

# Tasda

*Transforming Tasmania  
with Jesus for Eternity*

## Bible Worker To Plant Hobart City Church

Eugene Estil has been working this year with Pr Daniel Matteo and the New Norfolk church to prepare their community for our Easter camp meeting in New Norfolk next year. Through his work two people will have been baptised, and a small group of some 17-20 non-members (including Muslims and non-Christians) now regularly meets in his home. Eugene and his wife Michelle, a nurse, simply invite people into their home, where they eat Michelle's lovely cooking, have a short devotional, and play board games together. "The members of the group have now asked if we can study the Bible together. It's what we have been waiting for," said Eugene. He is also studying the Bible with some of them in their homes. Imagine what would happen if all over Tasmania we opened our homes like this.

Eugene said, "This group started by just inviting one person for a meal at home. We continued to pray for God's guidance in our lives. We sometimes ask ourselves, 'How can we be a witness to our God?' We have discovered we must go back to the basic fundamentals of Christ's method - In His life, He made sure He was a blessing to others. As Paul said, 'Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others' (Philippians 2:4). Christ's heart went out to people. He saw their need. He saw how they longed for friendship, companionship, love and acceptance. We must behave like what we really are - followers of Jesus. The principles of Romans 12:9-21 must guide our lives. Daily,

we need the Holy Spirit's guidance. Then He will lead us to people in the park, grocery store or anywhere else. If we have not started to ask Him to use us to bring others to Him, why not start right now."

Eugene, who studied for the ministry in the Philippines, will be an intern minister next year in the Hobart region. He will work with the New Norfolk church, and be part of the year-long "Ablaze 2019" evangelistic thrust to reach Hobart for Christ. This includes planting a new church in Hobart City next year under his leadership.

**Pr Gary Webster**  
Conference President



Eugene and Michelle's small group in their home

# Six Priorities For Successful Mission

Sometimes the church seems to be like a World War II war ship that twists and turns in all directions in an attempt to escape an aerial bombardment. But the bombardment the church twists and turns from is a seemingly endless barrage of ideas and methods to achieve its mission. Interestingly the New Testament church and its leaders didn't have that problem, because they focused on the same six things that Jesus spent his time in ministry doing:

1. Jesus maintained a Spirit-filled life through consistent quality time spent with His Father in prayer, the word, and loving obedience (Matt 4:4,6,7; Mk 1:35; Luke 3:21,22; 4:1,14; 6:12; John 14:31; 15:9,10). Our conference recently witnessed in the ministry of Brenda Walsh of 3ABN Kids Time, that a Spirit-filled life results in successful mission for God.
2. Jesus was part of a small group of twelve disciples – in fact by his second day on the job He had gathered five of His small group, and this before any healing, preaching or teaching

on His part (John 1:35-51). It was in the context of His small group that He ministered for over three years. Does your church have a small group ministry? What about your Sabbath School classes? Do they meet the needs of members? If few come to Sabbath School compared to the worship service, there is a reason and it must be addressed.

3. Jesus, filled with the Spirit, went around doing good, especially through healing and health ministry (Acts 10:38). Does your church have an active ongoing helping ministry - especially a health ministry? How can your youth be involved in ADRA and health ministry?
4. Jesus preached or proclaimed the gospel both publicly and one on one (Mk 1:14,15; Matt 4:23; John 3:1-21; 4:7-26). Has your church planned anything in this space for members to invite their friends to in 2019?
5. Jesus taught publicly and house to house (Matt 9:35). Are the children's and youth Sabbath Schools seeking

to bring them to Jesus and into commitment to Him through baptism? Are our school teachers seeking to win children to Jesus, or just share the 3R's. Is your church working with your school to bring souls to Jesus?

6. Jesus trained his followers by having them observe Him, sending them to have a go themselves and then debriefing with them (Mk 3:14; 6:12,13,30,31; Matt 10:5; 11:1). Does your church have plans for 2019 to train for various ministries inside and outside the church? Are the youth included in those training events?

As church leaders and pastors we should ask, no, must ask, does our church have a place for these six things consistently, or do we operate in a hit and miss fashion, where we neglect some and overemphasize others? On reading the book of Acts, one notices that the New Testament church grew mightily because, under the Spirit's leading, it prioritized all six factors.

**Pr Gary Webster**  
Conference President



Brenda (third from the left in the front row) with those who attended her Rosny Church Program. Brenda "sparkles energy." Someone comically remarked, "We need to rub against her to get some of her energy." But she is not only full of physical energy but above all exudes the energy of the Spirit. Brenda's life illustrates to everyone that behind successful ministry runs a deep love and commitment to Jesus. This is the number one and most important factor for successful mission.



