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To Weet-Bix with love ❤️💙

The Discipleship Ministries Team in WA is Pr Jody Eddy, [Shelley Poole](#), Chloe Watson, Pr [Obed Onyi Soire](#), Pr Mike Robinson, Pr [Ben Reynolds](#) and Natalie Meade. In absentia: Pr Uili Mauga, Pr Andrew Olsen and [Darren Peakall](#).

Thank you for your photography Wilhelmina Williams!... See more



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Book a stall now for the Sunday Market Day at Easter Camp

Open to all groups, churches, Pathfinder clubs or charity to raise funds for something directly associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and mission.

Contact Cathy Kingston
catherinekingstone@adventist.org.au
for an application form.
Applications close **31 March, 2023.**



URGENT

EASTER CAMP 2023 TENDERS AND CONTRACTS

The Camp Planning Committee are still looking for groups to take care of the following areas at Easter Camp. If you are a church group, pathfinders or school mission team looking to raise funds, these services could be for you.

Springs for Conference Tents – to be put out on Sunday 29 April 2023

Camp Kitchen (Meals for Campers) – from Friday 7 – 10 April, not Sabbath

Meals for Camp Setup and Pulldown – days Sunday 2 April & Tuesday 11 April

Delegate Meals – Thursday 6 April to Monday 10 April, not Sabbath

Ablution Cleaning – from Wednesday 5 April – Tuesday 12 April

If you are interested in undertaking any of the above please contact Cathy Kingston at the conference office 9398 7222 or catherinekingston@adventist.org.au for a job description and application form.



Stoke the Fire



Chatting about life with friends around a camp fire is a special memory. There is something about gazing into the flames that has a relaxing and almost spiritual element. If you put enough wood on the fire late at night, when you wake up in the morning, there may be enough hot coals to get the fire going again (with a little coaxing).

I can remember waking up early on a cold morning and going across to the previous night's fire to find just ashes. I had no paper or matches, but I gathered kindling, and went back to gently dig into the grey cold ashes with a stick. There was a hint of warmth and a glimmer of red under the grey. Patiently placing a small bundle of

leaves and twigs on the coals, I knelt and began to gently blow. Then the glimmer of red grew a little brighter. There was a waft of smoke, and then a burst of small flame.

Patiently gathering larger sticks and placing them in a pattern that allows the fire to breathe, leads the fire to grow in brightness and warmth. The stoking of a fire is a good illustration of our spiritual life. If we neglect to keep the fuel coming the fire will quickly die down and lose both its radiance and heat. How do we keep our faith shining? How do we keep it exuding the warmth and grace of Jesus Christ our Saviour? If we are honest, our walk with Jesus can lose its

vibrancy and warmth as described by John about the church in Ephesus in Revelation 2:6. “But I have this complaint against you. You do not love me or each other as you did at first.”

Loss of love for Jesus and others is often associated with discontent, discouragement, or even criticism. It is like the flame of faith has died down and there is just a pile of grey ashes with no evidence of light or warmth. The world we live in is toxic to faith. It does everything possible to dampen down the flame of light that Jesus placed in our hearts

when we came to believe in him. I know from personal experience that sometimes the flame flickers and joy does too. What can we do to keep our faith shining? To keep the flame burning, we need to trust in Jesus.

Taking time reading scripture and reflecting in prayer and meditation is critical to keep the flame going. This is not an act of legalism, but an act of trust and reliance on God. Daily devotions are like fuel on the fire. Sometimes I leave that time still feeling a bit flat. However, I know from experience that God will use it at some time, in some place, to keep the light of hope shining in my life. In 2023 our Discipleship Ministries team is going to provide resources and ideas to encourage churches and individuals to connect with Jesus on a daily basis. However, you do not need to wait for these resources. You can start again by simply reading a gospel such as Mark. Underlining key words helps me concentrate. I also write down a few thoughts which I reflect on in prayer.

“My dream is to see every person sharing Jesus—in rhythm with God’s heart”

Many of you are experienced followers of a devotional life and can share your story with others. There is something about receiving grace and love from God that motivates us to share. Faith that comes from gratitude is contagious. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, who is the living fire of God that transforms our lives. The Spirit of God is at work in our lives and in the lives of those around us. It transforms our experience through a miracle of grace – it is not about us anymore - it is about Jesus and wanting to share Him with others. We start to pray for people, look

for opportunities to help, and make a difference for God. People are not projects, but they are individuals who God loves and wants to come to Him.

I have been reflecting on Paul’s letter to Timothy in which he encourages him to fan the flames of the spiritual gift God gave him. He reminds Timothy

that God does not give us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline (See 2 Timothy 1:3-6). As we connect with God, He is the one who builds our faith. My dream is to see every person sharing Jesus—in rhythm with God’s heart. Coming into God’s presence daily helps me to grow a little more like Jesus and be in tune with His heart. Keep the light shining that Jesus has put in your life through faith.

Pr Steve Goods

President, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty



Growing Disciples

WA Conference 3 Year Strategic Focus Areas

Practical Impact on the Ground

The term 'discipleship' has been a buzzword for a few years now. It can mean different things to different people. Our Discipleship Ministries Team in WA has chosen to define discipleship as **a lifelong process of learning to follow Jesus, to become more like Him, for the benefit of others.**

Through this process we choose to **follow** Jesus, we **grow** as we become more like Him, and the overflow is that we **engage** with others in a way that benefits them.

Imagine what our church would be like if we not only all knew God in a cerebral sense, but also tangibly experienced the love of God as we connect with Him daily.

In the February 2021 Australian Union Conference Attendance Survey, we discovered that 73% of Western Australian participants said their relationship with God was growing or growing strongly. This is good news! However, the statistics in this area are not always so positive.

