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Adventists WA is celebrating a birthday.
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Adventist Care feted another Centenarian! ❤️

Family and friends gathered today to celebrate Jessie Hall's 100th birthday! Born in the Cook Islands, Jessie was involved in pioneer missionary work in PNG and the Solomon Islands. She also made a significant contribution at Carmel College and Sherwin Lodge in various roles.

We invite you to post your birthday wishes along with a special memory you have of Jessie.

Thank you to the Adventist Care Chaplaincy team for sharing this story with us.



Valmai Giles
Have a awesome birthday 🎂 sending you love from Newcastle Australia ❤️

Like Reply Hide 4w



Jeanie Barrett Crago
Happy Birthday, I remember you patiently teaching me sewing techniques at Carmel in 1976/77

Love Reply Hide 4w Edited



Chelsea Ainsworth
Beautiful lady! Happy birthday Mrs Hall!

Love Reply Hide 4w



Debbie Godfrey
Happy birthday Aunty Jessie, Dalwyn and I are happy you made this milestone

Love Reply Hide 4w Edited



Carol Nash Millist
Happy birthday dear Jessie. You were a wonderful inspiration to me when I visited Batuna mission station all those years ago, (1971). Happy 100th birthday. Love and hugs.

Love Reply Hide 4w



Yvonne L. Johnson
Back in 1949, Jessie made me sing along with June Gersbach(Lang now) and Dawn, at her Aunt's home where we had church & Sabbath School in Bunbury, and I have loved singing ever since - Thank you, Jessie, and Congratulations on achieving the Century!

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100th ANNIVERSARY OF THIS PIONEERING EVENT

Being part of the story

When I was growing up on a farm in country Victoria, we would have pastors come and stay at our home. They would spend weeks traveling around farms, collecting for what we now call the ADRA appeal (it was called the APPEAL for missions in those days). These men were totally committed to the mission of the church and many of them had served in exciting and challenging places overseas as missionaries. We would sit around in the evening eating dinner and listen, spellbound, as they told exciting stories. They shared dramatic stories of sharing the story of Jesus in places where cannibalism was still a reality and where the battle between good and evil happened before their eyes. Lots of people at that time gave sacrificially to enable the message to be shared across the world.

On the 4th of August 2025, it will be 100 years

since Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies set out from Carmel College on a missionary journey to sell Christian literature. Their journey was a missionary adventure. They drove in a tiny Citroen 5CV car, affectionately known as "Bubsie", which is now housed in the National Museum in Canberra. The journey was completed by Nevill Westwood when he drove into Perth on the 31st of December 1925 in a blaze of publicity. Nevill was the first to circumnavigate Australia in a car. Greg pulled out of the journey at Albury on the New South Wales and Victorian border.

This journey is going to be commemorated by two different groups. Firstly, by David Reilly, who is writing a book on the original journey. He has purchased an exact model of Bubsie and is going to retrace the original route. The second is by a team from the "Incredible Journey", who



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have purchased two little Citroens and are going to be travelling to different parts of Australia and working with local churches. The program would include a community event involving food and featuring of "Bubsie" at local car clubs, aiming to connect the local community and the church. This may be through something the church can offer such as health programs, kids clubs, Bible Seminars or a shared interest in cars. You can read more about their plans at

<https://tij.tv/event/rightaroundaustralia/>

Mission work is still critical to us as a church today. If we believe in Jesus Christ and His command to share the Everlasting Gospel, this is not an optional extra for any of us. This is committing our lives to prayer and then being led by the Holy Spirit. Mission work can be showing care practically, such as lending a hand, being willing to listen, being open to praying for other people's needs and sharing Jesus. It cannot

be done without interacting with people.

Mission can be as close as home, at work and at school. It is part of life and God wants you

and me to make a difference. It can also be overseas. There are still opportunities to go to places like Laos and Timor Leste and to serve as a

volunteer or even as a paid missionary. Sharing Jesus at home or overseas is the most exciting adventure you can embark on. Be involved and see God at work.

Mission work is still critical to us as a church, today. If we believe in Jesus Christ and His command to share the Everlasting Gospel, this is not an optional extra for any of us.

Pr. Steve Goods

President, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty





Guarding the back door

Recently, I provided the Western Australian Conference Executive Committee with a report on the past ten-years of church and company membership trends. As the Executive Committee are making strategic plans for the future, it is important for them to know which areas are growing and which may require more support.

I am pleased to be able to share that over the past ten years - January 2013 to July 2023 - there has been a growth of almost 1000 members. In 2013, there were 5,974; by July 2023, there were 6,968 members. Furthermore, it is possible that by the end of 2023, we may even reach the 7,000-member mark. This, I believe, is worth celebrating.

As you may be aware, the growth of the Conference is made up of all the incoming memberships minus the outgoing memberships. Our incoming memberships include baptisms, professions of faith and transfers into the

Conference. Outgoing membership includes transfers outside the Conference, deaths and membership removals.

For the most part, Graph 1 and 2 demonstrate that our churches and companies have been growing. Some have had a drop in membership. When looking over the past ten years, it is essential to remember that a church could have had an increase in membership over the past few years, but that may not be enough to sway the trend of previous years. Regrettably, some of our country churches have lost membership as their local communities lose residents. This is because of job shortages, youth leaving for the city to study at university, etc.

Graphs 1 and 2 show the numbers in growth and decline, whereas Graphs 3 and 4 show the rate of growth or decline for the companies and churches over the past ten years. This helps us to see a more accurate picture. Our larger churches



should have more actual baptisms. By looking at the rate of growth or decline as a percentage, we see a more accurate picture of churches that are relative to their size.

By looking at the growth rate of our companies, we see that the three fastest-growing companies are surprisingly from our remote North with Karalundi leading the way. We also see (in Graph 4) that Maida Vale Church has seen a 62% growth rate. The next three fastest growth rates occurred in the South and South-East of Perth: Armadale, Rockingham and Filipino International Fellowship (FIF). Interestingly, these three churches have grown considerably from immigration into the Conference.

