

# Tasda

*Transforming Tasmania  
with Jesus for Eternity*

## First Baptism for New Norfolk in 27 Years



A Happy Cherryl Purton getting baptised

Wonderful things have been taking place in New Norfolk over the last two years, with community seminars, book distribution and a camp meeting. It all culminated in their first baptism in the church for 27 years. The 14th of September 2019 was such a blessing to the New Norfolk Church as Cherryl Purton was baptised into Christ! The church looked beautiful with flowers arranged around the front by Julee Rabe. Pastor Eugene Estil and Mrs Jenny Walsh gave wonderful testimonies of Cherryl's walk with the Lord, and family from Launceston sang a beautiful song of praise. Pastor Daniel Matteo preached on the biblical meaning of baptism and after giving baptismal vows, they stepped down into the waters.

The Presence of the Holy Spirit was felt tangibly as Cherryl was reborn into new life in Christ through the water. As she came up, she was met at the top of the stairs by her husband Tony, and the

church accepted her by vote into membership in the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mrs Dana Hunt presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the church. Afterwards all gathered in the hall for a typically bountiful New Norfolk fellowship lunch.

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."* (Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV)

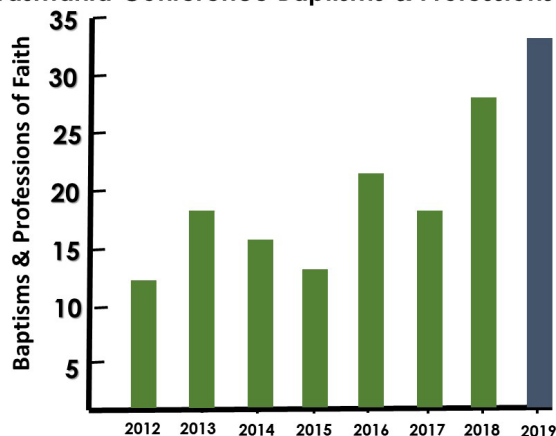
How great God is!

**Pr Daniel Matteo**  
New Norfolk Church Pastor

# The Devil's Myth & End-Time Lie

The graph below, showing the number of baptisms and professions of faith from 2012 to 2019, reveals that God is on the move through his people here in Tasmania. So why the growth trend over the last two to three years? Between 2012 to 2019 members have been very active in reaching the community through personal ministry, small groups, our ADRA shops, Schools, Spring Beach Youth Camp, Pathfinders, Tween Camps, STORMCOs; Health programs, Women's ministry and Literature Evangelism. The main difference since 2017 is that more of our pastors and churches have been increasingly engaged in sharing Jesus in the context of our God-given prophetic messages through Prophecy Seminars, Home Bible studies, Small Groups, and Public Evangelistic meetings.

Tasmania Conference Baptisms & Professions of Faith



We are starting to see what happens when, like a rowboat, we use both oars – the sowing oar and the reaping oar – in other words, meeting felt needs and proclaiming Jesus both publicly and from house to house. When churches use only one of the two oars they go around in circles. Using both in a planned and strategic way, as Jesus did, brings growth.

Repeatedly since I began ministry I have heard comments like: "Prophecy seminars and public evangelism doesn't work anymore." Then if a church runs such things, the cry goes up: "we need to nurture our members," which is code for, "stop doing these things."

All of this is just the voice of the devil seeking to halt our work of saving souls eternally. We must nurture members, but we must not stop the proclamation of the word to do it. This was the great temptation the devil tried on the early church, but the Holy Spirit's solution was to appoint deacons and elders to care for the church so the apostles could devote their time to prayer and sharing God's word, and as a result the work went forward (Acts 6:1-7; Titus 1:5).

Ellen White, following the New Testament model, told ministers that their primary work was to preach and teach the word to nonbelievers and to educate members for service: *"Do not hover over the churches to repeat over and over again the same truths to the people, while the cities are left in ignorance and sin, unwarned and unlaboured for...Wake up the church members that they may unite in doing a definite and self-denying work"* (10 Manuscript Releases p216).

*"We must not feel that we are compelled to hover over churches who have received the truth. We are not to spend our time doing detail work, but are to educate others, teaching them how to labour in right lines. We must not encourage the people to depend on ministerial help and labour to preserve spiritual life"* (Notebook Leaflets Vol 1, p127)

The church does not have a choice in the matter of house to house and public proclamation evangelism: God commanded Jonah to preach publically in Nineveh; Jesus modelled both house to house and public evangelistic preaching and then commanded His disciples and the church to do it till the end of time; Peter, Paul, Stephen, Philip with many lay members did it; Paul commanded the young pastor, Timothy, to preach evangelistically; God's end-time remnant are specifically told to preach the gospel in a prophetic context; and finally all members are called by Jesus to invite people to come to Him (Jonah 1:2; 3:1-4; Matthew 4:17,23; 9:35; 10:7,17; 24:14; Mark 16:15,20; Acts 2; 7; 8:4,5; 15:36; 17:13; 19:8-10; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Revelation 10:11; 14:6,7; 22:17). Obedience to Christ is the church's only safe option and the world's greatest need.

