

# FOCUS

SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

## LEARNING MORE, LIVING MORE, LOVING MORE —IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

I have taught my children many things. Their mum is not such a great diver, so that was left to me. Progressively, from a crouched roll into the pool to a confident and graceful spring from diving boards and jetties, they learned how to safely dive into water.

Other teaching moments involve kicking and catching a ball, studying God's Word, surfing the ocean waves, tithing our resources, driving a vehicle, opening the heart to God in prayer, mowing the yard, and trusting God in all situations.

My children have learned many things from my instruction, essential and valuable skills that will carry them through life. Yet beyond the teaching of specific knowledge and development of abilities lays the heartbeat of a father who longs for his children to learn about him and his love for them.

Jesus issues the following invitation: "Come to Me . . . Learn from Me" (Matthew 11:28, 29). I wonder what it is I am to learn. No doubt, He wants to teach us many things, but perhaps His greatest desire is that we learn of Him and to know Him. It could well be that learning more of Jesus is essentially a relationship, living with Him each day and listening to His voice in a loving relationship of surrender and trust.

Learning more is all about a daily experience with Jesus.

I am always curious with the cyclic nature of fashion and societal peer pressure to conform to the latest shape and design of spectacles, clothing and food, or holiday destina-

tions deemed essential to how we live our lives. The words of John 10:10 ring loudly at such times: "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." What is the essential ingredient to living a more abundant life? Have you found that association with certain people give you energy and recharge your batteries? Some people reinvigorate the day and you want to be with them more and more because of the impact they have on how you live.

The apostle Paul knew this when he said of the God who raised Jesus from the dead: "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). He becomes our centre, our marshalling point, and the place in which we live our lives.

Living more is all about continuing a daily experience with Jesus.

I pray that as my children have been embraced in my love when I play with them, wipe their tears, listen and eat together, they too have learned to share their love with others.

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in . . . inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:35-40).

"Loving more" is all about sharing with others your continuing daily experience with Jesus.

PASTOR COLIN RENFREW



## CONFERENCE OFFICE RELOCATION JOURNEY

Time is moving quickly as we prepare to move into the new conference office, adjacent to the main CBD area of the city. God has certainly blessed this process, and His guidance and direction can be seen throughout the lengthy and complex relocation “journey”.

Since the purchase of the new office—located at 400 Boundary Street in Spring Hill—in October, 2014, extensive time in planning and preparation has been committed to the project to ensure the ministry objectives, as conveyed to our members both before and during our constituency meeting, were possible in the completed facility.

The planning of the “fit out” included allowing for future ministry expansion, as well as to ensure the current ministries can operate as efficiently and as effectively as possible. All core ministries of the church, including Aged Care and Education ministries, will be based together under the one roof, something that has not been possible in the past, to ensure the strategic and cohesive growth of the church in South Queensland.

The new conference office will afford the South Queensland Conference many and varied ministry opportunities, and increased floor space allows for the facility to be much more multi-purpose than that of the existing building. The new office will also undergo a name and function change: it will be known as our Administration and Resourcing Centre.

This Centre will be less of a conference “office” and more of an active Resourcing Centre, with resource rooms, function rooms, recording studio for resource creation, seminar rooms, meeting rooms, and package/storage and distribution facilities.

Traditionally, the design of a conference office has been for

the resourcing elements to “fit around” the physical offices. Our new Administration and Resourcing Centre will allow for much more flexibility for the creation, storage, distribution and use of ministry resources, as well as ministry training as the church under God’s guidance, continues to grow and strengthen for the future.

There is a basic philosophical shift: the predominate purpose of our new Resource Centre is to facilitate the growth of the church here in South Queensland. Departmental directors will work from a different paradigm; the departments will now be able to interact with constituents much more freely, and be able to focus more on developing empowerment strategies using the new Centre’s facilities.