The Barna Group, in their State of the Church survey found that in 2020, 69% of participants said they pray weekly, while **only 35% said they read their bible weekly.** Admittedly these are American statistics, but I wonder if they would be much different in Australia?

2023: Loving God

There are positive benefits from connecting to God daily. A Pew Research Center study found that highly religious people (defined as those who say they pray every day and attend religious services each week) are generally happier with their life. Daily devotion can help change perspective and gain peace.

Imagine what our church in WA would be like if we all gave a single focus to deepening our relationships with God. Learning more about who He is and experiencing His love. For 2023 we invite you on a journey to connect with God each day, to reignite and strengthen your devotional life.

2024: Loving Fellowship

We are meant to be the church together. This might look like investing time in a bible study group, connecting deeper with your sabbath school class, a bushwalk group or having a prayer partner. Or it might look like something else. When we dedicate time to connect with each other and to God, we grow closer together to become like family, not only in name but in action.

Imagine what our church in WA would be like if we invested time into building and strengthening those spiritual connections



Loving God

THROUGH
DAILY
DEVOTIONS

2023



Loving fellowship

IN
SMALL
GROUPS

2024



Loving others

WITH
EXTRAVAGANT
LOVE

2025

we find in our church family. During 2024 our journey as a conference will focus on our relationships with each other.

2025: Loving Others

In February, the South Pacific Division engaged McCrindle to conduct a survey into the perceptions of Australians and New Zealanders towards the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. For Australia, 43% of participants were familiar with but did not feel positively towards us. Only 14% were familiar with us and felt positive. We definitely have some work to do!

Imagine what our WA church would be like if we truly understood God's passion for all people, valued them through God's eyes—and because of that understanding—poured love on the Australian community with extravagant generosity. Generous not only with our finances but also being generous with our time and energy. What would our church family look like? What would it be like to be part of?

Our focus in WA during 2025 will be our presence in the community, with an encouraging influence and showing extravagant love.

Elegant Simplicity

We hope that by focusing on daily devotions, spiritual connectedness and extravagant love, we

can help support and strengthen our discipleship culture across Western Australia. This vision is not new or cutting edge! However our Discipleship Ministries Team believe it is through small, consistent actions—with the help of the Holy Spirit—that we can have a significant impact in WA.

Our focus areas each year don't mean we want you to stop any plans for evangelism with your local church until 2025. By all means, we want you to continue sharing the gospel with the community. However, these are the areas we'd like our Western Australian church family to focus on as a whole to rekindle and strengthen life-giving habits over the next few years.

Our focus areas are simple:

- **Invest in our relationship with God: Loving God.**
- **Invest in our relationships within our church families: Loving fellowship.**
- **Invest in our relationships with people beyond church walls: Loving others.**

As Pr Steve Goods says, we have a passion to see everyone sharing Jesus in rhythm with God's heart.

Pr Jody Eddy

Discipleship Ministries
Team Leader



FOLLOW

BIG TENT
PAVEL GOIA

25+ TENT
CURTIS HALL

YOUTH SHED
KEVIN WILSON

aka "The Chai Guy"

TEEN SHED
RAY MOAGA

JUNIORS
DAVID GILLESPIE

UPPER PRIMARY
KAREN PRICE



EASTER CAMP REGISTRATION

Secure your Campsites
& Visitor Passes from
February 1

We're excited to meet in person at Easter Camp for the first time since the pandemic. Campsites & Visitor Passes will be available via the WA Conference website from 1 February 2023. The only places to be booked via phone will be cabins reserved for the elderly and disabled.

If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to contact Lynne Turner (08) 9398 7222.

We have heard your comments and made changes to the camping area allocated to 20ft Caravans and included personal tents and campers in this area. All other areas remain the same. This map allows you to see the campsite numbers so you can plan ahead and work out where you would like to camp for Easter. The new online registration will allow you to click on the map and select your site and then process through the booking with ease. At the end of your booking there will be a link to the children's activities.

Go to wa.adventist.org.au
for more information



16th Avenue **X LARGE CARAVANS over 25ft / 7.6m** 16th Avenue

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CONFERENCE TENTS ONLY

PRIVATE TENTS & CAMPER under 19.7ft / 6m

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LARGE CARAVANS 21ft / 6.4m - 25ft / 7.6m

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PORTABLE TOILETS

1st Avenue

ATSIM TENT

1st Avenue



Goodbye Pr Uili & Pr Mike

Uili Mauga made his first impression when he came to serve at the chaplain at Karalundi eighteen years ago. He quickly demonstrated he was dedicated young pastor wanting to serve the students and staff of Karalundi. Uili won over the Indigenous young people at Karalundi over with his care and fun attitude. Uili has always taken his responsibility to make a difference very seriously. This was seen even when he was out of his comfort zone.

Uili has been successful in building a team of people who make the Youth and Pathfinder scene happen. He has empowered young people in leadership and always affirmed their efforts. The most important team in Uili's life is his family - his wife, Dayle, and their daughters, Haven and Kora. I want to thank Uili and his family for the huge impact they have had in our conference and in our lives. When Mike and Jeanette arrived in Western Australia four years ago, they came because of God's leading, and because they wanted to share the good news of the Gospel. In the role of Ministerial Secretary, Mike has shared his passion for mission. Seeking out people, connecting with them, and helping pastors and church members engage in this has been a high

priority for him. Mike and Jeanette have worked across a broad cross section of the family of the Seventh day Adventist church and have loved connecting with people with different views and ideas.