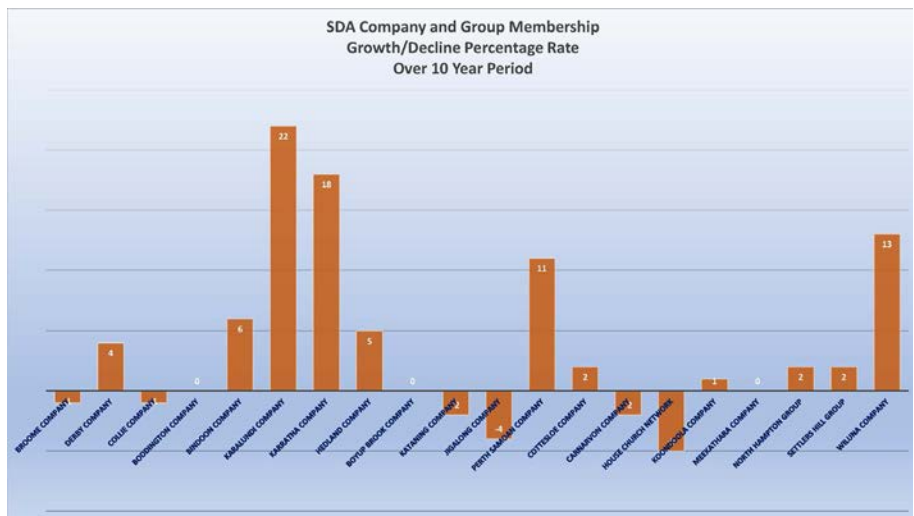
In presenting these graphs to the Executive Committee, I had to apologise to them for misleading them, as I now apologise to you. In order to share the statistics in Graph 4, I had to remove one church. Including their results made the graph difficult to read. Graph 5 is the exact same graph with just one church added.

Joondalup Church, since starting in 2013 with ten members, has grown by 391% Praise God!

At Joondalup Church, it is interesting to note that their



Graph 1



Graph 2



Graph 3

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baptism vs transfers are very similar to that of the Conference as a whole. They have had approximately two baptisms for every one transfer. But, there is one startling piece of data that contributes to their growth rate. It's not that the number of people joining the church is different, though this is still strong. What sets Joondalup Church apart is that in ten years, they have only lost four members.

While others may have had similar results in their numbers of baptisms, transfers in and profession of faiths, no other churches can claim such a low number of deaths/ transfers out or membership removals.

This has got me thinking. While it is true that we have no say in losing some of our members to death or transferring out of the state, can we do more to protect those who are 'leaving out the back door'?

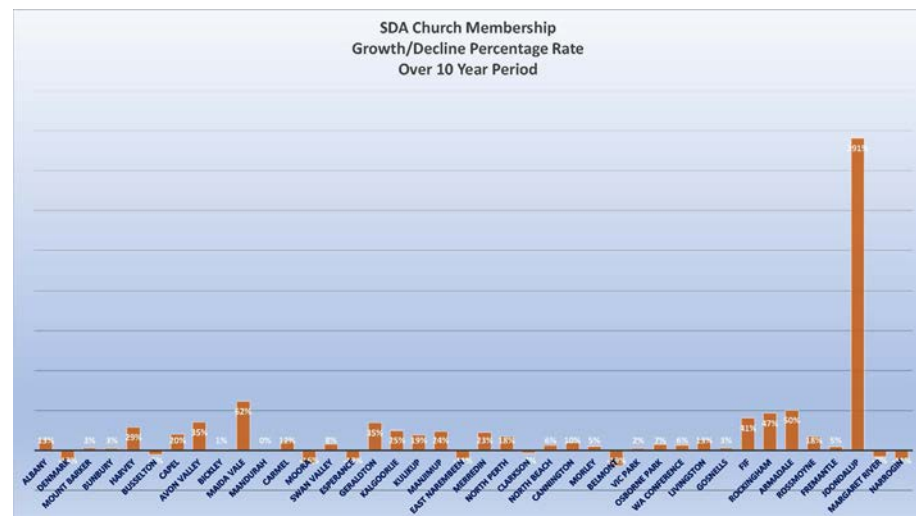
Indeed, many members are still yet to return to church after the Covid pandemic. For others, it has been other moments in life keeping them away. Have you noticed who they are? Do you pray for them? Is there more you can do to encourage them to return?

Some people are still approaching the back door, perhaps with one hand on the handle. Is there anything we can do for them? At the very least, we should pray and spend time with them outside of the worship hour.

The heart of measuring membership in the



Graph 4



Graph 5

Adventist Church is not about mere numbers. Each number represents a person, a child of God. Our Heavenly Father does not wish to lose any of his children. Perhaps, as their spiritual siblings, we could do more, pray more, notice more, help more, and support more. Perhaps we could allow our hearts to break just as God's does when one decides to no longer be part of the family. It's not a rash decision they make, but one that forms over a period of time. Perhaps we could pray to have a similar experience to that of Joondalup Church. To have less leave.

Pr. Brad Thomas

Conference Secretary





Welcome to our church *family*



Celebration in East Narembeen


Sabbath 5th August 2023, was a very special day. Tahlia Ashmore was baptized at the East Narembeen Church by Pr. Malcolm Eastwick, who had also baptized Tahlia's two older brothers Corey and Jake. Tahlia grew up in this church. She was dedicated as a baby by Yonnie Willis.

Tahlia chose the hymn "We Have This Hope" for the end of her baptism, which described the joy and hope of all present.

She has played an active part in church, inspiring others with her creativity. As well as her immediate family, Tahlia was joined by friends, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and great-grandparents who

all came to celebrate her baptism. Tahlia comes from a family which has a long line of Seventh-day Adventists. Her great, great grandparents, Sidney and Gertrude Ashmore, were Sabbath keepers in the Narembeen District in the 1930s.

