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Transforming Tasmania with Jesus for Eternity

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ULVERSTONE BAPTISMS

Pr Jacob Ellis

The baptisms of Chilli Ackland and Rosie Reynolds were a time of great joy at Ulverstone SDA Church as both families, and the church celebrated together. Rosie and Chili are also students of the Northwest Christian School and so they chose to share this special occasion with their church family, and their wider school community, so that they can declare their decision to



follow Jesus and commit their lives to a loving relationship with Him.

Both Chilli and Rose shared their reasons of why they wanted to be baptised and inspired everyone as they spoke as Chilli explained that he believed that God had been calling him to commit to Him for his whole life. Rose also shared similar sentiments and said she was encouraged to make this decision when her older sister was baptised.

At the conclusion of the baptism, Pr Jacob gave an invitation to anyone that may be hearing God calling on their hearts. Many of the young people from the local churches and community were in attendance, and were inspired by the baptism. Fourteen young people moved to the front to demonstrate they too want to be baptised and declaring that Jesus is indeed calling them to choose Him every day.

These decisions from our young people are a testament to the significance of our church, school and any other communities where we can speak of Jesus to our children. Praise God for our families, churches, schools and places where the name of Jesus is lifted up. (John 12:32). It takes a village to raise a child, so let's continue to be the Tasmanian village who lives for Jesus' Kingdom.



NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Brayden Morton - Principal

Baptisms

Congratulations for Chili Ackland and Rosie Reynolds on their baptisms on Saturday November 4th. They have been studying with Pr Jacob Ellis throughout this year. During the baptism Pr Jacob called for other people who may like to be baptised in the future. Twelve students from NWCS put their hands up for Bible studies and committed to be baptised in the future. Praise God.

Completion of the Build @ NWCS

Thank you for your continued prayers for our school and we praise God for the build we have been able to add. Thank you to Cosmin for his leadership in this space with the build and the great work he has done to ensure the growth of NWCS. The building has been completed and we look forward to future growth of the school in years to come.

Enrolments Building Further for 2024.

NWCS enrolments for 2024 are continuing to grow with enrolments again at record numbers in next year already over 130 students. This leaves us with waiting lists for some of our primary classes. Praise God for the continued growth in our schools. Thank you for the prayers as we look to build towards 150 students at NWCS.



Nova Muse Festival

NWCS celebrated the extraordinary success of our school's renowned strings and music program. It was a true honour for us to host this exceptional event that featured globally acclaimed musicians and mentors.

With over 70 enthusiastic participants daily and hundreds more each night, the program offered an unforgettable experience of musical excellence and learning. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a resounding success.

Thank you to Sarah Scheermeijer and Sue Collins for orchestrating this great event that brings life and growth to the school and North West community.



Outdoor Education Camps and activities

NWCS continues to produce great camps and activities for our students. Throughout the last term, year 9 and 10 have gone Sea Kayaking, hiked through the snow on Cradle Mountain, Year 7 and 8 have had a three day canoeing and kayaking adventure down Leven River along with Mountain biking and other activities as part of their regular classwork.



HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Farewell David McNeill

It is with great sadness that we announce that the former Principal of NWCS has passed away due to Cancer. David will be remembered for his love and compassion of all people and students. His drive for education and furthering students' belief in themselves was second to none. We look forward to the time when we will see him again in Heaven.



NWCS Student selected for Australia

Congratulations to Zed Robbie from NWCS for being selected to represent Australia in the upcoming Futsal Australasian Championships. We are very proud of your efforts and what you have achieved. We wish you all the best in your journeys.



Elizabeth Chaplin - Principal

"A Landmark Celebration: Hilliard Christian School's Primary Building and Maths/Science Centre Unveiled"

On November 1st, Hilliard Christian School marked a significant milestone with the grand opening of its newly constructed Primary Building and Maths/Science Centre. This momentous event was made possible through the generous support of the Australian Government Capital Grants Program and the Independent Schools Block Grant Authority, contributing a total of \$1.1 million to turn this vision into reality. The honour of officially opening the building fell to Senator the Honourable Carol Brown, Assistant Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

These cutting-edge facilities exemplify Hilliard Christian School's steadfast commitment to nurturing students, equipping them with the essential tools to reach their full potential and make a positive impact on the world. The school's dedication to fostering excellence in education is evident in the modern classrooms furnished with state-of-the-art educational technologies, creating an environment conducive to high-quality teaching and learning.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the dedicated teams who were instrumental in bringing this project to life. John De Jong, at the helm of De Jong and Sons Construction, demonstrated unwavering commitment to construction excellence. The architects of S Group, led by Jonathan Buist, displayed innovative design and meticulous planning, contributing to the creation of these exceptional facilities.

Hilliard Christian School's unyielding commitment to meeting the evolving needs of its cherished community is evident. The new facilities represent not only a dedication to excellence but also a commitment to nurturing creativity, curiosity, and knowledge.