# Making Those Steps Count



Walking 20 steps across a room can help others believe life is worth living

The message of 10,000 steps for your health's sake has been one of the most successful health messages of this decade. Armed with pedometers, people have faithfully beaten the pavement to reach that magic number. Well, it might surprise you that the number 10,000 was chosen in the 1960's, in Japan, simply because it was a round number. The good news is that there is no doubt taking 10,000 steps is better for your health than nothing. However, the bad news is that researchers have found that 15,000 steps is the optimal number for your health's sake – just when we thought we had got it right. So with the steps we take between sunrise and sunset the different things we walk to and walk for – reflect our priorities and values. So how do you use your steps?

When we are at church, we will often see our friends engaged in what can be described as 'close-knit circles of conversational comfort', which we will gladly walk 20 purposeful steps across the Church to chat and catch up with our friends. But what if someone was standing alone? Would we have the courage to walk those 20 steps back across the room to talk to that person?

Imagine for a moment what it is like for someone to come for the first time to one of our churches – what do they see? What questions are running through their mind? Here are a few to start with:

- Can I make friends in this church?
- Is there a place where I can fit in?
- Does the church want me?
- Will the Sermon and church be boring?
- Are my kids going to be safe?
- Am I dressed right?
- Are they going to do anything weird?
- How does the church and the facilities present itself? Does the church look unkempt, and shabby?

Now using our sanctified imagination, our first-time visitor has observed a number of 'close-knit circles of conversational comfort', and now they are awkwardly standing alone. With some of those questions above circulating in their mind – how are those questions being answered? How many times have we heard where someone who comes to church for the first time remembered despondently how no one talked to them? It is only 20 steps.

Recasting the story, what if a person engaged in this 'close-knit circle of conversational comfort' saw this person alone and took the courageous 20 steps across the room to talk to them. After introducing themselves, they ask their name, where they are from, and when they are curious about what they do, the conversation usually takes care of itself and with this simple interaction, this can make all the difference to their perceptions of the church.

I recall a 15 year old sitting alone during the church service and one of the older members left her husband to walk 20 steps to sit with her. That 15 year old was almost in tears that someone would actually take an interest in her. She recounted the story for weeks. That walk made a difference. It is surprising how something small can make such a difference.

***“How do you use your steps?”***

Remember when the prodigal son was on his journey home after squandering his Father's inheritance, the Bible says 'he came to himself' (Lk15:17). This means 'he thought to himself', so in other words he was going to solve the predicament of hunger and the humiliating loss of his Father's inheritance himself. The biggest challenge facing the prodigal son prior to meeting his Father was the Kazazah ceremony which cuts off those who lose their inheritance from their families and the villagers. But he was hungry, and now he continues in hope but is unsure of the outcome. His Father sees his son afar, also aware of the Kazazah ceremony and now concerned for the safety of His son, makes the courageous, but culturally insensitive run past the villagers to reconcile with his son, This demonstrated to the villagers reconciliation had occurred, thereby nullifying the Kazazah ceremony. It is at the time of the embrace between the Father and Son that grace is experienced.

Reconciliation took a courageous, and self-deprecating walk – or in this case a run – through the village to save his son. Jesus walked the talk and also took the agonizing and humiliating walk to the Cross to save us and humanity for eternity. A walk across the room hardly compares, but let us all look out for those standing alone and make that critical walk across the room to talk, share and make friends. It can make a big difference for eternity.

**Dr Mark Falconer**  
General Secretary

# What God Values

***“Our culture values the size of the gift, but God values the size of what we keep.”***

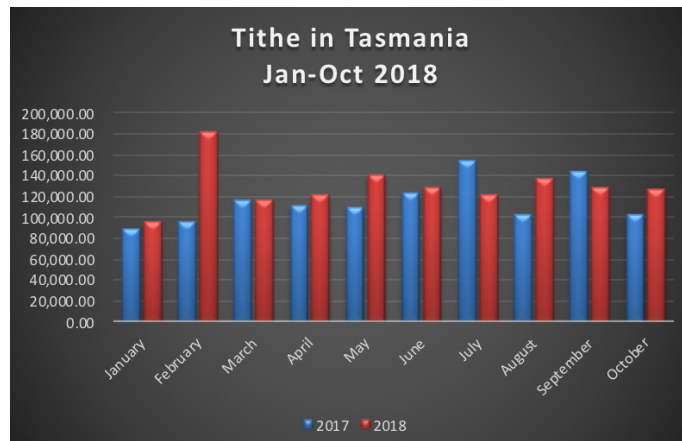
When we are faithful to God, we see miracles happening. Who would have thought that we would be able to report a fantastic 11.9% of tithe increase at the end of October? I praise the Lord for this result.