David Willis
East Narembeen Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Forever with the Lord, and forever with each other - Perth Karen.

The Perth Karen Seventh-day Adventist Company was full of joy as they witnessed the baptism of two precious souls, Sue Met Oh and Eh Eh Chit, on the last Sabbath of June, and their marriage on the first Sunday of July.

In front of family, friends and church members, the happy couple declared their commitment to Jesus as their



Lord and Saviour through water baptism and joined together in marriage.

Please pray for them as they start their new journey with the Lord, and new family in this new country.

Saung Soe
Perth Karen Seventh-day Adventist Church

Youth Ministries News

StormCo - Service To Others Really Matters Company

It was 4:30am and 15 bleary eyed teenagers stumbled into the kitchen at Advent Park for breakfast. The bus left at 5am and drove for the next 13hrs to Wiluna. As the clock became more friendly, three more groups drove away. Seventy five teenagers, with adult support, went to Wiluna, Meekatharra, Cue and Mullewa with 'service' on their mind.

Their mission was to SERVE. This looked like running a kids club - complete with clowns, balloons, games, crafts and most importantly 'Stories from the Bible'. These stories came in the form of cartoons, retelling by teenagers, and acting out the stories so they came alive. There were soldiers, trumpet blowers, kings, peasants,

lions and one even got swallowed by a very large fish.

Afternoons were spent in hands-on service in the community. They were involved in cleaning, gardening, sanding and painting, cooking and serving at community BBQs and so much more. If you're tempted to think that teenagers don't know how to work, think again.

The teenagers from WA have once again made us proud. A huge thank you goes out to all of the families and other volunteers that helped make StormCo fantastic.

Pr. Andrew Olsen
Discipleship Ministries Team
Youth & Children Leader





CHOSEN Leadership Event

The Australian Union Conference (AUC) run a leadership training event called 'CHOSEN' every two years. We were able to send eight teenagers to Queensland for this event in July. These teens are nominated and financially supported by their local churches. Our churches have so many young people with amazing leadership potential!

The teens and their mentors travelled through airport drama during the first week in July and landed in Brisbane safely. Travelling amidst the drama is a fitting metaphor for the week of training. The world in 2023 is full of troubles and negativity. At CHOSEN, they spoke about how to navigate through life and how to lead others in a positive way. Our young people returned with comments like:

- *"I'd love to go back and just be with those people - everyone was just so easy to get along with."*
- *"It opened my eyes to opportunities to lead that I didn't even recognise. They're right in front of me."*
- *"I had a great time and I learnt a lot".*

I challenge our older people to look around your local church. Notice the teenagers, see their potential and find a way to speak positivity into their lives. Teenagers love God as much as you do. Let them learn from your wealth of experiences.

Pr. Andrew Olsen
Discipleship Ministries Team
Youth & Children Leader

Service Rally - Midland Meals

Australia has over 115,000 homeless people. Western Australia has over 9000. Midland Meals is doing an awesome job feeding many homeless people every night of the week.

In August, the young people of WA decided to join in. The annual 'Service Rally' saw over 100 youth worshipping together in the morning,

enjoying a fantastic lunch together, and then the service began:

- One team cooked up a storm with over 35 casserole dishes.
- Another team baked cookies all afternoon and attached an encouraging note for the recipients.



- Two different groups went collecting food from donors both private and corporate.
- Another group boxed up clothes to be sold in an op-shop for the day in Midland. They worked alongside the lady (in her 70's) who has this as her mission.
- There was another group putting lollies in bags to be handed out.
- In Midland and Ellenbrook, two groups helped to hand out meals to homeless people.
- Other young people were sitting on the kerb

chatting to those eating the meals.

Throughout the afternoon and evening there were 90 young people involved in service, all revolving around Midland Meals.

If you have an opportunity or the ability to help out, please contact Pr Loren Pratt from the Swan Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pr. Andrew Olsen
Discipleship Ministries Team
Youth & Children Leader



Newman ATSIM Regional

On Friday evening and Sabbath the 12th of August, the ATSIM Regional was held in the community of Newman. It was a wonderful first regional for John Gibson and his family who moved to Newman earlier this year to minister in the region.

The town's sports pavilion was hired for the occasion, and it was soon appreciated as the day was warm and the bifold doors were opened onto the verandah. The cool breeze was welcomed by all.

Pr. Brad Thomas, General Secretary, and Darren Peakall, the ATSIM coordinator, travelled from Perth to be part of the weekend to share a message on trusting God in all circumstances and surrendering to Him.

Families travelled from Jigalong, Nullagine, and around the Newman community. The Karalundi chaplain, Wayne Thomas and his family, came for Sabbath. They blessed the group and worshiped God in songs written by Wayne.

A wonderful highlight was the Gibson's and young people from Newman leading the worship songs, including an original written by Selena Gibson.

The day included a bountiful luncheon which was appreciated by all who attended. It was a high spiritual day and prayers continue for the families and for God's work to grow in the area.

Darren Peakall

Discipleship Ministries Team
ATSIM / Karla Bidjar Minister





Inspire the Lioness weekend at Mornington

Forever there has been a connection between the heart of a lioness and the heart of a woman. We have a need for connection and adventure. We love to feel capable and strong; to love and nurture; to achieve and to be supported; all while being lovingly protected.

Our “Inspire the Lioness weekend” at Mornington really met the needs of the women who attended. As we drove up the magnificent

driveway the worries of the world faded away. We entered a space of peace serenity and indulgence.

However, the real treat was being able to spend time with so many beautiful women with such varied backgrounds. Being together in conversation or braving the showers and canoeing on the lake.



Then the meal! A team of gastronomic engineers slaved for days to spoil us with a Michelin-star quality meals.