## Conference Administration Team

Tasmanian Seventh-day Adventist Conference

# Deloraine Church On The Move

## Tasmania's first ARISE Graduate

Congratulations to Taylah Mott, who is the first Tasmanian ARISE graduate. After 14 weeks of training at the ARISE Australia Program at Kingscliff Church, NSW, Taylah Mott graduated with another 39 students, who have chosen to partner with Jesus. This is the seventh group to be trained by the ARISE ministry in Australia. It

is also the youngest group with the highest number of teenagers to have graduated. Taylah gave special thanks to her church at Deloraine for their mentorship. Taylah is now doing "ARISE FOR LIFE" bible work in Newcastle with a team of fellow graduates. So please keep her and these other young people in your prayers. Deloraine Church is so proud of Taylah's commitment to God. She and some of her ARISE friends will be with us at camp next year





Taylah (first woman on the left at back) with the other ARISE graduates

to share what God has been doing through them. Don't miss their story. Be at camp next year!

## FAST Discipleship at Deloraine

Deloraine Church has recognised the first two members to complete the FAST Discipleship training program. Sue Mott and Noela Leonard were presented with their certificates and the Deloraine Church has now started its first Care-group with Sue and Noela leading out. The FAST Discipleship program has been so enthusiastically received that at least one third of our church is participating with more to come on board next year.



Sue Mott & Noela Leonard with their FAST Survival Kit certificates

*Called to be...*  
**A TEACHER?**

**INFO SESSION**



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- Tour program including Ark & Creation Museums
- Downtown hotel accommodation
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# Ordination & Commissioning Of Female Pastors



In light of questions that have come to us in relation to the ordination and commissioning of female gospel ministers, we felt it would be helpful to share the church's official position on such matters, as they currently stand. Please note that it is not the intent of this article to set forth the Biblical reasons for these positions, but merely the official church position.

Firstly, the church at this time does not allow the ordination of women. The 2015 General Conference Session also voted not to allow the church's world divisions to make decisions on women's ordination. Our South Pacific Division, including our Australian Union Conference, have accepted and respected this decision and are not ordaining women to the gospel ministry. The reason for this is based on the following counsel from God to the church through His servant Ellen White:

*"I have been shown that no man's judgment should be surrendered to the judgment of any one man. But when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon the earth, is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but surrendered"*

(Ellen G White Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 3 p492)

*"...God has ordained that the representatives of His church from all parts of the earth, when assembled in a General Conference, shall have authority"*

(Ellen G White Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 3 p492)

Secondly, the church does allow the commissioning of female gospel ministers. Following the 2015 General Conference session, General Conference President, Elder Ted Wilson, stated that the action taken at that session to not allow world divisions to make decisions to ordain women, did not disallow women from serving as commissioned church pastors; women from serving as ordained

elders in the local church, and the ordination of deaconesses (all of which were decisions made previously by the world church).

There are of course differences between the functions ordained pastors and commissioned pastors can perform. For example, commissioned ministers cannot ordain gospel ministers or organise churches.

However, it should also be noted that official church working policy does allow the title "Pastor" to be applied to a commissioned minister, irrespective of gender, for the simple reason that they are shepherds (pastors) of the flock. In some divisions, all gospel ministers are called "Pastor" even if they are not ordained or commissioned. In our South Pacific Division, which is the General Conference in our part of the world, and as such has to abide by General Conference Working Policy and the Church Manual, commissioned female ministers are also called "Pastor."

Therefore, if you hear commissioned female ministers being called "Pastor" in our Division, Union or our conference, rest assure this is not rebellion against church decisions, but merely following through on what is allowed by the world church.

Finally, there are loyal church members who, from a Biblical viewpoint, believe women should not be ordained, just as there are equally loyal godly church members who, also from a Biblical viewpoint, believe women should be ordained. For now, the world church has decided not to ordain female gospel ministers. In the future, the world church in session may change its mind, but for now, we must all accept the decision not to ordain female gospel ministers, as God's voice.

**Conference Administration Team**

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# Refreshing From Heaven At Southern Youth Refinery



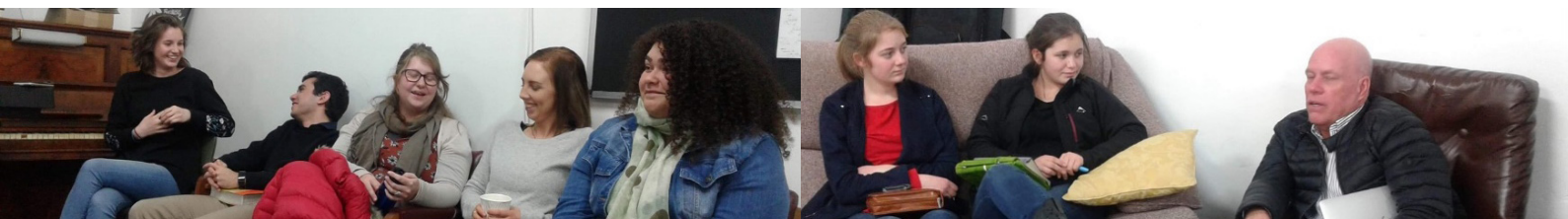
South Youth Refinery at New Norfolk Church

On the 26th of October, youth from all over Tassie packed out New Norfolk Church for our annual Southern Refinery to hear Pastor Loma (Rome) Ulia share his powerful and moving testimony. Many tears were shed as Pastor Rome spoke on why he is a Christian, why we can believe the Bible and why we can trust Bible prophecy. It was a spiritual time of revival and re-commitment. After feeding all day on God's Word and New Norfolk's generous potluck lunch, we were spiritually refreshed and equipped to finish the year strong!