The General Conference has deemed that the worldwide church needs to consider more closely how it needs to be more effective in its “Ministry To The Cities.” The church concedes that its ministry in urban areas is inadequate in many of our major cities. We are praying that our new Resource Centre will be an opportunity to connect not only with those in our surrounding neighbourhood, but with our entire conference as a whole.

It is expected that the physical relocation of all staff will happen during early August and more information will be shared with our churches, schools and aged-care facilities as the planning for the relocation is finalised.

Thank you for your continuing support and prayers as we undertake this huge logistical challenge to relocate to our new ministry site.

SCOTT HOPKINS  
& SQ COMMUNICATIONS TEAM





## Women's Conference 2015

The Women's Conference is a place where women can take some time out to connect with each other and connect with God. The Communications team took a moment with Helen Threlfo, Director of Women's Ministries in South Queensland, to find out what makes a Women's Conference so special.

**SQC Communications:** Tell us a little about this year's Women's Conference.

**Helen:** The annual Women's Conference is an opportunity for women to take their next step in life with Jesus. For some, this will be a decision for Jesus to become their Forever Friend and Saviour. This year, 320 ladies met at Watson Park. Ginny Allen from the United States was our keynote speaker. Ginny is a well-known speaker within the Church, speaking at big camps, women's conferences and prayer conferences.

**SQC:** What was the theme of this year's conference, and how did it come about?

**Helen:** "God's Love Song"—The theme came from Ginny who had written a book by the same title in 2013. In Zephaniah 3:17, it says that God sings a song of love over each of us.

**SQC:** Why is it so important to hold these annual conferences just for women?

**Helen:** Women are often busy in some capacity serving others. Our local churches are filled with women, who, each week, serve in many roles. This is an opportunity when they can step back for a short period, and be filled with the love and presence of God. It's an opportunity for them to bring friends, families and neighbours to a time of fellowship designed just for women. It's also a lovely opportunity for people to encounter the Adventist Church, in a warm, loving atmosphere of acceptance.

**SQC:** What was the biggest blessing for you over the weekend?



**Helen:** Seeing people saved. There is nothing like it. The other absolute joy I encounter is hearing the stories of women's lives. Women are brave, loving, strong, funny, faithful and generous. The conference was definitely a success, but all praise goes to the only One whose name we proclaim. It's the name of Jesus.



## DREAMTRACK SCALE THE WALLS

What a fantastic day the DreamTrack kids had at Urban Climb on Sunday, June 21. A fear of heights is a challenge to many of us, but it was so rewarding to see our young people pushing through their comfort zones, facing their fears and scaling the heights of the indoor rock-climbing walls. One other thing that really impresses me is the amount of enthusiastic support our kids give to those who are obviously struggling with the encounter—“You can do it!” “One more step!” or “Put your foot here or there.”

I love seeing the smiling faces of those who climb higher than they ever thought they would. Volunteering to make a difference in someone’s life—especially those who are marginalised—even if only for a day is so satisfying. We finished our day with some simple team games and awards in a park by the river at West End, which capped off another very successful day for DreamTrack.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about DreamTrack can visit <Dreamtrack.org> and for those keen on volunteering, a few hours on a Sunday once per month can make such a difference in a young Aboriginal child’s life. You volunteer via the “Volunteer” tab on our website.

PASTOR DAVID GARRARD





## ADVENTIST AVIATION BRINGS THE RAIN

When AAA's new road team commenced their missionary work in Longreach in last month, they prayed for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this iconic outback town and their ministry. When they finished 10 days later, they prayed for rain again—this time, asking for water—and received 40mm! It wasn't enough to break the crippling drought, but it was enough to reassure the team that God answers prayer.

During their two-week missionary work in Longreach, AAA team members Liliana Miketa, Raewyn Diggerman and Chi Senior delivered almost 2000 pieces of literature, DVD's, message books and tracts to the 1400 homes in the town. Local retired businessman Alan Blunt, himself a non-believer when contacted by us almost a

year ago, finally accepted the "Beyond" series of DVDs. Alan has been a wonderful support to AAA over the past year, and God is blessing him with His Holy Spirit! We have made some important and influential contacts in Longreach, and we ask for your prayers as they commence their journey with us to His kingdom.