Not only this, but the school system shows at the end of September, a very much welcomed surplus of just over \$104,000. There is still more work to be done so that both schools can be financially independent, but we are on a good trajectory. We praise the Lord for this, too.

With our Health program being approved and partly funded by the South Pacific Division, there is a buzz about mission, evangelism and health initiatives all around the conference. From community gardens to cooking classes, from Breakfasts to fitness classes, from Depression Recovery to CHEP, CHIP and other health seminars, churches have the opportunity to apply for special funds from the Conference. This can be done by completing the Health Fund Application Form available through the local pastors.

In addition to this, local churches may apply to the Conference for evangelism grants that can be used for outreach endeavours such as Bible seminars, Prophetic series or Public Evangelism Campaigns.

Stewardship is not only about receiving tithe and offerings. It is also



about making sure our church buildings are representative. This is why we have welcomed and also helped financially Collinsvale Church and New Norfolk Church with their renovation projects this year.

And when it comes to investments, God has also been helping us secure good properties in Launceston and Hobart that are strategically located with strong income revenue and capital gain.

I can only thank you for your faithfulness and praise God for His blessings. I pray that we will become better stewards for Him and that all of us will hear one day the words: “Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord.”

**Pr Cosmin Dan-Marica**  
Chief Financial Officer

## Bible Worker Helps Transform The North West

Tasmania is being transformed thanks to the generosity of our members in collectively contributing \$90,000 for Bible Workers.

Candice Berghan worked tirelessly this year in the Devonport, Ulverstone and Sheffield region. She: had eight Bible study contacts, four of whom will be baptised next year; started the Second Bite food distribution program with nine families being helped between Sulphur Creek and Port Sorell - one man from this program is now having Bible studies; took over the Great Controversy door knocking initiative from Gary Romano, and led and trained others in this weekly work; door knocked and letterboxed in Sheffield and Penguin; was the Ulverstone Health Leader; conducted weekly nutrition classes for 50 people in a Devonport health food shop where she worked part-time; helped Robbie Berghan train members in how to give Bible studies; started the Ulverstone and Devonport Fast Discipleship program and trained others, who are now leading these programs; preached across the North West region on Sabbaths; ran Sabbath School classes; conducted Bible studies at North West Christian School; and was requested by the Bible Society to speak at their rallies in Wynyard, Launceston, and Devonport.

Unfortunately for Tasmania she has recently accepted an offer to

be the Head Clinician at a Health retreat in Victoria. Candice, you will be sadly missed on the North Coast, and we just thank you and praise God for the work you have accomplished in God's mission. Her work illustrates what Ellen White said: *There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God* (E G White, Maranatha p103).

Next year three more Bible Workers will be employed, one in the Launceston region and two in the North West region.



Candice with her brother Robbie  
(Pastor at Devonport and Ulverstone churches)

**Pr Gary Webster**  
Conference President



## 12 Sure Ways To Keep & Engage Youth In Mission

### 1. It Starts At Home

*"God has given to all fathers and mothers the responsibility of bringing their children to Jesus, teaching them how to pray and believe in the word of God." – {AH 189.1}*

### 2. Invest Good People and Resources into Sabbath Schools

*"The Sabbath school affords to parents and children an opportunity for the study of God's Word...We should especially impress upon the minds of the youth the importance of seeking the full significance of the scripture under consideration." – {CG 511.3}*

### 3. Start Small Groups

*"Let little companies meet together to study the Scriptures. You will lose nothing by this, but will gain much." {PaM 274.1}*

### 4. Pray Corporately for and with Young People

*"In rescuing souls from (Satan's) devices, far more will be accomplished by Christlike, humble prayer than by many words without prayer." – {CM 81.1}*

*"The prayer meetings should be the most interesting gatherings that are held, but these are frequently poorly managed." – {CCh 292.1}*

### 5. Reignite Afternoon Youth Services (AY's) and Include Times for Sharing Testimonies

*"In the afternoon, at three o'clock, we assembled for social meeting." – {DG 243.3}*

*"A short, interesting Bible reading will often*

*be of greater benefit than a sermon. And this can be followed by a meeting for prayer and testimony." – {CCh 265.6}*

*"The social meetings should be managed with plans and devices to make them not only seasons of pleasantness, but positively attractive." – {CE 47.3}*

### 6. Have Leaders with a Heart for Youth at both School & Church Work Together to Make Jesus Attractive in All Meetings

*"...there should be warm hearts to take a lively interest in our youth...Sabbath meetings, may be, without constant care and unless vitalized by the Spirit of God, the most formal, dry, and bitter mixture, and, to the youth, the most burdensome and the least pleasant and attractive." {CE 47.3}*

