

# Tasda

*Transforming Tasmania  
with Jesus for Eternity*

## Celebrating Baptisms



The 22 people, most from Hilliard, who came forward to indicate their decision for Baptism, following David Leo's appeal.

## Church and School Team Up to Reach Out

The fruits of church and school working together to share Jesus came to fruition at the Glenorchy Church on Sabbath, September 22 when four people were baptised – three were Hilliard school students (brothers Samson, Jeremiah, and Danny Rahamani) and the other an adult (Rolf Geriche), all of whom have been attending Glenorchy Church. Over the years there has been a strong culture of Glenorchy Church and Hilliard working together to help school students. To foster this working relationship, this year the Conference accordingly placed intern, David Leo, to be both the Hilliard school chaplain and the Associate Glenorchy pastor.

Each year Hilliard Christian School conducts church services in each of the Hobart churches. School children, most of whom are not Adventists bring their parents. Since three of those baptised were

from the school it was felt this would be the ideal time to celebrate their commitment to Jesus. After the baptism, when David Leo made a call for baptism, three adults and 19 school children made a stand. We praise the Lord for how our Hilliard Christian School and Glenorchy church are working together to transform their part of Tasmania with Jesus for eternity. Our schools and churches are truly centres of influence.

***“I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” Luke 15:7***

## Devonport & Ulverstone Churches Transform Lives

Praise the Lord! In the past few months both the Devonport and Ulverstone churches have welcomed new brothers and sisters in Christ, into membership! Pat, Paula and Brian all made their decision as a result of Pastor Gary Webster's Ancient Mysteries campaign which was conducted last year.

Emily, Evlyn and Eli, after more than two years of studies, first with Peter Ansell, and then with Robbie Berghan made their decision to publicly display their faith in our Saviour this month.

We have also seen four students at our North West Christian School make a decision for Jesus, and have joined a baptismal class! Please pray, as the Devonport and Ulverstone churches, minister to these wonderful souls who have made a stand for Jesus, and who have now started the next phase of their journey by joining our discipleship classes.

**Robbie Berghan**

*Devonport & Ulverstone Church Pastor*



Pr Robbie about to baptise Brian.



Anna and Paula being baptised by Pr Robbie.



Emily, Evlyn and Eli Carter about to be baptised. The Carter family in song.



Robbie & the church elders praying for Brian.

## Reality Check

At thirteen I spent five weeks in hospital after nearly dying from peritonitis. I noticed how seriously the doctors took the daily record (kept in a rack at the foot of my bed) of my temperature, blood pressure and pulse. It is even more vital for us to have a reality check on the health of our church in Tasmania. From the graph, you will notice that following steady growth for 80 years our membership and baptisms/professions of faith (PoF) have been in decline for the last 40 years since the late 1970's. Why? While there has been "mainland drift" this is certainly not the core issue.

Generally, prior to the late 1970's, most churches had Sabbath afternoon youth programs, which helped train the next

generation of church leaders; women were active in "Dorcas" community work; regular community health programs were run by churches; many members purchased Signs of the Times subscriptions for friends, relatives and neighbours; pastors spent a lot more time in personal and public evangelism, compared to their counterparts today, who are more involved in running the local church; there were more literature evangelists; public evangelistic campaigns were held more frequently; and prayer meetings were much better attended. Little wonder the church was growing.

The late 70's saw challenges to the churches teaching on a pre-advent judgment beginning in 1844. Coupled to unbalanced views of salvation by faith, this led many to downplay

the importance of doctrine and the prophetic messages of Daniel and Revelation. The role of Ellen White's prophetic ministry was questioned and the Biblical teaching of Spiritual Gifts was used as an excuse by too many to opt out of missional activities - "it's just not my gift" was, and still is, frequently heard. Next the concept of an end-time prophetic Remnant church, with a God-ordained unique mission to preach the 3 angel's message was

***"Does the love of Jesus burn in my heart? Do I honestly want to bring others to Jesus?"***

challenged. The result of all of this has been a decrease in the number of members sharing the gospel in the context of God's end-time three angel's messages.