There is no doubt that we have enjoyed lots of good food at meetings Jeanette has catered for, and food and fellowship are a key in healthy community and church outreach. Mike often brings a different perspective on life and how to see things. He has wisdom and a love for dealing with tough stuff. I wish you and Jeanette the absolute best as you move to be close to your loved ones who need your care and attention right now.

Pr Steve Goods

President, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty



Shamira the Brave

Shamira is one brave young person whom we all love. Besides being a very cheeky young lady, Shamira is a go-getter. She water skis, rides motorbikes, and jumps off very high jetties into deep freezing water without fear. She gives everything a go.

Recently, the Livingston Church Teen group needed donations to help raise funds so they could purchase a set of OrCam high-tech glasses for Sham. They needed to raise at least \$7000 and they believed that their church family could raise this amount. The Teen group wanted to

fundraise with a 'meet us in the middle' lunch. They encouraged attendees to decorate a pair of glasses for judging at the luncheon.

The Teens were very passionate about helping one of their own and loved having the support of the church too.

The lunch raised over \$11,000 which was used to purchase the glasses and training/support for the use of the glasses.

Teen Sabbath School
Livingston Seventh-day Adventist Church





Blooming Brilliant

Over the weekend of the 30th of September to 2nd of October, Livingston church hosted its sixth 'Bible in Bloom' flower festival. Bible in Bloom started in 2007, and has run every three years since then. The theme of this year's event was 'Messages of Hope'. A record total of 19 arrangements were on display, with each one depicting an encouraging message of hope for the viewer to reflect on. Visitors can show their appreciation for Bible in Bloom by donating to a charity. This year's beneficiary was the 'Light of Hope' School in Cambodia (see <https://www.wra.org.au/1808lightofhope>) and we were thrilled that they were able to raise over \$2,000 towards their excellent work with underprivileged children.

Many of the participants have been involved in previous years, and look forward to it with keen anticipation; others were

first-timers. However, every person involved was motivated by a desire to bring glory to God and encouragement to others through their arrangements. Our designers often testify to the blessing they receive by reflecting deeply on the Bible verse they have chosen and how they can best depict it.

A short Dedicatory Service was held on Friday evening with a group of about 30 family and friends. David Hughes, representing Light of Hope, shared the stories of children whose lives had been impacted by the school. Associate pastor, Megan Hunter, offered a dedicatory prayer. The event was then open to the public.

On Sabbath morning, surrounded by floral interpretations of Bible verses, depicting messages of hope all around the church auditorium, Megan Hunter preached an excellent sermon on the topic "Hope Lasts Forever".



This inspiring sermon can be accessed via Livingston's YouTube channel (youtube.com/c/LivoCommunity).

The flower festival was open to the public on Sabbath and Sunday afternoons, with Light of Hope running a café in the church hall. Church members took the opportunity to invite their friends, neighbours and work colleagues to view the floral arrangements and then relax in the café afterwards. A very extremely simple way to share their faith!

Bible in Bloom is a wonderful opportunity to bring God's Word to life in a truly unique and beautiful manner. All those who visited were truly blessed and inspired by what they saw.

50 of 4700!

In the last year or so I finished writing my first book. It's a Christian book aimed at female 8-12-year-old readers, dealing with common school related, and personal issues that children might experience. When I was exploring publishing options for that book I came across a publisher who was running a competition. I entered the competition to gain some writing experience, and to my surprise, they included my story in their anthology. I have spent this year trying to enter more competitions to improve and hone my writing skills, whilst also waiting on God's for my book.

A very good friend of mine knew about my competition writing and sent me a link for the Best Australian Yarn competition, run through the West Australian newspaper. At first I thought it wasn't for me. It is such a widely published competition that the chances of getting through are slim. So I prayed about it, as I do with all my



Comments from the Visitor Pages include: "absolutely amazing, such a joy, thank you xxx"; "overwhelmed by the deep thoughts of hope"; "absolutely beautiful - appreciate messages and talents"; "glorifying to God"; "well well done - the Spirit of the Lord was there through all the comments"; "beautiful interpretation of each individual".

We would love to see Bible in Bloom in other SDA churches around WA. If you feel inspired to conduct a similar event in your church, please contact us at Livingston - we would be delighted to help!

Linley Vogel

Livingston Seventh-day Adventist Church

stories, and an idea began formulating. That idea became the story 'From The Outside.' It is a short story from the point of view of a child, who is neurodiverse, and his experience of his first day at a new school.

A couple of weeks ago I received a phone call, letting me know that my story had been longlisted in the top 50 stories of the competition so far, out of 4700 entries! There is still a process to select prize-winners. However, the newspaper wanted to feature a few stories in the lead up to judging and they asked permission to publish mine.

It is such an answer to prayer and an example to me to keep listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, to move when he prompts.

I don't know where this will lead, or how God will want to use this passion I have, but I am very thankful that our life in Jesus is an adventure!

Simone Field

Victoria Park Christian School

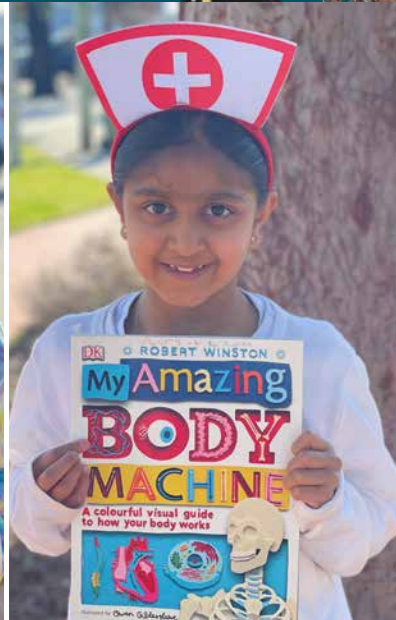


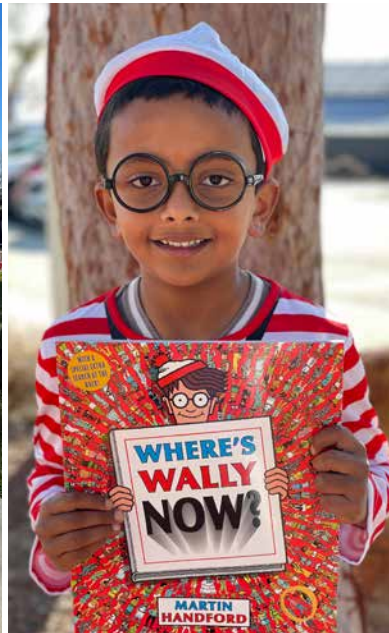
CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022

