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CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

The internationally renowned gardens of the Christchurch, New Zealand, Sanitarium factory are once again blooming, thanks to the vision and work of gardener Alexander Silverado.

Warren Ashby, engineering manager for the Christchurch branch of Sanitarium, commended Mr Silverado's for his work in renovating and improving the gardens, and restocking the ponds.

"He put in some generous time, especially before the competitions," says Mr Ashby. "Being on the city's tourist route, they're visited by busloads of people every day. They can only marvel at the wonders our Creator

has provided and credit the company."

The gardens, designed by the city's founding landscape architect, Edgar Taylor, in 1932, won six awards over the summer, and have proved a hot destination for garden lovers, with 11 couples celebrating their nuptials in them this year.

In a full-page report in the gardening section of *The Star*, a Christchurch broadsheet, reporter Cynthia Kepple described the gardens as "stars in their own right."

They feature a fountain imported from the Isle of Wight in 2003, and which is now the focal point of the gardens.

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ACAST to change

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Australasian Conference Association Superannuation Trust (ACAST), the church's superannuation fund for its employees, will be transferred into Mercer Super Trust at the end of this financial year, a change aimed at improving benefits to members.

From July 1, 2006, Mercer will provide the trustee and administrative services for the ACAST fund.

According to Paul Rubessa, the fund's administration manager and corporate trustee secretary, members can expect greater investment flexibility, post-retirement income products, member-education programs and access to personal financial advice under the new regime.

"This is a very exciting change that will bring with it more benefits for our members," says Mr Rubessa.

Mr Rubessa says the decision was initi-

ated by changing superannuation legislation, which threatened to impact the costs of operating ACAST on a stand-alone basis. "As trustee, we have a duty to act in the best interests of members," says Mr Rubessa. "This includes taking time to evaluate ourselves to ensure that we continue to be competitive."

He said the necessity for change became apparent during a recent review, in which it could be seen that the industry had advanced to where ACAST members could access more benefits with another fund without losing the competitive fee arrangements for which ACAST is known.

ACAST was established by the church in 1988 to provide superannuation for employees. The fund has some 14,000 members with assets of \$A280 million. Its members will be advised of developments over the next few months. —Melody Tan

More @ <www.acast.info>
or by phoning 1300 422 278.

Goliath slays David in battle of the bottle

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Citizens' objections to a planned bottle shop in Cooranbong, NSW, have been upheld by the New South Wales Licensing Court in a hearing held in February.

Three magistrates hearing the matter refused an application by David Owens to open an off-licence in the Avondale Shopping Village. They based their decision on objections about the need for a liquor store and the store's close proximity to a place of worship—Avondale Memorial Seventh-day Adventist church.

The magistrates deemed the necessity to travel to nearby Dora Creek or Morisset to purchase liquor as "a minor inconvenience." They accepted that about 40 per cent of the public in the Cooranbong area would have no need for such store and that it would, in fact, cause offence to worshippers.

"It isn't a case of David taking on Goliath... but more that Goliath is offended by the proposed actions of David," said the magistrates.

The Memorial church joined with other local churches and Avondale College to gain legal representation.

"Most of the people we surveyed were happy to sign, indicating they would be offended by the liquor store," says Jim Williams, an elder at Memorial.

Mr Williams proudly acknowledges the Adventist Church's fundamental belief regarding alcohol. "Our bodies are the temple of God," he says.

Craig Vogel, former director of student services at Avondale College, gave witness to the court in relation to the college's drug-free policy and the adverse affects of selling liquor near the campus. He says one of the reasons Cooranbong is admired is because of its unique nature. —Stephane Millien



Andrea Williams

The current ACAST team—(front to rear) Paul Rubessa, Janette Royce, Sara Giovanetti, Hayley Tosen and Maaik Craig—act "in the best interests of members."



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know
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our hope in Jesus Christ!

Christchurch gardens bloom again

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The gardens won in six categories across three competitions, including four in the Canterbury Horticultural Society competition. Among them was the Academy Funeral Services Trophy for “Outstanding Feature in a Commercial Garden,” for the fountain on the garden’s street frontage.

But there is more to the story than just a green thumb, reports Mrs Collette Brown, a Christchurch local who is also Mr Silverado’s mother. She, like Mr Ashby, attributes much of the beauty and consequent success to divine intervention.

“When the previous gardener resigned just before planting-out time, I was talking with my sister and we decided to make the gardens a topic of special prayer. The plants were about a month late, and there were a lot of substandard plants as well.

“We both prayed specifically that the



As the winner of six prizes in Christchurch’s annual round of gardening competitions, the grounds of the Christchurch Sanitarium are a credit to both their gardener, Alex Silverado, and the Creator.

plants would survive and that Alex would be rewarded for the extra effort. When bad weather threatened, we would pray for a hedge of protection around the gardens. Then, last year, a belt of hail went through and wiped out one section.