This grand opening signifies the start of a new chapter in Hilliard Christian School's history, one filled with promise, innovation, and numerous opportunities. It is a moment of celebration and a



glimpse into a brighter future for our students and the community. The Hilliard Christian School community eagerly anticipates embarking on this new journey, with the Primary Building and Maths/Science Centre poised to serve as a beacon of inspiration and knowledge for generations to come.

**“While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat,
Winter and summer, And day and night
Shall not cease.” - Genesis 8:22**



CHANGES

Pr Rick Hergenhan

Can you believe that we are in November already? It feels like only a few weeks ago that the days were short and cold. Now, all of a sudden, my children want to play under the sprinkler because they are “too hot”, and they refuse to go to bed before 9pm because, “you can’t go to bed while the sun is still up”.

Is it just me or has the last 12 months passed quickly?

As far as the church goes this is the time of year when Pastors can be asked to move to new locations.

Two pastoral families from Tasmania have accepted calls out of the Tasmanian conference.

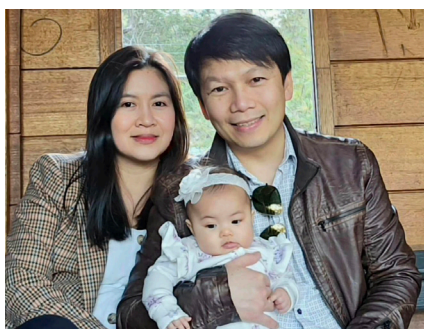


Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Pr Cosmin, Raluca, Annabelle and Phillip Dan-Marica as they prepare to move to the South QLD conference.

Pr Cosmin has invested heavily in our schools during his time in Tasmania. Both schools have fantastic new facilities ensuring that our schools are well positioned into the future. He has also served as the pastor of a local church while at the same time fulfilling his duties as the conference CFO.

Raluca has served as the conference Health director and during her time she has diligently promoted health ministries at local churches, AgFest and other shows. As well as this she has coordinated health professionals to tour the state promoting the Adventist health ideals. All her undertakings have always been done with a high level of professionalism.

We would like to thank you both for your service to the Tasmanian Conference and wish you all of God’s blessing as you move to the South QLD conference.



I would also like to acknowledge Pr Eugene and Michelle Estil. During their time in Tasmania their family has grown, and they are leaving with a permanent reminder of Tasmania, baby Yohanna. Pr Eugene has served as a bible worker and then pastor at New Norfolk, Margate and was the founding pastor of the Hobart International Church Plant. Eugene has a strong gifting in connecting with people and building missional relationships and we wish him and Michelle all of God’s blessing as they move to the South QLD conference. The church members of Tasmania would like to thank you for your service.

As well as these two transfers we have another ministry couple retiring. Ian and Robyn Dunlop have invested nine years of their lives into our youth camp at Spring Beach. Their dedication to ministry has not only kept the campsite in excellent shape, but an environment has been created where all visitors experience a positive Christ centred stay. A more detailed article follows however it is important to say, on behalf of the people of Tasmania, thank you for your ministry and God bless you with good health and long life as you take your campervan on the road.

Amidst the changes that come at this time of year I would like to draw your attention to a promise in the book of Genesis chapter 8 and verse 22.

*“While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease.”*

This verse reminds us that in the midst of a world that is constantly changing there are some patterns, some cycles, that will not change. The seasons, the growth cycle of plants, fluctuations in the temperature and the rising and the setting of the sun will always be there until Jesus returns again. And it is worth noting that we have no control over any of these cycles. This is a daily reminder of God’s care for us. So, as we come to the end of the yearly cycle, I would like to encourage you to once again put your faith and trust in God and let Him provide for all your needs.

TWEEN CAMP



Pr David Leo

Tween Camp was held on the first week of the Holidays in October. Fifty-two tweens turned up at Spring Beach Youth Camp to experience a week of fun, food, fellowship and getting to know Jesus more.

This year's theme was adopted from the popular TV show "My Kitchen Rules", converted to "My Jesus Rules". The campers were the apprentices, the staff were referred to as the chefs, our guest speaker as head chef, and Jesus was our MasterChef. Our guest speaker was Pr Deveron Strickland who was a youth director in Tasmania not too long ago. He shared about Jesus being our Masterchef and how we need to follow His recipe to taste that the Lord is good.

We also had various activities like abseiling, sport games, mountain-biking (thanks to NWCS) and many more that

help to build team-morale, character and faith while having fun.

Sabbath morning was a time of worship and decision-making. Many of the campers made decisions to be prayed for, to study the bible more and a few responded that they wanted to accept Jesus as their Masterchef for the first time. The Sabbath afternoon was capped off with the baptism of Aneizya Caperida from NWCS who has walked with Jesus, served Him and wanted to demonstrate her commitment to the Tween Campers to see. Praise God!