Whether by road or by air, AAA now has the capability to expand as the need arises. Flexibility is the key in reaching people for Christ in remote areas. In the coming months, AAA will also establish regional teams to take the gospel even further afield. We are currently in the process of establishing a team from the Gold Coast to reach more folk in the southern part of our territory, and our next target area is Maroochy-

dore on the Sunshine Coast.

As the Lord continues to supply resources, we keep on doing this important work under His direction, protection and encouragement. Please visit our website at <<http://www.aviationsq.adventist.org.au>> for more information on how you can get involved. Maranatha!

**PASTOR DAVID EDGAR**  
**PRESIDENT, ADVENTIST**  
**AVIATION ASSOCIATION SQC**



## EIGHT MILE PLAINS

### EYES FOR INDIA



As many as 5 million Indian people are afflicted with sight-impairing conditions. In many cases sight could be restored with simple surgery, which most cannot afford or do not have access to.

The Adventist Ruby Memorial Hospital in northern India has a program where professionals conduct screening clinics in rural communities. Candidates are then transported to the hospital for surgery and kept up to three days for post-operative care, and then taken home. Each patient is not only given the blessing of being independent again but also a gift of health and spiritual materials. However, this costs \$75 per person, an amount that cannot be afforded by most Indian people.

For reason, Eight Mile Plains held an “Eyes for India” Curry Night to fund-raise. It was an evening enjoyed by all, with food, friends, handball and volleyball competitions, and a Young Talent concert. More than \$2500 was raised, enough to fund operations and restore sight to 37 people. Thank you to all who participated and assisted in this project.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: ANDRE VAN RENSBURG



## HELENSVALE

### BLESSINGS ABOUND IN OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Helensvale SDA church recently ran a series of presentations entitled “The Prophetic Code,” held at the Helensvale Community Centre between May 29 and June 7. During the 10 nights they had more than 80 visitors attend the meetings from the community, including an Anglican minister, a Pentecostal pastor and three Jehovah Witnesses.



Pastor Ernst William and Bible worker, Harley Southwell, took turns sharing the Word of God with those who attended. One of the resounding comments that kept coming back was how much people appreciated having the Bible explained in simple terms. Surprisingly, after the very first night when Pastor William presented on Daniel 2, a family of six attended the Helensvale Sabbath morning service the next day. They were so impressed by the tasty food on offer during the potluck lun-

cheon that they have since become vegetarians.

On the final night, when a call was made for baptism, 12 people responded to the invitation. Harley Southwell is currently following up the meetings with a once-a-week study group continuing to explore the great prophecies of the Scriptures and the great hope we have in Jesus.

ARTICLES & PHOTOS: ERNST WILLIAM

## PINE RIVERS

### SUPPORTING SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

A Hymnfest community fundraising program was recently held at Pine Rivers Church. Guests and visitors were treated to an afternoon of music and song, including a guest choir from the Anglican Church and other supporting acts. The event highlighted the role of school chaplaincy in the local area with chaplains from Dakabin high and primary schools as well Northpine Christian College sharing their experiences. A mouthwatering afternoon tea in the church hall topped off the afternoon. More than \$700 was raised for local chaplaincy work.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: CHARLES RUSSELL



## GOLD COAST CENTRAL

### GIFT BAGS FOR VANUATU

After the Vanuatu disaster, the Primary and Junior Sabbath school divisions decided to have a donation collection to make up gift bags to be given to the children in Vanuatu. Our senior Sabbath school classes collected money every week for about eight weeks, raising more than \$700. This was used to purchase stationery, books, shoes, thongs, toiletries, clothes, hats, watches, toys,



and games; although many church members donated some of the above items as well. A few ladies made fabric bags out of donated material, which also made a beautiful gift.