“Well, our prayers were nevertheless answered by the most beautiful result. But the praise has gone to God for His beautiful creation.”—*Lee Dunstan*

New SPD department to develop leaders

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A department aimed at identifying, growing and nurturing church leaders has been established at the South Pacific Division (SPD). The Leadership and Professional Development Department was established by the 2006 SPD session.

The director of the new department, Dr Barry Gane, says that whereas in the past leadership has merely “arisen,” it will now be intentionally identified and nurtured. “We hope to be able to seriously look at developing leaders and the leadership ability of those who work for the church,” he says.

According to Dr Gane, the department will initially focus on the island fields of the division. Three leadership cohorts in PNG, Solomon Islands and Fiji will be go through six weeks of training and formal education over the next four months.

“The basic psyche of the church will be changed as we begin the concept of grooming leadership instead of relying solely on a system where people are called into leadership positions,” says Dr Gane.

He says the benefit of the new system would be “higher levels of proficiency and leaders who are aware of their strengths and weaknesses, working to enhance their leadership skills and ability.”—*Melody Tan*



◆ The annual **interdenominational World Day of Prayer** service was held in the **Murray Bridge** Seventh-day Adventist church, SA, on March 3. This year’s event focused on **South Africa**. A group of South African singers from an Adelaide Adventist church presented several items in English and African dialects. The more than 80 people who attended

gave an offering to assist South Africa and also enjoyed a supper of South African dishes.—*Ron and Nita Clarke*

◆ Wallsend, NSW, church has a **helping** ministry for overseas students attending Newcastle University. Countries of origin include Sudan, Thailand, Korea, China, Taiwan, PNG and Indonesia. Church members find accommodation or locate outlets selling the food of a culture. In 2005 several Wallsend members **toured Africa**, meeting university students they had previously helped and delivering



helpful items, including pens and pencils, books, seeds, musical instruments, tools, clothing, first aid and **teaching resources**. The group visited an orphanage in Zimbabwe, and erected some buildings in Botswana.—*Ray Boyce/Lanelle Hawkins*

◆ **Pastor Henry Miller**, veteran collector for the ADRA Appeal,

who turned 85 this year, has collected more than \$A10,000 in the past three years alone. Pastor Miller has seen a number of baptisms from Appeal contacts. Since he was introduced to the **Appeal for Missions** as a child, watching his invalid grandmother in her wheelchair collect, he **hasn’t missed an appeal**.—*Focus*



Big-vehicle pit stop

NEROLIE DEVER, NSW

I was disappointed to read the editorial "What would Jesus drive?" (February 25). A provocative article for alienating those of us who drive larger vehicles! While I agree with the principle of being good stewards in all aspects of our life, the suggestions made in the editorial aren't always practical. A small vehicle wouldn't survive on my farm and would be unable to go where I go for my holidays, and not everyone can catch public transport to work.

Many of the times I've felt closest to God have been in my four-wheel drive, driving through the breathtaking beauty of the Simpson Desert carpeted in flowers, enjoying the stillness of the early morning on the Canning Stock Route or driving among the gigantic gums in Victoria's high country.

Praise God we serve a God who is versatile, able to touch people who not only drive a mini but also a sports car, a 4x4 or school bus.

DANIEL GOLENIA, NSW

I have chosen to live in the country, in keeping with Ellen White's counsel, and that mandates my ownership of a four-wheel-drive motor car. A good friend has seven children (in keeping with God's command) and therefore needs a large four-wheel drive to accommodate them. I can only imagine his quandary in reading your editorial.

But beyond that, this is a poor choice of editorial content for the official church publication. Rather, I think the editorial should encourage and strengthen one's faith.

The bird flu

BRAD RALPH, NSW

With many of the world's experts heralding an impending avian flu pandemic, we should be dusting off the Revelation and prophecy seminar materials to proclaim the first angel's message: Fear God and give Him glory! The hour of His judgment has come.

We seem to expend much effort planning for the operation of the corporate church. Hopefully these plans will put us in a strong position to preach the word of God to the survivors.

Details in full, please

BERYL TURNER, SA

I enjoy learning from the many and varied articles in RECORD. Thank you to those who include a phone number or address so I can have the joy of sending them an encouraging note or even some financial assistance. But to those who include a website only, as not all of us own a computer, regretfully, I cannot help.

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Record Roo's kids corner



Hi kids,
Remember me? I'm Roo's friend Kip Kiwi. I'd like to introduce the story of little King Josiah. He was crowned King when he was just eight years old!

Kip

Read

How old are you? Would you like to be King when you were just seven years old? Josiah was crowned King when he was very young.

Read about King Josiah in 2 Kings chapter 22

Fill in the Blanks

"Josiah was _____ years old when he became _____, and he _____ thirty-one _____ in _____ ..." 2 Kings 22:1 NKJV

Colour in

Colour in the picture of little Josiah being crowned king.



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For church-related employment opportunities visit the Employment section on the SPD website <www.adventist.org.au>.

Weddings

Bates—Flemming. Craig Eldon Bates and Katrina Marie Fleming were married on 5.3.06 in the garden of their new home, Hawera, NZ.