This was a first-time for me running a Tween Camp in Tasmania as a youth director. And I have nothing but gratitude and praise for my God. The staff (or Chefs) consisted of Tween Campers in the past who came to pay it forward. Some were pastors, parents, and even campers last year. And all did an amazing service to make this a fun and

memorable event. Huge thanks to Ian and Robyn and their staff who hosted us in food, accommodation, activities and more. Our Church Tas-wide, who has a local church and individuals who sponsored several children to attend. I will testify that your generosity has not been in vain. The leadership team who led and guided me through the preparation, and last and not least, our parents, and caregivers who entrusted us with these precious young souls for the week.

On behalf of our leadership team and staff, it is our appeal that if a leader from your church or school taps you on your shoulder to respond to one of the Campers who made a decision, please step out in faith and continue the good work that "...He who began a good work" in these young people "...will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6).



NEWS

Raluca Dan-Marica

Dr. Sue Radd's Inspiring Visit to Tasmania: Promoting Health and Wellness through Food

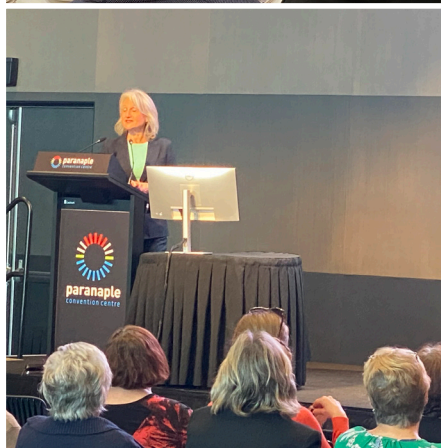


From October 20th to 23rd, Tasmania had the privilege of hosting Dr. Sue Radd, an accredited Advanced Practising Dietitian with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the realm of nutrition and its profound impact on health. Dr. Radd's visit to the island state was a much-anticipated event, and her presentations left a lasting impression on all who attended.

The focus of Dr. Sue Radd's visit was centred on the pressing issue of preventing and treating diabetes through food. With diabetes becoming an ever-increasing concern, her insights were invaluable and came at a time when many are seeking answers to this crucial health challenge.

The tour commenced in Hobart on a Friday night, where an eager and engaged audience gathered to hear Dr. Radd speak. Her presentation provided not only knowledge but also practical solutions for managing diabetes through dietary choices.

Following this, on Sunday afternoon,



Launceston had the opportunity to welcome Dr. Radd, as she continued to share her expertise. Her engaging and informative talk left attendees better equipped to make informed decisions about their health and nutrition.

On Monday, the tour concluded in Devonport, where a captivated audience gathered to learn from Dr. Sue Radd. Attendees were in for a treat as they had the chance to sample some delicious recipes featured in her upcoming cookbook, set to be released next year. These delectable food samples showcased the practical application of her teachings, making the learning experience all the more enriching.

One of the key takeaways from Dr. Radd's visit was the importance of putting knowledge into practice for maintaining good health. Her message resonated with the audience, reminding us all that the power to prevent and manage diabetes is within our reach through the choices we make in our daily lives.

In addition to addressing diabetes, Dr. Sue Radd also took the stage at the Launceston Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday morning. There, she delved into the fascinating topic of the world's famous Blue Zones and the unique lifestyles embraced by various groups of people across the globe. Dr. Radd presented compelling research on the link between a plant-based diet and longevity, shedding light on the secrets to a longer, healthier life.

Tasmanians were indeed in for a treat with Dr. Sue Radd's visit. Her credentials as an accredited Advanced Practising Dietitian, combined with her ability to impart knowledge in an accessible and engaging manner, made her presentations a significant contribution to the promotion of health and wellness in Tasmania. Her visit served as a reminder that our choices in what we eat can have a profound impact on our overall well-being. Dr. Radd's insights will undoubtedly continue to influence and inspire individuals on their journey to better health.

NEWS

Raluca Dan-Marica

Adventist Health Shines at the Hobart Show: A Commitment to Community Well-being



The annual Hobart Show is a cherished tradition for many Tasmanians, offering a kaleidoscope of entertainment, food, and activities that delight all who attend. However, this year's show had a distinctive addition that highlighted the importance of health and well-being. Adventist Health, a dedicated advocate for community health, made a significant presence at the event, providing valuable services and support to show attendees.

Amid the colourful tents, rides, and bustling crowds, the Adventist Health booth stood out as a beacon of wellness. With a mission to improve community health, the team offered basic medical consultations to anyone seeking guidance or advice. These consultations were not just about addressing current health concerns but were also focused on preventive measures to ensure a healthier future.