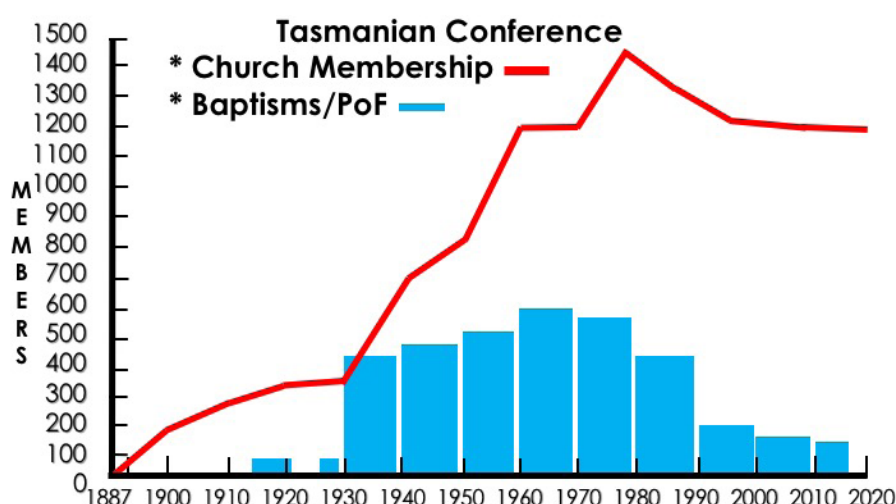
Today, men and women spend more time at work to pay off mortgages and other loans. As a result, members have less time to make and witness to friends. Thus, when evangelistic meetings are held too many of us have no one to invite. Therefore when only a few people come to evangelistic meetings, the cry is made – "this type of evangelism no longer works." Many believe the myth, and so less of this work is done. The result? Membership and accessions to the faith are in decline.

So what shall we do? Well, blaming the church won't get us anywhere. The problem is with each of us. We all need to ask: "How many souls have I personally brought to Christ in the last one, two or five years?" "Do I pray for people that God can use me to help?" "How many people have I shared my personal testimony concerning God's grace in my life with this last week, month or even year?" "Do I honestly want to bring others to Jesus?" "Does the love of Jesus burn in my heart?" "Do I have time in my busy schedule to work for lost souls?" "If I don't make time for this, can I really sing, 'Seeking the lost?'"

Tough questions that I ask even of myself as I write. We will see multitudes flock to Christ when each of us examine our own hearts and come to the point of saying, "Jesus, all for Jesus, all I am and ever hope to be." Will it work? Yes! Absolutely yes, and it already is, for we are seeing in various places in

the conference this year an awakening in members lives and with it an increase of souls coming to Jesus. Let us all give all of our life to Jesus right now and watch the membership and accessions graphs fly off the chart to the praise of the glory of God and the eternal salvation of people.

**Pr Gary Webster**  
Conference President



## Youth Engagement: Vital Key To Church Growth

I ncreasingly our young people are being raised in a post-Christian world. The inexorable march of secularism has the under-lying belief that our world will flourish once the shackles of Christianity are jettisoned, and self is enthroned – just as the serpent propositioned Eve that she would "become as god" (Gen 3:4). Although this world without God is meaningless, secular society seeks to educate and anesthetize young people into a moral therapeutic atheism through the soft power of consumerism, the ubiquitous cafes, cooking shows, smart phones, gaming, and secular education. The promise of consumerism and all the choices secularism offers gently coaxes one into believing this good life can be yours. This is made easier when God is viewed as distant and disinterested in our world, thus allowing so-called progressive social justice movements to provide comfort that good is being done without the need of faith.

So the greatest threat to the faith of our Adventist young people (in fact for all of us) is the endless smorgasbord of choice that gives rise to the almost irresistible temptation to renegotiate Adventism to allow maximum freedom. This desire to want our cake and eat it

too is what faced the Church in the fourth century when the Church 'Christianised' paganism through syncretism. Therefore in this post-Christian world, through God's Spirit, we must fight harder to equip our young people to meet secularism.

The challenge is indeed sobering. The number of young people leaving our church is startling. Here are a few statistics:

- Median age of Australians: 37 years
- Average age of Church attenders: 53 years
- 13% of Churchgoers are 15-29 years old.
- Age profile of Australian church attender: 13% are 15-29yrs; 24% are 30-49yrs; 63% aged 50+

Needless to say, many churches are heading to extinction. We can no longer ignore statistics that show our Seventh-day Adventist denomination is ageing. Our older, wiser members are precious to our Church and essential to our God given mission. However, we have a generational crisis that is not adequately being addressed. We are failing to adequately disciple our young people and to





Tassie Youth Connecting With God and One Another at CHOSEN

incorporate them into church ministry and mission.

