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SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

PRESENCE & PROCLAMATION

These two P words—presence and proclamation—take us to the essence of evangelism. Effective evangelism has both. We must have a presence with people, and we must proclaim the gospel. Our “presence” gives us the right to “proclaim.”

Presence

Jesus came to earth to “seek and save that which was lost” and it was for this reason that “the Word became flesh, and made His dwelling amongst us” (John 1:14). Jesus gave up the enjoyment of His heavenly dwelling to come and dwell with, mix with, the people of this world. The church as the body of Christ must do what Christ did. We too must mix with the people of the world in order that we can have a positive impact on them for the sake of the gospel. We must have a presence in our community. Remember Ellen White’s comment: “Christ mingled amongst men as one who desired their good. . .”

How do we do this? Churches have Pathfinder clubs that include community children, our schools reach community children, soup kitchens touch the community, as do friendship clubs, cooking demonstrations, CHIP programs, STORM Co projects, ADRA projects, and just nice neigh-

bourliness by church members. These all give us a strong presence in the community. An interesting question to ask is this, “Would this community miss us if the church closed down tomorrow?”

Proclamation

It’s been said that “people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” If we have presence in the community and we care about people, then we earn the right to proclaim. And we must! Some people tell me they don’t say anything but they just live a good life. But I’ve never seen anyone jump into a baptismal font on this basis. There must be proclamation at some point, or your community might think they’re dealing with a good-living Jehovah’s Witness, Buddhist or even a good-living atheist.

How do we proclaim? Proclamation can be in our worship services when geared for visitors, a public evangelism or prophecy series, worships at schools and Pathfinder clubs, or a simple short declaration of God’s love across the fence to a neighbour.

Paul (Romans 10:13-15) reminds us that “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” but then asks some very poignant questions:

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How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? **And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?** And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

Someone has to say something! Paul is very clear on that. And those who "preach"—or proclaim—the gospel have beautiful feet: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Good news makes us happy.

How do you see your church? How do you see your personal witness? Are you better at "presence" or "proclamation"? These questions are worth considering as you think about effective witness. Maybe your church needs to work more on its "presence" in the community. Perhaps it needs to be bolder in its "proclamation." Let's resolve to have both of these things working together in our lives and in our churches as we witness to the love of our Saviour who died for us.

PASTOR BRETT TOWNEND
PRESIDENT



CHAPLAIN'S BIG DAY OUT

Wednesday, June 8, saw the first combined North New South Wales Conference, South Queensland Conference and Northern Australian Conference professional development get together for chaplains.

The event was held in the Samford Valley, 45 minutes west of the Brisbane CBD. The day saw 30 chaplains spend the day together sharing resources, honing ministry skills and visioning for future ministry initiatives in the school and college environments.

Those present on the day were treated to special presentations delivered by those considered to be experts in the field of Ministry and School Chaplaincy.

Dr Mel Lemke, chaplain of Avondale School for the past 10 years, spoke specifically of the need for school chaplaincy to maximise the advantages afforded it in moving young people closer to Jesus. He spoke about how to build a program that will best ensure that young people have the opportunity to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus. Mel shared many inspiring stories of what he has witnessed and been involved in over the past 25 years of his youth ministry and chaplaincy career.

Elia Crevar, chaplain of Central Coast School for the past 15 years, spoke passionately about the benefits and payoffs of having a deliberate service framework for chaplaincy operating in the school program. Elia shared with all present his wealth of knowledge on one-to-one ministry with young people. Further, Elia shared how he has been able to consistently build clusters of young passionate followers of Jesus who become spiritual peer mentors to their fellow students.

Jacques Calais, the Australian Union Conference's Quality Schools Australia Director delivered a presentation on how school chaplaincy must remain a key agent in developing and building Adventist distinctiveness within our schools. Jacques pointed out that chaplains are largely given permission, by the nature of their job description, to be responsible for setting the spiritual tone of the school and for the development of the social, emotional and spiritual support systems for students, staff and parents. Jacques expertly presented what needs to be considered as future initiatives that chaplaincy will need to embrace in order to promote Adventist culture within our education institutions.

Pastor Russel Willcocks, Ministerial Secretary for the South Queensland Conference, addressed the issue of school and local church connection. Russell reminded those in attendance that pastors and teachers need to work closely together in order to bring the gospel to the hearts and minds of all students and their families. Russell specifically spoke about the benefits and wins that can occur when local church pastors and school staff work in concert to bring the message of the gospel to parents and students via in-school Bible studies, chapel programs, Weeks of Spiritual Emphasis, staff devotionals, home visitation, crisis management and more.

