



# Tascla

Transforming Tasmania with Jesus for Eternity

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## LOVE, PRAY, PREPARE

Pr Rick Hergenhan

We live at an interesting time in history. A world that is more connected than ever but just as fractured as ever. The Australian government website Smart Traveller strongly recommends more than 20 countries that Australians should not travel to. Recent articles in the mainstream media point to the time on the doomsday clock and highlight it is only a minute and a half till midnight. While these signs are concerning, they should not come as a shock to us. In Matthew 24 Jesus himself says, when you see these things happen, "see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."

Judging by the signs and the prophecies in the Bible we know that Jesus' return is near but what to do while we delay?

The apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:7-8 says;

*"7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."*

We are called to love each other while we wait. Loving others is not something passive or necessarily natural. Practicing being loving takes effort and can be difficult.

Looking to Jesus we see that He took love to its greatest extent and was willing to suffer physical, verbal, and emotional abuse from those he came to save. And while we are not Jesus, we can take strength and encouragement from his example and go forward treating others in the same way he treats us.

We are also called on to pray. It is easy to underestimate the value of prayer when we live in a country where all our basic needs are met. Even so the spiritual realm is active all around us and the full extent of the great controversy will only be known once we reach the kingdom.

As we start a new quadrennium, let us be known as praying people and a praying church. Let us pray for our families, our churches, our communities, and our leaders, both inside and outside the church. Let us use our waiting time to align ourselves with Jesus so He can work His will in us and therefore Tasmania. Pray that we can love well and because of Jesus' love, people can come to know the Saviour of the world for themselves.





## SUPPORT FOR MADANG

*Letter by Stuart Barons*

Hi Friends,

How happy I am that you, as my Tasmanian family, made my dreams come true. What dreams am I talking about? Well, in the last TASDA, I appealed for money to purchase 2000 bibles for Madang after my visit there last April / May to present in the PNG for Christ program. The last update that I had from the Conference treasurer was that \$13,000 has been raised so far, with other donations still arriving. Fantastic!!! We have an undertaking from the South Pacific Division that they will cover the cost of the freight involved in getting them to their destination, so what a terrific outcome! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

That has been one goal achieved successfully, so I am seeking your help once again to achieve another goal. Our Conference, under the direction of Pastor Rick (Conference president) and Pastor David (youth director) are planning a mission trip to Madang, Papua New Guinea, next year, July 6 – 20. While the exact details are still quite fluid, they want a robust team of ages and experience to run a kids club, an evangelistic program and a practical project. The PNG Mission has forwarded an extensive list of how their program could be enhanced by our contributions, and so they are looking forward in anticipation to July 2025, God-willing.

The costs involved in getting each person there (around \$2300), are our personal responsibility, but I am seeking

your financial assistance in purchasing the materials that will be used in the practical project. I know that our primary school on the Mission compound could do with a complete renovation as well as needing student/teacher resources, but shortly we will know exactly what the project is and I have a 'man on the ground' there who will put a 'shopping list' together and price it for us, so that materials are there for when we arrive.

To summarise my request, we need:

- Money to purchase building materials in Madang,
- Student and teacher resources (maybe also money to purchase items there if more economical),
- People to indicate their willingness to go so a good mix of trades, abilities, ages (youth and more experienced) develop into a workable team.
- Good clothing to complement what the nationals already have (Op shop goodies are ideal/economical) etc.

The Conference treasurer is adding another subheading on the e-Giving app called 'Madang July Project', so whatever way that you do it, we would welcome / praise the Lord for your financial contribution to make this mission trip memorable for all concerned.

Thanking you in anticipation,

*Stuart Barons*  
(planner of the practical project)





# LAUNCESTON CHURCH NEWS



## Free Community Winter Soup Kitchen

During the months of July to September, the Launceston Adventist Church ran a winter soup kitchen for the community around Mowbray in Launceston. There were between 12 and 25 people attending each night, and some good community connections were made.