Dreaming with eyes open...



#CBCA2022





Sleeping Bag Blessings at Midland Meals

Every now and then a wonderful person in the community gives us what we need, right when we need it. Each time it happens, it blesses our day and our team. It lets us know that God is with us in all that we do.

Winter is hard for the homeless. It's cold, wet and therefore not easy to sleep outside. At Midland Meals we try to help in any way that we can. We do this with blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothes that have been donated by the community.

However a few months ago, we were running on empty. There wasn't much in our shed, and as we hit the wettest part of winter our shelves were depleted. In desperation we put a Facebook post out to the community asking for support. We were amazed at the responses we received. We have a wonderful Facebook following that always helps us in times of need. We have learnt that God can use anyone regardless of their age as long as they have a heart for service.

A father saw our plea for help that evening and was straight onto it. He and his two kids ran to the shops and headed for the camping section. The kids were excited as they selected the

sleeping bag colours they were going to buy and donate to people in need.

The sleeping bags came to us the next night, along with massive smiles from the kids. They were much needed, as we had just passed out the last sleeping bag we had.

The kids joined the team for the night and got to experience the joy that comes from helping out others.

It's awesome to see how God uses the youngest of people, and a few sleeping bags, for His glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31

'So whether you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.'

Are you interested in volunteering? Perhaps your church or pathfinder group would love to serve with us? We would love to have you on the team in whatever capacity you feel called to. Get in touch with us at our Midland Meals Facebook page. We would love to get connected with you.

Talissa Pratt

Team Leader at Midland Meals

Derby Outreach

In early October, I travelled to Derby to work with the local pastor Gavin Dagg. We conducted a short evangelistic series for the people in the community. The local church hired a 25 seater bus. Gavin's wife Bev drove the bus out to the local community of Mowanjum, and around town, to pick up families for a meal and the program.

Derby is a small town 220km's north east from Broome and has a large Aboriginal population.

The program started on Sabbath with good attendance and during the week there was little drop in numbers. I shared fun stories with the children and engaged them in reading the Bible verses for the adults out loud. On Wednesday night the Karalundi school staff and some students attended the program. That night I gave an appeal and 19 people, including some older children, came forward for Baptism.

Pr Gavin will continue to oversee the Bible

Studies. However, he has been mentoring a local member in conducting Bible Studies for a small group of women who were part of the group requesting baptism.

I was delighted to be part of the program for the week and he is looking forward to seeing the outcome of the Bible Studies.

Darren Peakall

ATSIM Specialist
Discipleship Ministries Team



Karla Bidjar Has a New Building

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) ministries in Western Australia and Karla Bidjar Church has received a boost, with the purchase of a new building in Midland. The WA Conference executive committee approved the purchase of the old licensing centre when a proposal was presented to the committee. It outlined the building's potential as an Aboriginal "Centre of Influence" in Midland and the surrounding areas. It is planned that the "Centre" will provide much needed services to the local community.

The first service in planning is an ADRA Op shop. The shop will provide volunteer work, cost effective clothing and other household items. It will also provide income for the "Centre" so that

other services can be offered and further building can be accomplished.

Funding for the building included significant funds donated for Aboriginal work some years ago. The Centre will be operated by a team representing Karla Bidjar Church, which will begin to worship at the new location sometime in the new year. The plan is to be open and available almost every day of the week.

On Sabbath, December 10th, at 9:30am there is a free breakfast followed by a Dedication Ceremony. If you would like to attend this special occasion we would love to see you there.

Darren Peakall

ATSIM Specialist
Discipleship Ministries Team





Adventures with Jesus

Over 500 people came along to our Adventurer Camporee in October and it was fantastic. There was 211 kids between the ages of 4-9yrs old, and they came with their parents and other family members. There was a lot of energy from the kids, and a lot of creativity from the leaders.

One of our highlights was having all the kids and adults singing 'Jesus Loves Me' with no music. Just simple hearts singing praise to God at the top of their lungs.

Our theme was 'Adventure with Jesus'. We heard stories about Jesus' birth, temple visit, baptism, disciples, death and resurrection. A teenager dressed up as Jesus and looked so much like our

image of Him that many of the kids asked their leaders if it was actually Jesus in real life.

A 4 year old Adventurer, from Livingston's club, was so engaged with the story of Jesus and His disciples that in the evening she retold the story to everyone. She told it repeatedly until her dad said after the fourth re-telling, it was time for bed.

We'd like to thank all of our club leaders and their helpers for all of the time, creativity, patience and energy that you put into serving our kids and teaching them about Jesus!

Pr Andrew Olsen
Youth & Children's Specialist
Discipleship Ministries Team

Tianie's Dedication

Something special happen on the 8th of October: our very own Tianie Calais was dedicated into chaplaincy ministry. She recently completed a chaplaincy course with Youth Care and is now working as a school chaplain near the area of Kulikup, in Darkan, WA.