To address the poor retention rate of our young people, in May of this Year the Australian Union Conference (AUC) conducted a Youth Engagement Summit - a think tank to address youth engagement and retention. In response to this the Tasmanian Conference, at the Special Constituency meeting in July, adopted the following 8 recommendations, all of which are based on the AUC recommendations:

1. To encourage our older members to pray for our youth and our young people to pray for our older members.
2. While both parents are vital in passing on faith to their children, research has highlighted the critical role fathers have. This takes place through: daily family worship; teaching and modelling how to have a relationship with Jesus; helping their children to share our faith.
3. To encourage Churches to foster inter-generational activities to create community.
4. Create better synergies between the departments within the conference and the local churches.
5. To demonstrate an authentic personal faith relationship with Jesus that is based on firm Biblical foundations and to intentionally mentor our youth in their journey with God.
6. To train, encourage and appoint young people to responsible and active church leadership and full involvement in mission and service.
7. The conference to dialogue with local churches and schools to help them formulate plans to retain, reclaim and engage our young people.
8. To foster strong working relationships between homes, local churches and our schools.

Pr Daniel Matteo will dialogue with Church Boards to help find practical ways to implement these 8 principles in each church.

We need to follow the example of Moses, who in his farewell speech to the Israelites, sought to help them pass on critical values, attitudes and principles to the next generation so they would not forget God:

*“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)*

Parents of course have the greatest influence over the faith of a child. From 1970, a longitudinal study over 35 years explored the question of how the experience of faith is passed onto the next generation. It discovered four key elements:

- **Parents Influence is critical:** Parental influence is just as high as it was a generation ago.
- **Bland Faith doesn't transfer:** If parents are not involved in life of the church, children rarely adopt their faith.
- **Power of close relationship:** The single greatest factor in successfully passing on our faith is the quality of the relationship with the children.
- **Loving the Prodigal:** Those who abandoned their faith, who later came back to the family and the church came from a family who were patient and supportive.

But our churches also can and must do some simple things:

- Make our families and young people the priority in our church.
- Ensure our church is a warm, hospitable and caring place.
- Walk across the room to talk and engage with young people. Know their name.
- Empower and trust our young people. It is OK to make mistakes. We all have.
- Get resources that will guide families in creating and sustaining a strong spiritual foundation.

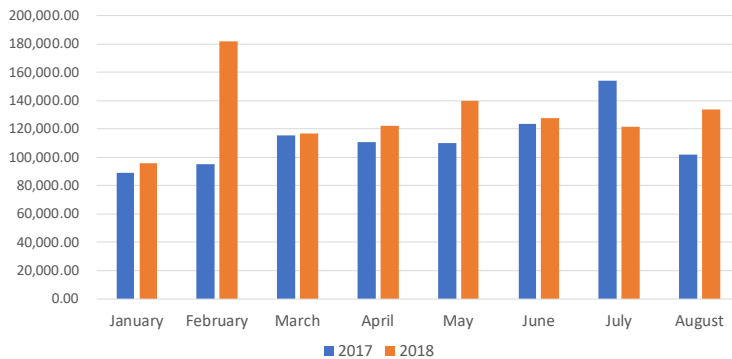
To pass on our faith we cannot afford a languid approach, we must all rise up assiduously to meet the challenge of raising resilient young people to carry the torch on.

**Dr Mark Falconer**  
General Secretary

# Tithe Increase Reveals Faithfulness of Tasmanian Members

Praise be to God! Each month I look close at the tithe figures to see how God is moving in the way people give. We can see from the graph below how Tasmanians returned tithe for the last two year.

Tithe in Tasmania  
Jan-Aug 2018



I am happy to report that by the end of August, there was 15.3% increase in tithe over the previous year. I would like to thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. I pray and hope that the end of the year will be as strong as the beginning. Remember the words of James Kraft:

*"The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord."* — James L. Kraft (1874-1953)

May God continue to bless each and every one of us!