Food for the soul was my responsibility, with two short talks about friendship. One of the key points being that of all the earthly things we invest our time and money in, our relationships are something we can take with us to heaven. How can they possibly be a waste of our time? It gives us something to think about when we say we are too busy for our friends.

Morning walks, lots of talks, high ropes and canoeing was an adventure. Most of the women were out of their comfort zones and yet so many

appreciated the fellowship and activities that were shared at the “Inspire the Lioness” weekend.

What a wonderful weekend Mornington Adventure Camp provided our community. It gave us the space and opportunity to bless our family and friends and share the love of Jesus.

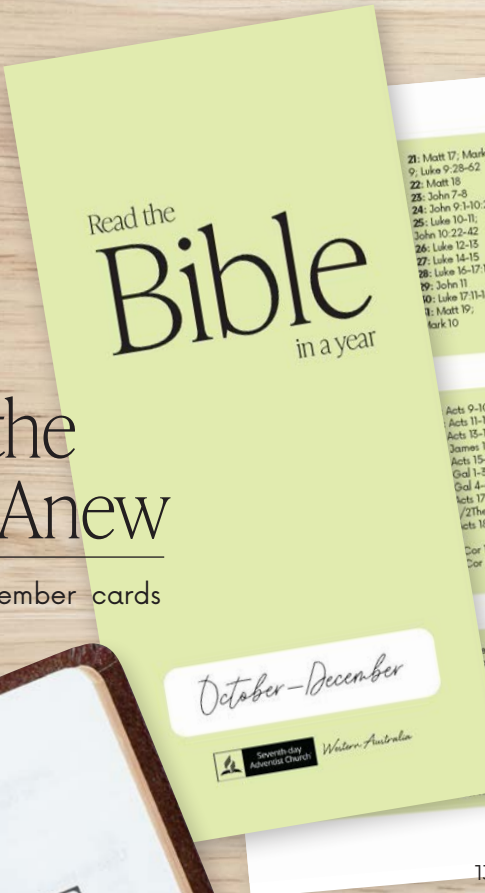
Tianie Calais

Kulikup Seventh-day Seventh Church

AVON VALLEY CHURCH 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Avon Valley Seventh-day Seventh Church (Northam WA) would like to invite past members and visitors to celebrate 40 years since the building of Avon Valley SDA Church. The special program will be held over the weekend of 4 and 5 November with Geoff Youlden being the guest speaker.

If you have pictures or stories you would like to share, please contact Pr Malcolm Eastwick malcolmeastwick@adventist.org.au



Read the Word Anew

October - December cards out now!



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a photographer

Was there a photographer missing from our 2023 Calendar? Let us know who they are so we can include them in 2024!

Email their name, contact details and a sample of their WA nature photography to WAdiscipleship@adventist.org.au



The Next 60 Years... A Message from the Aged Care Board

If Adventist Care's founding members, Dr. Thomas Sherwin and Dr. Margherita Freeman, were to revisit Rossmoyne Retirement Living today, they would undoubtedly struggle to recognise the place. Few of the original buildings remain, having been replaced by contemporary, more densely arranged structures. Today's villas and multi-storey apartments, complimented with resort-style lifestyle amenities, give more opportunities to retirees. The modern Rossmoyne Waters, accompanied by the Residential Aged Care Facility, is unquestionably the place where retirees come to live!

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Adventist Care is excited to be halfway through its ambitious three-staged redevelopment of the Rossmoyne property. Stage 2 is currently underway with an expected completion in March 2025. The highly successful, multi-award-winning Stage 1, Australis, set new standards for retirement living. Its well-appointed, senior-friendly apartments offer spacious living areas, with generous balconies delivering outstanding views of rivers, Perth CBD and the hills. So popular are Rossmoyne Waters apartments that the Stage 2 apartments, Horizon, were fully sold before construction even commenced. The increasing waitlist for retirement apartments at Rossmoyne Waters





create confidence in the success of the final redevelopment stage.

Offering retirement living premises that provide residents complete access to the village's lifestyle amenity, and commencing at price points that cost at least 50% less than the average Rossmoyne property, is something Adventist Care is delighted to have achieved. The Rossmoyne-Shelley area is prestigious for good reason, and Rossmoyne Waters gives many seniors the opportunity to enjoy this location at a more affordable price. Adventist Care also offers premium level accommodation, contributing to the village's attraction. In the future, when viability permits, Adventist Care intends to offer a selection of accommodation available through rental agreements, thus providing for those who cannot afford to purchase a life lease for retirement.

Apartments are not for everyone. Adventist Care recognises that some active retirees love potting around in their gardens, and having soil beneath their feet. The village's range of villas continue to offer retirees a choice between ground-level accommodation and low-maintenance apartments. No matter their choice, Adventist Care is confident that all retiring residents will find comfortable, enjoyable places to call home within the Rossmoyne Waters' community.

Holistic care is offered by Adventist Care within Rossmoyne Waters. From self-care accommodation for active retirees, through to the high-care facility for residents who no longer have the capacity to care for themselves, Adventist Care delivers the full range of support. Adventist Care's Home Care program, exclusive to Rossmoyne Waters residents, offers in-home support for self-care residents, to extend their time in their own homes. Within Horizon, Assisted Living Units are being constructed. These innovative apartments will offer the option for in-home care or residential aged care services without needing to relocate into the nursing home facility. Residential aged care staff can come down the corridor and attend to the Assisted Living Unit residents' needs.

Unfortunately, Sherwin Lodge no longer meets resident's accommodation expectations. This well-worn facility is being replaced by the Rossmoyne Waters Stage 2 redevelopment. This is exciting for the whole community. In the new Residential Aged Care Facility, residents will enjoy and benefit from home-like settings. This new approach will offer enhanced social, privacy, safety and lifestyle benefits. As in-home services increase within the village, admission rates into the residential aged care facility will decrease. While the number of aged care beds in the new facility will be less than previously available in





Sherwin, the capacity of the new facility will be complemented by the Assisted Living Units. This results in even greater opportunities than those offered in the past. The new Residential Aged Care Facility will exceed the needs of Rossmoyne Waters’ residents.

