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# Big Camp 2026 A Real Success!



## Pr Jeff Parker

Big Camp 2026 was truly unforgettable!

The speakers were inspiring, the weather was incredible, and we had more people staying onsite than at any time in the past four years.

Across every tent, powerful messages were shared. Pr Adam Ramdin inspired the Big Tent as he explored our spiritual heritage and connected the past with the present. Pr Morgan Vincent encouraged our youth with the life-changing message of God's grace, while Orlando Pule and Pr Patrick Tuailii brought energy and inspiration to JETS and Primary.

Most of all, camp united everyone who attended under our theme **ONE FAMILY - ONE MISSION - ONE GOD**

And we're just getting started... We're excited to see camp grow even more in 2027!

Save the date - *January 15-23, 2027*. Book your holidays, hire a caravan, reserve an Airbnb - whatever it takes to join us! Once again, we'll have an incredible lineup of inspirational speakers waiting for you.



# Big Camp 2026

## A Real Success!

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### JETS Shed

Big Camp 2026 was a fantastic week in the JETS Shed, filled with energy, laughter, and purpose. Each day, we had an average of 50 kids engaging in the programs. Big Camp 2026 reminded us that when young people are trusted, equipped, and supported, they rise to the challenge.

This year's theme, **"UNO YOU CAN"** was all about empowerment. We wanted our young people to understand that they are not too young to make a difference.

We were especially blessed to have Orlando Pule as our speaker for the week. Orlando connected powerfully with the young people, sharing clear, relatable messages that challenged them to step up in faith.

His passion, authenticity, and practical application of Scripture helped bring the theme **"UNO YOU CAN"** to life in a meaningful way.

Our churches play a vital role in continuing what began at Big Camp. These young people don't just need a yearly event; they need ongoing encouragement. When churches intentionally empower them, create opportunities for them to serve, and affirm their spiritual gifts, we will see them flourish.

We are so grateful for everyone who invested time, energy, and prayer into making the JETS Shed such a vibrant and meaningful space this year. We are looking forward to next year!



### Primary Shed

The Primary's theme, at Big Camp this year was 'Magnified' - Discovering the Bigness of God in the smallest of things. The children loved hearing Pastor Pat share the big and little ways he has seen God's goodness and love in his life. The children also enjoyed puppets, crafts and excursions that created many smiles and lasting memories.



# Devonport News



## Devonport Church's ADRA Christmas Carols & Community Dinner

The ADRA Christmas Carols and Dinner were held on 20 December 2025 at Devonport Church. The Wyoming Spruce tree was decorated with ADRA gift baubles for which funds were raised for very worthy ADRA projects. Diana Serrano Ospino organized an outstanding Carols Program; that included community carol singing, individual items, a Christmas play emphasizing the true meaning of Christmas, and the introduction of the new Devonport Church Choir.

Margy Barons & Diane Fletcher-Way presented a tasty Christmas meal; with dishes prepared by church members; with the young people serving each course; including vegetable Christmas Trees.

Please join us in Devonport on 19 December 2026 to help raise funds for those to whom our gifts are a real blessing.



## Beau & Sheree Gallagher Welcomed



Beau and Sheree were married on 28 December 2025 at Dora Creek NSW and celebrated with close family and Church friends from the area. They will settle in Tasmania.

We welcome Beau to Tasmania and particularly to Devonport Church. The Gallaghers were welcomed to their Devonport Church family with a Friday night reception and Family Marriage Bible.

The evening concluded with opening Sabbath and a blessing for the couple.

Submitted by: Communication Department,  
Devonport SDA Church

# Devonport News

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## Exciting New Venture for Devonport Church - MUMS AT THE TABLE 2026

Mums At The Table (MATT) has just launched at Devonport SDA church. Anlyn Jeffries, mum to Bront, had a dream several years ago to start a mother's group at Devonport Church. Some pieces of the puzzle were yet to fall into place.

In recent times, Melinda Pearson started attending Devonport SDA church with her husband and two young children. During the week, she noticed that she couldn't find somewhere locally that she could take her young children, exercise in a group of women and know the children were safe. Jacob Ellis, the local Pastor, suggested working in partnership with Anlyn, using the MATT framework and support.

As part of the Devonport MATT group, we are running a unique model - 'Pilates and Playgroup'.

We meet at 10 am on a Monday morning at Devonport church hall, for a video-led Pilates session while the children play.

Morning tea is enjoyed by all and then the children can continue to play until home-time around midday. This model offers the mothers an opportunity (usually uninterrupted) to take care of their bodies and then sit and chat with other mums.