One of the highlights of Adventist Health's presence at the Hobart Show was their innovative approach to measuring health. Utilising an algorithm that assesses lifestyle patterns, they provided participants with a glimpse into their "health age." This intriguing

tool went beyond traditional health assessments and considered the individual's daily habits and choices, offering a comprehensive picture of their well-being.

Participants were not only given insights into their current state of health but also received guidance on how to improve their "health age." Adventist Health distributed free materials that were brimming with information and tips on leading a healthier lifestyle. Whether it was advice on nutrition, exercise, or stress management, the materials provided valuable resources to help individuals take charge of their health.

The success of Adventist Health's presence at the Hobart Show would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of their volunteers. These individuals selflessly contributed their time and skills to the cause of community well-being. Their commitment to making a difference in the lives of those who sought their guidance was truly commendable, and they played a crucial role in the success of this health-focused initiative.

The presence of Adventist Health at the Hobart Show serves as a reminder that health is a fundamental aspect of our lives and should not be overlooked in the midst of our busy routines and enjoyment. By offering medical consultations, assessing health ages, and distributing valuable educational materials, Adventist Health exemplified their unwavering commitment to the well-being of the community.

As the lights dimmed on the Hobart Show, the impact of Adventist Health's presence continued to shine brightly. Their efforts to improve community health habits were a testament to their dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of the people they serve. It is through such initiatives that we move one step closer to a healthier, happier, and more vibrant community. A great thank you is owed to all the volunteers who generously gave their time and skills to this important cause. Their contributions will undoubtedly leave a lasting legacy of well-being and health awareness in Hobart and beyond.

Pr Jacob Ellis

Bible Society

In collaboration with the Bible Society, Devonport Church hosted a Sabbath afternoon program on September 9 which included 20 non-Adventists attending. The event was to support the spreading of the gospel in Ukraine, especially during their current time of war.

Musicians from other churches came along to spend an afternoon singing some well-loved hymns and enjoying some delicious Ukrainian food. It was amazing to see people come together to enjoy fellowship through food and worship. We would like to sincerely thank Dean and Diane Way for facilitating the event, and for all of those who dedicated their time to preparing wonderful food and using their talents in the praise of our Saviour.



BIG CAMP 2024 PROGRAM

Pr Afi Tuaoi

BIG CAMP TENT

Big camp is almost here again, and you will experience some inspiring and memorable moments through the Big tent in 2024.



Our guest speaker is Pastor Lee Venden, who offers a wide experience in ministry and especially desires to deepen a congregation's spirituality by assisting individual members in their personal walk with Christ. You will find Lee Venden's presentations are characterised by clear, practical, suggestions on how to develop or deepen a meaningful relationship with Jesus. He has never forgotten the joy he experienced when he discovered the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing Jesus. A pastor and educator for nearly 40 years, Lee has sought to know Jesus better and to help others accomplish that as well.



Our morning devotions will be taken by Pastor Nicu Dumbrava, who is currently the Personal Ministries Director for the AUC. Nicu has

served 8 years as a pastor in the NSW Conference, and 12 years as a senior pastor and Personal Ministries Director in the WA Conference. He is convinced that if the church today is connected by the power of the Holy Spirit and is feeding on the Word of God, it can have the same impact that the early church had.

We will have other special guests, and other activities happening through the big tent, like the Expo, ABC book hour, Sanitarium breakfast and presentation, a free BBQ lunch, and a Special ordination service on sabbath.

19TH - 27TH JANUARY

Time	Friday	Sabbath	Sunday
6:30am			Fun Run
7am-8am		Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)	Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)
8am-9:30am		Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30am-10am	Registration	Sabbath School (All Divisions)	ABC Book Hour (9:30am-10:30am)
10:15am-11:30am		Church (Big tent, Youth, Jets)	
12:30pm-1:30pm		Lunch	FREE BBQ Lunch
			Family Fun Day (2pm-3:30pm)
2:30pm-3:30pm		Ordination Big Tent (Everyone)	Expo Big Tent (3:30pm-5pm) (Everyone)
6pm-7pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7:30pm-9:00pm	Opening Sabbath (Big Tent & Youth)	Night Meeting (Big tent, Youth, Jets)	Night Meeting (Big tent, Youth, Jets)

Pr David Leo

YOUTH TENT

We kick start the year with the our big camp! This time of year is always a great time to catch-up with our tribe from all over Tasmania, and invite our friends and family to join us in fellowship and fun. We will have morning workshops to challenge and grow how we live as Jesus' disciples in 2024, afternoon activities of fun and community service (so make sure to get an actipass!) And evening meetings with Pr Jacob Ugljesa from South Queensland who will explore the question as to whether our Christian beliefs are even relevant in this day and age. Getting together with like-minded young people to pray, play, and praise God together is always a great recipe to strengthening our faith in Christ our most High God.