Kulikup Seventh-day Adventist Church was packed with so many family and friends that came down to celebrate with a beautiful God-centered and loving woman. It was a beautiful service. Pr Ross Craig shared an encouraging message. Neil Masters, the Youth Care Area Chaplain for the Peel Region, dedicated Tianie. Jody Walker and Donald Hort, from Carmel Seventh-day Adventist Church, anointed her surrounded by Tianie's large family. Through video link, Pr Miranda Leijser presented a special gift of mustard seeds. This symbolised the little acts and seeds of faith Tianie will plant in the lives of the students she ministers to, so they may grow into big trees for God.

Tianie has been a mother figure, not only to her family, but to our youth in WA over the last few

years. She has been a constant at all our youth events with her big smile. She has helped with setting up, has been behind the cafés at Easter Camp, and many other youth functions. Thank you for all you do for us. We love and are proud of you as you continue to spread God's love to your wider community in the Peel Region.

Pr Uili Mauga

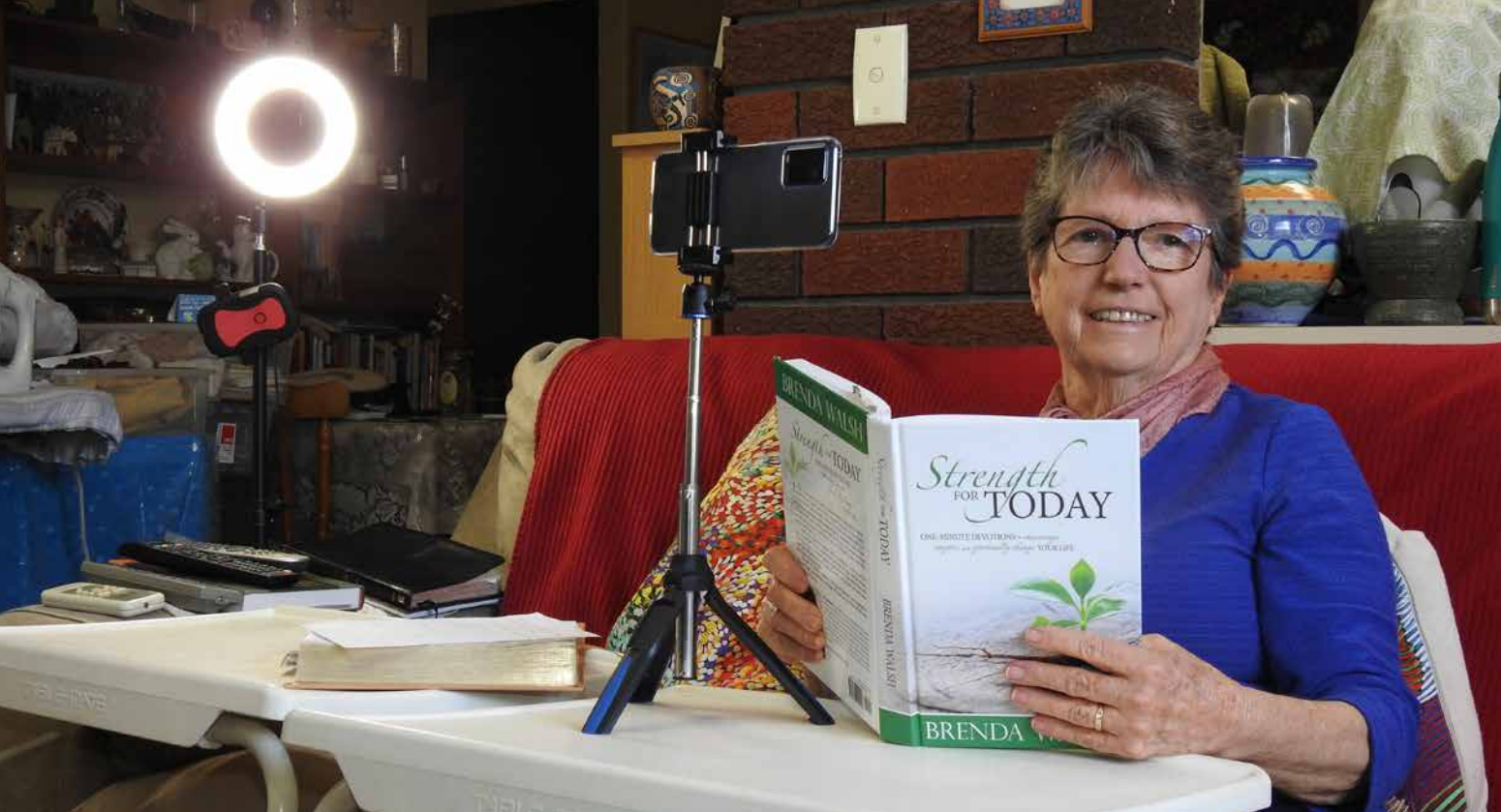
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Extension of Life Leads to New Ministry

Eileen Fehlberg seemed to be losing her battle with breast cancer in the middle of 2021. She had an open cancerous wound on her breast which was getting more difficult to care for. She was needing to use a walking stick, a wheelchair and stronger pain medication. It looked like she wouldn't make it to the end of the year.

A scan revealed cancer had spread to the bones in her spine, hips and also to her lungs. A surgeon told her there was nothing he could do and she could only expect to live another 12 months. However, he said he would present her name to an oncologist to see if they could do anything for her. Within a few days the oncology department rang and wanted to see her.

An oncologist looked at the type of breast cancer she had and offered hope. He said although it

was once one of the hardest breast cancers to deal with, it was now one of the easiest! He said she had an 80% chance of success. Though not offering a cure, she should be in full remission and could hopefully look forward to another 5- 10 years of life.