So far, we have had 3 successful meetings, with an average of 7 mothers attending each session (moderators included). What we have noticed is that mothers love having a safe place to connect, chat and socialise. For some it's also a place to have downtime from being with children all day, every day.

On the first Monday of the month MATT combines with Women's Ministry to enjoy craft after the morning tea. This was very successful for our launching day, where children enjoyed stickering, and adults made Valentine's Day cards and enjoyed scrapbooking and crocheting.

Plans are also in place for a monthly mum's meet-up at the park, social events and other exciting activities! We have an online Facebook group set up by MATT. In only a couple of weeks we have grown from 18 Facebook members to over 100 members, thanks to a Facebook advertising campaign by MATT.

This shows us that there is a genuine need in the community for mums to connect and be supported. We are looking forward to more meetings, and growing our mother's group.

Thanks to our local Devonport church who have supported us the whole way along. We truly value everyone's love, prayers and support. If you know of mums in the Devonport region and surrounding areas, please let them know to search:

[www.facebook.com/groups/devonportmatt](https://www.facebook.com/groups/devonportmatt)

MUMS  
AT THE

Table  
2026



DEVONPORT MODERATORS  
Melinda Pearson & Anlyn Jeffries

# Hilliard News



## Hilliard 125th Anniversary Car show and School Fair

Hilliard 125th Anniversary Car show and School Fair Celebrating 125 years of history is a massive milestone! This March, Hilliard is pulling out all the stops to honor its legacy with a day that blends community spirit, school pride, and a very special piece of Australian history.

Whether you're an alum, a local family, or a car enthusiast, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

**Date** Sunday, 29th March, 2026

**Location** Hilliard Christian School Grounds

### What's On

- **The School Fair** - Explore a variety of community stalls, delicious food, and local crafts.
- **Entertainment & Rides** - Fun for all ages with live performances and classic fairground rides.
- **Principal's Tours** - Go behind the scenes of Hilliard. Join the Principal for a guided walk through the school's history and its modern-day achievements.
- **Car Show** - A spectacular display of vintage and classic vehicles, featuring the star of the show... Bussy!

### The Legend of "Bussy"

This year's celebration is extra special as we welcome a very famous guest. Bussy is a 1923 Citroën 5CV that holds a permanent place in the record books.

In 1925, driven by Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies, this tiny "baby" Citroën became the first car to circumnavigate the Australian mainland. It wasn't just a road trip; it was a mission of faith. Nevill and Greg were young missionaries who set off to "spread the Good News," selling books and sharing their message across the most rugged, trackless parts of the Outback.

Did you know? Bussy didn't have a GPS or four-wheel drive. The duo had to fix breakdowns with whatever they could find and often navigated by pure grit.

By the time they returned to Perth, they had covered over 17,000 km, proving that even the smallest car can conquer a continent.

### Join Us!

We invite all families, past and present, to come and celebrate 125 years of Hilliard excellence. It's a day to remember where we came from and look forward to the future.

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**JOIN THE FUN!**

**HILLIARD**

**SCHOOL FAIR**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Community stalls, delicious food, & local crafts, rides, tours and a car show

**29 MARCH 2026**

# Hilliard News

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## Faith in Action: Introducing Service Learning at Hilliard

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."**

1 Peter 4:10



This year, Hilliard is thrilled to launch an exciting new chapter in our educational journey: Service Learning. This initiative isn't just a new subject; it is a response to our students' hearts. 2025 data from the ACER Student Wellbeing survey, and subsequent conversations with the students, revealed a powerful desire among our cohort to have more meaningful opportunities to serve others. We listened, and Service Learning is the result.

### Where Curriculum Meets Compassion

Service Learning is designed to be the bridge between the classroom and the community, and will be taught from Prep through to Year 10. By weaving together high-level curriculum outcomes with our Encounter program, we are providing students with genuine, project-based, and student-driven learning opportunities. This isn't just about "doing a good deed" - it's about students using their academic skills to solve real-world problems and, in doing so, Revealing Jesus to our neighbors.

### Powerhouse Partnerships

We are already hitting the ground running with several local organisations. These partnerships allow our students to step out of the classroom and into roles of active citizenship and ministry. Current collaborators include:

- ADRA
- Salvation Army
- Moonah Community Centre and Moonah Community Gardens
- Glenview Home in Glenorchy

Through these connections, students will see firsthand how their efforts can lift a community and bring joy to those around them.