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## North West Christian School

### Book Day

North West Christian School primary students chose their favourite book character and dressed up for book day on Wednesday August 22. What a wonderful array of characters. Even the primary teachers were dressed for the occasion. Cats, Robin Hood, The Mad Hatter and Little Red Riding Hood were examples of the magnificent characters on parade. Tuckshop vouchers were given as prizes, much to the delight of the students. High school held a free dress day and were encouraged to 'Dress Like a Farmer' for a gold coin donation. Thanks to our amazing school community, we collected \$140.65. All proceeds have been donated to ADRA to help with drought relief in New South Wales.



Above: Kylie & Jacqui dressed up for book day.  
Below: Tuckshop vouchers for dressing up on book day

### Inter High Cross Country

Students from the north west coast gathered at Hellyer College for the annual inter high cross country on Wednesday June 13. The



Cross Country Runners: Emily, Evlyn & Laughlin

weather forecast was for cold, wet and windy conditions. We were armed with warm clothes and a rain coat. I felt for our three students who were participating in this event. However there was not a drop of rain, the wind was virtually non-existent, and the weather was warm. All three ran a 4km challenging course. Evlyn Carter, Year 6, (ran in the Year 7 race) placed 4th; Emily Carter, Year 8, placed 15th; Laughlin Orr, Year 8, placed 26th. These students went on to compete in the Tasmanian All Schools Secondary Cross Country at Symmons Plains. Congratulations for participating and completing the course.

### Exchange Students

Physically visiting a different culture is the best way to experience how they live, which is what 5 students and their accompanying teacher from Hong Kong recently did. North West Christian School students and staff hosted these guests for two weeks, giving them the experience of Tasmanian hospitality. They had the opportunity to live in the homes of students, experience our food, culture and check out the local flora and fauna. These exchange students also took part in daily classes and taught our students how to sing 'Happy Birthday' in Cantonese. For them school begins each day at 8:00am and finishes at 4:00pm. However with after school tutoring or activities many of them do not return home until 7:00pm. Our students thoroughly enjoyed learning about life in Hong Kong through interaction in the classroom, as well as on excursions with our special guests to Dip Falls, The Big Tree, Stanley, Wings Wildlife Park, and QVMAG in Launceston to visit the Spider Exhibition. Five of our students have put their name forward to visit Hong Kong next year.



Hong Kong exchange students meet Aussie Icons - Kangaroos & Koalas

## Swimming

Primary students participated in their annual swimming lessons program. These lessons are extremely valuable in learning what to do when you are in the water, as we live in a country where water sports are a part of our life. Each student improved over the time, often surprising themselves with their new-found skills.

## Coles Vouchers

Our Coles school sports 'collection' has arrived. It was like having an early Christmas as parcels were opened. The new equipment has already been put into use by primary staff and students.

## Staff and Student Travels

During the school holidays staff from North West Christian School scattered themselves around the globe involving themselves in a variety of endeavours. Wendy McKay and Peter Hauck went to Tonga helping to build staff accommodation at Beulah Adventist College after the devastation of Cyclone Gita. Jacqui Scott was in the Solomon Islands involved in a mission trip. One of our Year 9 students Emily Archer (with her family), travelled to Cambodia where she was involved in helping those who are disadvantaged.

## Choir

Recently, NWCS invited all students, who would be interested, to join the choir. 14 students turned up for the first practice, 20 for the second and it's still growing! Mr Vivian Hill, a member of Ulverstone church, was invited to become the 'choir Master'. He was very excited to be a part of this new venture. We are three sessions into the creation process and our participants are more excited than ever. We even have our first performance booked at a local aged facility during the next term.

## Looking to study Business, Science, Engineering or Finance degrees?

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## Inspiring Northern Youth Rally

On the 8th and 9th of September, young people from around Tassie came together to praise and worship God in Launceston for that region's annual Youth Rally. The Youth Department's theme for the year has been "Got Jesus". As such, several young people from the Conference were invited as "Mystery Guest Speakers" for the Sabbath to share the testimony of what God has done in their lives. Carmelina Bocchino, Natalie Moore and Katie and Kerrilea Stanton also provided amazing music throughout the weekend.

On Friday night Nathan Bakker shared of his walk with God, the influence a godly mentor had on him and his passion for young people to stay committed to God and



Our Musicians at the Northern Youth Rally doing a great job!