Sensing God's leading, Eileen went forward with treatment once a week. After about 2 weeks she noticed the cancerous tumours had stopped growing. After 6 months treatment, a scan showed all cancer gone. She was declared in full remission. A Breast Cancer Care nurse rang and asked what she thought of the results. The Nurse was excited. She said in all her years of working with breast cancer patients she had never seen such results. She sent an email to the oncologist and asked, "Is this God, the result of your drugs, or both?"

Towards the end of 2021 it began to dawn on Eileen that she would live past Christmas. She had greatly improved and no more need for pain killers, the wheelchair, or the walking stick. She could do things again. Out of thankfulness to God she prayed for a ministry. The impression came to read Brenda Walsh's Devotional Book "Strength for Today" and livestream it on Facebook. She was hesitant at first, but the impression grew stronger over the next few weeks. So she made an agreement with God. If Brenda, the author, would give her permission to read her book on Facebook, she would do it. She sent a message to Brenda to ask and the very next day Brenda replied and said, "You can read any of my books on Facebook".

Commencing January 1st, 2022 she recorded her first livestream worship on Facebook. She wasn't sure if it was working so she asked if anyone out there could see it. Back came a reply, "Yes we can see and hear you". She has missed a few days due to busyness or illness but to date has done 266 worships. Many of her Facebook friends watch it on her Facebook page. In addition to that, we send texts to some 160 people daily with the link so they can watch and listen.

Along with reading the devotional, Eileen often tells a relevant Bible Story or personal experience. On the Facebook post she provides a list of Bible passages relating to the topic under the discussion so people can do further study.

Her watching/listening base has steadily increased and she now averages around 100 people who participate each day. These include Aboriginal members and contacts, family members, friends and contacts from over the years, and people from overseas.

Eileen does her livestream worship on site at Mamarapha College one morning each study block, so staff and students can be actively involved. These have been very popular and attract hundreds of views.

Vivien Lawrence, from Maningrida in Arnhem

Land, rang to ask if she could use Eileen's Bible Study, which includes with her Facebook Post, in her local Uniting Church meetings. Vivien also asked if she could send the link to her sister in another Community. Her sister rang to say how helpful the messages were for her and asked if she could she come to Mamarapha College next year.

Colleen Roberts from Port Augusta finds the messages so helpful. She shares them with quite a number of her relatives and friends.

A lady by the name of Jenny rang one day and asked about the worship links coming on her texts. She said she was enjoying them but wanted to know who was sending them. She had lent her phone to one of our friends, Georgina, from Fitzroy Crossing and I saved the number thinking it was Georgina's new phone number. Jenny was receiving the texts intended for Georgina. She was from Noonkanbah Community in the Kimberley. "Keep the worship messages coming" she said. She has rung a number of times for prayer since that time. We told Pastor John Beck about her so on his itinerary visiting through the Kimberley he travelled the 75 kilometres off the highway to visit. Both Jenny & her husband were keen to sign up to come to Mamarapha College in 2023.

Eileen is thankful for her extension of life and would like to thank those who have faithfully supported her throughout the year. She receives a blessing each time she shares these Bible messages, and she praises God for all the people who are also being blessed.

If you would like to view these worships you are welcome to invite Eileen Fehlberg to be a friend on your Facebook Page or simply google Eileen Fehlberg Facebook. You will have access to all the worships.

Pr Don Fehlberg

Retired ATSIM Pastor



City of Gosnells Spring Day

On the 3rd of September 2022, the Gosnells SDA Church opened the grounds to their Community on a Council-sponsored 'Spring Day Places of Worship Open Day.'

The Council brought community members in buses to visit the church, as part of the tour across various places of worship in the City of Gosnells.

The Church had an opportunity to showcase its purpose, what it could offer to the Community. It welcomed visitors to attend anytime in the future.

The Personal Ministries Director, Brother Neil Ainsworth, cheerfully received, escorted and guided the participants across the entire church facility. They started in the Main Church venue where they were able to witness worship that the Samoan group was leading; and then moved to the Church Hall. The tour then continued to the external facilities and the Green Room.

With Gosnells' Church 100+ year history on showcase at the church hall, Brother Dave Rupe was able to articulate the journey of the church. The event was made a success through the leadership of Sister Huldah Bitange. She took the initiative to lead the organising committee

for the event through collaboration with the Church Board, the Conference, the Council and the volunteers. The Church was appreciative of the initiative, time, and effort the Gosnell Church Members, City of Gosnells Council and the WA Conference contributed in making the event a success.

Special thanks and recognition was given to Shelley Poole. She went out of her way to make sure everything went well, planned for success, and helped with designing the beautiful flyers and banner that everyone loved. Thanks was also given to Jody for steering the plan for success and coordinating. Natalie was also involved with printing the brochures and banners. The Church also thanked the WA Conference for reaching out to the South Pacific Division (SPD) for financial support in customisation and publication of the 'Caring for You' brochure.

A special thanks and recognition was also given to Mayor Teresa Lynes, Deputy Mayor Adam Hort, Councillor Caren Baayens and Assistant Courtney Mazzini who were able to physically attend. Courtney was also involved planning, coordinating and keeping us up-to-date during the planning phases.



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The Council further provided positive feedback that they received from participants. Some attendees look forward to attending our service or events in the coming weeks. The church was really grateful to have been a part of this event and is looking forward to participating in future events in the community.