One particularly significant story was when a man was noticed coming out of Coles with just a loaf of bread and some spread to go on it. I asked him if he would like some free soup, and he was incredibly happy to be asked. I asked him if he had anyone at home who also needed some soup and he said, "yes my wife." When I offered for him to have soup and take some home to his wife, he said: "Oh that will be so nice. At least we will have something warm to eat tonight!" It broke my heart to think that this quiet, unassuming gentleman and his wife would have just had that bread for dinner, if we had not been there for him.

This and many other stories, showed that there is real need in the community at present. What a privilege that we could help. We were assisted by the Uniting Church in Launceston, who allowed us to use their hall at no cost. Coles provided the breads and rolls, and our Launceston ladies provided the soups. One lady we also met who was new to the area, often brought bags of fruit to assist as well.

## Month Of Prayer

During the "Week of Prayer" month in September, the Launceston Church held a "Month of Prayer." This was incredibly successful when we trialed it last year, where several families around the city of Launceston opened their homes once a week for the month of September, to read the Week of Prayer readings. Last year we had about 30 members involved, while this year we had around 35-40 involved. It was a wonderful time of fellowship in each home, and some good testimonies were shared at a special worship service at the end of the month.



## Faith FM Community Dinner

Launceston recently hosted a Faith FM community dinner. This dinner was held to promote the local Christian radio station, introduce Pastor David Maxwell as the local presenter, and to share a special program from "The Faith Experiment" presenter, Pastor Robbie Berghan on "Digital Currencies, Cashless Societies & Bible Prophecy."



The program was well attended by about 50 people, many from the community, or members who brought friends. There were many positive comments from those who attended, who were surprised with what Robbie shared about the



# WORLD PATHFINDER DAY GLENORCHY



direction we are heading, to set up the world for the kind of global economic control mentioned in Revelation 13.

During the dinner, a pre-booking special was offered to those who attended, to register for the up-coming "Ancient Mysteries" program, starting on October 19. There were 20 who took up this special offer and are looking forward to learning more about the future from archaeology and prophecy.



On Sabbath September 21, Rosny Pathfinder Club (consisting of young people from both Rosny and Glenorchy church) led the Glenorchy church service. Every Pathfinder had a part to play. From the young, budding musicians and singers, to an eloquently told children's story and sharing time. It was wonderful to see the Pathfinders growing through their experiences from the year. The four master guides each shared their experiences and spiritual lessons gained throughout the process.



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# NEW NORFOLK CHURCH NEWS



## New Norfolk Church Children

At the start of this year, New Norfolk Church did not have any children's Sabbath Schools. We prayed that we would be able to start one and, through it, reach children in the local community for Jesus. Shortly after we began, God started bringing families from the local community. Praise the Lord that we now have six families regularly attending the children's Sabbath School class.



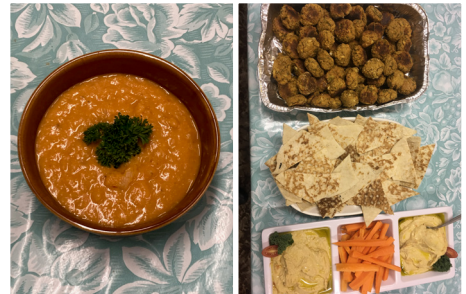
At the end of this past quarter, the children shared with the church what they have been learning on the theme "I Am a Christian." They sang the songs they had learned, interspersed with Bible verses about being a Christian that they had memorized. Despite two families having to pull out at the last minute due to illness, everyone seemed to love it, and there have been requests for the children to share again soon.

## New Norfolk Church Cooking Class

During July and August, New Norfolk Church ran healthy, plant-based cooking classes over eight weeks. These classes were accompanied by short health talks covering each of the 8 'Laws of Health.' We blanketed the township of New Norfolk with flyers in people's letterboxes and utilized social media community pages to promote the event. Soon, the local newspaper contacted us and wrote a story that spread the word even further.

Twenty-seven people from the community ended up attending (20 adults and 7 children) along with several volunteers from our local church and abroad. The feedback was very positive, and most attendees requested further cooking classes and health programs. Consequently, we have launched a monthly health club to maintain interest.

