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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Under the bridge

Jarrod Stackelroth
Editor

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Signs is still making disciples, influencing lives and introducing people to Jesus.

Fairy tale trolls and Red Hot Chilli Peppers are not the only things found under the bridge. Wayne Cooper found Jesus there. Well, a *Signs* magazine actually, but the humble magazine started him on a journey that finished with his baptism in the Castle Hill Adventist Church.

We love Wayne's story. How he was looking for hope, meaning and purpose and found just the right testimony in a *Signs* when he needed it. Wayne was trying to hitchhike his way to a hippy commune on the north coast of New South Wales. Usually he would catch a lift easily, but on this day, no-one was stopping. In hindsight, Wayne attributes this to God. After waiting for two hours, feeling hot and tired, Wayne went under the bridge at Brooklyn, on the M1, for some shade and respite. There, in the sand, he saw a page. Pulling it out, in a coincidence that could only be providence, he discovered it was a *Signs* magazine, opened to a story of a young man who had tried a commune and an alternative lifestyle, ultimately to find his answer in Jesus. As he read, the story not only reminded him of his own search for happiness but pointed him to Jesus. He headed home that day instead of continuing up the coast and, a short time later, ended up with a flatmate who was Seventh-day Adventist. He remembered the *Signs* and that it too was linked to the Adventist Church. Soon he was receiving Bible studies leading to baptism and has been a faithful church member ever since. Wayne currently works in the mail room/shipping and purchasing at the South Pacific Division office and has served the Church in Papua New Guinea and other places.

We've told Wayne's story in *Record* before. Wayne and his family are pictured on the front cover of the July 26, 1986 copy of *South Pacific Record and Adventist World Survey* (as we were formerly called) in preparation for *Signs* month. But we're excited to revisit his story, this time in video format.

You can watch the full version of Wayne's story and find a shorter version to download and play at your church during the month of August here: <https://signsofthetimes.org.au/wayne2023/>.

While some may argue that the time of magazines is past, I'd like to give a few good reasons why *Signs* remains effective today.

It is something physical. It can go into places like prisons and soup kitchens that digital content can't reach. It can go home with school parents and be read by multiple members of a household as it sits on a bench or coffee table.

It is accessible. With a range of interesting topics, *Signs* still covers the basic fundamentals of Christian faith, but in language that a secular person with no biblical literacy or Christian background can understand.

It is easily shareable. While it is easy to share digital assets on our social media platforms, they have less value and are much more transient—here one second, gone the next. To have a tactile piece of paper with real world feel and engaging your brain in the act of reading might just be something that will cut through the noise of this information age.

Are lives still being impacted and changed like Wayne's was? You bet.

The testimony of Greg Fernance, who is pastoring in Grafton, NSW, has also borne fruit. According to Greg, there have been a couple of baptisms since his story was shared in *Signs* month last year as a direct result of the article and the accompanying video we produced.

Signs is still making disciples, influencing lives and introducing people to Jesus. If you or your church are using *Signs* in creative ways, we'd love to hear from you. If you'd like to support *Signs* but don't know who to give it to, please make contact as we've got plenty of projects that need support.

August is *Signs* month.

If you haven't read a *Signs* for a while, you'll find it has changed. I challenge you to look for people and opportunities this month, to share the magazine and spread the hope we have in Jesus.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thank God for the local church

Mike Sikuri
South Pacific Division secretary

Thank God for my local church family.

After what seemed like forever I got to attend my local church on Sabbath. Work commitments often take me away from home and naturally I look forward to returning. I also look forward to attending my local church. This is a great time to stop, slow down and reconnect before serving again.

As usual our pastor presented a thought-provoking, balanced, Bible-based, Christ-centred message. As Christians we are so blessed to have God's Word readily available. The Bible is so relevant and gives us so much insight and perspective.

As a minister myself there are times I simply love to turn up at church, sit up the back, worship, sing, pray, fellowship with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. It was great to catch up with members in the foyer.

Later our home was filled with young people. It's always great to share a meal together and catch up. Between the main meal and dessert we debriefed the message together. All appreciated the fact that our church was willing to delve into areas they are challenged with. Each one got to reflect and even ask questions. We agreed the Bible should always be our source of truth and when dealing with folk who perceive Christianity negatively that we are to engage in a Christlike manner.