### 7. Get on Their Level

*"Let those who are competent to teach youth, study themselves in the school of Christ, and learn lessons to communicate to youth...Let teachers so far unbend from their dignity as to be one with the children in their exercises and amusements, without leaving the impression that you are watching them, and without going round and round in stately dignity, as though you were like a uniformed soldier on guard over them." - {CE 48.1}*

### 8. Give Young People an Opportunity to Serve

*"The Lord is calling for the youth, for He would make them His helpers to do good service under His banner." – {AH 358.3}*

### 9. Use Camp Meetings as an Opportunity to Give Young People Experience in Outreach

*"By engaging in work at the camp-meeting, all may be learning how to work successfully in their home churches." {ChS 195.4}*

### 10. Make Church a Place Where Young People are Trained

*"Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings (studies), how to conduct and teach Sabbath school classes, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted. There should be schools of health, cooking schools, and classes in various lines of Christian help work." {CME 18.1}*

### 11. Give Them Encouragement and Love, Because Youth is a Vulnerable Time

*"The youth need sympathy, affection, and love, else they will become discouraged. A spirit of "I care for nobody and nobody cares for me" takes possession of them." {CE 48.1}*

### 12. Unleash the ARMY!

*"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" {CSA 66.6}*

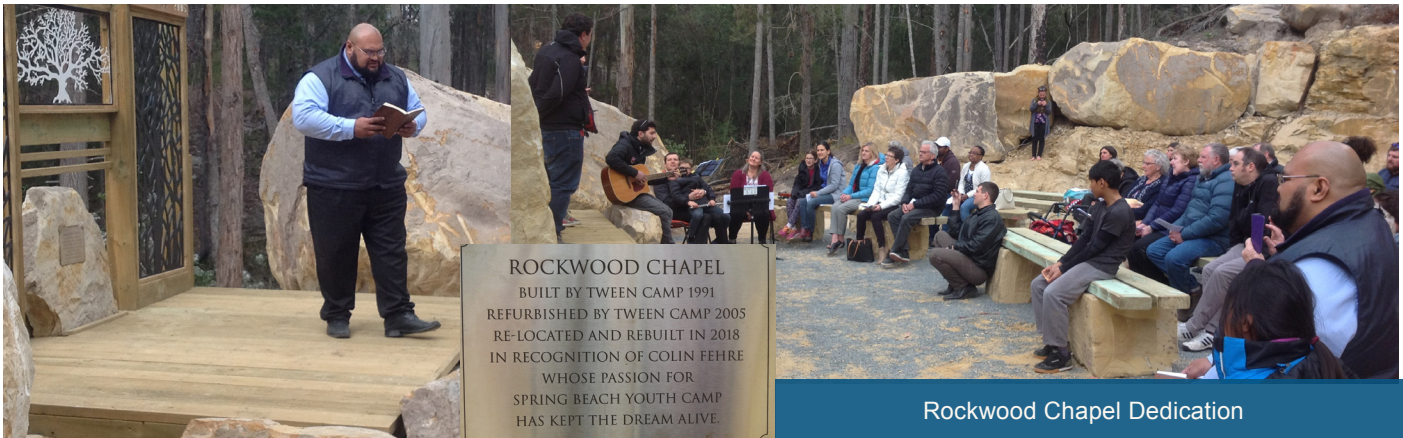
**Ellen G. White,**  
**Compiled by Pr Daniel Matteo**  
Youth Director



AY's in Burnie Church. Eugene & Michelle Estil, who have re-introduced AY Meetings in New Norfolk Church, recently conducted one here in Burnie.



# Spring Beach Youth Camp News



Rockwood Chapel Dedication

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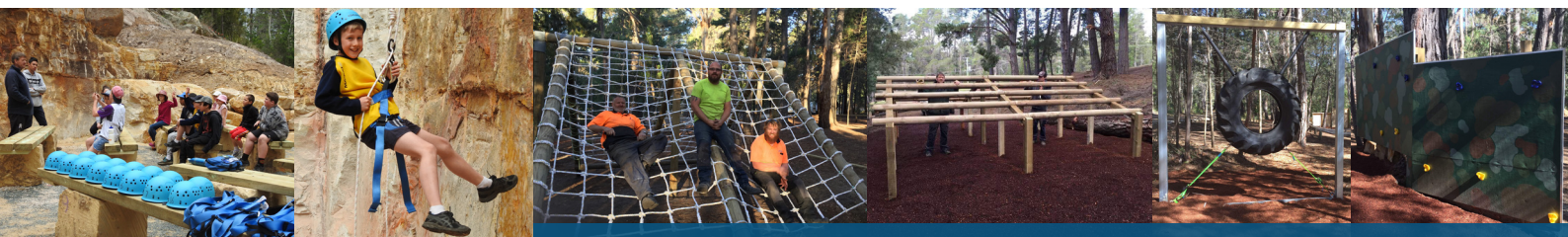
On the 29th of September the new Rockwood Chapel was dedicated. An 11m Sandstone cliff forms the backdrop of the Chapel and has also provided an opportunity for abseiling on site. Despite the chilly weather, the music, stories of when the Rockwood Chapel first began, the impact of our camp on the lives of the young, and the message by Pastor David Leo warmed the hearts of those present. A plaque recognizing the contribution of the Teens and Colin Fehre was unveiled.