### Welcoming New Faces

We couldn't launch such a robust program without the right leadership. We are incredibly blessed to welcome Jordan and Elizabeth Cheer to the Hilliard team! Both have joined us from Macarthur Adventist College in Sydney, bringing with them a wealth of experience and a contagious enthusiasm for Service Learning. Their passion for mentoring students in faith-based service is already making an impact.

### The Student Experience

The feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive. There is a new energy on campus as students take the lead on projects they care about. Whether they are getting their hands dirty in the community gardens or spending quality time with residents at Glenview, our students are discovering that they don't have to wait until they graduate to make a difference - they can start right now. We look forward to sharing more stories of transformation and service as the year progresses. Welcome, Jordan and Elizabeth, and well done to our hardworking students!



# Pine Springs Update



## Campground Progress

As the Manager of our Devonport Campground, I would like to express appreciation, along with my wife, for the many compliments received about the physical condition of our valuable asset, the Campground.

The God that we serve is Creator God who loves beauty and order, and I firmly believe that our Institutions and homes should reflect aspects of His creation. To that end, I am making you aware that we are partway on that journey and your financial support by offering and other means will ensure that improvements continue.

In the next few weeks the new pump-out facility that was installed along with the extensive transpiration beds across our front boundary should be signed off by Council, which will then allow us to seek three Council permits.

These Council permits are for

- 1 New signage on our front corner
- 2 Ability to use the safer Thompson's Road as our official entrance, and
- 3 (most importantly), permission to make our Campground available for short-term stay (1 or 2 nights) for RVs and caravaners accessing the Spirit of Tasmania.

The Latrobe Council is very supportive of this potential facility accommodating some of the upsurge in Tourism currently being experienced, which in turn will bring in some revenue through this facility.

The four bedroom motel facility on site is available for church members and their friends to stay in, and a schedule of costs is currently being prepared.

Church groups are also invited to use the Campground for Church camps etc and a small charge will be levied for the use of the dining room and kitchen.

Remember that this is **YOUR** Campground and so I invite you all to uphold us in prayer as we continue improvements and to plan to contribute to its financial health by using it for Camps, Pathfinders and telling your friends about the short-term stays that should shortly be offered.

### Blessings

**Stuart Barons**

**Pine Springs Campground Manager**



# Ulverstone News



## Birthday Celebration - Mavis Good

On Sunday, 25th January, Mavis Good turned 103!

Mavis attended Ulverstone Church for many years, up until about four years ago when she moved into Coroneagh Park Nursing Home in Penguin.

Clem & Mavis joined the SDA Church when Mavis was 35. They were invited to some meetings at South Riana. The preacher was Pastor Syd Dunstan. Clem & Mavis were convinced they had been keeping the wrong day, and they accepted the Sabbath. Sixty-eight years later, Mavis is still a great witness to staff, residents and visitors at Coroneagh Park.

Her husband, Clem, was caretaker of the Devonport Campground for a few years, about 40 years ago.

To celebrate Mavis's birthday her family and her church family had a lovely afternoon tea – 26 of us in total.

At Camp this year, the day before Mavis's birthday, all those in the big tent for the Sabbath service, sang happy birthday to her.

On her birthday Mavis was able to watch this online – she cried, and then she said "can you please thank all those lovely people for singing happy birthday to me".

Mavis is such a bright, beautiful lady, who still loves to witness for her Lord every single day.



# NWCS News



## A New Chapter: The Power of One at North West Christian School

The 2026 academic year has launched with an incredible sense of energy and purpose at North West Christian School. As our halls fill once again, we are thrilled to welcome a host of new enrollments and many families from beautifully diverse backgrounds. To our new families and students: we are so glad you have chosen to join our community. This season of growth extends to our team as well. We are delighted to introduce several new members to our staff, each bringing fresh talent and a shared heart for our students' success.

## Our 2026 Theme: The Power of One

As we look toward the year ahead, we do so under the banner of our 2026 theme: The Power of One. This theme reminds us that while we are many individuals, we are called to move with a single, unified purpose. Whether it is the impact of one kind word, the dedication of one student, or the collective strength of one school body, there is immense power in unity.

We find our inspiration in Ephesians 4:4-6

**"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."**

## Looking Ahead

As we navigate this year, we celebrate the unique contributions of every individual - student, parent, and teacher - that make North West Christian School a "home away from home." Together, as one body, we look forward to a year of academic excellence, spiritual growth, and lasting friendships.

Welcome to 2026. Let's make it a year where the Power of One shines through everything we do.