# Notice Board

church. During Sabbath School time Taylah Mott and Hannah Neilley shared a bible study from the life on Elisha and its meaning for their own spiritual journey. At 11am the youth took the worship service in Launceston church, culminating with an amazing testimony by Jacinda Bonifacio on how God had lead her through tragedy.

After a picnic lunch, the youth then went on a geocaching mission with a twist, the point being to place a scripture verse card in as many geo-cache sites as possible to impact enthusiasts of that hobby. It was tonnes of fun! In the evening closing Sabbath worship, Kerrilea Stanton shared a powerful testimony of God's work in her life and His victory over her struggles. Afterwards everyone had social time over pizza and hot chocolates. What a great weekend to remember!

**Pr Daniel Matteo**  
Youth Director

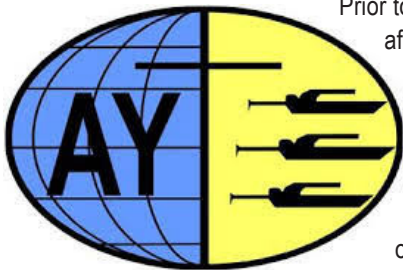


Northern Youth teaching Pr Daniel to Geo-Cache

## AY Meetings in New Norfolk

On the afternoon of the 14th July 2018, the New Norfolk church and Rosny and Margate youth teamed up to hold an AY's program that will hopefully be the first of many monthly programs in the lead up to 2019's Easter camp in New Norfolk.

Eugene Estil co-ordinated the day, inviting many young people to participate in singing, Bible quizzes and Pastor Daniel Matteo shared a message from Scripture.



Prior to the late 1970's Sabbath afternoon Adventist Youth meetings (AY's) were held in most churches. They were a means of engaging and retaining our youth and helped grow the next generation of soul winners and church leaders. Restoring such programs

with a mission focus, will certainly contribute toward engaging and retaining our youth, and help grow the church in Tasmania.

Please pray for the youth of Tasmania and the church and community of New Norfolk.

## Northern Regional

Launceston Church was packed to the rafters on the frosty morning of 21st July for a winter regional meeting. Members from Scottsdale and Deloraine were in attendance with church reports being given. To our delight, and I'm sure the Lord's, some of our new found friends from the evangelistic program were amongst our number.

Pastor Brendan Pratt, Ministerial Secretary for the AUC, spoke on the consumer culture and what it means for us personally, our relationships, parenting, connection with God, and how to battle through it.

Our newly formed choir, under the direction of Judith Stanton, bookended the church service with two beautiful renditions, Just a Closer Walk with Thee, and It is No Secret What God Can Do.

After the service all were invited to a lovely luncheon in the TRAC, followed by an afternoon meeting.



The newly formed choir

## 2018 Devonport Church Bible Society Program Raises \$1,200

The Bible Society Annual Gospel Music Program was held on September 1 at Devonport Church. Fundraising this year was for La Mascota Children's Hospital in Nicaragua. Pedro the Pinata raised \$1200 for the project. Over 130 people enjoyed the Gospel Music and the Nicaraguan Cuisine. Next year the Bible Society will celebrate 200 years in Tasmania. A special Thanksgiving Program, including Gospel Music, will be held at Devonport Church on 31 August 2019. Plan now to be there!

Dean Way, Devonport Church





## Launceston Church On The Move

Trampoline, trample, trammel, tramp. All words containing the letters tram within. But the word which generated the most interest on the evening of Friday 15th June in Launceston was The Tramshed, venue for the opening of the evangelistic series; Ancient Mysteries-Reveal The Future, which was presented by Pr Gary Webster, Tas Conference president.

Members of the Launceston Church had been busy letterboxing thousands of brochures in outlying areas and towns where the postal delivery had not reached.

Something along this line of magnitude in evangelism had not happened in Launceston for many years, and anticipation was higher than the promise of a hot cup of soup on a winter's day.