Russell Wilcocks

Bolst—Schubert. Clinton Bolst, son of Eliot and Toni Bolst (Croydon Hills, Vic), and Bree Schubert, daughter of Bob and Judy Schubert (Lilydale), were married on 23.2.06 at Potters, Warrandyte.

Eric Davey

Godber—Bishop. Brendan Godber, son of Peter and Narelle Godber (Gyra, NSW), and Sharina Bishop, daughter of Ross and Lynley Bishop (Tauranga, NZ), were married on 9.1.06 at Elms church, Tauranga.

Steve Kane

Goldsmith—Haberfield. Jack ("Crow") Goldsmith and Mary Haberfield were married on 19.2.06 in a picturesque garden setting at "Karinya" homestead near Byabarra, NSW.

Bob Donaldson

Lever—Golstajn. Tristan James Lever, son of Barry and Rhonda Lever (Greenpoint, NSW), and Linda Jane Golstajn, daughter of Paul and Vilma Golstajn (Alstonville), were married on 3.1.06 in the Gosford Adventist church.

Gavin Rowe

Manners—Cachatoor. Stuart Wayne Manners, son of Pastor Bob and Marilyn Manners (Hornsby, NSW), and Catherine Cachatoor, daughter of Razmik and May Cachatoor (Tauranga, NZ), were married on 7.2.06 in the Tauranga Adventist church.

Bob Manners, Kayle de Waal

Roberts—Wort. Nathan Roberts, son of Glenn and Diane Roberts (Wyee Point, NSW), and Rebecca Wort, daughter of Barry and Jenny Wort (Georgina), were married on 22.1.06 on the waterfront at Milanos, Pelican.

Glenn Roberts, Marion Gillespie

Obituaries

Avery, Hazel Valerie, born 24.3.1915 at Benalla, Vic; died 1.3.06 at Yarra View Retirement Village, Warburton. In 1936 she married Ron Harvey. In 1952 she married Cecil (Jack) Avery, who predeceased her on 11.2.72. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carole and Graeme Brown (Warburton); her granddaughter, Sherilyn, and Kieran; her grandson, Laurence, and Amanda; her great-grandchildren, Codi, Edyn and Charlotte. Val was a gifted singer and made a tremendous contribution to church music and children's ministries in the Avondale and Newcastle areas from the 1940s to 1970s.

Eric Kingdon, Joy Kingdon

Davis, Ruby Florence, born 20.5.1906 at Anakie, Vic; died 6.3.06 at Camperdown. In 1932 she married Tom, who predeceased her in July 1980. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Edith and Norm Ladlow (Horsham), Ian and Dorothy, Lloyd (all of Camperdown) and John and Marlene (Cobden); her 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Ruby was only two months short of her 100th birthday.

Edwin Totenhofer

Edwards, Brian, born 8.10.1937 in Melbourne, Vic; died 27.2.06 in Austin Hospital, Melbourne. Brian never married. He is survived by his brothers, Don (Melbourne) and Noel (Cairns, Qld). Brian was a kind, generous man who liked the peace and solitude of the country.

Greg Evans

Hill, Marie Evelyne Louvain (nee Brabant), born 8.11.1914 at Gippsland, Vic; died 27.2.06 in Melbourne. On 4.1.38 she married Walter, who predeceased her on 26.1.72. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Olga and Martin Ward (Cooranbong, NSW), Drs Wilvene and John Clifford (Lilydale, Vic), Vivian and Kay Hill (Mount Helena, WA) and Lindley Hill (Bonnells Bay,

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NSW); her 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Marie and Walter were well-known schoolteachers, having spent many years teaching in our SDA schools.

Harold Waldrip

Hunt, Eleanor Mary, born 9.4.1913 at Gawler, SA; died 6.3.06 at Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide. On 29.5.40 she married Max. She is survived by her husband (Hawthorndene); her children, John (Perth, WA); Joanne Eakins (Brisbane, Qld) and Roger (Adelaide, SA); her three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Eleanor was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who loved her Lord and her garden. She will be sadly missed until the resurrection day.

Allan Croft

Shooter, Elva Jean (nee Sands), born 16.9.1917; died peacefully 8.12.05 in Lower Hutt Hospital, NZ. She was predeceased by her husband, Dawson, on 22.12.2000. She is survived by her daughters, Avis Gardner (Porirua) and Elsie (Adelaide, SA) and their husbands; and extended families. Elva took a very active part in the community and church. She was a very caring and loving person to all and will be greatly missed by family and friends. She died in the hope of the resurrection and soon return of Jesus.

Victor Acuna

Siu, Gloria (nee Chung), born 14.6.1922 in Sydney, NSW; died 26.2.06 at Kings Langley, Sydney. In 1966 she married Pastor William Siu. She is survived by her husband (Sydney); her sisters, Minnie Chow and Phyllis Fan (both of Sydney); and her brother, Frank Chung (California, USA). Gloria was a kind, caring person who lived her Christian faith.

Bruce Grosse, David Chung

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