# Doing Church Better



**Pr Jeff Parker**

Recently, our pastoral and leadership teams spent time reflecting on how we can do church better - together. They explored some important big-picture priorities that we look forward to sharing with you soon.

For now, the team wanted to focus on a few simple, practical ways we can strengthen how we welcome and care for every person who walks through our doors each week.

What if we all committed to living out 12 simple actions that help create a warm, meaningful, and life-giving church experience?

These flow from three clear and powerful steps:

<p>CONNECT</p> 	<p>ENGAGE</p> 	<p>EMPOWER</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming team/ connecting team at every church</li> <li>• Food/hospitality each week</li> <li>• Organic fellowship/ connecting event weekly</li> <li>• Members having conversations with non-believers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors followed up</li> <li>• Biblical teaching/sermon that is Christ-centred with seeker-friendly language</li> <li>• Seeker impactful moments at every church service</li> <li>• Inspiring worship and a church calendar inclusive of all ages</li> <li>• Daily family worship in every home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praying with kingdom growth intentions in every church</li> <li>• Empowered and united leadership team in every church with regular business and board meetings</li> <li>• Pastors and members delivering evangelistic Bible studies</li> <li>• Everyone involved and using their spiritual gifts for outreach (intergenerational)</li> </ul>

We invite you to take time to explore the 13 simple actions listed above.

More importantly, we encourage you to prayerfully consider:

Can you - and can we together - follow through and put these into practice?

Let's be intentional. Let's be welcoming.

Let's do church better - together.

# ADRA News



Lesley Irvine (ADRA Regional Manager – Tasmania) and Brenton Luchow (ADRA Church Engagement Officer) attended Big Camp, which was a busy and encouraging week filled with connection, learning, and practical ways for local churches to serve their communities.

On Saturday, Brenton shared a short segment in the Big Tent during the main service, highlighting the role of ADRA Champions and inviting attendees to take the next step in practical mission. The upcoming Breakfast of Champions on Tuesday morning was also promoted, with an invitation extended to Champions, volunteers, and anyone interested in learning more about ADRA and how to get involved.

At the expo on Sunday, Lesley and Brenton shared how ADRA works with families and communities to build livelihood opportunities, answered questions, and talked through practical ways people can support. Two goats at the ADRA booth provided a great representation of how livelihood programs can help families build resilience and income. They were a hit with both kids and adults. Thank you to Rachel and Morgan Smith and family for bringing the goats to Big Camp.

During the camp, Lesley and Brenton also had the opportunity to visit the ADRA Op Shop in Ulverstone, where Carol (Op Shop Manager) put them straight to work sorting donated clothes and preparing items on coat hangers ready for display. While working alongside the team, they had the chance to chat with volunteers and hear more about the passion and commitment that keeps the shop running and serving the community.

Tuesday morning brought a wonderful highlight, the Breakfast of Champions. The event was attended by around 30 people, including Champions, volunteers, and others wanting to learn more about ADRA's work. Lesley shared briefly before breakfast, and Brenton spoke toward the end, offering an introduction to ADRA, church engagement, and opportunities for involvement. The morning finished with open questions and conversation, which was an encouraging sign of growing interest from churches in finding ways to serve vulnerable people in their communities.

Midweek, the focus shifted to practical tools churches can use to strengthen community connection. On Wednesday, Lesley hosted a cooking demonstration and discussion connected to the cooking and food literacy program. Lesley acted as sous-chef to Heidi Grimshaw, and the session included a few humorous surprises, including realising halfway through that they were doubling the recipe. The session created a relaxed and engaging space to learn together, with about 20 people attending. Some came for the cooking, while others were especially interested in how the program could become a local community project.

On Friday afternoon, Lesley also ran a workshop on how to set up a project with ADRA. With about a dozen people in attendance, the group discussed how to identify community needs and the ways ADRA can support churches as they respond in practical, locally led ways.



# New President



## Meet Your New President

Pastor Jeff Parker brings 27 years of dedicated experience in youth ministry across Australia.

His journey includes 15 years serving in both Tasmania and North New South Wales, followed by the past 12 years as the Australian Youth Director at the Australian Union Conference.

Jeff is deeply passionate about helping teens, young people, and adults discover Jesus and experience the joy and fulfilment that faith brings.

His greatest desire is to see individuals step forward, discover their gifts, and actively serve God within both the church and the wider community.

Jeff is married to Robyn, and together they are blessed with five children and seven grandchildren.