Funding for the new stage and seating occurred through the

passionate fundraising of Trevor and Angela Whyatt, who also designed the stage. The ladies at the women's retreat also raised money for the project.

## Commando Course

There was great excitement at Tween Camp when they completed some of the new Commando Course as part of their morning fitness program. A big thank you to the people and churches who have given of their money and time to put the course together. We still have a few elements to finish off and welcome donations by churches and individuals.



Commando Course

# Empowering Grace Women's Retreat



Sabbath morning at the Rockwood Chapel

**E**mpowering Grace was the theme for our annual Adventist Women's Retreat at Spring Beach. Ladies were greeted with a gift bag and a smile with the anticipation of a revitalizing, relaxing and relationship building weekend. An opportunity to learn more about our powerful, Creator God who gifts us empowering grace for every day, sharing stories and

learning about resources available within our Conference to reach others. Jonathan and Bethany blessed us with their catering talents while Ian and Robyn hosted us for the weekend.

Mornings started with a worship in nature or fireside. The ladies celebrated in song at the new Rockwood Chapel on Sabbath morning, followed by a review of activities and programs happening around the state. Sabbath School was an opportunity to hear how ladies are sharing their gift of empowering grace with others in reaching



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Sunday morning beach walk & prayer time

out to the needs within their community. Pr Jody Eddy's honest and promise filled sessions covered what it means to be 'empowered' by God, what grace looks like in our lives and how we can be community influences by sharing our empowering grace and hope with others.

Sabbath afternoon those who chose to creatively connect with God learnt techniques of Bible Art Journaling. Katie's personal testimony and skills demonstrated what a daily choice to connect with God can do to help us be empowered through His Word and lift our mood.

We were blessed this year to have Donna and Nanise from Margate to share their joy of shining their lights within the community via their LE work and the power of prayer. Saturday evening was social time with a number of options including board games, movie (I Can Only Imagine), ADRA clothing and trade table or a relaxing fireside chat. In total \$550 was gifted to helping sisters affected by drought and their families as part of the ADRA drought relief project, ensuring empowerment both immediately and into the future for these individuals.

Sunday morning was blessed by a glorious beach walk and prayer time. A real emphasis

was placed throughout the weekend on relationships and connecting people to God through encouragement and prayers. Encouragement cards were prepared and sent throughout the state. Family, friends, leaders and community members were upheld in prayer. Through God's empowering grace and our encouragement His Kingdom will grow.

We'd love to see ALL our churches represented on the 18-20th of October 2019. This is only possible by intentional planning. As little as 30c a day or \$2 a week will make this possible or share with another for less than \$5 a week. If your church or Adventist Women have a project to fundraise for, caterers will be required and we like to support local projects. Just leave your name and details with Wendy at the Office.

*Blessings,  
Krystal and the Adventist Women's Team*

## Hobart Churches Work Together To Transform Lives

Our southern churches united to reach out to show goers at this year's Royal Agricultural Show in Hobart! Passers-by were provided with a free health assessment and advice by our health professionals and students as well as some very dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers!

More than 100 patrons passed through and shared their health concerns. Many signed up for future programs. Please pray for these people and the programs we will be conducting to help them and others in Hobart.



Enthusiastic volunteers at our show booth



Caring for show goers at our health booth



Literature Evangelists were largely instrumental in church planting in the history of our church.

- Become an L.E Buddy & help light your world
- What is an L.E Buddy?
- How can I become an L.E Buddy?
- If every member was an L.E Buddy we would Transform Tasmania with Jesus for Eternity!

**Get your L.E Buddies brochure at church today!**

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## Tween Camp 2018

What an absolutely life-changing experience Tween Camp was this year! From the 2nd-7th October forty three kids learned all about how Jesus is their superhero! With a champion staff team, an amazing speaker and a fantastic line up of activities. The kids had an absolute ball. The camp got to utilise the newly constructed Rock Wood Chapel at Spring Beach Youth Camp, as well as the abseiling wall. Activities included archery, obstacle course and the pinnacle. The highlight was a giant water fight between all staff and campers! Pastor Jack Ryder shared with the kids the importance of having the supernatural peace and power of Jesus in our lives.



Going coloured at Tween Camp



Plucking up the courage to take the plunge!