Pr Jacob Ellis

JETS TENT

Big Camp 2024 is an exciting opportunity for Junior Early Teens from across the state to come together to meet new friends, have fun, and learn about Jesus. There will be plenty of exciting things to do each day – from bowling and mini-golf to a relaxing afternoon at the beach. Most of all, we hope to spend time building relationships with each other, and learning more about Jesus in an exciting and practical way. Our speaker, Lyndelle Peterson, is very excited to come and spend time with our young people, and she can't wait to share Jesus with them. We hope that our JETS will come away from Big Camp excited to share Jesus with their friends in their own local communities. See you there – we can't wait!

'IT'S WHO YOU KNOW'

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)	Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)	Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)	Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)	Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)	Devotional/Prayer Big Tent (Everyone)
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	FREE Sanitarium Breakfast & Presentation	Breakfast
Family Worship Big Tent (Everyone)	Family Worship Big Tent (Everyone)	Family Worship Big Tent (Everyone)	Family Worship Big Tent (Everyone)	Family Worship Big Tent (Everyone)	Sabbath School (All Divisions)
Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Church (Big tent, Youth, Jets)
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Bible Study/ Activities (All Divisions)	Sabbath Preparation	Concert and Mission Offering Big Tent (Everyone)
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Night Meeting (Big tent, Youth, Jets)	Night Meeting (Big Tent, Youth, Jets)	Night Meeting (Big Tent, Youth, Jets)	Night Meeting (Big Tent, Youth, Jets)	Night Meeting (Big Tent, Youth, Jets)	Closing Sabbath Pr Rick Hergenhan (Big Tent)

Amy Cherry

PRIMARY SHED

DIVE IN DEEP! Primary Shed for 2024 is going to be a SPLASH!

Together we will dive deep into the Bible to find the truth hidden inside. Each morning, with the help of our guest speaker Pastor Adrian Peterson, we will search the stories of Jesus to find precious treasures waiting just for us.

Every day will be an adventure as we will learn new songs, stories and nature facts. There will also be a fun daily craft.

During the week, the following incursions and excursions are planned.

Incursions & Excursions	
Mon	Tie die shirt & Team Treasure Hunt
Tue	Bowling
Wed	Seahorse World Tour
Thurs	Waterslide

Be sure to book your actipass so you don't miss out! It is certain to be a highlight of the year, filled with fun, adventure and most importantly spiritual Bible discoveries that will lead each of us closer to Jesus.

Rebecca Koolik

KINDY SHED

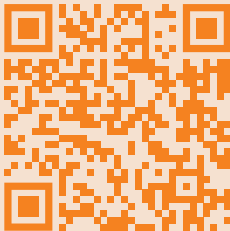
The Kindy Shed caters for babies, toddlers and pre-school children aged 0-4 years and their carers. This year we will discover the story of Creation in the Bible. Our goal is to provide a loving experience between children, carers and our Maker.

Playful Worship sessions on Sabbaths and weekday mornings with songs and stories will show each Kindy child they are wonderfully made and loved by God. A parent or carer will attend and is encouraged to participate because a kid's first glimpse of Jesus is through you.

During the week of Camp children have the opportunity each morning to explore and learn hands-on about God's world with sensory play and nature inquiry.

This year the Kindy Shed will also run a trial drop-in playgroup Monday - Thursday afternoons. This will provide Kindy children with an undercover play space and parents/carers the chance for some informal connection.

SCAN THE CODE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM & OUR GUESTS SPEAKERS BY VISITING OUR BIG CAMP 2024 CONFERENCE PAGE ONLINE.



NEWS

Pr Eugene Estil

The History of Collinsvale Church



I recalled the story of a man who found himself lost in the wilderness. Weary and dehydrated, he stumbled upon an old water pump in the distance. With his last ounce of strength, he gripped the handle and began pumping vigorously, hoping for water to quench his thirst. Yet, to his dismay, no water emerged. Overwhelmed by despair, he sat down, fully aware of his dire thirst and exhaustion.

As he sat there, a weathered tin can caught his eye. Inside, he discovered a piece of paper bearing a crucial message. It revealed that the pump had a leather washer, which required moisture to function properly. Beneath a large board nearby, there was a cup of water - just enough to wet the washer. The note further explained that if he were to drink from the cup, it would not be sufficient to moisten the washer. However, if he poured all the water onto the washer, he would have an abundance of water at his disposal.

Now, if you were in the man's shoes, what would you do?

This story serves as a metaphor for our lives and the choices we make. The cup of water represents the limited resources and opportunities we possess. We can choose to consume it entirely to satisfy our immediate needs, but it will vanish without providing lasting fulfilment. Alternatively, we can utilise it to "operate the pump" - to invest our resources and efforts into something greater. By doing so, we not only experience the best that life has to offer but also open ourselves to the eternal life that Jesus offers us each day.