The day concluded with a commitment to meet together annually to further share ideas, resources, initiatives, challenges and celebrations!

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT
SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE.



Up, Up and Away with “A Double A”



Brisbane to Dirranbandi is a short 1.5 hour flight by light plane, Dirranbandi to Longreach another 3.5 hours, and Longreach back to Brisbane, 3.5 hours; that’s a good day’s wages for any pilot, add 4 hours for aircraft preparation and flight planning, and half the day is gone. But “A Double A” pilots do not fly for wages; they are all volunteers, just like all our team members.

So why do our pilots and volunteers sacrifice their valuable time and money to go to the far reaches of our conference? That’s easy. They have burden for those who do not have the advantages we have in the “Big Smoke” to hear the message of the end-time gospel of Jesus Christ.

It’s tough, hot and dusty work sometimes and, more often than not, goes unnoticed by the majority of our church, but we don’t do it for the glory; it’s for those we serve and for Him who gave all. We also have a passion to visit outback church members and encourage them to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Personally, I think it is love for our fellow humans. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:14 that “the love of Christ compels us.” This is the only reason to do it; there is no other.

“A Double A’ has been around a long time (more than 50 years), and has flown (and driven) tens of thousands of kilometres to nurture the saved and seek out the lost. Currently, we visit a house church in Dirranbandi and are busy estab-

lishing the same in Longreach, not to mention many stops in between those extremes. It is not easy working such long distances from resources, but eventually, success comes because of perseverance and sacrifice.

We could do so much more if we had the resources—human and financial. For example, your AAA Directorate has divided up the western areas and has lists of names in each zone ready for visitation by road, but we lack the volunteers and money to conduct this important ministry. Visitation by road is vital because many of our brethren and sisters do not live near an airstrip, so road teams are essential.

Above this article is a picture of Michael Grady. Mike is one of our faithful pilots and a board member who has taken on the extra task of visiting churches to encourage more folk to engage in this important ministry. We would like to teach folk who travel out west how to visit folk in the Outback for Jesus Christ—in effect, to be His missionaries. “A Double A” gives full training so, if you are interested in supporting the work, talk to Mike when he visits your church. In Matthew 9: 37, 38, Jesus said the harvest is ripe, but the labourers are few. We always pray for more volunteers to help finish the work so we can all go home. Until next time, Maranatha.

DAVID EDGAR
AAA PRESIDENT

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 June meetings.

The Executive Committee:

- Heard a devotional presentation by the President on progress reports found in the book of Acts: 2:41; 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; 28:30-31. There was a focus on “numbers” as the church grew. How are we going in SQC? And how do we know? What should we count? What goals should we set? Ultimately, the numbers represent healthy churches, welcoming communities, friendly and caring members.
- Approved the request of the Brisbane Fijian Seventh-day Adventist Company for “Church” status within the sisterhood of churches in the South Queensland Conference. In 2009, the Fijian group who had been meeting since 2005, were officially recognised as a “Company” of believers. Now seven years on, they will be formed into a Church and we wish them much of God’s continued blessing.
- Approved the Fuel Tank Excavation project (19 Eagle Terrace) and the projected expenditure budget of \$243,000 to achieve validation of the site as contaminate clear, thus allowing removal from the Environmental Management Register. At some stage in the history of the old site, a fuel tank was installed to provide fuel to ministers and when decommissioned was never removed. For final proceeds of the sale to be complete, this action was necessary. The tank is now removed and the site restored—contaminate free.
- Amended the current policy in relation to the installation of solar panels to church properties to include the installation of solar storage facilities up to an equivalent grant of 50% of the net GST cost to the church, to a maximum amount of \$5000 per church.
- Approved the required development work needed at the following aged care ministry sites, to achieve compliance with the relevant State and Federal building codes as they relate to Fire Compliance and Safety in the facilities; and to receive and accept the Guaranteed Maximum Sum (GMS) contract proposals (excluding GST) as received from Paynter Dixon Queensland Pty Ltd as follows, (subject to a satisfactory costing report being received from independent Quantity Surveyors (QS), Johnson & Cumming Quantity Surveyors):

| | Construction | Design & Documentation |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Melody Park ARV | \$357,342 | \$ 29,400 |
| Caloundra ARV | \$356,884 | \$ 27,300 |
| Capricorn ARV | \$630,241 | \$ 42,000 |
| Totals | \$1,344,467 | \$ 98,700 |

Funding for this program to come from the working capital of Seventh-day Adventist Church—South Queensland Conference, as such relates to the aged care ministry of the church.