On May 16, we set up a market place in the Primary room with all items on tables and helpers to assist. Our children from Primary, Juniors and Teens had the opportunity to come and choose a special bag for a child of the same age and gender as themselves, then to go around the tables where they were helped to select items to put into their bag that were age-appropriate.

We had a lot of fun preparing for this day, which was a huge success: More than 100 bags were filled and our children experienced the blessing of giving to others. These gift bags are now being delivered to families in Vanuatu by Brian and Jan Dodds, who regularly travel to Vanuatu in their yacht as part of Pacific Yacht Ministries.

We thank God for this experience with our children, for the ability to help others in need, and for the safe arrival of Brian, Jan, and Nick in Vanuatu.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: GLENIS EBERT

## HARVEST COMMUNITY COMPANY

### NEW CHURCH PLANT

The Harvest Seventh-day Adventist Community Company was officially opened on Sabbath May 30, 2015, at

Browns Plains. For three days prior to the special Sabbath ceremony, Dr Paul Siope from the North New Zealand Conference conducted new church plant seminars at Glenala Samoan church.



This new church plant is currently worshipping at Serviceton South State School hall in Inala. Our new church is currently organised and conducted by the youth, and is welcoming and aiming to connect with all ethnic groups in the surrounding area of Inala. We are blessed to have this new church, and we are praying for our work in discipleship and reaching out to the community.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: TANU SANFT

## REEDY CREEK

### GOLD COAST ADVENTISTS CONNECT

For the past few years Reedy Creek Adventist Church on the Gold Coast has been making a contribution to the people of Vanuatu.

Reedy Creek has had financial and material donations from its members, as well as contributions from Gold Coast Christian College and others in the local community.

As a result, the Adventist church has been able to ship out four containers packed with items such as clothing, building materials and educational items for children. There have also been groups of Australians who've travelled to Vanuatu to carry out repair work to the school and church, as well as helping with projects that aid the locals produce an income.

Andrew Butcher, an elder at Reedy Creek, is the coordinator of this initiative. When he's asked why he devotes so much of his time to this project, Andrew simply responds—"I just love doing it!" Andrew adds, "I enjoy interacting with the people of Vanuatu. I lived there for a few years when I was a teenager, and they just need our help at the moment because the cyclone from earlier this year caused so much devastation."

If you would like to know how you could help the people of Vanuatu through this project, you can contact Andrew at <drewrose@iinet.net.au> (Andrew and some of the team will also have an information booth at Big Camp in September).

ARTICLE & PHOTO: DAVID RILEY



**NAMBOUR/PINE RIVERS**  
**PATHFINDER CLUBS SUPPORT**  
**SONSHINE SANCTUARY**



Bright and early on Sunday May 24, the Nambour and Pine Rivers Pathfinder clubs joined together for a walk to highlight the problems of Domestic Violence in our country. This was done the day following the Pathfinder Rally, so it was affirming to find 24 participants arrive and join together to walk almost 12 kilometres to Mooloolooba and back. Sponsorships were welcomed and this money was then donated to Sunshine Sanctuary, our Seventh-day Adventist Women's Refuge in Queensland. Thank you again Pathfinders for going the extra mile. To note young people stepping out in the community about such a serious issue is to be applauded.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: MARGUERITE RYLE, MANNIE MEHU, ANITA MITCHELL-KERR

**LOGAN RESERVE**  
**BETTER CHRISTIAN SERVICES**  
**FOR THE DEAF**



It is estimated there are 30,000 Deaf Auslan (Australian Sign Language) users in Australia with total hearing loss, but of these, it is estimated that only 2 per cent are Christian. Logan Reserve SDA church is working to change this by providing Christian services for the deaf.

Our objectives for 2015 are to provide Auslan interpreted worship services

twice a month; upload at least one worship service a month to our YouTube channel: "SDA Deaf Church Down Under"; and organise the first Deaf Camp in Australia.