Tween chilling out together

Tween camp was followed up with a slumber party in Launceston on the 27th of October where the kids were encouraged to follow up the decisions they had made. God loves our kids and He wants to do mighty things through them and in them. Please pray for all our Tween-agers here in Tassie!

*Pr Daniel Matteo*

## Margate On The Move

### Gardening for Eternity

On the 7th of October Margate Church held their annual Community Garden Spring planting and seed swap. Informal tips and lessons were shared along with some wonderful plant based food! It was a tremendous opportunity to get to know members of the local community - eight community members attended, and two more joined up. The gardens continue to hold working bees and garden tending days, which keep us connected with these people.

Gardening is a great way to get to know people! It's a natural setting, full of peace, and like fishing, you can't rush it! So there is much time to strike up conversation and build rapport with people. Please continue to pray that we, with Jesus, might use this platform



Margate Community Garden - A great way to connect with the community

wisely as a stepping stone in transforming community members in our area for eternity.

### Health Touches Lives in Kingston

On the 4th of November Angela Saunders, Sanitarium's senior dietitian and a significant contributor to Australia's dietetic research and literature, presented a seminar in Kingston.

She delivered a succinct but comprehensive pair of lectures on the relevance and impact of a plant-based diet for mental and physical well-being, as well as debunking myths about plant-based diets. We were very grateful to Angela for sharing her time and world class material with us. Twelve community members attended and many of them signed up for some new and exciting programs coming up!



Angela Saunders sharing the principles of good health with the Kingston Community



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## Transformation on King Island

Recently our Conference President and his wife Marilyn visited our King Island church and had a marvellous time with them. After a wonderful potluck lunch on Sabbath, we began visiting members in their homes. Saturday night the church gathered together for tea and to watch the film "Hansie," the amazing true story of the fall from fame of the South African Test cricket captain, Hansie Cronje, who became involved with Indian bookmakers. His public confession rocked the international sporting and left him humiliated. But through the grace of God he not only found forgiveness but began the painstaking journey back to choosing life. An inspiring film and a good night together.

Sunday we again spent an enjoyable time visiting our members. Around 15 people attend our King Island church each Sabbath. Our members are letting the light of God's love really shine on



Wedding Day at King Island Adventist Church  
for David Stewart & Sumarie Brand

their island. God is at work transforming lives on the island. Also, on September 28 this year two young people, David Stewart and Sumarie Brand, who help lead the church, were married.

## Rosny Pathfinders Help Make Canada Evangelistic Campaign Successful

When our president, Pr Gary Webster, was invited to present an Ancient Mysteries evangelistic campaign in Ottawa Canada, the conference executive took an action to make it a conference event. As a result of the three week series, ten people were baptised and between 75-100 people registered for the follow up Secrets of Prophecy seminar. The Ottawa churches and pastors were thrilled with the series because it shared the gospel in the context of prophecy and archaeology, something they have not had before.

Last year our conference conducted an evangelistic campaign in Bialystok, Poland. Thanks largely to our team of six, nine people were baptised from that campaign. Unfortunately the four other people who were planning to make up our team for Canada, had to pull out, so Pr Gary had to go alone.

However we did have a team of kids back home in Tassie. One of the reasons for the success of the series was the encouragement and prayers of the Rosny Pathfinders. Under the leadership of Anna Bocchino, the pathfinders sent many messages of encouragement to Pr Gary. While we wish we could share them all, here are couple to illustrate the interest they showed in God's work and his servants:

*"Hey Pr Gary, My name is Kaitlin Gordon and I'm from Rosny Church. I want to encourage you and your gang as you share God's word. Colossians 3:23 says: 'Whatever you do, work heartily as for*

*the Lord and not for men.' Your work will touch many lives, more than you can imagine. Remember God made you special, and He loves you very much. Love Kaitlin."*

*Hello Pr, Gary, I really admire the way you have the courage and enthusiasm to be away from your loved ones for so long. The amazing things that you and your team achieve is amazing. You are such brave people. I hope to be as brave as you are one day. Keep working for the Lord because it is such an awesome thing you're doing. Thank-you for everything you do for people. From Ilana Voss."*

"I am moved to think that our Rosny Pathfinders took the time to write all these messages (a big envelope of them) of encouragement and prayed for our work," said Pr Gary. "Our kids get the importance of God's work and care about it and His ambassadors.

"Thanks Anna and your Rosny Pathfinders, you can see that God has used your encouraging messages and prayers big time, and He has a great plan for your lives too," said Pr Gary.



Saaidi Hussein (left), an Iraqi Muslim enjoyed the meetings immensely. It was a delight to visit in his home. Randy (far right) is a Lebanese Adventist who brought his friend to the meeting every night.