Pr Loma Ulia Sharing His Testimony at the South Refinery

## Northern Youth Refinery a Great Blessing



Discussion time at the Northern Youth Refinery. Pastor Jeff Parker, speaker at the Northern Youth Rally  
- no, Pr Jeff is not sleeping; just thinking :)

On the 7th of September young people from all over Tassie came to Launceston church for the annual Northern Refinery with Australian Union Conference Youth Director and former Tassie resident, Pastor Jeff Parker.

After a stirring sermon by Pr Jeff and a delicious lunch, all gathered for a time of discussion in the afternoon. People had previously sent in their discussion questions, and as the group hammered out some tough issues, the Holy Spirit was felt guiding and leading the discussion.

In the evening there was a social at Launceston Lanes where two teams raced to escape from two "puzzle rooms".

A great time had by all!



Meal Time at the Northern Youth Refinery



# Schindler's List & The Increase Of Ministers In Tasmania

Because of both the ongoing and growing faithfulness of our members in returning tithe to God, our conference has been able to employ more ministers. Because of a 15% increase in tithe last year, we were able to employ Eugene Estil as a gospel minister this year. Because of a 7% increase in tithe over last year's tithe income, we are able to employ another minister, Benjamin Lowe, next year in the North West. With extra ministers, it gives our pastors more time to do what God has called them to do: 1. Train members both to reach out to others with the gospel and to care for the church; 2. Conduct more evangelistic visitation and Bible studies, and evangelistic meetings themselves.

***“Advance! Advance! Move forward! Bring to many more others the good news of my grace and love that will transform their lives and bring eternity to them.”***

“Advance! Advance! Move forward! Bring to many more others the good news of my grace and love that will transform their lives and bring eternity to them.” This is God's call to all of us in Tasmania. Let us never despair of giving to God for His mission to seek and save

that, which is lost. God gave all for us when He gave His Son to be forever one of us so that He could die to save us.

A few years ago, while in Israel, I visited the grave of Oscar Schindler, a Nazi German who saved around 1000 Jews who worked for him. While certainly not recommending you watch the film, *Schindler's List*, which portrays the help he gave to Jews, I recently saw a small video clip from the end of the film. In that scene, Oscar Schindler, just before he flees to safety from the approaching Russians breaks down and weeps over the fact that he could have saved more Jews if only he had not wasted so much money on himself. To paraphrase him, he exclaims, “My car, if I had sold my car, I could have saved ten Jews. My gold ring that I wear, if I had sold it, I could have save 3 more.” I thought to myself, “what about me, what about us when we are safely in heaven? Will I, will we one day exclaim, ‘why did I not sacrifice more so others could spend eternity with Jesus.’”

Thank-you so much for your faithfulness in returning God's tithe and offerings. Let us all determine to be like Jesus - to spend and be spent for God in saving His children.

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## 2019 Tween Camp A Great Success



From top to bottom: Tween Campers and Staff after the great controversy multi-coloured chalk war. Tween Camp Director, Pr. Daniel Matteo after the Tweens dunked him. Tween Camp Speaker, Trent Keegan. The awesome Tween Camp Staff Team.

The first to the sixth of October was Tassie's annual Tween Camp for 10-16 year olds! The theme this year was “God's Army” and Mr Trent Keegan shared all about how his time in the army reserves taught him about the great battle going on between good and evil. There were new activities and adventures to be had each day, with highlights being the Flying Fox and Beach days. The volunteer staff were especially amazing, with each putting in 110% to make the experience special to the kids.

A big thankyou to Katy, Rochelle and Lynelle for putting on absolutely amazing feeds each day, and Alex Bobongie for co-ordinating awesome music. Staff and campers also contributed by preaching in morning worships, which were inspiring! One of the highlights of the week was a “Great Controversy” or a war with chalk that left everyone very multi-coloured! For good behaviour and showing biblical values, kids were awarded medals at evening worship, which they wore to banquet night! The theme verse of the week was Ephesians 6:13, *“Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”*



# Big Camp 2020 Registration Form

Seventh-day Adventist Church (Tasmanian Conference) Limited

## 2020 Annual Convention Application Form

17 – 25 January 2020

“Pine Springs” Campground, Access via Thompsons Rd, Wesley Vale



First Name:	Surname:
Street:	Town:
Postcode:	Home Phone:
Mobile:	Email:
Car Registration 1:	Car Registration 2:

### Office Use Only

Date Received:

Receipt #

Caravan:

Private Site:

Conference tent:

Parking will be only in the paddock. No cars will be allowed at sites except for unloading and loading. This is due to current WH&S requirements.

Membership is at \_\_\_\_\_ church

For security and safety reasons we require details of **all** those who will be coming onto the grounds.

Surname	First Name	Age (if under 21)

Please state how many people in your group will be attending each division.

Kindy/Cradle Roll (0 – 4 )	Primary (5 – 9)	Jets (10 – 14 )	Youth ( 15+)	Big Tent
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.

I plan to stay on the grounds and require the following:

Maximum of 6 people per site.

Please check site plan as site numbers have changed.

<b>TENTS</b> No electrical fittings supplied		Early Bird before 4 <sup>th</sup> December	After 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Total
Preferred Site:	Conference family tent	\$250	\$300	\$
Preferred Site:	Private Tent site	\$95	\$110	\$

<b>CARAVAN</b> Length of caravan: _____		Early Bird before 4 <sup>th</sup> December	After 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Total
Preferred Site:	Annexe: Y / N	\$135	\$150	\$

Applications for accommodation at our Annual Convention will only be accepted from persons over the age of 18 years who will be residing on site during this time.