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

- As part of the Australian Union Conference (AUC) roll out of its new e-learning environment offering the course “Safe Church Awareness Training” each of the directors will be required to complete the course as part of their directorship responsibilities in child safety learning.
- Voted the three Conference Officer’s and Mr Nik Koolik to the interview panel for the vacant Somerset Camp Manager position interviews. Exceptionally high-quality applicants were interviewed, with Mr Tim Hutton successful. We wish Tim and his family God’s blessing as he takes up his new role.
- Received an interim tithe analysis report for the 4 months to April 30, 2016. The report indicated that to date there has been an increase of 2.8 per cent compared to last year (\$94,346.14).
- Received an interim operating statement report for the 4 months to April 30, 2016. The report indicated that no major changes to income have taken place, however a positive to budget balance of \$41,355 has been achieved due to the non-allocation of some field budgets due to staffing short falls.
- Recorded that signed Disclosure of Interest Statements have been received from all the members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

PASTOR COLIN RENFREW,
GENERAL SECRETARY





ATSIM Camp

One of the top three highlights on the ATSIM calendar is the annual Family Camp at Somerset. Over the years, our planning team have learned how to provide an excellent balance in spiritual, fun and chill-out time. As usual, there was a build-up of excitement for campers as we got closer to the starting date, June 10. They weren't disappointed.

Our mob love getting together, we enjoy each other's company and we love it when new folks come along for their first camp. This year we had more than 90 people attend and about 25 were first-timers.

Pastor Steve Piez (AUC ATSIM Director) led the adult Sabbath school class and delivered an exciting national ATSIM report. Unfortunately, he didn't have enough time to share all of the amazing stories of what God is doing among indigenous Australia. Pastor Brett Townend delivered two relevant and challenging spiritual messages including significant lessons about God that he had learnt from his younger years as a horse trainer/whisperer for millionaires. It was very interesting and encouraging listening to his journey before he sensed the call to enter full-time pastoral ministry. Pastor Brett's laid back style of preaching was really appreciated by the ATSIM group.

In the afternoon there were several activities to choose from: crafts,

singalong, bush-walking or just yarning before Pastor Steve closed Sabbath with a great message on Noah.

In the evening, the entertainment was poured on with a variety concert where everyone is encouraged to have a go. We were treated to a combination of rehearsed and impromptu acts, which demonstrated the many hidden talents of AT-SIM family. Of course, Pastor Brett tested the nerves of a few youth with his world-renowned death-defying whip-cracking act. Needless to say, the night was filled with stacks of fun and laughter, a few tears and wonderful inspiration.

Sunday started with another great message from Pastor Brett and then we moved into our Mini Olympics day when young and old team up to compete for the esteemed ATSIM Camp Champions trophy. Once again, there was heaps of fun and laughter, huffing and puffing. A quick bite to eat and then those who were game braved the chilly waters for some tubing.

Another great ATSIM camp done and dusted! 90 satisfied campers headed home revived and already planning for camp 2017.

PASTOR DAVID GARRARD
DIRECTOR OF ATSIM AND DREAMTRACK



Sunshine the Underrated Diabetes Prevention

Could vitamin D be the key to preventing type-2 Diabetes?

In our fast-paced lives, there are many things that can get overlooked. That pile of laundry that was meant to be done yesterday, the lawn that needed mowing last week, and not to mention that garage that was suppose to be cleaned out months ago! So it is understandable that, in our chaotic lives, we can begin to neglect things such as exercise, healthy diet and the all-too-important sunshine. Now you might ask to yourself, sunshine? Why on earth would she be talking about sunshine? Surely this couldn't be as important as eating properly or the amount of exercise that we do? While it might not be as highly regarded, utilising sunshine might be the key in the prevention of type-2 diabetes.

So what is type-2 diabetes and who is at risk?

Type-2 diabetes is a common condition, accounting for 90-95 per cent of all diabetes cases. It is where the body cannot

process the carbohydrates that we eat. Insulin is a type of hormone that acts as a “key” and allows carbohydrates to enter our body's cells. By doing this, it regulates our blood sugar levels, and gives us energy to do daily activities. However, in type-2 diabetes, the body becomes over-worked and reduces insulin's effect. This can cause high blood sugar levels, which can lead to many other serious health concerns. In this situation, the body still continues to produce insulin, as it still has high blood sugar levels. This rise in blood insulin levels can lead to even further cell damage. Many people are at risk of developing type-2 diabetes in our society, with obesity, age and physical inactivity being some of the main contributors. Untreated diabetes can result in blindness, kidney failure and heart disease.