The Deaf Camp will be held at Natural Bridge, located in the Springbrook National Park in south/east Queensland. It commences on October 23, which is the last day of Australia's "National Week of Deaf People," and finishes October 26. Our special guest speaker is Dr Larry Evans, coordinator for Adventist Deaf Ministries International, General conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The primary language of the camp will be Auslan/NZSL for Deaf people (this is not an English camp with translation into Auslan).

To date, we have had inquiries about the camp from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Kenya. Further information on the camp can be obtained by emailing <sdadeafdu@gmail.com>, or SMS Lindy on 0409 711 346. Our website <www.sdadeafdu.org> also provides information on the next Auslan interpreted service, our most recent video on YouTube, the next video to be uploaded to YouTube, and a number of other links to Deaf resources.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: MARK DAVEY

**LANDSBOROUGH**  
**FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**PROGRAM**

On the evening of Sunday, June 21, we had 70 people from Landsborough and the surrounding areas attend the opening session of the Diabetic Health Clinic held in our church hall. Of these 70, I only counted 20 church members — a great result from our local community.

Our plan at Landsborough is to, essentially, follow the model that has been tried and tested at Pine Rivers church: the Diabetic Health Clinic, then six weeks later a CHIP program. This means we will be in contact with new friends for five whole months! It is great potential for church folk to "buddy up" in small groups with the attendees, to encourage and befriend them. The road

back to good health for most of these folk is long and hard, but it does happen, and quite regularly.

Our approach in using this type of program is that as church members become friends with our new contacts over the two health programs, opportunities will arise for us to share our faith. This is a fantastic program to commence our ministry year and meet new people.

For more information, see <http://www.diabetichealthclinic.org/>.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: DAVID EDGAR

**SOUTH BRISBANE**  
**HONOA PROJECT 2015**

Throughout the year, South Brisbane church has been fundraising to provide upgrades for the Honoa Adventist Clinic on the remote island of Malaita in the Solomon Islands. In April, 2014, a team of nine visited the clinic to clean, paint and add solar lighting, as well as run a children's program. This September, a team from South Brisbane are planning to go back to continue restorations to the clinic. South Brisbane church has held various fundraising events, including a trivia night, which raised more than \$1200. The target for September is to reach \$15,000, and we are on our way to reaching it! At present the amount raised is \$8579.70. Thank you for your support!

ARTICLE & PHOTO: CLAIRE TIHI



## IPSWICH

### YOUTH AND TEENS IGNITE

Held under the stars over three Friday nights in May and June, Ipswich Adventist church hosted the Ignite gathering. Over the three nights, topics such as truth, passion, and acceptance were explored. All the presenters were Ipswich youth and teens who not only shared the main talk but powerful testimonies as well. The youth and teens also led the musical items, worship and video dramas. After the final theme song, the awesome catering and waiting team served hot food and hot drinks while people connected around the fires and under the stars.

The aim of Ignite was to disciple young people to connect, grow, serve and share Jesus. Months of discipleship and planning went into empowering and developing the exciting vision for the youth and teens of Ipswich. What was extremely encouraging to see was that every aspect of Ignite was envisioned and run or supported by our youth and teens. The final program resulted in more than 10 of our young people deciding to follow Jesus through baptism, more than 20 wanting to follow Jesus through Bible studies, and another 20 wanting to serve in their local church and school. Pastors Lachlan and Francis thank the youth and teen team for their dedication to discipleship the youth and teens of Ipswich.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: LACHLAN CAMPBELL