Special needs or requests \_\_\_\_\_

Meals will be available for purchase at the camp kitchen.

<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS:</b> (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Cheques should be made payable to: Seventh-day Adventist Church (Tasmania Conference) Ltd.*

CREDIT CARD DETAILS: (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit Card
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Card Holder's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiry Date (Mth / Yr): \_\_\_\_\_ Authorised Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**POST TO:** Big Camp 2018,  
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**EMAIL TO:** [wendyscott@adventist.org.au](mailto:wendyscott@adventist.org.au)

**Enquiries** (03) 6273 6277

**Applications close 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 due to processing, planning and staff holidays.**

**TASMANIAN CONFERENCE ANNUAL CONVENTION TERMS & CONDITIONS: (see page 3)**

I have read and understood the Tasmanian Conference Annual Convention Terms & Conditions as outlined and agree to abide by all the conditions listed for the duration of the Annual Convention. I understand that if I, or any member of my party, do not respect and abide by these guidelines, then I/we may be asked to leave the grounds. I further agree to accept full responsibility for any children that may be under my care at any time during the time period of the Annual Convention.

I and my party will follow all directives by Camp Administration and Security Staff.

My name and site number will be displayed on the notice board outside the Administration Office.

That I and those under my care will register on arrival at Big Camp.

Signed\*: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

At least one adult (18+ years must occupy and be responsible for each site.  
Note: One site per application. Site number will be issued upon registration.

**\*Must be signed or the application will not be accepted**

**General Information**

- No electric heaters allowed
- In the interests of hygiene, dogs or other animals are **NOT** permitted on the grounds at any time.
- Valuables should be cared for properly and not left in tents, caravans or rooms unattended. Please ensure that you look after your purses, wallets and mobile phones at all times. No responsibility will be accepted for loss.
- Camp is not to be used to further personal business activities. Campers are asked not to distribute, sell or canvass anything.

**Registration**

All site allocations processed by the Camp Secretary are final. Preference will be given to your selected site, but cannot be guaranteed. Please do not assume you have the same site as last camp.

Only caravans can be located on designated caravan sites.

**Registration Times –Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January between 9:00am and 6:30pm.** You **MUST** register at the camp office prior to setting up your tent or caravan. No early arrivals will be accepted unless prearranged with the Camp Secretary. 6273 6277.

**Cancellations** – Must be made in writing or by telephoning 03 6273 6277 by 13<sup>th</sup> December otherwise payment will be forfeited.



## Camp Regulations – Terms and Conditions

*The purpose of the convention is to build the spiritual life of the church, to seek the power of the Holy Spirit that we may be guided to better serve the Lord. To ensure that this camp will be a blessing to all as we fellowship together and in the interests of safety, practicality and Christian harmony, we solicit your co-operation in the observance of the following simple rules:*

### Child supervision

We cannot accept applications from children or youth under the age of 18.

Children/teenagers under the age of 18 must **NEVER** be left on the grounds overnight unsupervised. Every occupied site is to have a responsible **adult person** to ensure that all occupants abide by camp regulations. Failure to adhere to this requirement will forfeit the right to the campsite for the duration for the camp. All overnight campers must be registered with the Camp Office.

Children/Teens 15 years and under are to be with their parents/guardians within one hour of the conclusion of their last meeting for the day or by 10:30pm, whichever comes first.

### Child Safety

Parents are reminded that their responsibility for their children does not cease when they come to camp. While every care is taken, and there are activities for children, camp is not a child minding facility. While we provide as much care as possible the ultimate responsibility for the care of children always remains with parents or guardians.

Please ensure that the conduct of your children and young people is adequately supervised throughout the camp period, and that your children are fully under your control between meetings.

**It is essential** that parents do not assume that their children are safe. Parents need to know **at all times**:

1. Where their children are.
2. What they are doing.
3. Which adult is responsible for their supervision and safety.

### Power and furnishings

Campers are to supply their own tent furnishings.  
No electric heaters are allowed.

*Due to WH&S Standards, the Conference cannot provide any electrical or lighting facilities for the tents. Please bring your own supply of rope, electrical cords and ALL lighting for your site/s. These items must be tested and tagged by a qualified person before camp. Please be aware that you will have limited power available.*

Please also bring your own pegs and hammer to peg down your tents in case of windy weather.

### Behaviour

1. The behaviour of those staying on the campground is to be appropriate for a Christian Convention.
2. Any electronic musical device or other instrument is to be used in a manner not likely to cause annoyance to neighbours in adjoining sites (cabins, caravans or tents).
3. Loud and offensive language is not accepted or tolerated. Offenders will be asked to leave the grounds.

4. Quietness is to be observed between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

### Alcohol and Other Drugs

As the campground is designated an alcohol, tobacco and drug free environment the following rules apply:

1. Alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs are not to be brought onto the campground. Offenders will forfeit their rights to be on the grounds. Motor vehicles used to bring alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs onto the campground will be refused further admittance to the campground for the duration of camp.
2. If it is found that alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs are being consumed at a particular campsite, then all occupants of that site will be required to vacate and forfeit all rights to the site, and will not be allowed to use the site again for the duration of the camp.
3. Police will be notified if illicit drugs are found on the campground.