It was also a great time to catch up on how each young person was going with their life journey. As parents and adults we have the blessing of walking alongside and supporting these dear young people. They were then dispatched to the kitchen to clean up.

During closing Sabbath all thanked God for something and reflected on a good life lesson learnt during the blessed Sabbath hours. It will be a while until I catch up with my church family again but my cup is full. The apostle counselled, "We must not quit meeting together, as some are doing. No, we need to keep on encouraging each other. This becomes more and more important as you see the Day getting closer" (Hebrews 10:25, ERV).

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Baptism at the Cakau Multipurpose Centre on.

Fiji Mission celebrates 130 baptisms at evangelistic series

📍 Suva, Fiji | Joni Vatuvatu

One hundred and thirty people were baptised at the end of the "Countdown: Back to the Future" evangelistic series on July 1, held at the Cakau Multipurpose Centre in Suva, Fiji.

Institute of Public Evangelism director Pastor Gary Webster was the speaker at the three-week event, which began on June 11, hosted by the Suva North District in Nasinu, Suva.

Fiji Mission (FM) president Pastor Nasoni Lutunaliwa said the initiative was "successful as it was a face-to-face event that also incorporated media evangelism".

"Several candidates never attended the event physically and only watched from the comforts of their home and made their decisions to follow Christ," said Pastor Lutunaliwa.

He added that organising such big events is always challenging, but "God blessed the event and proved faithful when His church members unite their efforts with Him to save souls".

The event also included a three-day training for ministers and elders.

"FM recognised the importance of equipping ministers and elders to effectively share the message of salvation and bring souls to Christ," said FM ministerial

secretary Aisake Tiko Kabu. "Their passion for spreading the gospel was reignited as they learned new techniques and strategies to reach people's hearts."

He added that the evangelism "not only brought souls into the fold but had ignited a flame of revival that would light the way for many more to come".

District ministerial leader Pastor Pita Tokalau said the newly baptised members are distributed to attend churches all over the district, close to their homes. He added that nurturing programs and further Bible study programs have begun in most churches for the new members.

He also acknowledged church members for their contribution and sacrifices during the planning, running and follow up of the evangelism.

Pastor Lutunaliwa thanked the ministers, church members and everyone who was involved, especially the final year theology students from Fulton Adventist University College who were part of the evangelism team. The students were on practicum and were heavily involved in the operations, visitations and joined ministers in conducting worship during the event.

Fiji Mission set aside the month of July as Pentecost harvest month.



Adventist HealthCare CEO Brett Goods presenting in the San chapel.

Sydney Adventist Hospital's 24-hour prayer event uplifts and inspires

📍 Wahroonga, NSW | Record staff

Twenty-four speakers from around the world featured in a 24-hour prayer and praise event hosted by Sydney Adventist Hospital on June 23-24.

Speakers included church leaders from the General Conference and South Pacific Division, local Adventist church pastors and Reverend Graham Long, pastor at The Wayside Chapel at Kings Cross. Organised by the Spiritual Care Services team, it featured prayer, praise, worship and testimony. People were also encouraged to fast in a way that was appropriate for them.

The San chapel was the hub of the event, however those who couldn't be

there in person could participate on Zoom, and via the hospital's in-house TV channel for patients and staff on the wards.

The organisers said the event was the first of its kind held at the San in living memory, and it was a very uplifting and unifying occasion.

"The purpose was to acknowledge our God for His countless blessings to the San over 120 years and in anticipation and thanks for His continued blessing," said Dr Steve Stephenson, acting director of mission integration at the San.

He encouraged continued prayer for the hospital and its mission.



Pastors Russ Willcocks and Matt Atcheson with the training participants.

New virtual assistant for giving Bible and health studies

📍 Kabiufa, PNG | Jacqueline Wari

Hope VA, a virtual assistant that gives Bible and health studies using the social media platform WhatsApp, was launched this month in Papua New Guinea during a pastors' symposium at Kabiufa.

Based on technology already in use in the South American Division where more than 20,000 students are currently engaged in studies, Hope VA is a powerful discipleship tool with enormous potential. Here in the South Pacific Division (SPD), Hope VA is a collaboration between Adventist Technology, the SPD's Ministry and Strategy Team, the Church in PNG, 10,000 Toes campaign and Hope Channel.

"We are excited about this project," said Pastor Miller Kuso, Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) Sabbath school and personal ministries direc-

tor. "Because we will reach many more people for Jesus!"