## ESK

### NEW MEMBERS BAPTISED IN NEW FONT



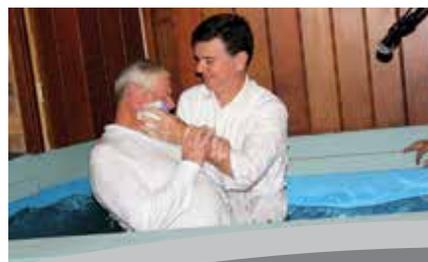
Family and friends gathered in the beautifully decorated Esk Church on June 27 to witness the baptism of Jayde Baker and Jason Ward. It was a particularly special day, as this was the first baptism in the newly installed Esk baptismal font! Pastor Phil Downing officiated in the font as he had done 12 years earlier for Jayde's mother, and Pastor Andy Krause warmly greeted the boys into the membership of the church. To make the day even more special, two people requested Bible studies with the goal of baptism as a result of the boys' baptism on Sabbath. Praise God!

ARTICLE & PHOTO: BERYL DORRINGTON

## REEDY CREEK

### A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

There are few instances when both heaven and earth rejoice in one accord and Sabbath 6 June 2015 witnessed one such moment at Reedy Creek. Tim Dowd, his family, friends and the church at large all congregated with eager anticipation and excitement for



his baptism. When Jim was given the platform to share his testimony before going into the water, he expounded what Christ had done for him to the brink of tears. His account was filled with such conviction and passion yet so heartfelt that only those with hearts of stone remained untouched. With a new family member and a church full of souls renewed in their Lord by being witnesses of the rebirth process, we headed down for a hearty luncheon specifically meant for the occasion, with a special birthday cake awaiting the elated Jim.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: MOSHABI BATHUSI MATHUBA

## LANDSBOROUGH

### FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS



Following Bible studies with Pastor David Edgar and Pastor Laurie Evans, three young people—Rachel Heywood, Matthew Heywood and Ethan Williams—decided to follow the example of Jesus and be baptised. June 20 became a high day for the Landsborough church when we witnessed this baptism conducted in the Ewen Maddock Dam. After the baptism was completed, there was a scurry to leave the water as a cool breeze was blowing across the dam, but one of the members provided a portable hot shower so the young people could warm up after being in the cold water. We praise God for the decision these youth have made!

ARTICLE & PHOTO: GLEN WOOSLEY



## BRISBANE ADVENTIST COLLEGE

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY OPEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A long weekend provides the perfect opportunity for a short getaway or to catch up on all that work around the house, but for six teams and 50 players from all over Brisbane, the long weekend crowned our inaugural BAC Sports Open Men's Basketball Champions. A total of 19 basketball games were played over the three-day long weekend, and those who were involved and came to support were witness to some incredible local talent and sportsmanship on the court.

Congratulations to captain Joe Zemljic and his undefeated team, Happy Hands, for winning this year's tournament. The final was a tense battle, however the Algester Hawks, led by some spirited young guns and incredible three-point shooters, had to settle for the silver medal and runner-up title for 2015, against the experienced team, Happy Hands.

Over the course of the tournament, there were incredible moments of team play, sportsmanship and individual brilliance. Awardees included:

- Top Point-Scorer: Chris Starrett (Space Jam) - 152 points
- Top Three Point Shooter: Cheyene Rideout (Algester Hawks) - 13 three pointers.

- Tournament MVP: Miljan Popovic (Happy Hands)

A special thank you to all players and supporters who took part in the weekend. All funds raised are for the BAC Senior Girls' basketball tour travelling to New Zealand in September.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: LYN BENNETT

## NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

### ASSA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, May 26, Noosa Christian College hosted, for the second time, the annual Adventist Schools Cross Country event for 9 year olds to 18+ age competitors. Noosa Christian College competed against five visiting schools:

Tweed Valley Adventist College, Northpine Christian College, Brisbane Adventist College, Gold Coast Christian College and Darling Downs Christian School. Some 175 athletes completed the race, plus family and friends who came along to support.