While that might sound quite overwhelming, there are many steps you can take to prevent diabetes. While some factors are

unchangeable, such as genetics and age, other causes, such as being physically active and keeping your weight moderately low, can reduce your risk dramatically. However, I am not here to talk to you about what you already know. There are many proven studies to show that these factors reduce your risk of getting type-2 diabetes, and now there is new evidence to suggest a link between vitamin D and prevention. Studies are now suggesting that an increase in our daily levels of vitamin D can significantly reduce our chances of developing type-2 diabetes. A combination of four studies conducted by, J Mitri (et al, 2011), over five years, found a 43 per cent difference in type-2 diabetes between groups who had less vitamin D.

What is vitamin D?

We have all heard of vitamin D, but do we actually know what it does in our bodies? The sunshine vitamin is one of the many vital nutrients that our bodies need to survive. It has long been reported about the benefits that vitamin D has on bone health; along with helping your immune system, so you can fight off those nasty winter bugs, combatting depression and aiding in weight-loss. Serious conditions such as rickets, and osteoporosis can also occur when we do not have enough vitamin D in our daily lifestyle.

So how does this wonder-vitamin help our bodies fight off type-2 diabetes? Another study conducted by Kirrii (et al, 2009) found that increased vitamin D, resulted in a 40 per cent lower occurrence of type-2 diabetes, within a Japanese cohort. Vitamin D behaves like an activator in the body. The pancreas is responsible for sending insulin out into the body when our blood sugars are high. In type-2 diabetes, the pancreas can sometimes have trouble producing insulin. When vitamin D is present, it attracts itself to the cells on the pancreas, which then in turn can activate an insulin response.

This activation effect also occurs in cells within the liver, muscles and fat, where sugar is kept. In type-2 diabetes, the body does not respond to insulin and there are high levels of this hormone circulating within our system. This means that there are high levels of both insulin and sugar in our blood, and no means of getting it into our cells for energy! Vitamin D can help the cells recognise insulin in our blood, which aids in insulin unlocking our cells, allowing the sugars to enter.

How to Increase vitamin D?

Increasing our vitamin D intake is very simple even though it is not widely found in many foods. Many food sources are now fortified, as naturally occurring levels are quite low. Some options include fortified soymilk and cows milk, yoghurt and eggs. There are limited vegetarian options available although

some cereals are fortified, and mushrooms have a moderate amount of naturally occurring vitamin D. The good news is that the vitamin D we can get from the sun is enough for 80 per cent of our daily recommendation.

An average person needs only 5-10 minutes of sunlight during the hottest part of the day. This means between 10 am and 2 pm, when the UV rays are the strongest. An easy way to remember this is if your shadow is longer than the length of your body, you are no longer getting any Vitamin D from the sun. The best way to absorb the sunlight is to expose your hands, face and arms and this is most effective on a clear day. Heavily pigmented (darker) skin creates less vitamin D than fairer skin, and may need even longer than this.