Using WhatsApp, students simply need to send the word "Bible" or "Health" to Hope VA's number and the conversation begins. Following the launch at the PNGUM pastors' symposium, it is anticipated the 2000-plus pastors in attendance will return to their churches and share the opportunity with their local church congregations.

In preparation for the launch, the guide team that will manage students' prayer and special requests completed training at the PNGUM headquarters in Lae.

Pastors Russ Willcocks and Matt Atcheson from Adventist Technology also shared the project at local churches in Lae and Port Moresby and with students at Pacific Adventist University.



The new temporary NNSW office at the Education Hall on the Avondale University Cooranbong campus.

NNSW Conference moves into temporary home

📍 Cooranbong, NSW | Megantha Kiruwi

The North New South Wales Conference (NNSW) team have temporarily moved their offices to the Education Hall on the Avondale University estate in Cooranbong. This is the first step of a two-stage relocation process to their new permanent building on Site 9 of the former Sanitarium engineering division office on the Avondale estate.

The former office at Wallsend closed on June 16 and has been operating in a temporary space since June 26. The final move to the new permanent location is scheduled for October.

The children's resource centre and Faith FM studio have also found new locations. The resource centre now operates from the lower ground floor of Site 9, while Faith FM is temporarily based in Kurri Kurri church, with additional plans to move to Site 9 in October.

Highlighting several benefits of the relocation, NNSW CFO Russell Halliday explained that the income generated from leasing the old conference office property in Wallsend will significantly contribute to

the Church's mission within the Conference. "It is [also] certainly more convenient for those of us that have to work with our school's company head office and aged care," said Mr Halliday.

While the relocation process presented minor challenges, the overall transition was smooth. Renovations for the new permanent location will commence once the necessary approvals are obtained from the local council.

The temporary move was successfully coordinated by project manager Patricia Antas, who previously directed two relocations at the Greater Sydney Conference. The NNSW team expressed their appreciation for Mrs Antas's professionalism and careful management of the first stage of the relocation process.

The Conference also extended its gratitude to Avondale University for their generous support and hospitality. "We are grateful to Avondale for providing us with temporary accommodation. They have been incredibly accommodating and have met all our needs," said Mr Halliday.



The new edition of *The Giving Equation*.

Equation heard around the world, with new edition

📍 Warburton, Vic | Ella Dainter-Bevis/Record Staff

Three years after its initial publication, *The Giving Equation* has been published in a new edition, including additional “life application lessons”.

The first reason for the new edition is to meet ongoing demand for the book. According to author Dr Ken Long, “People around the world love the way in which the book spells out the difference in giving in the Me-economy and God’s way—the G-economy.”

Through the four new life application lessons, readers are given greater opportunity to apply “the message of giving”, into their lives “with a new mindset”. These lessons can be used in small groups, Sabbath school classes and family worship, exploring the biblical principles for positive giving.

As well as being published in a new English edition, an extract of *The Giving Equation* was recently published in German and Dr Long has presented his core message—that people “be inspired to give; not made to do so out of guilt or obligation”—in a number of contexts around the world since the book was published in 2020.

According to Pastor Leslie Yamahune, director of stewardship and church growth for the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, “God has used Ken to help build benevolent and generous characters. The book is contextualised for today’s world and reminds our members to build God’s kingdom first.”

“We are pleased to be able to produce a new edition of this book and continue to make this book available more widely,” said Signs Publishing’s book editor Nathan Brown. “It is an insightful and perspective-changing reflection on how a better understanding and practice of stewardship can really change our lives and our relationship with God.”

The Giving Equation has also been featured and promoted by the General Conference’s Stewardship ministries around the world. “My favourite section is the case studies, which are built around inspiring and biblical materials,” said associate director Pastor Aniel Barbe. “They offer ready-to-use resources, with minimum adaptation, for pastors and spiritual leaders to build up more generous local congregations. I really appreciate Ken’s smart contribution in leading us to put God first.”

making headlines

Ben Carson’s surprise visit

Ben Carson, retired neurosurgeon, one-time presidential candidate and author of autobiography *Gifted Hands*, made a surprise visit to the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy (US), all because of a student’s invitation. Dr Carson spoke twice to AAA students: in a special Sabbath school time for students and briefly during the church service.—AR



