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Photo Doreen Woodward with card and flowers from the church in Tasmania for her 100th birthday

## 100 YEARS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Sabbath March 5 Glenorchy church helped celebrate the birthday of its most senior member Mrs Doreen Woodward. Doreen officially turned 100 on March 7 and was able to celebrate the day with family and friends.

Baptised at the age of 17 she has seen many changes in society during her life as well as in the church and through it all has been able to remain calm and peaceful as well as warm and sociable no matter what life has brought her way.

A true lover of Jesus and the scriptures she has always been a true example to all young people of how to live as a follower of Christ. She still shares that passion by making a range of crafts including stuffed

children's toys which are a popular item at the churches ADRA op-shop in Glenorchy.

As one of the founding members of Glenorchy church in 1965 she has been actively involved in many aspects of church life over the years including teaching children's sabbath school, head deaconess and church clerk just to name a few. Even at 100 years old she still hosts the Glenorchy fortnightly fellowship meeting in her home where members enjoy fellowship with Doreen and one another.

Doreen is also known for being a loving mother who with her husband Charlie, not only raised her own children, but also

raised a number of fostered and adopted children as well.

A real highlight of her church life was when her husband Charlie joined the church by profession of faith aged in his nineties.

She has always lived a clean and healthy life and when friends ask her what the secret to a long life is she claims it is to be contented with what you have and let Jesus take care of the frets and worries of this life.

The church in Tasmania would like to congratulate you Doreen and wish you a happy birthday and a life filled with God's blessing in the coming year.

*For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.*

Proverbs 9:11

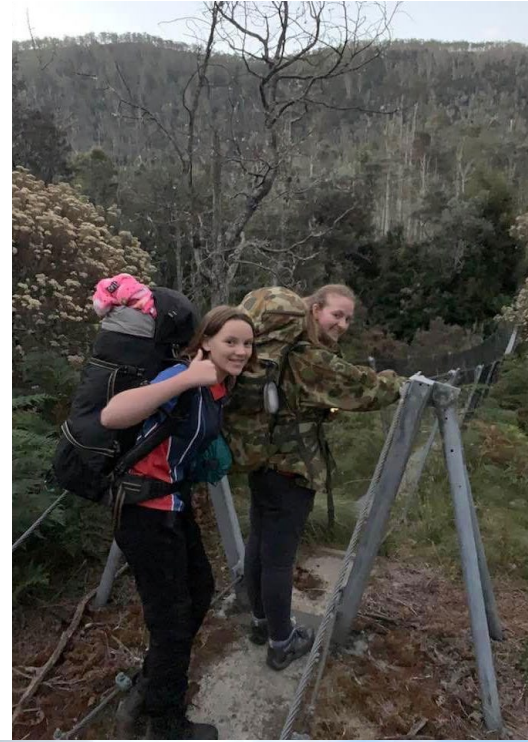


# PATHFINDER EXPEDITION WALLS OF JERUSALEM

Tassie Pathfinder clubs started the year with a bang by doing a two night hike through the Walls of Jerusalem National Park from February 11 to 13. Youth director Pastor Daniel Matteo was sadly stuck at home in isolation however they were very blessed to be led in worships instead by Tassie's brand new Conference President Pastor Rick Hergenhan. Pastor Rick shared worships about the different features in the park whose names corresponded with places in the Bible lands. The worships were well-received.

The Lord gave the Pathfinders excellent hiking weather and an amazing time was had by all marvelling at some of the most beautiful features in Australia. Please pray for the Pathfinder clubs around Tassie which continue to be a crucial evangelistic and discipling ministry across the Conference.

*"By night I went out through the Valley Gate... examining the walls of Jerusalem." (Nehemiah 2:13 NIV)*





# NEW STAFF

## NEW PASTOR FOR TASSIE

**H**i, my name is Billy. I have recently moved to Tasmania together with my wife Natasha and our two boys, Levi, aged 10 and Aron, aged 8. We have come from Western Australia. I am very happy to be ministering along with Pastor Eugene at Margate Church and also as Chaplain at Hilliard Christian School.

We have previously served in many areas of ministry including juniors, teens, youth, prison ministry, big camp, worship, music, care ministry and much more.

I have a background in business, psychology and management, but my passion is to serve God, in whatever form he chooses for me.

My family and I have a love for sharing Jesus and doing life with people from all backgrounds. We look forward to God's leading here in Tasmania.

We enjoy four wheel driving, camping, water sports and soccer, and we are keen to explore all that Tasmania has to offer.