### Mobile Phones

Out of courtesy for others and to save interrupting the meeting and causing a distraction, all mobile phones should be turned off or set to silent mode during the meetings.

### Vehicle Access and Speed Limits

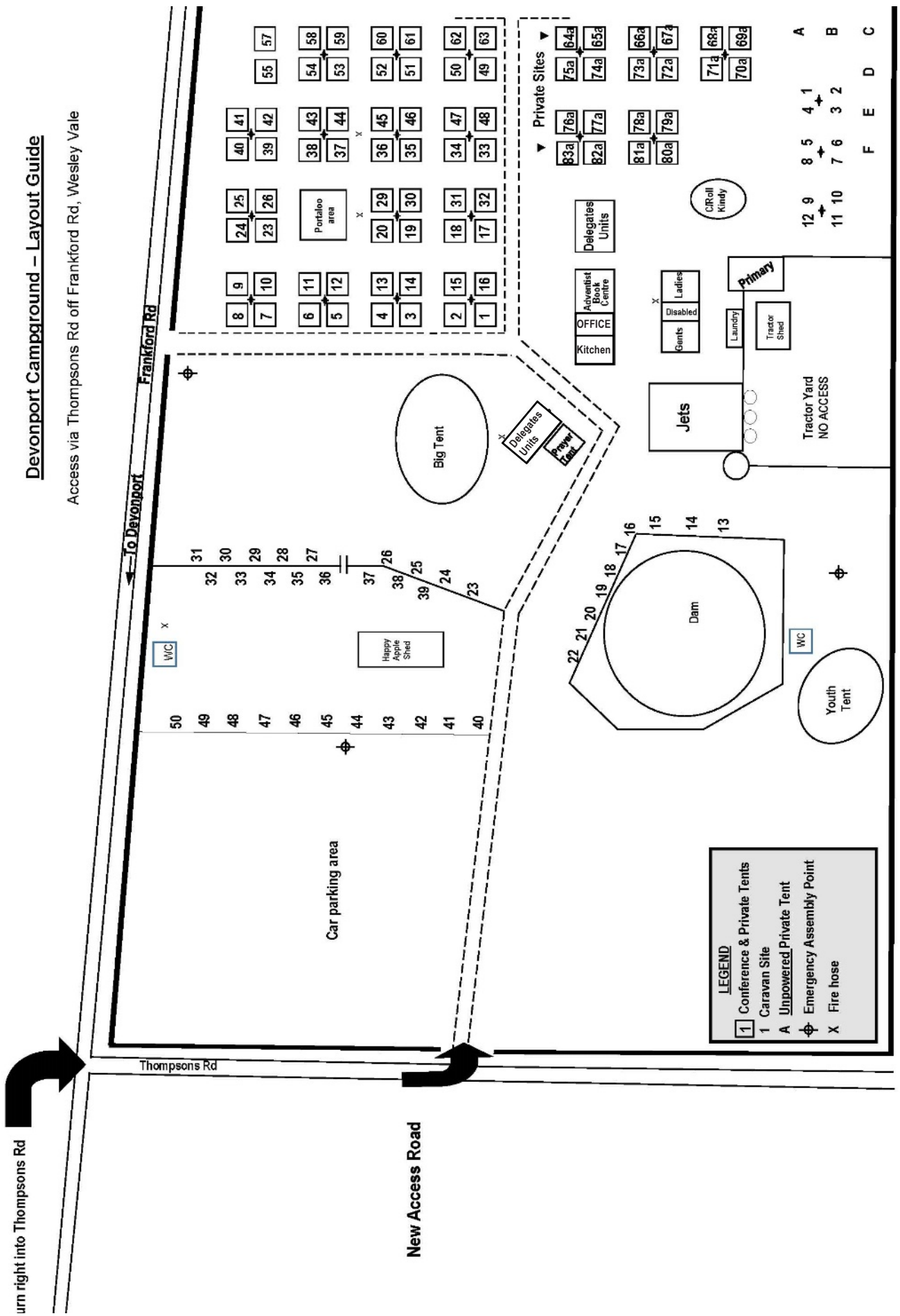
***A new road has been created across the paddock. Therefore all access will be via Thompsons Rd. (See map on next page)***

**ALL CARS must be parked in the new car park** in the paddock. No cars will be allowed to park permanently, or drive regularly, in the tent or caravan areas. **THIS IS A SAFETY REQUIREMENT.** Vehicles will be allowed in accommodation areas only to load and unload. On the last Sabbath of camp NO access will be allowed to the camping areas until after the close of Sabbath.

A strict speed limit of 5 kms/hr will be enforced. This is approximately walking pace.

# Devonport Campground – Layout Guide

Access via Thompsons Rd off Frankford Rd, Wesley Vale





## Transforming Grace Women's Retreat

Women from across the state were recently blessed by participating in our annual Adventist Women's Retreat held over the weekend of 18-20th of October at Spring Beach Youth Camp. This year our theme was 'Transforming Grace,' which we explored through Bible studies, devotionals, practical grace stations, 'I AM' scriptural promises, personal testimonies and a service project.

Friday night Carmelina Bocchino led us through an interactive Bible study, sharing how she had learnt to lean into God and find guidance and peace. She shared how, through God's grace, you can transform your perspective and your self-esteem. This allows you to reach God's potential for your life and open ministries where you can transform others by sharing Christ.