Child-friendly history

A new Brazilian children’s book titled *The Beginning of Our History* tells the story of Adventist pioneers in a concise and accessible manner. The book, aimed at children aged 7–9, is illustrated and spans 40 pages. It aims to help children understand the origin of the Church and its importance today.—SAD

Cinematic evangelism

Hope Channel International has launched its newest evangelistic department, Hope Studios, which has been created to develop films and documentaries for streaming platforms, cinemas and new evangelistic-oriented channels. “Our Church has always been innovative; beginning with the printing press, expanding into radio and television, and now into streaming and cinematic storytelling” said Hope Studios director, Kevin Christenson.—ANN

Porn and eating disorders

A study has discovered a worrying link between rising “problematic” porn use and eating disorder symptoms among young men. The study states the more problematic a man’s relationship with porn tends to be, the more likely he is to be dissatisfied with his body and, ultimately, more vulnerable to developing various eating disorders.—news.com.au



Armour of God

At the Hillview Adventist Church (Morisset, NSW) prayer meeting held on June 21, former history teacher Brett Weier, now a theology student at Avondale University, uniquely linked medieval armour to spiritual concepts from the book of Ephesians. Dressed in a suit of armour, he used the belt to represent truth, the breastplate for righteousness, a shield for faith, a helmet for salvation and a sword for the Word of God. "By creatively demonstrating the connection between medieval armour and the 'whole armour of God', Mr Weier successfully merged history with faith, leaving prayer meeting attendees inspired and equipped to face their spiritual battles," said church member Mary Fedorow. —**Record staff/Mary Fedorow**



Community recognition

Caboolture Adventist Church (Qld), in its third annual Community Appreciation Day held on May 20, recognised two groups for their honourable service to the local community. Alta-1, a local alternative school that offers innovative learning paths to disengaged students, and the Domestic Violence Emergency Housing Project, which provides crucial immediate shelter for women and children affected by domestic violence, were honoured at the event. Pastors Casey Wolverton and Kira-leigh Josey of Caboolture interviewed leaders, staff and volunteers from both organisations during the event, exploring the positive impact of their work. The stories resonated with the congregation, prompting a collective donation of \$A2600 to assist these key community initiatives further. "[This] is such a positive way to build bridges with the local neighbourhood and to support them in their work," said Pastor Wolverton. —**Lynette Ashby**



Against The Grain

Juniors and teens from across the North New Zealand Conference (NNZC) gathered at Tui Ridge Park in Rotorua for the "Against the Grain" camp from July 2 to 10. The program featured spiritual and fun activities. The young people were also engaged in community service, giving firewood to elderly members of the community. "We encouraged our Juniors and Teens to stay firm in their faith and that they too may go 'against the grain', against peer pressure and popularity in their faith walk," said NNZC youth director Pastor Keli Pepa. —**Record staff**



Mutual support

Niue Adventist Church hosted Niue High School staff for a Sabbath program on June 17. Presenting the main message, Pastor Akuila Salabogi emphasised the essential need for the Holy Spirit in their lives as teachers, leaders and role models. The idea for the gathering came from school principal Charles Ioane who, in a letter to the school staff, expressed the need to "come together as a staff to support one another and uplift each other in prayer". —**TPUM News**



Healing hands

A colourful new painting by Indigenous artist and former Sydney Adventist Hospital patient Darleen Cooper was gifted to the San as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The painting, called "Healing Hands, My Journey", is deeply personal and a portrayal of Ms Cooper's own journey to regained health at Sydney Adventist Hospital following surgery.

At a leadership meeting, Ms Cooper spoke of her desire to give back to the hospital and its people who had cared for her. "My original thought was to donate one that I had at home, but after looking at the ones I had at home, I knew I had to create something new and unique," she said.

"AHCL was thrilled to receive a painting from Darleen Cooper as an expression of her gratitude for the care she received following surgery in 2022," said Adventist HealthCare CEO Brett Goods. "Darleen is obviously a gifted artist and we look forward to displaying this artwork to the benefit of patients, visitors and staff."