To operate the pump, one must exercise

faith - the faith to surrender our own desires to Jesus Christ and say, "God, may Your will be done in my life." The question then becomes: how strong is your faith? Are you willing to place your own will entirely in the hands of God, trusting in His wisdom and guidance?

Consider the cup of water as a symbol of the choices you make in life. Will you use it solely for personal satisfaction, or will you pour it out in faith and witness the abundance that comes from aligning your will with God's?

Don't worry about what people think about you. Think of what God can do for you. Trust His will. Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Originally known as Bismarck, Collinsvale underwent a name change

during World War I due to the prevailing anti-German sentiment in the community.

In February 1889, the Seventh-day Adventists arrived in Bismarck and began preaching in the local Wesleyan church. However, they were later denied access to the church. Undeterred, they held several meetings in the state school classroom, only to be turned away once again. It was then that August Darko and his wife generously opened their home to the Adventists. Regularly, a group of approximately 50 to 70 individuals gathered in their kitchen to listen to the preaching.



NEWS

Pr Afi Tuaoi

North West Men's Camp - Waratah

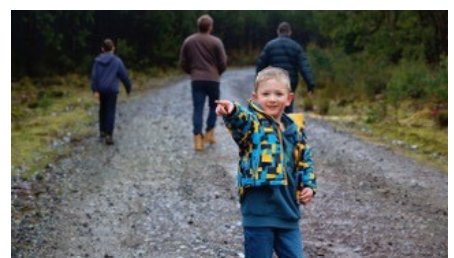
The experience of the North West Men's Camp at the Guildford Lodge Waratah, was like the experience of the two men on the road to the village of Emmaus.

*"So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went into stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. **And their eyes were opened and they recognised him;** and he vanished out of their sight." Luke 24:28-31 RSV.*



The eyes and heart's of the Men and their son's at their camp this year were certainly opened by the presence of Jesus. Who not only allowed us to enjoy the fellowship over singing, Bible study and enjoying the meals together, but also coming together to understand and know one another as men. The nature walks on sabbath were a great highlight too. To finish off the Men's and son's camp on Sunday morning, the Island boys treated us with a beautiful "UMU" island lunch. Thank you Toa, Uele and Erick.

There was a good representation of men from the churches of the North West, from Launceston, Georgetown, Devonport, Ulverstone, Burnie, Wynyard and Smithton. We were also blessed to have attended with us the Men's ministry team from Rosny church, Hobart. We're looking forward to coming together again God willing in 2024.



On July 20, 1889, the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist church was officially established with 34 members. Construction of a church building began in August 1889, and on December 28, 1889, the first services were held in the newly built church. The following year, on January 1, 1890, the church witnessed its first wedding between Henry Fehlberg and Bertha Totenhofer. After 134 years, the church remains steadfast. It is the enduring faith of the members that until now this group of believers continued their fellowship. We want to inspire the members of Collinsvale Church to stay devoted to the Lord and continue illuminating their community. To the newly established Hobart Church Plant and Huonville Fellowship Group, keep persevering. Move forward with determination, raising the banner of Christ, and maintaining your faith, for the Lord has even greater plans in store for you.

Keep on Fellowshiping.

Again, think of what God can do through you. Trust His will. Look unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Blessings!

NEWS

Pr Jacob Ellis

Visitors Sabbath

Devonport Seventh-day Adventist Church recently participated in the Visitor Sabbath initiative first brought to our attention by our conference. The whole Sabbath was dedicated to inviting and welcoming those who do not usually attend church. During the sermon, Devonport shared their new vision statement and values, and invited each person to journey with them as they strive to be a welcoming, discipleship community who has a real purpose in serving and being real in the local and wider community. The church was beaming with joy during and after, talking about how great it was to have new faces in the church. We are very much looking forward to hosting another Visitor's Sabbath and hope all Sabbaths can become a day that new people feel safe and welcome to come to our church.



Pr David Maxwell

Launceston Church

Lego For The Master

Recently, Launceston Church involved our young people (and some not-so-young), to build Lego flower arrangements for display at church, in place of the regular natural flower arrangements. It was great fun for all involved and allowed our young people to be recognised as important and included in our church and its weekly services.



Pathfinder Fundraising

Launceston Church has found an ideal way to both raise funds for our local Pathfinder club, and encourage church members to come and support our Church Working Bees. Twice a year we run a car wash fundraiser with the Pathfinders, and combine it with the Church Working Bee. We get a good turn up to the working bee and the cars get washed while the members work, so everyone is happy! Over \$900 was raised for the club this year, which is a great result.



Pr David and Mary Maxwell

Family Ministries

Couple's Enrichment

Hobart was again blessed in September this year to have Pr Neil Thompson come to Hobart and speak to our couples. There were about 23 people present and all enjoyed both his morning and afternoon talks on "Understanding & Connection", "Emotional Agility" & "Family Worship & Bonding". The Program was very well received and was recorded, so please contact Family Ministries Director, Mary Maxwell on MaryMaxwell@adventist.org.au if you would like to get a copy of it. There may be a small charge for reproduction & shipping.