Sabbath provided a dedicated sharing session on Women's Ministries throughout our Conference and included a generous offering to support local ministries next year by our women. We then prayed for each other, our leaders, churches, ministries, families and communities. Praise through song drew us into God's presence as Takaia Bocchino walked us through scripture to see how four individuals were transformed by God's grace. Moses, Tamar, Ruth and Saul revealed different aspects of God's grace through their journeys and different life experiences. Takaia shared lessons she had learnt from these Bible characters concerning God's transforming grace. She interspersed these lessons with highlights of her personal testimony.

Sabbath afternoon provided women with flexible options, based on their personal needs. It was a time of refreshment and transformation by God's grace through a range of interactive grace stations. These included bible studies, crafts, 'encouragements', prayer walks, resources and service projects. Community was developed as women packed hospital bags for disadvantaged expectant mothers and their babies. The women got so involved in these works of transformational love that we missed a group photo opportunity.

But, more important than a group photo, we were able to provide what they made to this year's focus project, "Esther's Australia," whose CEO, Gaye James, bravely shared her transforming

grace journey, which lead to this exciting and rewarding ministry opportunity. Through our main offering and trade table, we raised over \$250 to share with Esther's Australia so that women within Hobart will not only be supported when they are vulnerable, but also know they are precious and valued.

Fireside devotionals and fellowship reconnected friendships and helped to embrace new friends within our community. We were blessed by a beautiful and generous gift of flowers, from Sylvia and her boss in Wynyard. This brightened the space and refreshed our souls as women took time to pause and drink in the beauty of God's natural world in a delightful setting. Many enjoyed a walk in the natural environment during which they encouraged and prayed with each other, and shared their lives and testimonies.

Saturday evening provided the opportunity to relax and refocus through a pamper evening. Hot rock massages, facials, hand soaks and a massage booth were all options. Alternatively, women could peruse the bookstall and socialise. A big thank you to Angela, Nanise and Nicole for sharing their knowledge, skills and talents with us so we could be refreshed. Katy and her team did a superb job of catering for our physical nourishment with a selection of fresh options that ensured the ladies could truly take a weekend to be recharged and inspired.

On Sunday, Noela Leonard from Deloraine Church boldly shared her honest testimony of God's transforming grace within her life, and how He continually showed up. She reminded us how God speaks through His word, and works by placing people who are willing to serve for Him into our lives to minister to us when we need it most. God strengthens us and empowers us so that we can move out to transform others by sharing the everlasting hope and promises we have through God and His Word. What a blessing for women to gather and support each other by sharing God together.

Ladies if you missed this retreat place these dates within your diaries for next year: 17-19th April (Northern venue TBA) and 16-18th October (Spring Beach Youth Camp).

**Krystal Harder**

*Tasmanian Conference Women's Ministry Director*



Gaye James, CEO of Esther's Australia receives gifts made by the women

# Notice Board

## North West Vegetable Food Pantry Health Outreach Programs

Recognition of the evidence of the close relationship between living and working conditions and health outcomes has led to a renewed appreciation of how human health is sensitive to the social environment. Factors such as income, education, conditions of employment, power and social support act to strengthen or undermine the health of individuals and communities. Because of their potent and underlying effects, these health-determining factors are known as the 'social determinants of health' (Wilkinson & Marmot 2003).

According to EG White, it is Christ's method and social relations, which provide opportunities for church members to reach out and improve people's health. The benefits are twofold. As activity of church members encourages unity in the commission given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it improves the spiritual, nutritional, social, mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of both the members and their local communities.

Thus, ADRA and the health department have been working closely together to improve our local communities' health by addressing one of the social determinants of health referred to as "food insecurity." Food insecurity is when people are unable to access safe, affordable and nutritional food due to the social barriers of cost, transport or availability. As a result, the vegetable food pantry and deliveries in Burnie, Waratah and recently in Smithton commenced.

### Burnie/Waratah

Wynyard church member, Maxine Abblitt, and Burnie church member, Raelene Groenewege, weekly bag and deliver fresh produce to Waratah and Burnie community members on behalf of ADRA and their local churches. Since commencing the veggie deliveries, 23 spiritual contacts have developed between Waratah and Burnie. Of these, seven are having bible studies, with the remainder asking questions and showing more interest. Two of these studies are with people who are leaving Satanism and the occult. Hence, they are very keen to get their head space free of anguish, and desire to find peace. Another two contacts are people who are disenfranchised with their home churches. They contacted Maxine out the blue for further information. One lady in Burnie now has her family join in on the bible study. Additionally, next week, a women's group will be commencing in Burnie to further cement friendships. All of these contacts have particular interest in global events and are keen to learn more. Maxine commented that the more they talk and read prophesy the more they understand and want to know.

### Smithton

In May 2019, Smithton church members Pauline Forward, Gwenda Stampton and Yvonne commenced their ADRA food pantry health outreach program, where they bag fresh produce and deliver the produce to 35 contacts in the community every week. A positive result from this new health outreach program has been the recent community volunteer, Briarna, who assists the women with the program. Additionally, Briarna recently completed the Smithton church Depression Anxiety Recovery Program and has embraced positive changes for her mental and spiritual health. On Sunday, November 10, the recipients of the fresh produce were invited to our first community meal to enjoy connecting over a healthy meal.