In freezing temperatures, more suited to polar bears, the 27 subject series opened with an attendance of

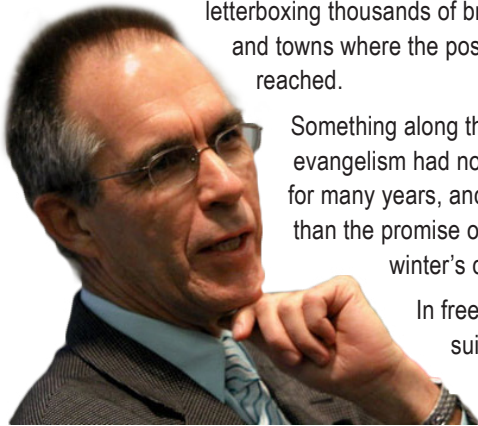
over 110, split fairly even between church members and friends from the public. Much prayer had been going up in the previous weeks and it was pleasing to see a good turnout of members to back that up.

After the second week, two subjects were presented in the Launceston church each Sabbath, helping our new friends assimilate into church surroundings. Health was one topic, followed by a lovely vege meal, with soup and buns on ensuing Sabbaths to drive away the chill.

Good attendance continued throughout the four weeks of programs, resulting in some 15 people requesting baptism, praise the Lord.

A significant number have signed up for a 12 week Prophecy Seminar, starting 25th July in the TRAC, run by Pr Brad Cooke.

"It was a wonderful team effort and a great privilege for me to work with a very enthusiastic and committed team," said Pr Webster. Church members and Heaven look forward to the coming weeks and months and what the Lord will do as members seek Him earnestly in prayer for these precious souls.



## Leader's Retreat Stirs Churches

Churches have started to implement what they heard at the recent Conference Leader's Retreat held at our Spring Beach Youth Campground from August 17-19. The key-note presenter, Johnny Wong, a very successful church planter, is an elder of Gateway Adventist Centre (GAC), a Seventh-day Adventist outreach centre located in the heart of Melbourne. He has been involved in 6 urban church plants and is now coaching several churches worldwide in urban evangelism. GAC has been blessed with over 200 baptisms, with the majority coming from among secular people. Delegates at our Leaders Retreat were inspired as Johnny, assisted by Darrel Wah, who is a lay pastor working on health outreach at GAC, shared Biblical principles on how to revitalize the local church so that it becomes a dynamic lay-lead mission movement for God.

Johnny has agreed to come regularly to Tasmania to spend time helping our

pastors to revitalize our churches so that our conference becomes a dynamic lay-lead mission movement for God. He will also conduct a Conference-wide Youth Leader's retreat from July 5-7 next year to help our youth become a vibrant missionary movement. With youth engagement and the power of the Spirit our church will transform Tasmania with Jesus for eternity.



Delegates at the Conference Leader's Retreat. Johnny Wong is fourth from the right in blue jeans in the front row, and Darrel is in the red jacket at the front on the right.



# Tassie LE's

## Tassie LE Team Leader Lectures at Solomon Island & Vanuatu LE Summit



"Just Jesus Leading Literature Ministry" was the theme of our LE Summit held in Honiara Solomon Islands September 11-16, 2018. Literature Evangelists from the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu came together to be inspired, encouraged and better equipped to serve in their calling as front-line workers for our soon coming Saviour.

After prayer and a special welcome by Eastern Province Area Manager Joshua Labuvolo, Mission President Pr Silent Tovosia preached an encouraging message for our opening meeting, highlighting the value of Literature ministry.

During the week, main presenters Tony Wall, Associate Publishing Director/Island Coordinator, and Joe Paola Team Leader Victoria and Tasmania Conferences lectured on various topics to further train and develop skills to distribute our high-quality health and gospel literature throughout the Pacific Islands.

Sabbath morning, Pr Piuki Tasa, Area Manager Western Province gave a most enthusiastic and inspiring sermon, reinforcing the



importance of God's ordained literature ministry.

Our time of instruction, fellowship, Bible study, singing and sharing our LE experiences further united us as a team under the leadership of Jesus our Saviour.

*Joe Paola, LE Team Leader Victoria & Tasmania Conferences*



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!**



## ADRA Op Shops



The ADRA Op Shops serve the community and the environment with the sale of pre-loved goods which in turn assist the less fortunate in our community. The sale of goods are able to assist ADRA programs which support food relief, settlement for newly arrived migrants and women escaping family violence. As a team of volunteers we are able to work in partnership with the community and are proud to be involved and contributing to people in need. **Locations:** Waratah, Ulverstone and Glenorchy



## ADRA Connection Trips



ADRA Connections is a life-changing opportunity for volunteers to travel to ADRA's projects around the globe, to experience first-hand the vitally important development work that ADRA does. Volunteers have a chance to get involved in a variety of ADRA's projects, from training, monitoring photographic and story writing, to renovations, repairs, playground refurbishment or building, to farming, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene education, or micro-business skill support, to working with communities in disaster zones teaching them how to

be prepared in a disaster or helping to rebuild after a disaster - there are a huge range of ways you can be involved in the work of ADRA!