Earlier Richie Reid, associate pastor at Wairoonga Adventist Church, had opened the leadership meeting with a moving acknowledgement of country while Pastor Henry Dunn, a senior Indigenous minister, played the didgeridoo. Pastor Reid shared an acknowledgement of country with all staff at the San to kick off NAIDOC Week celebrations. —**Alexandra Ristway**

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Growth and resilience celebration

The Adventist music festival "Sounds of Hope", held at the Adventist Multipurpose Hall in Efate, Vanuatu, from June 8 to 12, brought together more than 300 participants to celebrate the Adventist Church's rich history in the country since 1912. One of the highlights of the festival was the presentation of original songs composed by local talents such as Josiah Tari, Eza Toara, Judy Williau and Rinneth Timothy. Attendees reflected on the Church's 111th anniversary in Vanuatu amidst various challenges. Pastor David George emphasised the Church's growth and resilience, affirming, "we praise God for His blessings on His Church, His people". —**Cecile Thrief**



Skill and service display

Twenty-five Pathfinder clubs from across Morobe Mission in Papua New Guinea gathered for the annual Pathfinder Fair from June 29 to July 1. Engaging Pathfinders in various activities such as ball games, marching drills and knot-tying, the event also saw participants collaborating on a series of community service projects such as environmental cleanups, assistance at local schools and hospitals, and outreach programs. "The Morobe Mission Pathfinder Fair serves not only as a recreational opportunity but primarily as a platform to foster fellowship among the participants, enhance their skills and help them grow spiritually," said Doulos Ken, who attended the event with 53 Pathfinders and seven instructors from Boundary Road Pathfinder Club. The fair also serves as a promotional platform, attracting local youth to join a club and actively contribute to their community. —**Juliana Muniz/Doulos Ken**

A change of hands 1965–1970

This time period saw the greatest change yet in both appearance and content of the *Australasian Record* to date. What prompted this transformation in 1967?

Since 1964, retired former union president Walter Battye had been “temporarily” filling the role of associate editor. Initially expected to last only a few months, his assistance gradually evolved into a full-time role, spanning a three-year period. Battye’s role involved putting the *Record* together from reports coming into the Church’s headquarters. One of his significant contributions was the introduction of the editorial feature, which continues today.

In 1967, Robert Parr took charge of the struggling *Australasian Record* with a desire to liven it up. With his imaginative and humorous writing style, Parr revitalised the publication, attracting more readers and increasing its circulation. His editorials became the highlight of the magazine, blending pastoral insight, wit and a fresh perspective on current issues. Parr’s unique approach included engaging conversations between himself as the *Record* editor and as the editor of *Signs of the Times* (his other role), presenting different sides of church discussions. Another popular feature was the inclusion of witty or profound statements at the end of each issue, labelled “Finally Brethren”. Despite some mixed content, Parr’s engaging and inclusive style earned him a devoted following. According to David Marshall, an editor at the church’s Stanborough Press (United Kingdom), Parr’s strength lay in his ability to engage readers and take them on a transformative journey, emphasising the importance of the gospel above all else.

Record also underwent a physical change under the leadership of Parr. Dense text was substituted with photos and white space, making the pages more reader friendly. New columns were also introduced such as “Australians Abroad” with news of Australian missionaries overseas; “News from All Over” which is similar to our “Making Headlines” today; and “Gleanings from the *Australasian Record*”, a column that shared snippets from the magazine’s archives. He also introduced

segments that you will still find in *Record* today like “Letters to the Editor” and “Flashpoint” news.

Parr’s personality shone through the pages of *Record* during his time as editor, with amusing comments like this throughout its pages: “(Editorial Note: The letter which appears below and purports to come from Paul of Tarsus, was dropped anonymously onto our editorial desk one day this week. But your editor is nobody’s fool; five minutes with an encyclopaedia confirmed his suspicion that, at the time Paul of Tarsus flourished, the typewriter had not been invented, and this epistle was typewritten! By a piece of rather clever deduction we adduced the fact that this letter, obviously, was a forgery. Then someone told us that Paul had been executed exactly 1900 years ago, and then we knew for certain that our intuition was right again. Nevertheless, because the pseudo-Paul has a timely message to give, we defer to him just this once.)”

Under Parr’s editorship, *Australasian Record* went through some major changes, elevating it into a vibrant publication that still captivates its readers today.

*Information in this column is taken are from the *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* (ESDA) articles: “Battye, Walter Edwin (1891–1972)” and “Parr, Robert Henry (1920–2013)”.