Thank you for the warm welcome we have already received, and we look forward to creating meaningful relationships with those in our church family and our community.



Billy, Natasha, Levi, Aron



Elizabeth and Ian

## HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS NEW PRINCIPAL

**T**his year, Mrs Elizabeth Chaplin has joined the team at Hilliard Christian School from Queensland to take up the role of Principal. Elizabeth has enjoyed a long career in Queensland, working in leadership roles in various Christian Independent schools including St Peters Lutheran College, Fraser Coast Anglican College and, most recently, as Director of Primary at Cannon Hill Anglican College in Brisbane. She brings to Hilliard many years of experience in school establishment and development, having led to expansion of Cannon Hill Anglican College to include a full prep to year 6 primary school. This experience will prove to be most valuable as she leads Hilliard through the planned building and extension programmes in the coming years.

Elizabeth is married to Ian and they have three adult sons, two daughters-in-law, one grandson and a beloved black Labrador named Hervey. Their family is spread out across the mainland with families living in Emerald in Central Queensland, Brisbane and Sydney. They are currently members of the Mount Gravatt Adventist church community and are both looking forward to getting to know the Hobart church communities and settling in to a local church in Tasmania.

Hilliard Christian School is a rapidly growing, multicultural and diverse learning community. Elizabeth recognises that schools are places where parents increasingly look to this community to be the place where they engage socially with each other, and where their children build their own social relationships. Parents are choosing school communities with the hope of forging such relationships and community is often quoted as a driving force in the decision to choose independent, faith-based schooling.

This is a phenomenon that is to be embraced by Hilliard Christian School as an opportunity to build those relationships that are essential to quality learning. Knowing the students and their families well provides an insight into the people who are at the centre of our school community. We aim to have an intimate

knowledge and understanding of how to develop and nurture individuals who are aware of humanity through the building of human community.

In the Hilliard community this is attained through engaging the students with the Word of God, applying the teachings of Jesus and nourishing the core values of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality and appreciation.

Elizabeth will bring to Hilliard a belief that, deliberate and focussed teaching and learning of these values will continue to be ultimately important to the success of community and society and must remain core to the education of our Hilliard graduates.

## NEW PRESIDENT FOR TASMANIAN CONFERENCE

Pastor Rick Hergenhan has been appointed president of the Tasmanian Conference.

Pastor Hergenhan has replaced Pastor Gary Webster who has moved to the Greater Sydney Conference and is now serving as an associate pastor at Wahroonga Church, as well as continuing his role with the South Pacific Division's Institute of Public Evangelism.

With 10 years in youth ministry departments across New South Wales and 12 years in pastoral ministry, Pastor Hergenhan most recently served as youth director of the South New South Wales Conference, a position he held for four years.

"I feel honoured to be called to the role of President for the Tasmanian Conference." It was in Tasmania, volunteering on the Pinnacle of Terror in 2001 with Pastor Jeff Parker, that an interest was sparked in full-time ministry. Before that I was working on my family's dairy farm.

It was also in Tasmania that I met my wife Libby and three years later, we were married and moved to Hobart, while Libby worked at Hilliard Christian School.

After Hobart, we moved to Avondale College (now University) and I completed theology studies before commencing an



Rick and Libby have four children (pictured L-R) Giles 11, Heidi 9, Hayden 6 and Hannah 18-months

internship at Wallsend Church with Pastor John Denne.

I gain a lot of satisfaction in ministry helping others use their gifts to serve Jesus and build up his kingdom wherever they are planted.

Thank you for your warm welcome to Tasmania. I am looking forward to working with the church members of Tasmania,

the Pastoral staff and the teachers as we continue to take the gospel message to the communities of Tasmania.

I would also like to thank Pastor Gary Webster for his hard work and commitment to the Tasmanian Conference during his years of service. The Conference is in a healthy position going forward."



# NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS

## YEAR 12 DINNER

In December 2021 North West Christian school celebrated its first Year 12 leavers. A leavers dinner was held at Sweetness Café in Wynyard. One of these graduates had been with the school since Kindergarten and was very excited to have completed all of her schooling at North West Christian School. These two girls showed resilience and perseverance to continue their education as they were faced with the challenges of lockdowns and online learning.



Year 12 leavers Emily and Brooke

## SENIOR SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

As 2021 came to a close there was only one more task needed to complete the construction of the senior classrooms, which was a job requiring TasNetworks to finish putting in a substation. Classes for 2022 began on February 2 with staff and students enthusiastic about being able to use the new senior rooms. As you drive onto campus the new extension looks impressive and enhances the atmosphere of the school.