Residential Aged Care Facilities are challenged with increasing mandated compliance. More recent resourcing and staff-shortages have sadly caused the closure of many aged care homes. This has forced their vulnerable residents to find alternative accommodation. Adventist Care has resolved to keep its doors open, despite accelerating costs. To achieve this, it must apply astute business principles, uphold its stewardship of limited resources, and implement some tough decisions. Adventist Care, while a benevolent organisation, is not a charity. It must charge the fees necessary to counter its expenses and maintain viability. Achieving the mandated resident-staff ratios, meeting accreditation requirements and delivering quality services throughout the village, remains the focus of this provider. Adventist Care is adjusting its resident/staffing ratios, and is preparing to transition residents into their brand-new facility. However,

this has caused a temporary admission hold. This is challenging for those desiring high care. Admissions will recommence as soon as compliance and operational goals are achieved.

In July 2023, Adventist Care celebrated 60 years of faith-based service, for retired and aged seniors in Rossmoyne. Countless individuals have served and been served at this special place. As we reflect on the positive contribution that this aged care service has delivered, we can look forward to the future of Adventist Care. With its outstanding and expanding facilities, renowned and holistic services and Christian culture, Rossmoyne Waters, embedded in its trust in God, Adventist Care remains loyal to its original mission to provide practical Christianity, both today and tomorrow.

Directors, Adventist Care
Seventh-day Adventist Care (WA) Ltd



Bible-planting Ceremony at Rossmoyne Waters

Adventist Care has symbolically planted a copy of the Bible into the foundation of its Stage 2, Horizon, redevelopments at Rossmoyne Waters. It was a public demonstration, recognising that the Word of God endures central to its values and beliefs. Under a cool, blue, winter's sky, on the 3rd of August 2023, the ceremony was witnessed by many residents and staff of Rossmoyne Waters. It was also attended by purchasers of the Horizon apartments, neighbours of Rossmoyne Waters, and the Head Administrators of PACT Construction.

Pr. Steve Goods (Adventist Care's Board Chair), Pr. Gervais Cangy (Adventist Care's Head Chaplain) and Gary Blagden (Chief Executive Officer of Adventist Care), combined efforts to explain the significance of the deed, and then deposited a Bible into the earth. There are no magical or superstitious outcomes expected from this action. Rather, it simply served as a reminder that God's Word lays at the very foundation of Adventist Care's vision and mission.

The Bible will remain in this place, positioned under the floor of the new Rossmoyne Waters



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Chapel. A similar Bible-planting was conducted in October 2017, when a Bible was planted under Rossmoyne Waters' Stage 1 redevelopment. That Bible remains underground at the entry into Australis.

A plaque will be displayed in the new facility, to remind everyone of this event. The wording of this plaque will be as follows:

"This facility was built by people who recognise that the Holy Bible is God's Word which reveals the truth about God's great love and saving grace to humans and forms the foundational belief of all Christians and Adventist Care. A copy of the Holy Bible was planted within the

foundations of this facility on the 3rd August, 2023 to symbolise this belief."

Adventist Care is unashamedly Christian in its message and activity. Its an organisation that aims to contribute to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It aims to provide quality, holistic care to seniors and practical Christianity.

Gary Blagden

Chief Executive Officer
Seventh-day Adventist Care (WA) Ltd

Care for the Carers

Aged Care Employee Day is a national day which is registered with awarenessdays.com. It acknowledges more than 360,000 people who care for and support around 1.3 million older Australians who receive aged care services. Adventist Care participates in this celebration. The Adventist Care Board of Directors hosted a special morning tea, for all Adventist Care staff. It was held on Monday, 7 August. Pr. Steve Goods, congratulated the staff and encouraged

them in their service to the Rossmoyne Waters community. The event gave available Directors the opportunity to meet and converse with staff, who deserved the opportunity to be recognised and affirmed.