Ladies Retreat

The Family Ministries 2023 Ladies Retreat, "Heartburn" was a great retreat for all who attended. With around twenty-seven in attendance on Saturday, Victorian Women's Ministries Director Pr Tarnya Garner, presented on a number of emotional and encouraging topics.



She spoke about reigniting the "Burn" in our hearts for Jesus as you journey as a Christian woman. The camp was relaxing, emotional, engaging and refreshing for our ladies who really appreciated all that Pr Garner shared. The retreat has received so much publicity, we even had a lady come all the way from Victoria just to attend, and reported that she was greatly blessed! Keep this retreat in your calendars for 2024, as you won't be disappointed and will not want to miss it again!

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Natasha Jordan

ADRA Appeal October 2023

Thank you to everyone who has supported the annual ADRA appeal across the state this year.

In the North west of the state Ulverstone church hosted their annual Village Lunch on Sabbath 21st October. Carol and her team provided rice, pumpkin, cabbage, peas and gravy for the savoury and a lemon sago pudding for dessert. Some of these stable foods are eaten by people in villages around the world. This year the Village lunch raised over \$1600 for the 2023 ADRA appeal.



At Burnie church the Burnie pathfinders and adventurer club held a concert on Friday 27th October at their church hall. The concert included performances from Alaska and Sarah Scheermeijer, Ruth Piercy, Pacific Island singers, Brass quintet, Bobongie family, Men's group, Tuoai family, Groenewege family, adventurers and pathfinders. Some of the pathfinder and adventurer leaders performed with the P-P-P-Penguin puppets focusing on this years 'Love Thy Neighbour' theme. A variety of soup and buns were provided for people attending the concert as well as sweet muffins for dessert. The 'Love Thy Neighbour' concert raised \$875.00 from attendees who thoroughly enjoyed the performances as well as participation with the singing.

The Launceston ADRA Connections op shop at Mowbray had a sidewalk sale on Sunday the 22nd October for the ADRA appeal and raised \$200.00 from their 4-hour sale.

The Glenorchy op shop team held a fashion parade on Sunday 22nd October at the Glenorchy church. (insert article from Sandra - has provided a summary of the day's fundraiser event).



Heather Buxton and Linda Storey

ADRA Fashion Parade

...not as strange as it might first seem. It has been a long-held dream of Glenorchy ADRA Shop Manager, Sandra Fehre. She organised a very successful inaugural event on Oct 22 in The Glenorchy Church Hall.

Eight brave souls choose their outfits (one casual and one more dressy) from the stock at the local ADRA Shop. They sashayed down the catwalk to some great classic soundtracks put together by Linda.

The \$10 entry fee included a homemade Devonshire tea so there was lots of opportunity to eat and chat. There were also some other clothes from the shop for perusal and possible purchase.

This event was well supported by both church and non-church friends and a total of \$1,027 dollars was raised for the ADRA appeal. We are all looking forward to this becoming an annual event.

Other ADRA News

The Smithton op shop had to reschedule their street BBQ from October 19th to the 30th November due to the damaging wild winds that occurred across the state.

Additionally, around the state church members have door knocked for the appeal, donated online and are raising funds in various ways to support the annual ADRA appeal. Thank you all for Loving Thy Neighbour and raising funds to support people with love, justice and compassion.

ADRA Cooking Literacy Program at Devonport.

In Devonport the cooking literacy program began on August 2nd this year with Heidi and Tamara working with



single parents, young adults and children at the Pathway Shed in East Devonport. The sessions focused on educating about food, cooking skills, budgeting, recipe literacy and label identification. The participants cooked a variety of new and interesting foods from "Food as Medicine" by Dr Sue Radd and other vegetarian cookbooks. In the last 3 sessions participants chose the recipes from the cookbooks and enjoyed discovering and trying new foods. During the October school holidays Heidi and Tamara held a sushi making session for parents and their children. The session was very successful with 7 parents and 9 children making sushi as a healthy lunch box alternative. Everyone enjoyed making and eating their freshly made sushi.

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Pr David Cherry

Margate Community Kids Soccer

Each Tuesday night between 4 and 6 families from the Margate community come to the Margate church hall to play soccer. Both mums and dads also join in the game each week.

No scores are kept as the focus is on fun, friendship and physical fitness. At half time fruit which is quickly devoured is provided for the players. It has been a blessing to meet these families and each week provides opportunities to connect and chat about many topics including the crazy world we live in as well as opportunities to pray for each other in difficult times.