The best part of all is that one man who attended the first cooking class, initially opposed to God and church, continued coming to every single class and is now having in regular, personal Bible studies. Another lady from the cooking classes showed up at church last Sabbath. It is great to see how, just as in Jesus' day, ministering to people's physical needs leads to the opportunity to minister to their spiritual needs. We have truly seen that health work is the right arm of our message.





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## Glenorchy Church Retro Night

The Bible says in Psalms 144:15 (NKJV) "Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!" Glenorchy church hall was filled with joy and laughter on their recent Retro Night social. The evening began with songs led by the church ukulele band. Then there was a time to share blessings and pray together. The rest of the evening was filled with delicious food and games. It was great to see people of all ages getting involved and interacting together in such a fun way.



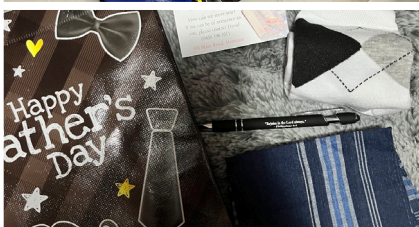


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## Father's Day Community Gifts

The Friday evening before Father's Day, many members, of all ages from Glenorchy church came together to prepare a Father's day community gift. Each gift bag was filled with a pair of socks, a handkerchief, a pen and a card. The following day, church members took to the streets sharing the gifts and wishing many men a happy Father's Day. "It was a simple way to connect and start conversations with the people, in a non-threatening way," said one church member.



## Margate Community Food Pantry

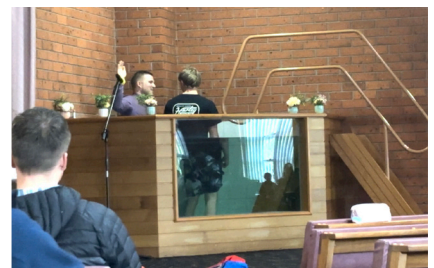
Every Wednesday morning, Margate Church is a hive of activity. From 10:30am-12:00pm, the church runs a food pantry. The food is supplied by Food Bank Tasmania and is sold at a low cost to the community. On top of that, there is a range of free fresh fruit and vegetables, some of which are grown and supplied by Margate's own church members. Recently Sanitarium also generously donated a pallet of Weet-bix and So Good soy milk in support of this ministry. The Food Pantry has been a blessing to many individuals and families around Margate, showing the love of God in a practical way.



## Ulverstone Church Baptism

We often say that schools are the leading evangelistic tool in sharing Jesus to young people. On September 21, Lachlan Purton, a former student of North West Christian School was baptised at Ulverstone Adventist Church. His understanding and spiritual growth primarily occurred through Bible classes, morning class worships, and chapels; all of which happen at school. Lachlan started attending Ulverstone Church with some school friends who have helped him pursue this decision to publicly declare his desire to follow Jesus.

If you ever have an opportunity to share Jesus, even if it's for 5 minutes in a day, never underestimate what the Holy Spirit can do in those precious minutes. May God continue to bless His work in His schools.







## HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Elizabeth Chaplin - Principal

### A Year of Growth and Achievement

#### Hilliard Christian School 2025: Let Your Light Shine

As 2025 draws to a close, we reflect on a year filled with growth, achievement, and faith. Our theme, *Let Your Light Shine*, taken from Matthew 5:16, has guided us through every challenge and triumph. From inspiring worship services to remarkable academic milestones, Hilliard Christian School has truly embodied the call to shine brightly in all we do.

One of the highlights of 2025 was our **Week of Worship**, themed Stay Salty and Lit. This week-long event brought our school community together in a powerful way, centering on the message of being "salt" and "light" in the world. Students took on leadership roles throughout the week, leading their peers in worship

through music, scripture readings, and heartfelt reflections. The grand finale—a special **Sabbath at Hilliard**—saw families gather for breakfast and worship, making it a beautiful day of fellowship and gratitude. A special thanks goes out to **Pr Ben Ashby** and **Pr Sarah Redman** for organising such a meaningful and uplifting week.



The week was a testament to the faith and talent of our students, especially our **Christ Ambassadors** and **Agents for Christ**, who rose to the occasion, showcasing the light of Christ through their leadership and service.