Gary Blagden

Chief Executive Officer
Seventh-day Adventist Care (WA) Ltd



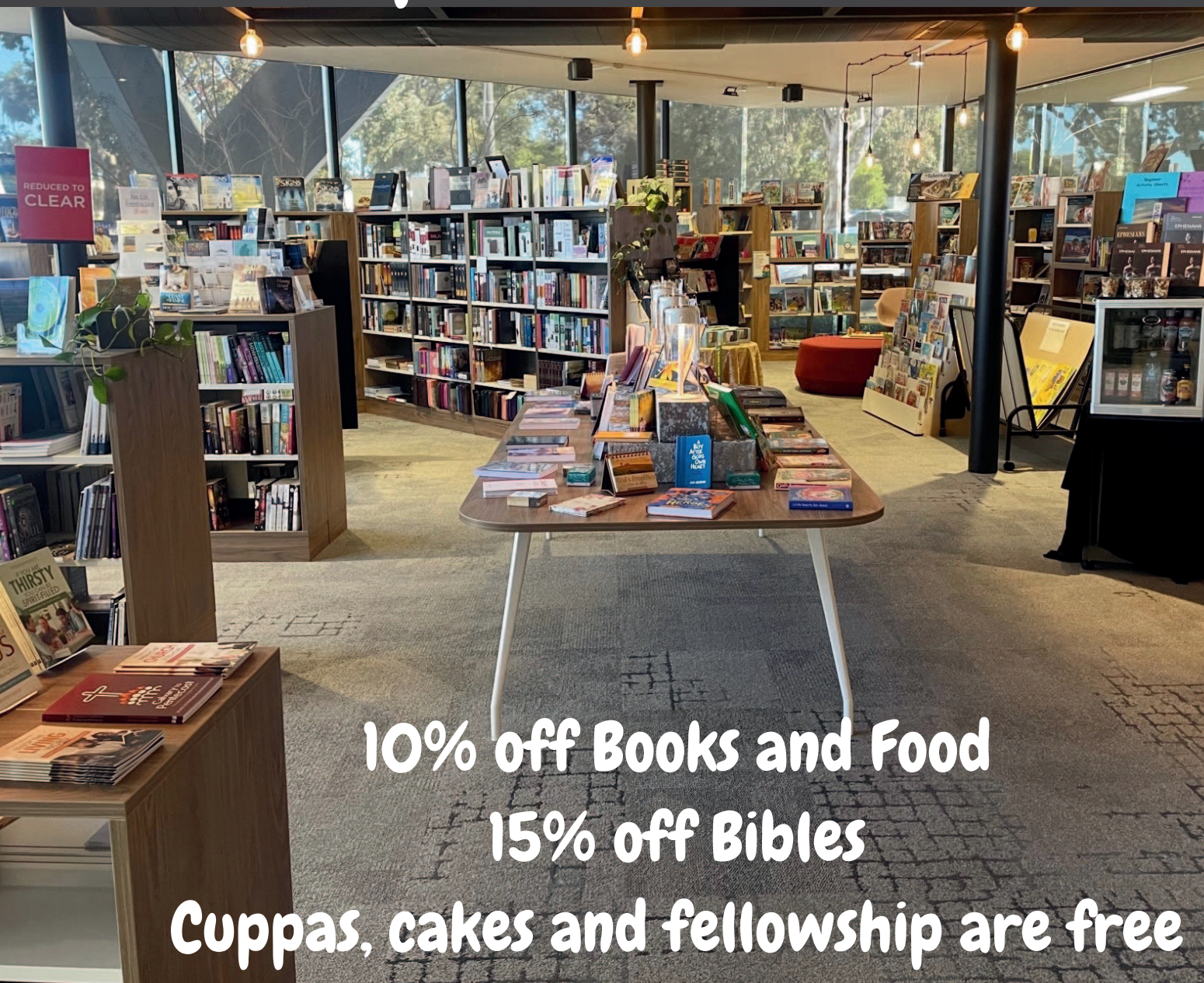


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10% off Books and Food

15% off Bibles

Cuppas, cakes and fellowship are free

Adventist Christian Schools (WA) Updates

Registration for five Schools

Our schools provide quality education, ensuring that all students have opportunities for success while at school, and beyond the classroom walls. It is awesome to see lives of our students transformed because of the extra attention and care that is provided.

Our schools exist to reveal Jesus to the students, families, and staff. It is an amazing mission field that we are a part of. We want to ask that you continue to pray for our schools here in WA, so they can continue to be a shining light to those in our communities and churches.

We are very pleased to announce that our five Adventist Schools in WA have received the maximum five years of registration with the Department of Education, through the Non-Government Schools Regulatory Body. The hard work and dedication of all our staff, and school leaders, are to be commended.

Mark Foster

Associate Director of Education

Victoria Park Christian School Building Update

Victoria Park Christian School has had some exciting events occur over the last few months. The building of a block of four new classrooms has just been completed. Teachers and students are looking forward to using the new spaces for learning. Once the new playground has been installed, we will be able to utilise the whole area for our Pre-Primary to Year 3 students.

We have also enjoyed engaging with our families

during Messy Church, a new initiative begun recently by our chaplain, Pr. Kyle Richardson. We have had between 50 - 60 people attending twice a term on a Friday evening. During Messy Church parents, students and staff join in with activities, singing and sharing food to connect and worship God together.

Felicity Drinkall

Victoria Park Christian School Principal

Esperance Christian School Week of Worship

Esperance Christian School recently had our week of worship. Litiana Turner was our guest speaker and the children really related to her and her message. The theme was "Be the Change." We were blessed to have her here in our school.

We also had a combined church, students and parents meeting at the school library on Sabbath morning. The deaconesses and staff catered for a lunch of haystacks and beautiful sweets. It was a really relaxed and inclusive morning that everyone enjoyed. God provided us with a wonderful sunny day, and we all basked in the blessing as we ate our lunch on the veranda and chatted.

At one stage during the talk, a mother leaned forward and whispered in my ear. She pointed to her daughter and said, "There's your miracle. We can't thank you enough for your school's role in our daughter's life since she has been here".

Delys Rogers

Esperance Christian School Principal



Landsdale Christian School visits Avondale University

The Year 11's from Landsdale Christian School recently went on an incredible trip to Avondale University and Canberra.

“During their time at Avondale University, our students had the unique opportunity to fully embrace the rhythm of university life. By participating in worship sessions, engaging in community activities and delving into dorm life, they gained profound insights into the essence of Avondale’s educational environment. The experience provided a firsthand understanding of the University’s values, academic offerings, and campus culture. Our students were also treated to a captivating exploration of Canberra’s cultural landmarks. Visiting icons such as Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial and the High Court allowed them to dive into Australia’s historical and political landscape. These visits offered a deeper appreciation of the Nation’s democratic processes, the solemn remembrance of its military history and the intricacies of the High Court.”

“The year 9 class at Landsdale School has shown their remarkable spirit by coming together to support a wonderful cause, under the care of Mr Bowyer. In an awe-inspiring fundraising effort, our students have raised an impressive \$1110.85 for Midland Meals! This achievement would not have been possible without the collective dedication and hard work of our amazing students, parents and staff.”

There have been some exciting changes happening at Embrace, Landsdale’s campus church. They have been trialling an afternoon church programme. Below are the Term 3 start times. We would love to see you there; you are always welcome.

- 16 September, 10AM Church
- 23 September, 4PM Church
- 30 September, 10AM Church
- 7 October, 4PM Church

Landsdale School Newsdesk

Carmel Adventist College Secondary ANCHOR Week

Carmel Adventist College (Secondary) experienced an ANCHOR Week [based on Hebrews 6:19] that was unlike any other. A week where students and staff alike, were challenged by the calling of Jesus, to be intentional in every aspect of life.