Samson at his baptism. Samson is a bright young man who came to the meetings. Pr Gary visited him in a restaurant because he couldn't meet him at his home. Pr Gary asked him if he was ready to die or for Jesus to come and he said no. So Pr Gary shared with him from the bible how Jesus would accept him just as he was and change his life. Right there in the restaurant he prayed that



God would come into his life. Two days later he requested baptism and Pr Gary had the privilege of baptising him. God has a great plan for this young man.

## Hilliard Christian School

### Week of Worship

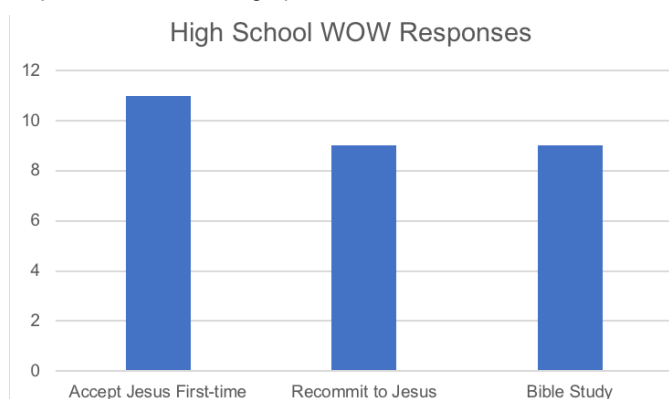


Pr Daniel Matteo, our Conference Youth Director, led out in the Week of Worship program at Hilliard Christian School towards the end of

Term 2. The music was led by a group of High School students supported by Mr McAndrew and Mr Segovia.

As well as this, David Leo (school chaplain) prepared a Prayer Tent, and gave students the opportunity to spend their time praying, as well as a board for prayer requests. These prayer requests were later used for the students and teachers to pray for each other.

At the end of the week, the students filled out a survey form, with the responses shown in the graph below:



In order to cater for the number of students wishing to take Bible Study, we have organised one of our Bible Classes each week to be an optional Chaplain's Study Class. Even though only 9 indicated that they wished to take Bible Studies, closer to 20 have been attending regularly.

### Additional Learning Opportunities

#### Women in Technology

As a special program organised by the University of Technology, five female students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of career-based activities involving the use of technology. While there, two of our students, Lillian (Year 7) and Joyce (Year 8) were interviewed by WIN News. If you wish to view the video it is available at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/WINNewsTasmania/videos/2123108904569975/>

#### Orienteering

The Year 9 & 10 students, as part of the Trigonometry section in Mathematics, took advantage of one of the Permanent



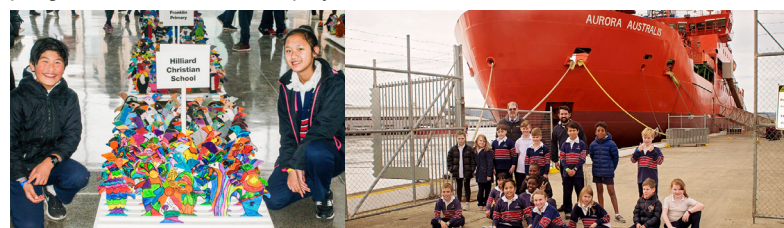
Orienteering Courses located at the Queen's Domain. The reason for the visit was to assist in familiarising themselves with the concept of bearings. These are often used in word problems when dealing with trigonometry. It was a great day for a walk in the park.

#### Australian Antarctic Festival

The Year 3 – 6 students, along with their teachers and some parents, visited the Australian Antarctic Festival. The trip involved a look through the University of Tasmania Antarctic research centre, as well as an opportunity to visit the icebreaker Aurora Australis.



As a lead in to the festival, the students had decorated wooden penguins, which were on display under our school's name.



#### Year 7 & 8 Students Visit to the Museum

As part of their Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) the Year 7 & 8 students visited the museum, primarily to visit the Aboriginal Studies section. The students received positive comments relating to their attitude and behaviour while at the museum.

#### Staff Changes



At the end of Term 2 we farewelled two staff members, Miss Felicity Knight, who has moved to the north of the state, and Mrs Anne Bradburn, who has retired after working around Hilliard for about 20 years.

To replace these ladies, we have welcomed Mrs Katy Matteo to our staff. Mrs Matteo has taken over Bible, Home Economics and Primary Release with enthusiasm.

#### Teacher's Published

In the latest edition of the Teach journal, a publication of Avondale College, Miss Kristy Baker, Mr Damien Rabe and Mrs Angela Robertson, along with two people from Independent Schools Tasmania, had an article published describing Hilliard Christian School's learning journey in literacy, particularly reading and spelling. For those interested in reading the article, a copy of it can be found online at <https://research.avondale.edu.au/teach/vol12/iss1/3/>

Photos from top left to right bottom: Students leading worship at the school's week of prayer. Orienteering at the Queen's Domain, Hobart. Discoveries at the Australian Antarctic Festival. Hilliard Penguin crafters. The icebreaker, Aurora Australis. Katy Matteo.