Huldah Bitange

Gosnells Seventh-day Adventist Church





African Camp Meeting

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.' Hebrews 12:1

The African Adventist community held a camp meeting at Livingston church from the 4th of October. From Friday the 7th to the 9th of October it continued at Advent Park. Over 200 people attended the camp on Sabbath. The theme was "Watch and Be Ready," and it complimented well with the theme song "Waiting and watching." The lyrics included : "... we know not the hour of the master's appearing... but we'll watch and we'll wait, with our lamps trimmed and burning."

The guest speaker Pastor Khethelo Mazibuko came all the way from South Africa. He was accompanied by his lovely wife Noma. It was such a great blessing to hear the Lord speak to

the crowd through him. He shared his testimony on how the Lord had called him to ministry while he was studying for a Bachelor of Science in Medicine. He encouraged all who hear God calling them to service, to respond to Him as the Lord will always see them through. The message was clear and relevant for all age groups. He reiterated the need to drop all the weight that inhibits us on our journey to the Heavenly Kingdom. He highlighted forgiveness as one of the key issues that facilitates us in dropping the weight. We were also reminded on the need to get rid of obstacles while running the race with endurance. His words were "If you will make it to the finish line, you've got to forgive, not because they deserve it, but because you deserve to run freely. You can't run wearing your entire past"

Pastor Obed Soire also addressed the youth on Sabbath afternoon, and he highlighted that our youth have their own set of unique challenges

that align to them. While it was great engaging with the youth and hearing their views and questions, there is a need to have more of these sessions to address them in depth.

The Conference President, Pastor Steve Goods, also blessed us with his presence and encouraged us to be missionaries in Australia.

A musical concert was held on Saturday night, and it was amazing to see such wide and diverse talent, especially among the young people. There was so much zeal and passion to minister through music and it was indeed an inspiring service.

A prayer group was established where people rose in the early morning at 5am to pray and seek the Lord's presence and leading throughout the camp. The need for constant group prayer, even after the meeting, was realized and a team was formed that will meet occasionally to pray even after the camp.

Camp meeting finished on Sunday with the word. The visiting Pastor blessed all present with a closing prayer from the Bible text Deuteronomy 28:1-14 and combined it with Numbers 6:24-26.

Cheneso Madembo

Maida Vale Seventh-day Adventist Church



Busselton Church Kid's Club

At Busselton there has been a Christian program for kids called Kids Club, run by the Busselton Adventist Church. We have run this program for the last 5 years. At Busselton Kids Club there are outdoor games, crafts, stories, food and activities. Something that we saw at this years Kids Club was a funny skit by Dirk Irwin (Pr Derek McCutcheon) the armadillo hunter who lied. The kids enjoyed tying him up with the tug of war rope on the last day.

Pr Uili Mauga told the story of Joseph and got some of the kids to act it out. Mrs Jenny Walker ran the imagination station where the kids got

gizmos to take home. Warren Slade and Berwyn Walker ran the outside games which included tug of war and Red light, Green light.

We would like to thank all the other leaders who made it possible to run Kids Club again.

If next October holidays you are coming to Busselton please come to Kids Club for a fun opportunity to learn about God and all that He does for us, His people.

Rachel Chapman

Busselton Seventh-day Adventist Church



Bickley Church Kid's Club

Bickley Church held its ninth annual Kid's Club during the second week of the October school holidays. Over 70 children joined us at the 'Jerusalem Marketplace' throughout the week. We explored the experience of Jesus and His followers in the week of His trial, death and resurrection. We were blessed to have a number of children attend from the local community who have not had any prior connection to our church.

Each day began with worship in the Marketplace, before the groups divided up and went through their rotations to 4 different areas - Synagogue School, Bible Story, games and craft.

In Synagogue School, the kids created Torah scrolls, dreidels, prayer shawls and menorahs,

while learning about temple life and practices. The Bible Story rotation allowed the children to see the stories of the week of Jesus' death and resurrection come to life. Games allowed them to make new friends and burn off energy, while also reinforcing the message of the week. In our craft area, the kids had the opportunity to weave baskets, create finger paintings, string art, decorate candles and photo frames.

This event would not be possible without our amazing helpers – thank you for sharing your time and talents with us, and helping us share Jesus' love with the children and their families.

Chloe Watson

Bickley Seventh-day Adventist Church





Justice, Compassion & Love

I have always been fascinated by mottos, be they for businesses, schools or countries. My primary school motto came from Proverbs 1:7 – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”. “No Pain, No Gain” and, “Perseverance and Success as an Impetus” were my mottos for my ordinary level and secondary level education schools, respectively. At Makerere University, my motto was, “We Build for the Future” while at Lund University, my motto was “Prepared to do Both”, i.e., trained in martial as well as scholarly pursuits. When I was at Newcastle University, the motto was– “I Look Ahead”. Although, I, like many students, may not have paid much attention to these mottos, looking back I realise that in their uniqueness, the mottos were meant to, and actually did, inspire a certain sense of belonging, servitude and scholarship in students. These mottos were ideals that were subconsciously inbuilt in our day-to-day student life.

A motto is a set of beliefs, ideals or ethical stances that an entity adopts to inspire its workers to take action, to overcome obstacles or to keep working towards a goal.

I recently joined ADRA Australia, whose motto is “Justice, Compassion and Love”. ADRA’s motto inspires its employees and affiliates to embody compassion, passion and commitment in service to humanity so that every individual is enabled

to live as God intended. This is why ADRA, a Christian organisation, is active in relief, care, advocacy and development. ADRA’s approach to services and development is guided by the three words – justice, compassion and love. These three words are based on Micah 6:8 - He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (The New Revised Standard Version).