New senior classrooms

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

Excited students gazed out the window watching the beginning of the next phase of North West Christian school expansion. They watched as the builders begin to prepare the ground for the building of the Performing Arts Centre.



Students watch the start of the next phase of construction

## ENROLMENT

We are delighted that our enrolments for 2022 have improved from last year. At present we have 103 students enrolled. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord ..." Jeremiah 17:7

## NWCS STAFF

At the end of 2021 we farewelled Miss Jacqui Scott who had taught at North West Christian School for ten years. Jacqui will be missed by students and staff. We pray God blesses her as she begins a new teaching position in Sydney. We welcome Mr Morgan Smith who has transferred from Mildura and Mr Zac Redman from Hilliard Christian School. Mr Matt Beaty has taken on the role of teaching Year 5 and 6 and Miss Jenay Menzie has accepted the position as receptionist. Also joining us this year is a former student (who graduated from Year 12 in 2021), Miss Brooke Newman, who has a Teacher Aide traineeship working in the Kindy and Prep room.



Mr Morgan Smith,

Mr Matt Beaty,

Mr Zac Redman



Miss Jenay Menzie & Miss Brooke Newman



# HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS



## LIGHT UP VANUATU - SOLAR BUDDIES

Early in Term 1, the Hilliard staff as well as the Year 10 students spent some time focussing on making up Solar Buddy light kits for children who live in energy poverty. Solar Buddy is an Australian charity that aims to provide much needed solar powered lights and equipment to the many thousands of people who are plunged into darkness each night for lack of energy to power lighting. We learned about the impact this lack of basic power that we take for granted in our energy rich country has upon the safety, health, well-being and education of people who live in these countries. Light Up Vanuatu is a school's programme aimed at providing students with meaningful opportunities for service. Each of the lights made up by the Hilliard Christian School community will go to a child living in energy poverty, providing them with 12 to 15 years of light. This will provide light to assist with education of these children throughout their entire school life. A gift to last a lifetime.

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY @ HILLIARD

The country's largest community-based environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day, represents our opportunity as a nation to tackle our country's waste problems as they increase as a result of the pandemic. Clean Up Australia Chairman, Pip Kiernan, says it's more important than ever to get involved on Clean Up Australia Day. "Our environment is experiencing the impact of the pandemic," said Ms Kiernan. "We're seeing a huge surge in single-use plastics and unprecedented numbers of face masks, takeaway coffee cups and food packaging littering our footpaths, parks and beaches. "There's no better time than right now to show that you care.



The official Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday March 6, but Hilliard Kindy students were eager to lend a helping hand on March 2. Students wore gloves and walked around the school grounds picking up any litter they saw lying around. It was so wonderful to see them so involved in this great initiative.

## PRIMARY LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Primary students have been involved in a two-week intensive learn to swim program this term. Students travel via our school buses each day to Oceania Aquatic and Fitness Centre to participate in their lessons. Although some were nervous at first, they have grown in confidence and skills during this time. With our swimming carnival coming up at the end of the term we are excited to see their progress in their skill development.



## IGNITE

Ignite is a Friday evening program held twice a term for secondary students. It was an initiative developed by former principal, Mr Ross Reid and continues to be a popular program in our secondary school. Ignite is a time where students play community building games, discuss bible stories, share their personal experiences, engage in community service, sing and eat. Our Ignite program is organised by Miss Felicity Knight who does an extraordinary job in creating an engaging program. Our first Ignite for 2022 happened on Friday March 4 with a record turnout of 45 students. That is over half of our secondary school in





attendance. After sharing a simple biblical message and our key theme for the year, students walked with staff down to Moonah bowling. Our theme for this year is Psalm 22:1 'The Lord is my light and

my salvation - so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?'. Students had fun bowling with their friends and competing against staff. Pastor

Daniel Matteo, Pastor Billy Martinez and Pastor Rick Hergenhan joined us for this event. We hope and pray Ignite continues to be an opportunity to engage with our students and reveal Jesus to them.

## AUSTRALIA WIDE PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

January 2023 will be a super exciting time for the Pathfinder clubs all around Australia as they come together in Tumbarumba NSW for the AUC Pathfinder Camporee which takes place every four years. Here you can see some photos of the last Camporee in 2019! As those who have been to a Pathfinder Camporee before know, this event has a profound impact on young people in their spiritual journey and desire to follow Jesus. Throughout 2022 the Pathfinder clubs around Tasmania will be fundraising to take their kids to this life-changing event. We are asking every single church member in Tassie to support this effort with their personal giving, prayer, encouragement and help. Please speak to your Pathfinder club leader or local church treasurer if you would like to make a contribution to this effort, and please pray for our Pathfinders here in Tasmania!