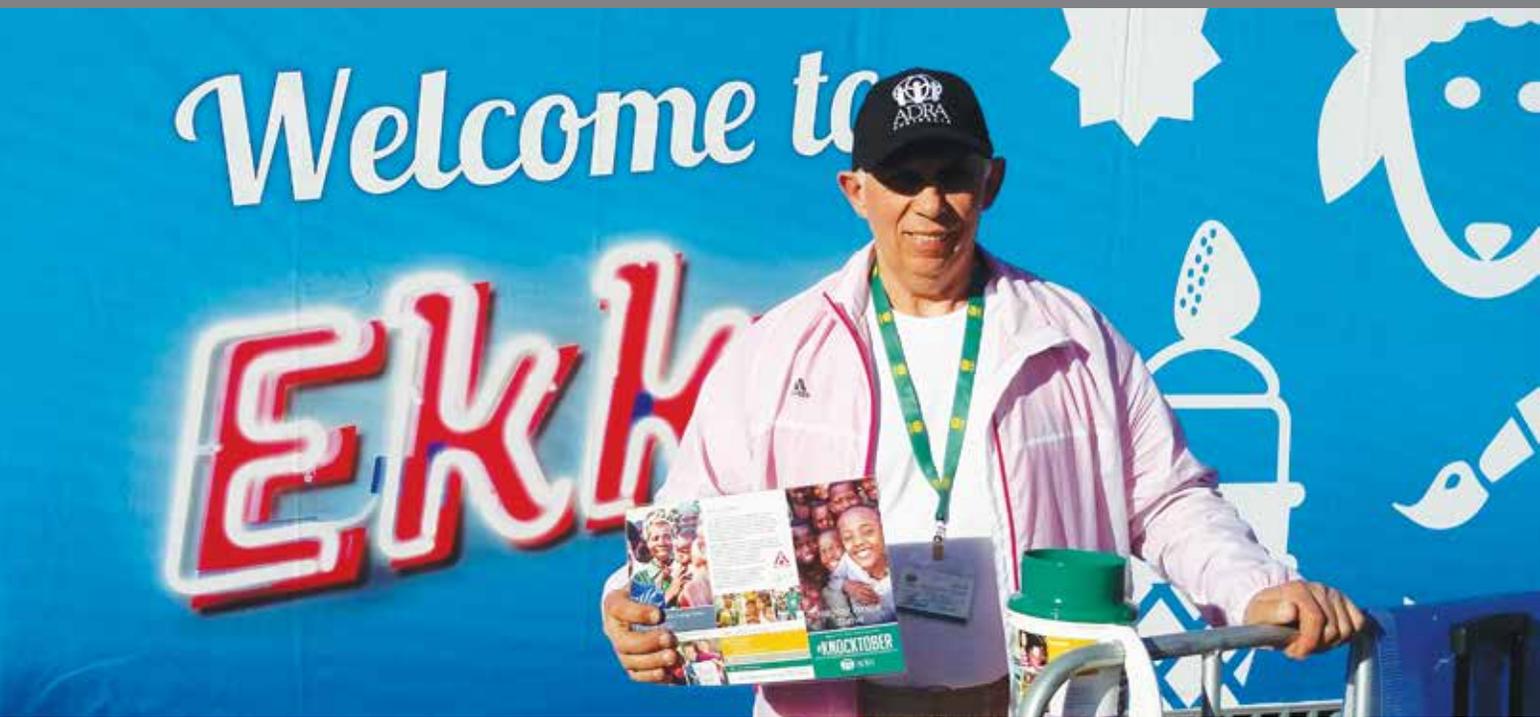
With such a sun-safe culture, the health messages are probably getting quite conflicting. On one hand you are being told that you need the sun to help prevent disease; and on the other hand, you are being told to stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day and to wear sunscreen! In our sun-conscious society, we are now at risk of being vitamin D deficient, and it has been shown that almost one in four Australians are not getting enough vitamin D. It is all about finding a balance in order to have the healthiest life possible. Staying out in the sun for too long can have nasty side effects, such as causing your skin to wrinkle and increasing our chances of developing skin cancer. However, using sunscreen stops our bodies from getting vitamin D from the sun's rays. So it is recommended that if we are going to be in the sun for a long time, we don't use sunscreen until we have had enough time to soak up some vitamin D.

There are many factors that can increase our risk of type-2 diabetes, but there are some simple steps we can take to help prevent it. Our chances are considerably reduced by being physically active and keeping our weight moderate through a healthy diet. Vitamin D is also suggested in order to support the body's natural mechanisms. So the next time you are out on a walk, or trying to decide whether to enjoy your lunch inside or outside, remember that even the smallest amount of sunshine can help in the prevention of disease.

Quick Tips for Getting your vitamin D:

- Spend 5-10 minutes in the sun during 10 am-2 pm.
- Enjoy vitamin D-rich foods, such as fortified cereals and milks.
- Speak to a doctor if you think you may be vitamin D deficient.

KATIE HENSLEY
NUTRITIONIST



THINK OUTSIDE THE BAG

You're probably thinking, "Goodness, why are we talking about the annual Knocktober ADRA Appeal. That's months away." A brief look at the calendar tells me that Knocktober is only about three months away. It has been a key fundraising event in our church calendar, not only here in South Queensland Conference but also across Australia. So it is also an opportunity for us as a wider church family to raise funds to help those who are truly in need. Matthew 25:35–40 calls us to be Christ's hands and feet in our communities in a way that shapes us to be His disciples in a very practical display of love and compassion.

Delphine Trace is one of those unique individuals who is a faithful collector for the ADRA Appeal and has been for more than 60 years. She started collecting when she was a young girl at primary school in 1953: "The first person that I asked when I was collecting was a lady on horseback, Mrs Dow, who used to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Church." Delphine had previously collected for the Salvation Army, and now, in her young years, put her energy and passion into the ADRA Appeal. Delphine is passionate about collecting around her neighbourhood to help her larger community of Australia and further abroad. For her, it is an opportunity to meet with her neighbours and to connect with them. Circumstances have never held Delphine back. She recalled a time when she was attending the Nambour church, where her and three other ladies, including Helen Hall, got into the back of a ute to travel to Mooloolaba to collect for the ADRA Appeal. Among her travels for the ADRA Appeal, Delphine has also collected at the annual EKKK, along with another faithful collector Clive Nevell. Last year alone, she collected \$1131! Because of her efforts, Delphine has been headhunted

by other charities to work for them and to collect, but her heart is with ADRA. "You only have a very short timeframe [at the EKKK] to speak to someone, about 10 seconds." So the moral of her words of wisdom are to keep it short and sweet, and the proof is in her bag.