**Natasha Jordan**

*Tasmanian Conference Health Director*



Smithton Church Food Pantry

### Free Props for Children's Program

Can you use a castle front and a drawbridge made from very large appliance cartons (currently flattened)? Glenorchy Church made them for a holiday program, but now needs the storeroom space. If you can use these and are able to transport them from Glenorchy please phone Colleen Buxton on 0477 150 051 asap. If no-one responds to this advert by February 1, the props will be offered to a local school or drama group.





# North West Christian School

## Musical Smorgasbord

North West Christian Strings recently held an evening of musical entertainment in which they delighted attendees with their talent. Special guest Dr Sue Collins from the Conservatorium of Music in Hobart, and music teacher, Sarah Scheermeijer, performed at the concert, enchanting the audience with their musical talent. The evening was incorporated as a fundraiser to help North West Christian String's students attend a Strings Camp in New South Wales in January 2020.



North West Christian Strings



White Ballooning at NWCS

## White Balloon Day

We raised \$80.00 to support Bravehearts when primary students held a free dress and cupcake day in September 2019. Bravehearts is about educating, empowering and teaching Australia's children how to stay safe through an effective range of programs.

## Why Have Breakfast?

Eating breakfast is linked to a wide range of positive consequences. These include enhancing memory, increasing concentration, improved eating habits, improvement in physical and mental health, boosts energy levels and increases the likelihood of doing physical activity. NWCS students and staff were treated to a special breakfast at school during Term 3 thanks to a donation made to the school especially for providing breakfast. Comments from some



North West Christian Students enjoying breakfast

students were, 'We should have this every week'. Prayerfully this will encourage students to eat breakfast each day.

## Mountain Biking

As I was looking out the window of the classroom, a mountain bike and rider went whizzing by. Our new bikes are being put to good use as students and staff hone their skills in this exciting new adventure for the Outdoor Ed classes. Some students have never ridden a bike before and they are delighted as they learn this new skill.



Students on the new Mountain Bikes

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

What a wonderful surprise to find we filled 51 Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. This has been a great effort from the Primary students, parents and friends. Well done. May God bless each box as they travel to Papua New Guinea this year to children in isolated villages, who have never had such a gift before.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart provides a unique opportunity to engage children in physical activity and encourage them to develop lifelong heart healthy habits while raising funds for the Heart Foundation. Here at North West Christian School we raised an amazing total of \$1131.51

Did you know that Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart has given schools enough skipping rope to stretch from Australia to Hawaii?

## Remembrance Day

Ten students accompanied by two staff members attended the Penguin Remembrance Day Service. The remaining students and staff held a special assembly at 11am to remember the Soldiers who died as a result of war. A minutes silence was held, dedicated to those who died fighting to protect our nation.



# Notice Board

## Hilliard Christian School

### Farewell to our Year 10 Students

On 14 November Hilliard farewelled its Year 10 students with a dinner together. The Year 10 students, the High School Teachers and some former staff members invited by the students enjoyed an evening out reminiscing about their time at Hilliard.

As they move into the next stage of their schooling, we would like to wish them well for their future and pray that Hilliard has helped them develop not only academically but spiritually.



Final Year Students at their Hilliard School's Leaver's Dinner

### School Fair

On Sunday, 3 November, Hilliard ran a school fair at the school. The fair contained a variety of food (including Indian & vegan crepes) as well as rides, cultural events and items for sale.

Some student reflections about the fair:

*"The day of the school fair started off energetically, the kitchen was bustling with activity, the rides were being set up, stalls were being tweaked and people were arriving. The fair was cheerful, there were student's waitressing and there were students helping with stalls, it was a beautiful, bright day. In the gym there was a cake stall with magnificent cakes and pastries, there was an Indian food stall with delicious cuisine and a henna booth nearby."*

—Amelia Bannister (Year 9)

*"The school fair was very lively and joyous; many people came and brought great attitudes with them. Every one of the staff and students who served and participated tried their best to make sure that the fair was the safest and most enjoyable school fair yet. Many students who attend Hilliard believe that this was the most fun and successful school fair since they have attended and are grateful that the school just raises the bar each year, improving the manners and quality of every event. Hilliard Christian School and all of its staff and students are incredibly thankful for the kind and respectful manners of everyone who contributed and visited our little school. "*

—Amelia Brady (Year 9)