Micah’s message was true for people of his time just as it is true for the people in our time – that is, a people whose moral condition is corrupt. A people who are either falling deeper into such a condition or a people who are victims of moral disorder and social decay. Merchants, business people and the elite gained enormous wealth through the exploitation of poor farmers, driving them into deeper and deeper depravity. The upsurge in wealth brought with it political power that enabled the elites to feed their corruption, greed, injustice and immorality. The unjust economic practices forced the poor farmers to borrow from the wealthy and merchants to keep their business as a going concern.

One sees that the book of Micah exposes such depravity, and it exhorts us to act on the injustice that the depravity breeds. In addition, in Micah 6:8, Prophet Micah calls us to provide

mercy, transform people's lives and promise the deprived that there are opportunities of hope. At ADRA, we see ourselves as participating in God's mission of holistic transformation by responding to the call in Micah 6:8. ADRA works with people experiencing deprivation and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action. Our service reaches people of all nationalities, races, religions and economic standing. We pride ourselves in not isolating anyone in need. We know that the poor bear the image of the Creator and that they have knowledge, abilities and resources that need to be tapped into and harnessed to create a catalyst of change. We always endeavor to treat the poor with respect. This enables the poor to be architects of their own change in their own communities. We seek not to impose solutions upon them, but empower them.

ADRA has a long tradition of social, economic and humanitarian work. Basing our work on justice, compassion and love, we envision a flourishing world in which people live a full life, free from poverty, injustice and conflict. A world at peace with God, nature and one another, as intended and enabled by the Creator. To ADRA, justice, compassion and love are the weightier matters of not only the Old Testament, but the entire revealed Bible. ADRA loves to think that God has commanded us to be committed to practical, down-to-earth exercise of the triplet-justice, compassion and love, in ways that reflect and embody God's commitment to His creation's aim. In seeking justice, ADRA advocates for the unjust structures of society to be transformed in a way that they respond to the needs of the poor and enable them to live meaningfully. In practicing compassion, ADRA aims at responding humanely to human need and suffering following the example of Jesus Christ who went about doing good (Acts 10:38). In addition, ADRA believes in the Pauline approach to ministry, of integrating service and care into ministry, as we serve the poor (see Galatians 2:10). In fact, in Acts 11: 27 - 30, Paul and Barnabas brought relief to the needy people of Judea, whose circumstances

were worsened by famine in their first missionary journey.

By engaging with compassion, ADRA seeks to empathise with the communities we work with, and also with each other. We respond to human need through loving compassion. We work collaboratively for the best outcome for those living in poverty or distress. Working with the poor involves building relationships that lead to mutual change. We welcome welfare activities as important in serving the vulnerable. Welfare activities, however, must be extended to include movement towards value transformation, the empowerment of communities and co-operation in wider issues of justice and compassion. ADRA also partners with churches since the churches are present in the midst of the local communities. The churches' presence in the community places them in a unique position to restore God-given dignity to the disadvantaged by enabling them to produce their own resources and to create solidarity networks.

So, reader, the ADRA triplet motto of justice, compassion and love motivates my colleagues and I, and all of the ADRA volunteers across the country, to have the privilege to share our knowledge, skills, time and affinity with those who need it most, the underprivileged and often forgotten members of society. ADRA does not aim to be impressive about extending social economic compassion but aims to be expressive in her approach in restoring the dignity of the deprived. ADRA is, at its core, a Christian development entity, acting as if it is not a cooperate entity, and it is a cooperate organisation as if it is not a Christian entity. With our Christian development links, we engage the communities we serve with Christian passion and commitment. And with our corporate identity, we serve the communities with modern governance systems. This enables us to serve humanity, to live as God as intended.

Francis Ejones
ADRA Regional Manager

Seniors Camp

Seniors Camp was held from the 30th of October to the 5th of November 2022, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Numbers were down on previous years however the presentations from Pastor Obed Soire and Pastor Geoffrey Plewright were superb.

The theme for the camp was 'His Mercy is More'.

Pastor Obed focused mostly on God's mercy and Pastor Geoffrey on God's grace.

On Sabbath Pastor Geoff Donovan took the Sabbath School lesson and Pastor Geoffrey the service. The program was followed by a beautiful lunch catered for by Jeanette Robinson and helpers.

Wonderful music was heard throughout the camp from videos, singing of hymns and musicians.

Afternoon workshops were informative and on Thursday we enjoyed a trip to AQWA in Hillarys.

The Seniors Camp concluded on Saturday evening with a concert and great artists from the metro area. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the camp and concert, and to those who came to support it.

God has enriched us for the experience because His mercy and grace is more .

Graeme Hennig
SACWA Committee Chairman



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Home at the Park: A New Season of Sorrow & Joy

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Home at The Park has been an instrumental practical mission field. It not only served the local community needs of the City of Stirling, but contributed to the faith journeys of the volunteers and guests alike, which resulted in the organic growth of the local Church. Home at The Park was also unique in establishing community and unifying the Osborne Park, North Perth and Fremantle Adventist Churches. They worked in harmony together. Home at The Park practically and actively lived out Jesus commission of what is relevant in society today - the call of what it means to be a follower of Jesus as shared in Matthew 25:31-46.

All glory and gratitude to God for empowering

each one of our world changing volunteers, consistently serving with their time and passion. Over the past three years they helped serve; over 50+ hot showers with One Voice, 90+ Christmas parcels, 150+ food parcels, 450+ loads of washing with Orange Sky and over 3,000+ hot meals. The transformative part to remember is that these meals are not simply a quick fix, they are intentional and interpersonal. They involve one on one authentic conversations and from them, with the leading of the Holy Spirit, we have seen lives transformed.

As the Osborne Park Church continues into a new season, it is my prayer that every Church, group and believer prayerfully seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit to ensure we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Miranda Leijser

Former Osborne Park Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor

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