## Pastor Jeff Parker

Pastor Jeff Parker has accepted the call to serve as the Conference President in Tasmania. Welcome to Tasmania Jeff!

*New Conference President*



# Welcome New Pastors



## Pat Tuialii

Our family is truly excited about this new chapter and grateful for the opportunity to join the Tasmanian Conference family. I'm married to my wonderful wife, Maria, who works in the child safety sector. We are blessed with five children -

- Keysha (16) – She has a heart for helping others and hopes to pursue a career in the health sector after finishing school.
- Kalvary (15) – A sports enthusiast who dreams of serving in the Police Force or the ADF.
- Harvest (12) – Living up to her name, she already has a passion for ministry and hopes one day to serve in the harvest field as a chaplain or pastor.
- Vina (9) – Our joyful “princess” of the family... at least until her little sibling arrived!
- Tali (7 months) – Our newest blessing who has already captured all our hearts.

As a family, we love doing ministry together, opening our home to others, and investing in young people. Moving from North Queensland to Tasmania will certainly be an adjustment - especially the cooler climate - but we're looking forward to embracing all that God has in store.

We are excited to meet members across the Conference, build meaningful relationships, and serve wherever the Lord leads. Please keep our family in your prayers as we settle in, and we look forward to worshipping and ministering alongside you.

## Clinton Wills

Originally from Toowoomba in Queensland, I'm one of eight children. I'm married to Sarah, and we have a beautiful baby daughter, Elizabeth.

As a family, we enjoy a wide variety of activities and have loved exploring Tasmania together. We've appreciated the coastline and are looking forward to exploring the mountains.

We've also enjoyed the incredible local produce... especially the potatoes and cherries, which really are on another level here!

Most of all, we're looking forward to serving on the NW, introducing people to Jesus, and seeing relationships with Him grow and deepen in the community.



# Welcome New Pastors

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## David Yeo

David Yeo began his ministry journey as an intern at Mt Gravatt in Brisbane, serving as an associate and chaplain at Victoria Point Retirement Village.

At the beginning of his licensed ministry, David was transferred to Central Queensland, where he served across Gladstone, Biloela and Monto.

In Monto, God blessed the church with significant growth - from 6 to 30 members - alongside multiple baptisms and the planting of a new congregation in Agnes Water.

In 2021, he moved to Toowoomba, where he led a strategic restructuring of church operations and assets to streamline ministry and sharpen our focus on mission.

Following this, David was called to South Australia to lead ministry in Morphett Vale in the post-COVID season.

His emphasis has been on family ministry, helping families reconnect with worship, launching a STORMCo outreach, and celebrating baptisms that have grown from this community engagement.

David's passion in ministry is building resilient communities and strengthening the relational fabric of church life. He is deeply committed to helping young people discover meaning, purpose, and identity in Jesus, and he believes strongly in the power of intergenerational relationships and worship to shape vibrant, enduring faith communities.



# Conference & Pastoral Team 2026



## Hobart Office

- **President:** Jeff Parker
- **General Secretary:** Mark Falconer
- **Chief Financial Officer:** Kelvin Wood
- **Youth Director:** David Leo
- **Ministerial Secretary:** David Yeo (Based in Northern Region)
- **Senior Accountant:** Branko Ninkovic
- **Accountant:** Lawrence Mwangungulu
- **Media & Communications Coordinator:** Jason Cook
- **ADRA Regional Manager:** Lesley Irvine (Based in North West Region)
- **Conference Receptionist:** Morgan Ellis

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## Southern Region

- **Chaplain, Hilliard Christian School:**  
Ben Ashby
- **Glenorchy:** Mark Falconer & David Leo
- **Rosny:** Jacob Ellis
- **Margate:** Jacob Ellis
- **Collinsvale:** Henry Higgins
- **New Norfolk:** Henry Higgins

## Northern Region

- **Launceston:** David Yeo
- **Scottsdale:** David Yeo
- **Georgetown:** Jeff Parker
- **Deloraine:** Darryl Groves

## King Island

- Barry Whelan

## North West Region

- **Devonport:**
  - » Clinton Wills (Lead Pastor / Intern)
  - » Pat Tuialii (Associate Pastor / Intern Supervisor)
- **Ulverstone:**
  - » Pat Tuialii (Senior Pastor)
  - » Clinton Wills (Associate Pastor / Intern)
- **Burnie:** Pat Tuialii
- **Wynyard:** Darryl Groves
- **Smithton:** Darryl Groves
- **Chaplains – North West Christian School:**
  - » Pat Tuialii
  - » Clinton Wills