This is one students’ perspective:

“Anchor Week 2023 has been a very inspirational and motivating experience for all us students and teachers. We had our junior and senior bands on music this week that filled the church with praise and song. Our drama, produced by Mrs Richardson, and performed by some very talented students in our school, and our amazing speaker, Pr. Eddie Hypolite, has taught us a lot about being intentional in all aspects of our life”.

On day one, we were introduced to our drama cast for the week who were acting out Acts 4. We were also introduced to our speaker, Pr. Eddie, who began the week with encouraging us to belong in an intentional community, where the people around us are true to their beliefs and values, and not surrounding yourself with people who are going to pressure you in doing things that go against your beliefs.

On the last day of ANCHOR week, the drama finished with Vanilla’s father being assigned head of police. However, he must get rid of all the Christians, Vanilla included. Vanilla must run away to be safe, but she is ready because she knows that God is with her. Pr. Eddie talked about promise, presence and purpose. How God promises to be with us through everything, and that even though we don’t always look for Him, He is always present and that through everything, he gives us purpose.

Ella Pearson (Year 11 CAC Student)
Pr Miranda Leijser (Chaplain)

Carmel Adventist College (Secondary)



Landsdale Christian School "On the job training"



Victoria Park Christian School - New Building & Messy Church



Esperance Christian School Week of Worship - "Be the Change".



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Carmel Adventist College (Secondary) Intentional You' ANCHOR Week

Harvey Great Controversy Roll-out

Harvey Seventh-day Adventist Church in South-West Western Australia held a 'Great Assembly' afternoon on the 12th August 2023. This was in preparation for the delivery of 'The Great Controversy' to every home in the rural town.

Many hands made light work. Together volunteers applied a "with compliments" label, inserting each book in a clear waterproof sleeve, and boxing them in preparation for delivery. Many volunteers stayed for the closing of Sabbath and half the night for prayers, testimonies, Bible readings and hymns.

The following Sunday morning, 20th August, a team of around 40 volunteers arrived early ready to deliver 1,500 copies of the *Great Controversy* to homes in the community. Ten teams of people armed with maps completed the roll-out in less than three hours. The remainder stayed at the church to sing and pray for God's protection over the volunteers and blessings on every book.

The Harvey Personal Ministries Director, Graham Weir, said, "It was a very moving and thrilling experience to see our church members fully united in this important project to be obedient to the heavenly vision to distribute the full version of the 'Great Controversy' in our communities. We were especially encouraged by two volunteers who drove down from Perth to assist with the roll-out, and one volunteer who drove from Busselton to provide everyone with a tasty, healthy lunch.

Project co-ordinator Alex Hodgkinson and Head Elder, Alan Myers, were also thrilled with the team effort. Everyone is continuing to pray that the Lord will produce a harvest of those interested in learning more about preparing for His soon return.

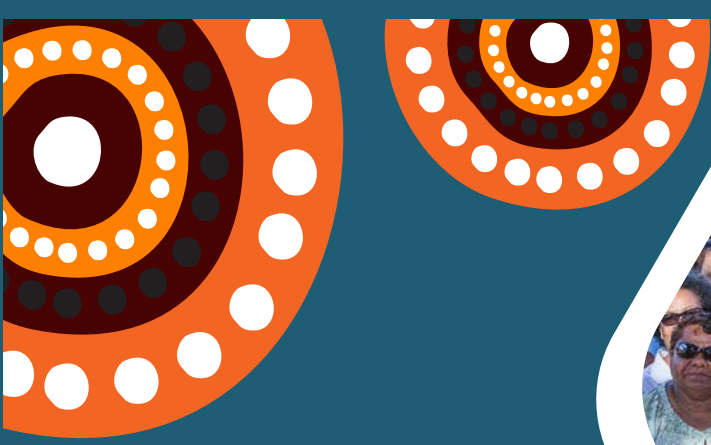
Graham Weir

Harvey Seventh-day Adventist Church



The 'Great Assembly' - Harvey church members labeling and packing 'The Great Controversy'.

'Mission accomplished'.



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Meet the Finance Team

I am pleased to introduce you to the team that cares for both Church and School finances. I particularly welcome those new to the team. A huge thank you to every team member for the work they do. While the work we do is very much considered a ‘back office’ role, it is nevertheless an important ministry function of the church.

Back row L to R: Brendan Newitt (Financial Controller), Gary Jesnoewski (Accounts Clerk), Justin Boyle (Accountant), Graeme Drinkall (Chief Financial Officer). Front row L to R: Lisa Roberts (Accounts Clerk), Abby Mbono (Accounts Clerk), Lynne Turner (Receptionist), Stephanie Jones (Assistant Accountant).

I would like to acknowledge the Rossmoyne Waters based finance team which includes: Brian Chapman (Financial Controller), Michelle Mukumba (Accountant) and Cherie Thompson (Accounts Clerk). Thank you for the work you do in caring for the finances of our Adventist Care

operations.

It would be remiss of me to not pay tribute to the Accounts Clerks at each of our schools. They often care for many different tasks each day other than the financial tasks. Thanks to Rhonda Wohling (Esperance), Narelle Duncan (Carmel Primary), Chloe Brown, Naomi Thomas and Jo Pearson (Carmel Secondary), Sam McCutcheon (Victoria Park), Ruth Sharp and Mandy Walker (Landsdale). Your work and commitment is appreciated.

It is great to work with this dedicated team of individuals as we serve the Church in WA.

Graeme Drinkall
Chief Financial Officer





New Podcast series on fasting

The Discipleship Ministries team (DMT) will be launching a podcast series on fasting during November. The DMT is focused on supporting churches across Western Australia to connect with God through daily devotional practices. Fasting is a devotional practice that is often not talked about, but I felt impressed to explore fasting this year. I'm interested in unpacking the idea that fasting can help us decrease focus on ourselves and allow God to be increased in our lives.