## MONDAY LUNCH AT THE SCOTTSDALE CHURCH

International Women's Day is held every year on March 8. As a celebration of the day the Scottsdale church held their first monthly lunch on Monday March 7. An abundance of food is provided by amazing volunteers along with vegetables and homemade goods that are sold to support the Thirteenth Sabbath fundraiser. The lunch provides an opportunity to meet and chat with people from the community who love the lunches and friendship. \$570 was raised to support education in Timor Leste and other programs for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering.







# THE ENIGMA OF POTEMKIN VILLAGE

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Gregor Sailor, a renowned photographer, captures the haunting enigmatic phenomena of Potemkin villages around the world in France, Sweden, Germany, USA, Shanghai and Russia. Some villages are designed to replicate reality to assist car makers to construct driverless cars, while other villages are less innocuous that are designed to deceive both citizens and foreign powers that lay eerily empty. Essentially, a “Potemkin village” signifies any deceptive or false construct, conjured often by cruel regimes, to deceive both its citizens and foreigners. Potemkin villages comes from the legend of Grigory Potemkin of Russia, who was Catherine the Great’s right hand military officer. As the story goes, he sought to impress her on her tour of Crimea in 1787, it was rumored he would set up fake prosperous villages and then the show would move to the next village as the Empress travelled through the region. Though the accounts were no doubt exaggerated, however it took on a life of its own that contributed significantly to the perception that Russia was weak militarily, which lead to the disastrous campaign by Ottoman Empire that allowed the Russian Empire to permanently annex Crimea.

Now Potemkin Villages not only describes fake structures to deceive the people, but it has now taken on personal application to describe an idyllic façade we set up to distract from personal realities that are too complex and hard to face. We build up convincing little hamlets behind Facebook, selfies, memes, that are like currency determined by the number of likes to purchase self-validation.

These facades we build can prevent us from apprehending the critical issues of salvation. For instance, false perceptions of self can impede the ability to understand the depth of sin that pervades our lives. For if we do not know or understand the problem we face, we cannot arrive at the right solution. Paul states unequivocally we all sinned (Rom 3:9-10), and that no one is righteous. Now we all know that – but we like to think of ourselves as ‘not too bad’. But the wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23) and that is why Jesus had to pay the penalty. (Rom 3:19-21). Again, we know this, but when was the last time we confessed a *specific* sin? “Forgive me for all my sins”, just doesn’t cut it.

The parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector in Luke 18:9-14 provides a fascinating insight into the difference between ‘good’ people and sinners. The Pharisee – a ‘good’ person, who prayed aloud in earshot of the Tax collector, extolling his virtues of tithing, fasting, and thanked that he was not an adulterer, and tithed all he had. Now the tax collector, with his head down, beating his chest, pleaded, ‘God be merciful to me a sinner’, and here Luke uses an unusual word for mercy *hilaskomai*, which means ‘atonement’ to indicate to the reader

that the tax collector’s prayer was at the same time when following a sacrifice, an atonement was being made at the Temple and the Priest proclaimed to all Israel ‘Your sins are forgiven!’ So Jesus poignantly proclaims to the tax collector “this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.” The ‘good’ Pharisee is now relegated and dismissed as just “the other.” But what is the difference here? Yes, one repents while the other justifies himself, but there is another intriguing layer here that is critical.

Unlike the Pharisee, the tax collector discerns his need for atonement as his only hope and so at this point, he is ‘justified.’ The Christian life for the tax collector does not end there. It is one thing to be saved, it is another to stay saved. The Bible Commentary (v6 p1070) captures the essence of the attitude of the tax collector at the time of repentance and what is needed to stay saved and states, that the repentant sinner “...is to conform his will entirely to God’s will and keep in a state of repentance and contrition, exercising faith in the atoning merits of the Redeemer...”. The attitude of repentance and contrition is the attitude by which we all must begin our Christian walk and continue with this same attitude day in and day out.

The attitude of repentance and contrition breaks down the facades and the comfortable hamlets we construct. It also cuts through the temptation to partly trust in God and self and to look to an ever-present Savior and for our souls to be kept by Him. When this happens, the attitude of repentance and contrition allows Grace to perfect the work already begun in our hearts.

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