## Operation Christmas Child

Hilliard Christian School set itself the target of making 50 "shoeboxes" to send overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child, a project operated by the Samaritan's Purse charity organization.



A number of students have been taking boxes home to fill, others have been bringing in goodies to pack in class boxes, and one parent thought it was such a good idea she went and purchased some items for classes to put in it.

As a consequence of this support, our target of 50 was smashed, as the school collected 78 boxes to provide joy for someone else this Christmas.



To pay for the postage (expected to be around \$500), and as part of their life skills class, the Year 9 & 10 students have run Ping Pong and Pizza Day and Father's Day stall fundraisers.

## Service Visit to Bisdee House

The Year 9 & 10 Life Skills class visited Bisdee House, a community-based respite home for senior citizens. They shared stories and listened to tales of days gone by. The visit was organised by Miss Felicity Knight, and it is hoped that this can be the start of a relationship between Hilliard and Bisdee House.



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Photos from top to bottom: Hilliard students with the shoe boxes. Alex McAndrew (the school coordinator for the project) with the representative of Operation Christmas Child, Kim Miller. Students chatting with Bisdee House residents

## North West Christian School

### NWCS Interstate Trip

An early start on Sunday October 14 saw 4 staff and 19 students (from Year 6-10) head to Launceston Airport for an experience that will remain in our memories for many years. God provided beautiful weather for flying, an experience some were facing for the first time. Canberra, Sydney and Avondale College were included on our itinerary.



We visited both old and new parliament house where students and staff were able to participate in role plays concerning the passing of bills in The House of Representatives. We viewed portraits of previous prime ministers, observed question time and met sitting member for Braddon Justine Keay who willingly answered questions. Students were given an opportunity to practise voting, including how votes are counted and preferences are worked through. We also visited the National Museum of Australia and The Australian War Memorial where students searched The Roll of Honour Wall for names of relatives.

Sydney saw us visiting Taronga Zoo and then off to Bondi for a swim. A trip into the CBD to walk through the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Off to Circular Quay to check out the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House.

At Avondale College students were able to experience college life. Avondale kindly housed us in Andre Hall and gave our students a taste of college meals. We swam in the pool, attended Worship, Sabbath School and



Photos from top to bottom: High School Students at the Art Gallery. At the Canberra War Memorial. Evelyn Carter with a living statue. High school students in Sydney.



the Church Service. A trip to the beach Sabbath afternoon was cut short when a radiator hose had sprung a leak. A quiet prayer went to God. "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him... (Psalm 145:18)." What a wonderful church family we belong to with friends coming to our rescue ferrying students back to college and the recommendation of a mechanic who kindly repaired our bus for a minimal fee.

Many thanks to Mr Wayne Pepper who prepared and planned this trip, but who was unable to be with us. During our time away, we were given several compliments on our student's respectfulness and good behaviour. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:18)."

## Musical Experience



by Emily Carter

Recently North West Christian School Strings Group (NWCStrings) participated in the Devonport Eisteddfod. Although we did not place, it was a great experience for all 15 of the participants

(aged six to adult). We gained knowledge on how we can improve for our next performances. The strings group is led by Sarah Scheermeijer. We have improved greatly since we started playing about 18 months ago. A big thank you to our teacher, Sarah, for all the work and time she put in to make the Eisteddfod happen.

## Aged Care Visit



A bus-load of students entertained the residents of an Aged care day centre in Ulverstone on the 7th of November. NWCStrings and the newly formed choir were all excited about using their talents for community service. Although the Strings has performed before, it was the first outing of the choir (who only formed a few months back).

After performing the students spent some time chatting with the elderly folk and the students from the infant class gave out hand-made cards. What a lovely time we all had.

## Making Science Fun

This term, Years 3, 4 & 5 students of NWCS have been exploring sciences relating to the Earth. We had the most exciting experience exploring and creating the layers of the Earth using coloured play dough. During the lesson, we learned that the inner core of the Earth can reach temperatures around 5000°C! Also, that the inner and outer cores are made of iron & nickel. The class enjoyed constructing the Earth's layers, then cutting it in half to see how they all fit together. The photo, which speaks a thousand words, really shows the great excitement felt when learning this information. What a pleasure it was to make Science so fun and interactive!



Photos from top left to right: The Strings played at the Eisteddfod & Age Care Home. The Choir with Mr Vivian Hill. Years 3-5 with their earth play dough layers.

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