Hilliard School Leaver's Dinner



Pr Cosmin cooking at the school fair





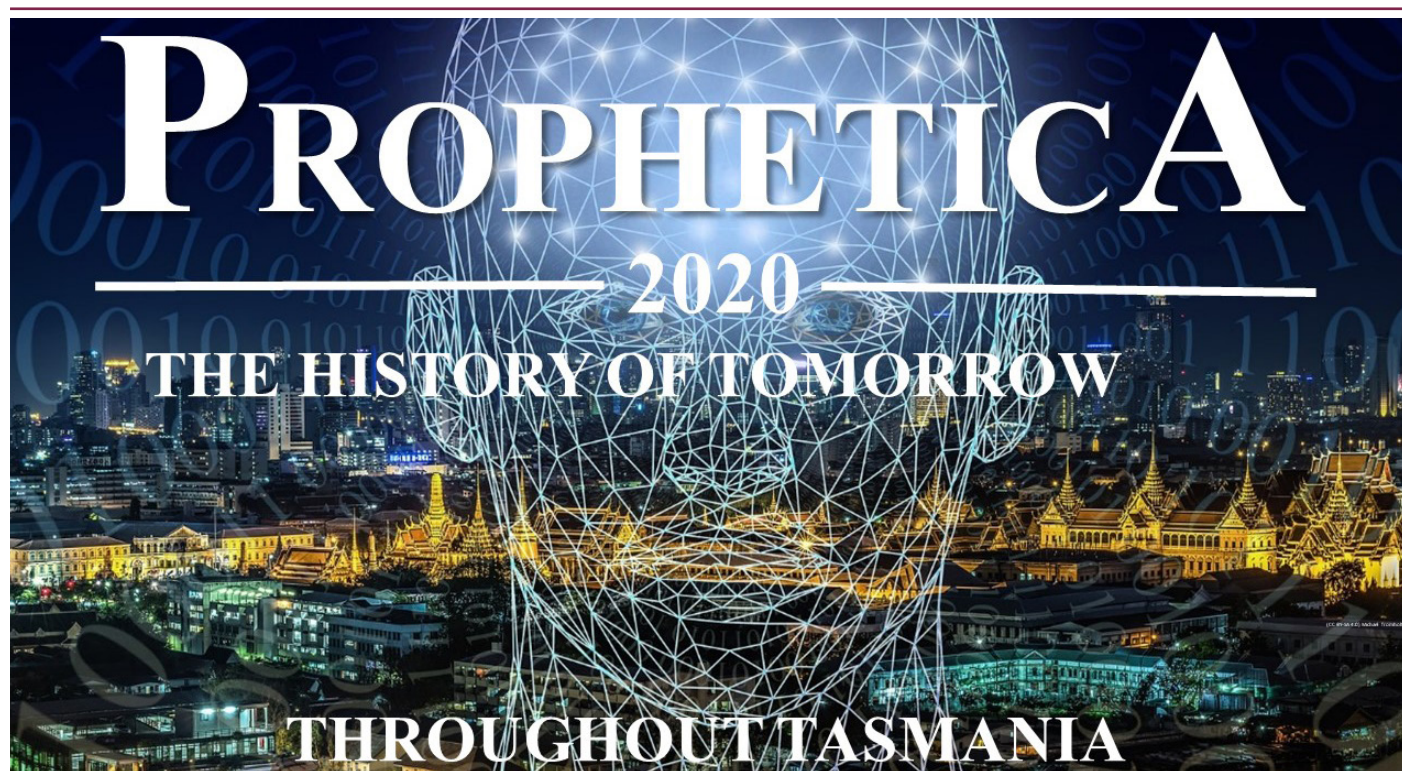
Hilliard Christian School Fair - Jumping Castle at the school fair

## NAPLAN Results

Congratulations to the students who participated in NAPLAN and to the teachers who prepared them. The results this year were an improvement on last year and in most areas were above the state average. The table summarises the results.

In particular, the results of the students in Spelling in all years was well above average.

Well Below Average	Below Average	About Average	Above Average	Well Above Average
3	2	2	10	2



## GET READY FOR PROPHETICA 2020 Across Tasmania

In view of God's call for us to share Christ in the context of the end-time prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation, the executive committee is inviting churches in our three regions to conduct one day PROPHETICA seminars in 2020. PROPHETICA consists of seven 20-30 minute prophetic messages by multiple speakers. At the end of the day are invited to pre-register for Prophecy Seminars that begin the following week. This year in Hobart 180 members

from the community attended. Over 60 pre-registered for the Secrets of Prophecy seminars that were held in three venues around Hobart. The Australian Union Conference has given us \$45,000 for next year's PROPHETICA 2020. Last camp we raised \$90,000 for Bible workers, and at this next camp we are aiming to raise \$60,000 to conduct PROPHETICA in all regions of our conference.





# COUNTDOWN ETERNITY

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**Big Camp 2020**

**January 17-25**

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## SPEAKERS

**Elder Pavel Goia**

**Pr Jorge Munoz**

**Pr Vadim Butov**

**Pr Lloyd Grolimund**

**Pr Brendan Pratt**

**Pr Glenn Townend**

**Pr David Kiak**

**C**ountdown Eternity will be the theme for Big Camp, to be held from **January 17-25**, next year. We are in for an awesome time together, with an array of God-gifted speakers. **Elder Pavel Goia**, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association & Editor of Ministry Magazine will take meetings on Revival and Prayer. **Pr Jorge Munoz**, Australian Union Conference President, will speak on preparation for the final crisis. In the evenings, Russian evangelist, **Pr Vadim Butov** will present powerful messages on Jesus from Revelation's Seven Seals & the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. **Pr Lloyd Grolimund** will be the keynote speaker in the youth tent. Morning family worships will be taken by **Pr Brendan Pratt**, Australian Union Conference Ministerial Association Secretary and

**Pr Glenn Townend**, South Pacific Division President will be with us on the last weekend of camp. **Pr David Kiak** from Madang Manus Mission will join us for the week, bringing us exciting stories from PNG.

Just prior to camp, the conference will be conducting a one day **Prophetica Seminar in Devonport**, similar to the very successful one conducted in Hobart in May this year. Those attending this seminar will be invited to attend the Big Camp Countdown Eternity evening meetings in the big tent presented by Pr Vadim Butov. We want to also share God's messages of Jesus with the community.

Don't miss Big Camp 2020. **Book your place now**, by filling out the attached Big Camp 2020 registration form.