## Emergency Relief



ADRA's Emergency Relief programs are run by volunteers from the local Adventist church and the community. They work in partnership with the council's emergency relief network to provide timely food provisions for families and individuals in crisis. This service caters for food intolerances, cultural preferences, access difficulties and specific needs with some flexibility to suit all clients' circumstances.

**Locations:** Waratah, Wynyard, Burnie, Ulverstone and Glenorchy, Danny's Bus (Rosny)



## Community Building

Around 5% of the Australian population experience deep and persistent disadvantage. Disadvantage means a lack of appropriate resources to maintain an adequate standard of living. Building community connections and providing opportunities for people to build relationships and access resources helps to reduce isolation and builds resilience for people experiencing disadvantage. ADRA works to build community through project activities that connect people through producing and sharing food that reduce isolation for the elderly, that builds resilience in young people and that are available and welcoming.



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# 2019 CAMP Meeting

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## EASTER FAMILY OUTREACH CAMP: New Norfolk

Camp 2019 will be held at New Norfolk Caravan Park at No.1 The Esplanade, New Norfolk TAS.

Bookings for caravan and private tent sites can be made through Wendy Scott at

[wendyscott@adventist.org.au](mailto:wendyscott@adventist.org.au) or phone 6273 6277.

There are also VERY limited cabin options available.

### JOSE ROJAS FOR NEW NORFOLK CONFERENCE EASTER CAMPMEETING 2019



#### Featuring:

#### Pastor José Rojas

Born into an abusive home, José grew to fear his father's drunken rampages. José overcame failing grades, fanaticism, and institutional inertia to develop a life-changing youth outreach based on love and prayer. Today his preaching is in worldwide demand, and he serves as a mentor to others.

Elder Jose Rojas from the USA will be our guest speaker for Easter Camp at New Norfolk next year. Elder Rojas began working for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1994 as the youth and young adult ministries director, a position he held until the year 2000. Since then, he has been the director of the Office of Volunteer Ministries which oversees all the North American Division volunteer missions programs including student and taskforce missions, tutoring and mentoring sites, short-term mission groups and a host of networked outreach ministries across North America.

While working as the youth director at the Division, Rojas also worked from 1996 until 2000 at the United States White House, assisting the Bill Clinton administration in many humanitarian issues and legislative initiatives. He also served with General Colin Powell in the launch of America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, which has led to large-scale participation of volunteers serving at-risk youth in their local communities.

Easter Camp 2019 replaces the regular family camp. The purpose of the camp is to revive and equip members for service, and to reach out to the New Norfolk community. Morning meetings will be for members, featuring a combined family meeting, revival and training programs. A Kid's Club (similar to the Vacation Bible Schools) will be held from 10am to 12 noon each day for our own and community children. Afternoons from 2pm to 4pm will feature community service projects of various types. Each evening Elder Rojas will conduct an evangelistic meeting for members and the community. The community will also be invited to a spiritual concert on Sabbath afternoon. When Elder Rojas heard we were moving back to the original intention of camp meeting (revival, training and evangelism) he could not resist coming, though he is a sought after speaker around the world.

Accommodation is at the New Norfolk Caravan Park. There will be no conference tents. Members must bring their own caravan or tent, or stay in Motels off site. You will definitely not want to miss Easter Camp at New Norfolk next year from **Thursday night April 18 to Monday lunchtime, April 22**. Sites are limited, so book immediately. See the accommodation and costs below.

#### Unpowered Sites

- \$20 for a single person p/night (\$80 for all 4 nights)
- \$30 for 2 people p/night (\$120 for all 4 nights)

- \$10 for each extra person p/night over 12 yrs (\$40 for all 4 nights)
- \$5 per child p/night aged 12 yrs or under (\$20 for all 4 nights)
- Total for a couple with 2 children

for 4 nights: \$160

#### Powered Sites

- Same as above but add \$5 per site per night extra (\$20 for 4 nights)