Delphine would love you to be a part of the team this year that collects for the ADRA Appeal. And this is where you can help! The ADRA Leaders' Information packs will be arriving shortly and they will have everything you need to plan a collection for your church. Or if you would like to join Delphine collecting at the EKKK and see this inspiring lady in action, you can sign up to be a part of the EKKK collection team, supported by a volunteer collector pack and the morale of numbers. The dates for EKKK are August 5–14 and the roster for ADRA collectors will be issued shortly before then. Another way that you and your local church can get involved with the ADRA Appeal is to organise a fundraiser event for your local community. This can range from a car boot sale to a car wash, a bake off or a fundraiser concert. If you are looking for ideas and want to give a fundraising event a go, please get in contact with me and we can work on it together.

Delphine Trace is truly an inspiring woman. As I sat across from her, hearing her adventure stories of collecting for the ADRA Appeal, I am reminded of how much I can learn from the experience and wisdom of others. "Just do what you can" were her final words with me as our sharing time came to an end. And so this would be my appeal to you—just do what you can and I know that God will both enable and bless.

IRENA LARKING
ADRA DIRECTOR, SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE

COCONUT AND LIME DAIRY-FREE CHEESECAKE

CHEESECAKE FILLING (WET INGREDIENTS)

2 cups of cashews (preferably soaked over-night)
1 fresh coconut
7 tablespoons of coconut sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of coconut milk (from fresh coconut)
1 cup of coconut cream

CHEESECAKE BASE (DRY INGREDIENTS)

1 cup of pitted dates
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sunflower seeds
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of pumpkin seeds
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of almonds
2 tablespoons of coconut oil



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METHOD:

Combine all of wet ingredients into blender

Carefully open fresh coconut, drain coconut milk into bowl

Scoop out coconut meat, be sure to remove any shell before placing meat into blender

Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the fresh coconut milk in blender

Blend well and set aside

Combine all of the dry ingredients into a food processor

Blend well until all ingredients are finely chopped

Evenly spread base ingredients into the bottom of serving dish, ensuring the base mixture is at least a few centimetres in thickness.

Pour cheesecake filling evenly atop cheesecake base

Place cheesecake in freezer for around 3 hours (preferably overnight)

Serve chilled



ROSEWOOD
ROSEWOOD HYMNFEST

Rosewood pastor Jacob Kelava was happy to welcome the many friends and community members who braved a chilly evening to attend the 3rd Annual Hymnfest hosted by Rosewood church on Sunday, June 5.

Starting with a light buffet meal at 5 pm, attendees were grateful for warm food and fellowship before the musical program began at 6.30.

The various hymns were linked with a narration on the chosen theme of the “Story of Redemption,” and was spoken alternately by Joe Tyler and Laura Rap-suite, who was guest speaker at the recent Women’s Conference in Brisbane.

A group came from the Rosewood Uniting Church with their new pastor. They have come previously as they enjoy singing the old hymns and are finding they also enjoy vegetarian food!

Although Rosewood is a small church, the members find they can use their musical gifts and culinary skills to reach out to their community in this way. The church was well-filled and the enthusiastic singing was accompanied by piano, organ, violin, clarinet and pi-ano-accordion.

The program included special songs of Jesus’ soon return by the Advent Singers (a group of local church members), also a vocal solo and a demonstration of family worship, with children and parents singing with guitar accompaniment.

Those who attended received a gift book “The History of Tomorrow” generously donated by author Julian Archer, who has a “soft spot” for Rosewood, having spent part of his life as a young person in the area.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: MARJORIE ENTERMANN

GLADSTONE
NEW KITCHEN FOR GLADSTONE CHURCH



Members of the Gladstone church are delighted at having secured a grant to upgrade their community hall.

A \$16,236 grant from the QGC Communities Fund enabled the group to complete the refurbishment of the hall’s kitchen. This fund is part of QGC’s commitment to helping enhance regional liveability.

The grant was used to engage Gladstone business, W & V Cabinets who, with the assistance of Church members, removed the 43-year-old kitchen and appliances, replaced floor coverings, relocated the hot water system, installed new kitchen cabinets, and repainted doors and walls.

The new kitchen plan includes servery window into the hall. This provides easier access to the kitchen for the purpose of conducting vegetarian cooking demonstrations and serving food.

