentation by the President on discipleship in relation to the gospel of John and Jesus' statements: "You are my disciple if ..."
- Approved the request of the Brisbane Tongan Group to appoint a new group leader, secretary and treasurer.
- Approved the 2014 financial statements: a comprehensive income statement for the year; a balance sheet as at the end of the year; a statement of changes in equity; a statement of cash flows for the year; Notes to the accounts as listed.
- Voted to establish an audit committee to review such statements moving forward.
- Voted to approve the 2016 interim capital budget of \$115,775.
- Approved a range of membership transfers to and from the Conference roll.
- Confirmed the various contracts signed on behalf of the Conference since the previous meeting.

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

- Gave in-principle support to a funding application to SPD for the establishment of an Urban Centre of Influence / Lifestyle Medicine Hub.
- Approved the officers of the Adventist Health Association for 2016 as recommend by their Annual General Meeting.
- Received various reports relating to a number of churches.
- Approved a list of ministerial licenses and credentials for 2016.
- Received the interim final tithe and operating statements to December 31, 2015.
- Voted to approve the 2016 interim capital budget of \$99,486.
- Confirmed the various contracts signed on behalf of the company since the previous meeting.

PASTOR COLIN RENFREW,
GENERAL SECRETARY

Editor's Note: The Executive Committee highlights in the February edition of FOCUS stated that the CWO schedule for Gladstone church was August 20. This date is incorrect—the correct date, as per the 2016 South Queensland Conference offering schedule, is August 6. FOCUS apologises for any confusion caused by this.



HIP HIP *hooray!*
It's BAC's birthday

Sunday 22 May 2016 * 10am - 3pm

We'd love you to come and join the party at our Birthday Fete.
Lots of food, rides, musical performances and more! Save the date!

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