Pr Afi Tuaoi

Spring Festival 2023

Festivals have always been a part of Israel's worship in the Bible, in honouring God, worshipping Him, and remembering what God has done for them and you personally. Therefore Burnie and Ulverstone churches combined together for a Visitor's Sabbath on September 23 in praising Jesus for "Spring" in a Spring Festival. The day was filled with praise, flowers, fellowship, and worship of our great God and Saviour! Held at the new "Performance Arts Centre" at the North West Christian School, we were also blessed by the school Choir and Chorale, the Junior and Senior Strings Ensemble.

Putting together such a celebration was not an easy feat, but with Jesus as our Leader, I am so grateful to everyone, who's love for our Saviour put Him first, in witnessing to the many visitors who came to witness Jesus sacrificing love, on that Sabbath day.



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Robyn and Ian Dunlop

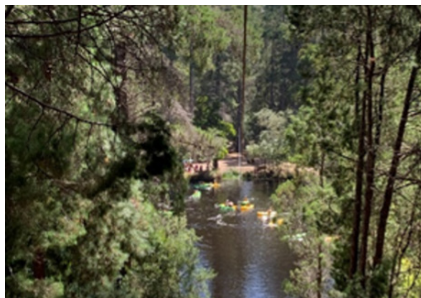
Managers Change at Spring Beach Youth Camp



January 18, 2024, will mark a changing of the Guard at Spring Beach Youth Camp. Robyn and I are finishing up to take some time to revive and tour this wonderful country of ours.

We started our work here in August 2014 moving from sunny Queensland. After just one week we both sat down, looked at each other and said, 'What have we done?' But we knew God had brought us here and God gave us a vision of what this wonderful camp could become and the lives that would be changed and touched for Him. So, we have focused on making this place a place where young people can grow and learn new skills through the activities that have been developed, through the lovely vegetarian meals that are prepared and enjoyed, and through the amazing memories that are created for them. The Christian environment, the parklike grounds which groups really appreciate, and our interactions with groups provide children with a small glimpse of something better and hopefully seeds have been planted that will grow for God's kingdom.

There are many memorable times and disappointing times, but God has



enabled us to achieve so much with the help of our committee and church family. We have been able to renovate many parts of the building and bring it to a standard that people expect: new bunks and mattresses, new renovated ensuite rooms, new lounge chairs and now starting on the kitchen.

We wanted this place to be memorable in the activities we provide, so we set out to create the team initiatives, low ropes, revamp the flying fox and get it



happening again, add a beach volleyball court, catapults, multiple orienteering courses, revamped the archery, build the commando course thanks to the donations from churches, families and ADRA, revamp the dam and kayaking facilities, and source and fit the indoor climbing wall with the help of many others. Rebuilding the Ferris Pine Chapel with the ministers was lots of fun but the most special job was the building of the Rockwood Chapel. What an awesome place to worship our God!

Edwin Beard

News from the New Managers



Above all we have tried to involve as many people as possible in fulfilling the vision so that they too will call this place theirs as I did as a young person when we built this place. It is great to see the families, Pathfinders and Adventurers, mens' groups and churches coming to help at working bees and appreciate this amazing facility that God has given us. It's not our place, it's yours and we have had the awesome privilege of looking after it for you.

I will be very sad to leave here as I truly love this place. I will miss lots of things about it but I will really miss the interaction with the young people extending themselves and stepping outside their comfort zones especially on the flying fox, abseiling and climbing wall.

God has not finished with this place yet and we wish Edwin and Loretta all the best as they take over from us. I know God will guide you in His plans for the camp in the coming years. May you catch His vision for this place and see lives changed for His glory. This is truly a place to change lives and 'Create a Memory' for future times.



Edwin and Loretta Beard have been married for almost 23 years and have 3 beautiful children: Gabriel 16, Francis 14 and Karen almost 12.

Edwin is a qualified electrician and has experience in electrical and maintenance having worked at the Sydney Adventist Hospital for 11 years. He has worked for Essential Energy for 15 years in various roles such as Zone Substation Technician, Electrical Technician, Communications Technician and Maintenance Coordinator. He also spent 2 years as assistant manager at Camp Howqua VIC, and has been camp electrician at NNSW Big Camp for about 15 years.

Loretta has experience in dressmaking and aged care. She has also worked as a kitchen hand, grounds person and farm hand.

The family is coming from Guyra where Loretta grew up on a potato, beef cattle and sheep property. Her mum still has the farm so all of the family have been involved in various aspects of farm

work and machinery maintenance. They have also spent some time in recent years living in Howqua, Broken Hill and Narromine, adjusting to various climatic conditions and lifestyles, while experiencing different parts of the country.

While taking on this new role has required Edwin and Loretta to step out of their comfort zone they believe that they are following God's leading and are excited to see what He has in store. They hope to carry on the great work that Ian and Robyn have been doing and make the camp a place for people to come and have a great time and make life long memories and experience some of God's blessings at the same time.

The family are also excited to take out their camper and explore Tasmania, having visited on holidays in the past and been captivated by its natural beauty.