The podcast will invite listeners on a journey that seeks to understand different aspects of fasting, such as what is biblical fasting? How to fast? What should I fast from? The impact of fasting on our bodies and minds. It will also connect with a variety of experts or people already experienced in fasting.

One of the big questions we will ask is why should you even consider fasting? I will

be starting my own fasting journey at the same time and will be sharing a video diary of my experience. I'm excited to learn more and praying it becomes a deeply spiritual experience. The hope is to encourage, inspire and equip others to start their own fasting journeys too.

Keep an eye on our social media or your local church bulletin for more details as November draws closer. If you're passionate about fasting, I would love to hear from you! Please contact me on jodyeddy@adventist.org.au

Pr. Jody Eddy

Team Leader
Discipleship Ministries Team



News highlights



Sabbath School Prayer ZOOM

One of the joys of life is collective prayer. Jesus spoke about this concept in Matthew 18, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” On 4th July at 7:30 pm on ZOOM, we had a taste of this. We had about 15 people in attendance from Kargoolie down to Manjimup for our quarterly prayer time. The next date for a similar event is on 3rd October at 7:30 pm on ZOOM. We would like to see all Sabbath School Leaders in the Conference come together and join this ZOOM. It is a time of prayer, support and inspiration that we all need as leaders.

NEXT ZOOM DETAILS
 Time: Oct 4, 2022 07:30 PM Perth
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://adventistchurch.zoom.us/j/98895036766>

Pr. Obed Soire
 Discipleship Ministries Team
 Sabbath School/Church Health Leader

Pilbara Regional

From the 21st - 22nd of July, more than 100 church members from across the Pilbara gathered in Port Hedland for their annual regional

meeting.

Five groups were represented – Karratha, Port Hedland, Newman, Jigalong, and Nullagine. The worship services were hosted by Pr. Saia Vea and the guest speakers were Pr. Brad Thomas (Conference Secretary) and Pr. Ben Reynolds (Ministerial Secretary).

The Gibson family shared several uplifting musical items. In addition to the joy of being together, two elders were ordained, there was a profession of faith, and a young couple, Clayton and Imelda, were baptised!

God is doing amazing things in this region through the commitment and ministry of the members.

Pr. Ben Reynolds
 Ministerial Secretary

Victoria Park Adventurer’s

Victoria Park Adventurer club is going from strength to strength now with 56 kids. In July, the kids had a fantastic time learning all about electrical safety. The young ones were doing crafts about electricity while the older ones were able to complete a circuit and if they got it right launch a little

helicopter into the air. The adults were having just as much fun as the kids. The Bible story for the day was about the little maid who shared her faith. The kids enjoyed watching their parents act out the story for them. A huge thank you to Grace (the new leader) and her team for all the hard work in this important ministry.

Pr. Andrew Olsen
 Discipleship Ministries Team
 Youth & Children Leader



Safehouse - Worship Night

On Saturday evening 22 July 2, 100 people came to worship and encounter the presence of God





at SafeHouse, which that was run at the WA Conference office in Welshpool.

The mission and purpose of SafeHouse is to create a safe place for people from all backgrounds, ages and walks of life. Their aim is for individuals to come and encounter God, as He promises to dwell and inhabit the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3).

It was a time of fellowship over food, worship through song and communion. We took the bread and wine, honouring the sacrifice and the freedom that Jesus purchased for us through His blood.

The SafeHouse team are passionate about authentic worship. They aspire to create a space where worshipers can come into the throne room of God, unabandoned, with no inhibitions, and give Him the offering that He deserves. They look forward to hosting further SafeHouse worship encounters in the future.

Amy Turner
Carmel Adventist College Primary
Chaplain

WA Pastors outreach yields 524 baptisms

A team of six from Perth have been conducted programs in Ethiopia and South Sudan from the 24th June to 26th July, 2023. Health lectures, family life, and evangelistic presentations thrilled thousands in Gambella and Maiwut. Training for elders and pastors were also given, over one hundred attended, including pastors from other denominations. Practical support was provided to orphanages including equipment such as laptops and data projectors.

Finance was provided for a church roof and a new baptism tank because of the presence of crocodiles. Our team included



Thok Pal, Gatkek Nyabang, Jason Williams, Nya Push and Pr. John Horvath.

Pr. John Horvath
Forrestfield, Burundi, Karen South Plant

Curtin Life Group Report

The Curtin University Seventh-day Adventist Life Crew offers a welcoming and engaging space for students to explore biblical teachings and engage in meaningful conversations. Our Crew is a vibrant community, where members come together to discuss and reflect upon various aspects of the Bible. This fosters a deeper understanding of faith and spirituality. In addition to our study and discussions, we believe in the power of fellowship and connection. That's why we also offer regular gatherings where members can enjoy socialising and free food while building lasting friendships and connections with like-minded. The group is diverse in culture and personality. Everyone is welcome regardless if they're regulars in the church or just exploring. Whether you're seeking to deepen your knowledge of biblical principles, or simply looking for a warm and inclusive community to be

a part of, the Curtin Seventh-day Adventist Life Crew is here to provide a fulfilling and enriching experience for all students.



Hilary Banda & Andile Sibanda
Curtin Life Group

North Perth Church Camp

We had a brilliant time over the first weekend of August at the fabulous Mornington Adventure Camp!

We praise God for enabling us to enjoy beautiful weather and providing the opportunity for us to create happy memories and deepen our relationship with one another.

Thank you to all who attended and invested in our church community. In particular, we thank the Shotters and Eacotts who manage the campground and who gave us such a warm welcome and Pr Jody Eddy who brought the Word on Sabbath.

North Perth Facebook Page



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Register here: www.adra.org.au/fundraising