In addition to spiritual growth, 2025 saw our students excel in the world of sports. The **Adventist National Games**, held at Avondale University, brought schools from across Australia together in a spirit of friendly competition. This year, Hilliard Christian School joined forces with North West Christian School to form the **Tasmania Adventist Schools team**. After a close second-place finish in 2023, our team came back stronger and more determined, securing **first place** in an exhilarating final against Avondale School.

Even more impressive was our team's ability to embody Christian sportsmanship, earning the Team Spirit Award for the second consecutive year. This prestigious honour, awarded by other schools' coaches, recognised our students for their unity, respect, and commitment to fostering a positive environment throughout the tournament.





On the artistic front, our students continued to shine in 2025. In the **Hobart Eisteddfod Violin Solo Sections**, every Hilliard student who competed earned a place, a testament to their hard work and passion for music. Their performances were not just about technical skill but about sharing their God-given talents with the community, further reflecting the light of Christ in all they do.

Academically, 2025 was a year of significant achievement for Hilliard Christian School. We successfully completed the **Office of Education Registrar's Re-registration review**, also securing another five years of accreditation through the **Quality Adventist Schools Review** process. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our teachers and staff, as well as the strong partnership we enjoy with our supportive parents and engaged students.

In an exciting development, **Adventist Schools Tasmania (AST)** received approval to open an **Early Learning Centre** on our campus in 2025. Our beautiful grounds and state-of-the-art facilities are ready to welcome the youngest learners into our Christ-centered community. We look forward

to nurturing this new group of students as they begin their educational journey with us.

As we close out 2025, we do so with full hearts. Hilliard Christian School remains a vibrant, faith-filled community, committed to nurturing the minds and spirits of our students. The unwavering support of our church family and the dedication of our staff have been instrumental in helping us navigate this year successfully. We are deeply thankful for everyone who has contributed to making 2025 such a remarkable year.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited about the opportunities that lie before us. As we continue to grow and evolve, we remain steadfast in our mission to reveal Jesus to our students through our words, actions, and love for one another. With God's guidance, we look forward to another year of letting our light shine brighter than ever.

Thank you to our entire Hilliard community for making this year one to remember. Here's to an even more fruitful and faith-filled 2026!



## 59<sup>TH</sup> CONSTITUENCY MEETING

The Tasmanian Conference held its 59th constituency meeting on September 22 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston, where 130 delegates gathered to elect the leadership team for the next four years.

Pastor Rick Hergenhan, who has been serving as Tasmanian Conference president since 2022, was re-elected as president, and Pastor Mark Falconer was re-appointed as general secretary. They will serve alongside Kelvin Wood, the returning chief financial officer.

In addition to the leadership appointments, delegates voted on several key items, including the election of the Executive Committee. Delegates also approved changes to the constitution.

According to Pastor Terry Johnson, Australian Union Conference President,

*"The tone and atmosphere were sweet, and the delegates engaged in the processes as outlined in their constitution. It was good to see the incumbents re-appointed with significant support giving it stability as well. The AUC is praying for the church in Tassie as it starts working on increasing the presence of the Lord in a state where 50 percent of the population claims to have no spiritual belief and the hostility towards Christianity is rampant."*



# TWEEN CAMP NEWS

Tween Camp is always a highlight for the year for our campers and for our staff. From October 1 to 6, about 56 campers came together to have a week of fun, worship and fellowship.

Our guest speaker Pastor T (Tema Pologa) visited us from North NSW. In the evenings he shared stories of himself his family and how we all find our joy and fulfillment in Christ Jesus (2 Cor 5:17).

Every day was filled with fun activities like abseiling, flying fox, soccer, zorb balls etc. The campers enjoyed a new addition to the campground called "the Worm" which is an inflatable pontoon. During the mornings each cabin went through a devotional which allowed our tweens to engage with their cabin leaders in exploring the Bible and having deeper discussions.

On Friday night the campers were called to decide and filled out a card on Sabbath morning. We have many campers making decisions to find out more about Jesus through bible studies, and a few asking for baptism.