“We believe upgrading this kitchen will benefit the local community who will be able to access activities including cooking classes, health presentations, community meetings and children’s projects,” said church pastor Ernie Wojnar.

“This QGC grant has enabled us to upgrade the standard of the community hall to comply with current health and safety requirements.

“We are grateful to QGC as the funding they have provided for this project makes it possible for members of the local community to continue to use and enjoy this facility.”

ARTICLE & PHOTO: ROSEANNE CHAN, QGC COMMUNITIES FUND





YEPPOON
FIJI FUNDRAISER

The ladies of the Yeppoon church recently held a high tea to raise funds for cyclone victims in Fiji. More than 60 people from the community attended and a good time was had by all. Approximately \$2500 was raised for Fiji. Yeppoon suffered its own cyclone last year.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: RUTH BOSOMWORTH



REVELATION SEMINAR



Yeppoon church has been very busy lately! At the annual Yeppoon Show leaflets were distributed promoting the upcoming Mission 101 Revelation Seminar and *Beyond* series to be conducted by the local SDA church pastor, Ray Hobbs.

Brother Hoffman issued open invitations to the programs to those living in the neighbourhood. It was through these invitations that around 30 people from the community attended.

A special visitors' day boasted a meal that impressed all those in attendance, visitors were amazed at what delicious dishes could be made using simple vegetables, nuts and legumes!

ARTICLE & PHOTO: TY MAHONEN



SUNSHINE COAST
ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP
KEITH'S BAPTISM



Keith Palmer was baptised in Buderim on May 15 by Pastor David Lamb who did Bible studies with him. For many years, Keith has been interested in religious matters. Years ago he was employed by Adventists Ian and Judy Hall, who have kept contact with him for 16 years. Keith's wife also accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour just before passing away less than a year ago. Their wish was to be baptised together but Keith's wife was not well enough to be baptised before she died. It was a joyous occasion for the members of the Sunshine Coast Adventist Fellowship to see Keith baptised. He is a valued member in our church company. We wish him God's continued guidance and blessing in His life.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: KRISTIINA SOMERVILLE

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Does your church need a
timber handmade pulpit or a
metal frame lecturn?

A donation to the Gold Coast Central
SDA Church for either or both of
these would be appreciated.

Phone Ted on 5573 4468
or 0414 734 468.



BRISBANE ADVENTIST COLLEGE

WEEK OF WORSHIP

Every year, BAC dedicates one special week to organising a spiritual Week of Worship. This year, ours was May 16-20. Throughout our many years at BAC, we have come to enjoy and highly anticipate them. This is our final senior year at BAC and final Week of Worship, however it was one of the best. Our theme this year was “Stand Up and be Counted”, where our speaker David Leo, a 3rd year Theology Student at Avondale and Pastor Rich Meale (Primary school), continually challenged us. Throughout the week he shared the story of Daniel and his friends, where time and time again God used them to stand up for their principles and how they were a witness to their captors. He challenged us to “Stand Up” for what we believe in and to let God use us to witness for him.

As seniors, we were heavily involved

behind the scenes. As student leaders, we wanted to create a sense of community within the week so that, through the remainder of the year, students would be able to connect with each other better spiritually and create better friendship bonds. This was done through several activities including a school-wide game of capture the flag and a mashup of pony express and long ball. A majority of the student body became involved and were able to connect with each other through these games. We also had live music where people could grab a microphone and sing during lunchtime. However, we also gave students the opportunity to connect with God through a prayer room, where every day students could come in and just sit in the quiet and connect with God.

Throughout the week Pastor David and Rick (Primary) made several calls for recommitting our lives to God, however on the last day of WOW, he made a special call. He asked for those students

who felt the call to go into full-time ministry when they left school. When he paused, you could feel the Spirit moving throughout the hearts of my peers as I watched almost 20 students publicly announced that they were going to give their lives to full-time ministry.

This, however, was not the only time he challenged us. Throughout the week, he asked for students to give whatever was holding them to God, and recommit their lives to Him, to “Stand Up and be Counted”. We praise God when we consider the following numbers—in Primary: 60 students requested baptism and 76 would like to take Bible studies. While in Secondary, 26 students requested baptism and 97 will be participating in Bible studies. The chaplain team Pastor Jean-Pierre Martinez and Pastor Neil Marks are thrilled to be following up all these decisions alongside the support of local pastors.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: JEAN-PIERRE MARTINEZ ARTICLE WRITTEN BY HANNAH PEREZ (YEAR 12 STUDENT) & RAYSHA MASENGI (SCHOOL CAPTAIN)





DARLING DOWNS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NO APOLOGIES

The Year 9 class at Darling Downs Christian School recently enjoyed participating in the Focus on the Family's "No Apologies" program conducted over three days. The focus of the program is helping young people form their identity and understand that they're a unique person of value not only to others but also in God's sight.