The school scores were as follows:

- 1st Noosa Christian College: 507 points
- 2nd Northpine Christian College: 468 points
- 3rd Brisbane Adventist College: 316 points
- 4th Darling Downs Christian College: 275 points
- 5th Gold Coast Christian College: 165 points
- 6th Tweed Valley Adventist College: 112 points

We would like to thank all the student volunteers, teachers and the P&F for the support they gave to the event, and well done to all the schools who participated.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: GEORGINA HOBSON



**NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

**CHILD CARE & ELC RECEIVE TOP MARKS**

On June 5, 2015, Northpine Christian College Childcare and Early Learning Centre received an overall final result of “Exceeding National Quality Standard” from the Department of Education and Training after undertaking a rigorous assessment of the quality of the service against the National Quality Standard (NQS) and related regulatory requirements.

It is such a privilege to lead and be part of this incredible Centre and I congratulate my amazing team, children and

parents on this successful result. We are blessed to be a Centre that not only offers high-quality care and education for children, but we can share our Christian faith with others and be a support to many families within our local and church community. I have a Bible verse that sits on my desk that encourages me



and the work I do every day: Deuteronomy 31:6—“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord goes with you: he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

ARTICLE & PHOTO: KAREN PETRIE

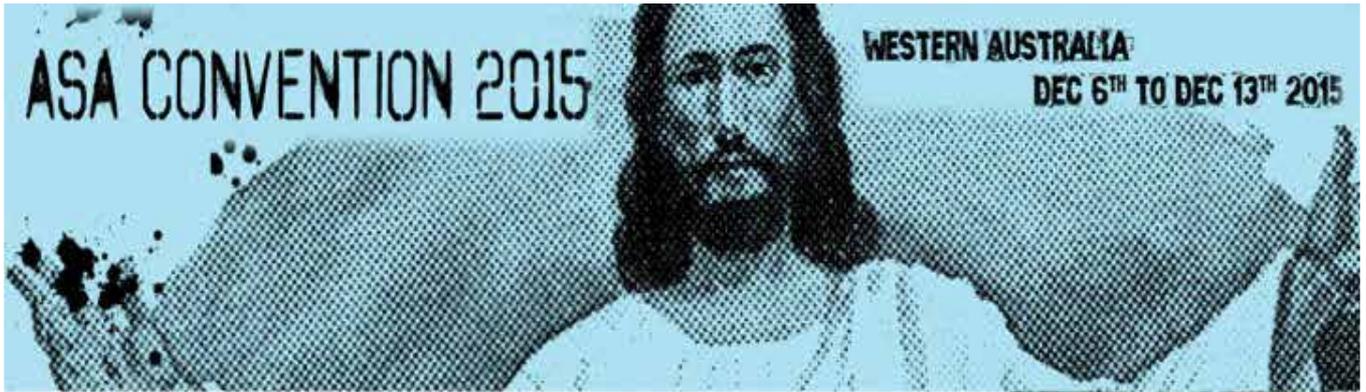
THE GIFT OF Rest

Big Camp

18-26 SEPTEMBER 2015

LEARN MORE. LIVE MORE. LOVE MORE.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
South Queensland



## JESUS: THE REBEL

[Romans 12:2]

### WHAT IS IT?

ASA Convention is a week-long gathering of Seventh-day Adventist tertiary students. It's an opportunity to have fun, spend time with friends and meet new friends from all over Australia, and refuel your spiritual tank over the summer break.

### WHEN IS IT?

Sunday December 6, 2015 - Sunday December 13, 2015.

### WHERE IS IT?

Camp Mornington in the beautiful South West region of WA, about 2 hours south of Perth.

### WHO'S SPEAKING?

Pastor Tony Wuerfel works as the Young Adult Pastor for OC Grace Church in Orange County, California. Over the years, he has written books, recorded music, led praise and worship, and shared the word of God through speaking appointments around the world.



### I WANT TO GO!

Registration starts at just \$250, which includes transport from Perth for interstate attendees, 7 nights of accommodation, all meals, and all activities.