On Sabbath morning, Alexandra Elliott who has attended every Tween Camp since she was ten years old, was baptised at her last Tween Camp as a camper. Shemaiah McArthur was also baptised as she committed to following Jesus. Both said that Tween Camp is a special time and Spring Beach is a special place in their relationship with Christ.

Big thanks to our parents and caregivers who trusted our leaders with your kids for the week, our staff for volunteering and dedicating their time and resources in blessing our kids, the Spring Beach Youth Camp staff, and all praise to God for bringing times like these together.

Please pray for our tweens that have made decisions and pray whether you can be the one to engage with our tweens who are thirsting for the word of God. Call me, if God is calling you.





# BIG CAMP MENU

All Meals  
**\$16**

## FRIDAY DINNER

Vegetable pie with mash, peas, carrots & gravy

## SATURDAY LUNCH

Curry filo & 4 seasonal salads  
Apple crumble & custard

## SATURDAY DINNER

Lasagna, chips & salad

## SUNDAY LUNCH

Enchiladas, sour cream & cheese served with 3 salads

## SUNDAY DINNER

2 curries & rice, naan

## MONDAY LUNCH

Spinach fetta crustless quiche served with 3 salads & bread roll

## MONDAY DINNER

Parmi, mash & seasonal veg, gravy

## TUESDAY LUNCH

Burrito bowls: Corn chips loaded with a seasoned bean mix & a truck load of toppings

## TUESDAY DINNER

Sausage vegetable stew served on a bed of mash potato & bread roll

## WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Roast pumpkin cottage cheese patties (2) served with 4 salads

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

Mushroom stroganoff served on tortellini with seasonal veggies

## THURSDAY LUNCH

Gluten steaks, baked veg, gravy, bread roll  
Apple crumble & custard

## THURSDAY DINNER

Aussie spuds fully loaded

## FRIDAY LUNCH

Mediterranean croissants (2) served with 4 salads

## FRIDAY DINNER

Spinach triangle served with seasonal veggies & gravy

## SATURDAY LUNCH

Spinach roll served with 4 salads  
Sticky date pudding

## SATURDAY DINNER

Burger & chips



**Meal tickets must be  
purchased in advance**

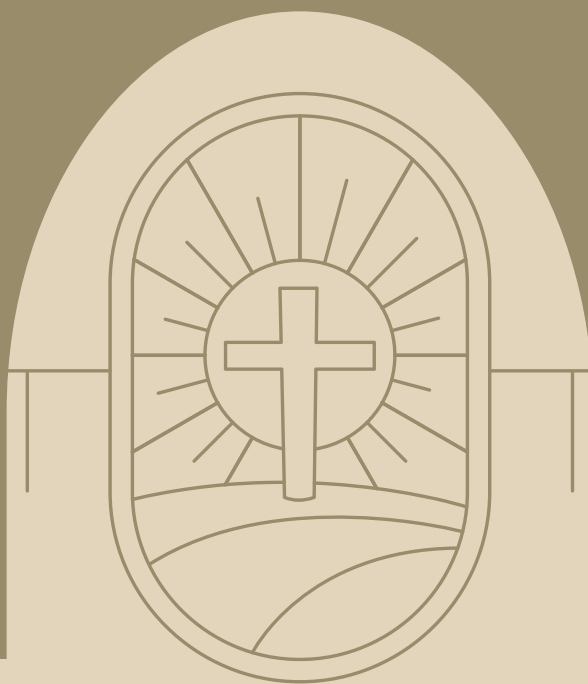




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## BIG CAMP 2025



### Register Online



[www.tas.adventist.org.au/events/](http://www.tas.adventist.org.au/events/)

### Speakers

**Big Tent:** Brendan Pratt

**Youth:** Jameson Pulelisi

**JETS:** Jeff Parker

**Primary:** Daron Pratt

**Morning Devotional:**

Mark Falconer

### Family Fun Day

(Sunday afternoon)

### Sanitarium Breakfast

Sunday - FREE

### Expo Tent

Sunday afternoon

Applications are open for a booth at the expo. Email: [tas.reception@adventist.org.au](mailto:tas.reception@adventist.org.au)

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