"No Apologies" teaches this through the context and framework of education around appropriate media use, the hazards of pop culture and the pitfalls of pornography and the dangers of having sex outside of marriage. We specifically looked at

how to make good choices and how to set positive boundaries in every aspect of their lives, and challenged the students to practice dreaming and setting goals for their future. We also showed them what healthy relationships look like and how the only time it's ever satisfactory to have sex is within the parameters of a committed loving relationship called "Marriage"!

We had many volunteers over the three days who helped plan and facilitate the program and we also had special guest speakers from the community who shared their personal stories of failures and successes of living a life of purity for God. The students participated in many various hands-on activities that helped highlight the important values of all

these topics.

On the final day, the students had the opportunity to make a decision to commit to living a life of purity in every aspect of their life and also commit their life to God. Then the students, facilitators and staff went out to a restaurant for a special dinner in celebration of their commitments and completing the "No Apologies" program.

Darling Downs Christian School would very much like to thank all those involved in the program especially Benton Munro, Kirsten Groves, Kate Wolverson and Peter Nys who gave up their "day jobs" in the real world to make this year's "No Apologies" possible and such a success.

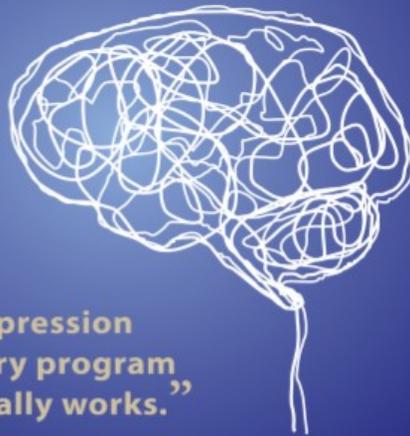
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To register or find out more about this event, please visit
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Training Options Available

Depression Recovery Program Facilitator Training (includes materials) \$250

Associate Directors Training (includes materials) \$550

Upgrade to Associate Director Training (from Facilitator level) \$350

Licence Recertification (updated materials may be purchased separately) \$70

Registration Closes 25th September 2016

For comprehensive lists of materials included with each Training Kit and information about the levels of training offered, please refer to the registration site.

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CWO - Gladstone New Roof and Guttering

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Please help us replace our roof.

Gladstone church is 44 years old. Our church roof and guttering are extensively corroded and in need of replacement. We love the rain but would prefer that it stay outside our building. When it rains our youth room leaks, leaving puddles of water on chairs, watermarks on the ceiling and notice board and soggy carpet. We need to fix this urgently to minimise the damage but we can't do it without your help.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Assistant Manager – Watson Park Convention Centre
 Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited

The above full-time position will become available, commencing August, 2016, as part of the management team of our Watson Park Convention Centre. This senior position will be directly responsible to the Convention Centre Manager and assist with all areas of management, maintenance and development as directed.

The successful applicant should be a practicing member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and have extensive maintenance/ground-keeping experience. Current relevant qualifications /licenses in the use and operation of machinery and heavy vehicles would be a distinct advantage.

As Watson Park is a key ministry venue of the church in South Queensland, it is essential that the applicant be able to demonstrate good communication and relational skills in dealing with other staff and members of the church and general community, and be able to demonstrate a clear commitment to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The administration of Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd reserves the right to make an appointment to this position. Only current residents of Australia and New Zealand need apply for this position.

A more detailed written Job Description is available on request.

Written applications for this position, including detailed resume and references, should be forwarded confidentially to:
 Chief Financial Officer
 Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited
 PO Box 577
 SPRING HILL QLD 4004

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Monday, August 1, 2016

Nundah Village Family Practice

Nundah Village Family Practice is seeking a GP to join the practice. An Adventist with an interest in nutrition, preventive health, lifestyle and complementary medicine is preferred. NVFP is currently a three-doctor practice with mixed billing. The practice has two practice nurses and part-time practice manager and offers a broad-based GP service in a caring, friendly and personal style. The right candidate will have the opportunity of long-term tenure.

If you have a passion to work in a facility with real purpose, please contact Dr Geoffrey Catton on 0412478334.



Date: August 27, 2016
Time: 3 pm
Venue: Mt Gravatt Church Hall
Presenter: Peter Pratt (followed by dinner and our AGM)
Contact Tim Stanko (0420319500)
Register: Dr Winsome Abbott <aha-qldsecretary@gmail.com>

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