For more information, check out <[myasa.org.au/convention](http://myasa.org.au/convention)>, or search 'Adventist Students Association' on Facebook.



**TO OUR SOUTH QUEENSLAND  
CONFERENCE FAMILY**

**We are seeking historical photographs  
documenting the life and history of the  
South Queensland Conference since its  
inception.**

**If you have any in high-quality digital  
format, please contact:**

**Julie Lang  
julielang@adventist.org.au  
(07) 3218 7777**

# ANNUAL ADVENTIST HEALTH ASSOCIATION'S SEMINAR AND AGM, 2015

Presented by Dr Harley Stanton  
August 29, 2015 commencing at 2.30pm

Presentations include:

1. Reflections on nutrition, tobacco and fitness from the tapestry of my life.
2. Keeping your mind as the body ages.

Venue:

Mt Gravatt Seventh-day  
Adventist Church Hall  
341 Broadwater Rd  
Mansfield



Seminar: Free admission

Dinner: \$10 p/person (concession/student \$10)

To register visit: <<https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/766>>

Registration closes 3.00pm on August 24, 2015

Further Enquiries:

Please contact Tim Stanko 0420 319 500  
or Dr Bruce Hands 0428 486 455



This event is a joint venture of South  
Queensland Conference Health  
Department and the Adventist Health  
Association (AHA)



# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The South Queensland Conference Compliance Department wants to acknowledge and give thanks to the Goondiwindi Seventh-day Adventist church as the only church who has faithfully submitted completed Quarterly Safety Management Reports for the past year and half.



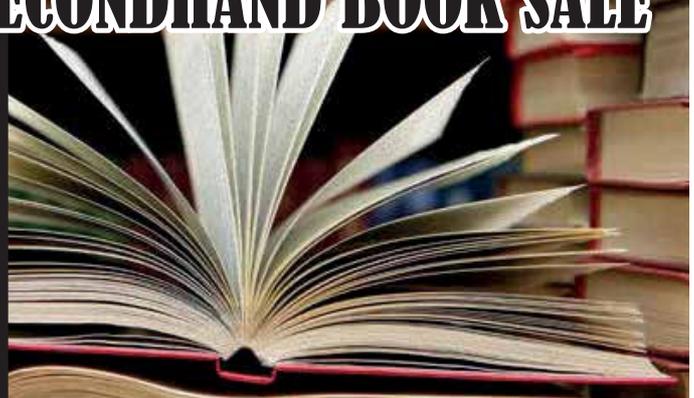
The South Queensland Compliance Department would like to encourage all other churches to submit their Quarterly Safety Management Reports each quarter. The reports are found on the Conference Safety Management Website <<http://sqsdasafety.org.au>> under "Find a document," then "Forms" and the file name is "Safety Management Quarterly Report."

# BIG CAMP-BOOKEST-SECONDHAND BOOK SALE

Don't know what to do with your second hand books? Donate them to the ABC for the Big Camp Bookfest.

**Sunday  
Sept 20**

**Where: ABC Verandah  
Time: 9am - 12noon**



For more information contact the ABC Supervisor  
07 3886 1316 - carolynmarshall@adventist.org.au

**Adventist Book Centre**



**AAC** the Association of Adventist Counsellors proudly presents...



*Arlene Taylor*

International Adventist Writer & Speaker  
Founder & President, *Realizations Inc*  
(a Nonprofit brain-function research organisation)

PhD Clinical Pastoral Counselling (focus: Brain function)  
PhD Health & Human Services (focus: Women's Issues)  
MSc Epidemiology & Health Ed, BSc Nursing

## the BRAIN and Gender differences



Understand the structure of the brain, and the impact of gender differences on the way the brain is wired and how it functions.

Dr Arlene Taylor's topics are: Gender differences....

1. in approach to spirituality and worship
2. in chromosomal and hormonal patterns
3. in the way stressors impact the brain
4. in brain wiring (new Connectome DTI research)

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