NOTICE

In July of 1964, when the Division Committee felt that additional help was needed in the editorial department of the “*Australasian Record*,” Pastor W. E. Battye, a retired Union Conference President, was invited to give part time to the “*Record*,” as an Associate Editor. While it was expected that Pastor Battye would be engaged part time only, in these duties, the collating of articles for publication soon occupied most of his day. Pastor Battye suggested an editorial feature each week and has prepared stimulating editorials which have been appreciated by “*Record*” readers.

With the appointment at the Division Annual Meeting, of Brother R. H. Parr as Editor of the “*Record*,” Pastor Battye has been granted relief from duties which have been both stimulating and taxing. “*Record*” readers will note that the new Editor assumes responsibilities from March 6, 1967. We are sure that all readers will join the officers of the Division in expressing appreciation to Pastor Battye for his leadership of our Division paper over the past few years, and much of God’s blessing and guidance to Brother Parr as he takes up the responsibility.

J. K. IRVINE,
Assistant Secretary.

Be Sure to Read:

**"OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE
 SACRIFICIALLY"**

F. L. BLAND, Page 8.

WHO CAN LIMIT the avenues through which God will speak to the earnest hearted soul, who, in simple and trusting faith, seeks guidance from Him? God spoke to Gideon through a dew-sodden fleece; to Eliezer through the hospitality of a Mesopotamian maiden; to Balaam through the braying lips of a humble ass, and this is the story of how God spoke to a literature evangelist through a saucepan.

It was at the 1964 camp meeting in Western Australia that Brother M. V. Kuhlmann, a dedicated church elder, attended an early morning colporteur meeting and felt again the call to engage in the literature ministry. He sought counsel of his pastor, who related to him the following personal experience.

Some years previously, some childish misdemeanour had occurred in the pastor's home, but unfortunately all three of his children denied responsibility. The pastor told them that he was going into his study to pray to Jesus, asking that He would reveal to him who was the culprit, and that they were to await his return with the information. Alone on his knees, he earnestly asked the Lord for help, that this may be an occasion to confirm and strengthen the budding faith of his children in the omnipotence and reality of God.

He placed in his hat three pieces of paper upon which he had written the names of his children, and in harmony with Old Testament precedent, drew lots. Three times in succession he drew the same name, and after thanking the Lord for His help he returned to his waiting family.

Before he could speak, one of his children—the one whose name he had drawn—stepped forward and confessed his guilt. Elementary psychology some may say. The revelation of God, say others, and Brother Kuhlmann is among the latter group. Of his faith in the personal leading of God was born a determination to seek direction in a similar way in his own problem.

D. J. SILVER

Secretary-Treasurer, Tasmanian Conference,
 Brings You This Story About—

The Day God Spoke from a Saucepan

Should he engage in the literature ministry? He was within one year of long service leave. His church group needed his support and leadership. His wife was not an Adventist. And yet he felt that the Spirit of God was calling him to the work. His troubled mind sought confirmation. He wanted some assurance to know of a surety that he was doing that which God would have him do.

And so he prepared three slips of paper. On the first, he wrote: "Go now"; on the second, "Wait for another year"; and on the third, "Await further developments." Not being in

the habit of wearing a hat, Brother Kuhlmann looked around his camp tent for a suitable container, and selected a small saucepan.

After very earnest prayer, he drew out a slip of paper. It said: "Go now." Again he shook up the three papers and again he drew from the saucepan—and again it said: "Go now." Brother Kuhlmann reports that his hand was trembling as he drew for the third and final time. Again it was "Go now."

A feeling of great joy and thankfulness came flooding into his heart. Now he was sure. God had spoken, and Brother Kuhlmann's doubts had gone. He states that the wonderful blessings of God during the past two years have been abundant evidence that he is indeed doing the very work God would have him do.

In the first six months of his ministry, he delivered \$4,000 worth of literature in his own home town. He placed books in 80 per cent of the homes of the neighbouring township, and during 1966 delivered \$7,600 worth of soul-saving literature. Today, the indwelling presence of the Spirit of God, shines from the face of this trusting servant of the Lord, who knows that he is God's man, doing God's work in God's way in the time and place that God would have him do it.

Among Brother Kuhlmann's most treasured possessions today are three slips of paper, and the most treasured of the three bears the words, "Go now."



BROTHER M. V. KUHLMANN

(Registered in Australia for transmission by post as a newspaper.)

The article above featured on the front page of *Record* in April 1967. It is a great tale of miracles, and we thought it worthy of sharing again 56 years later.

Shaping the Australian Constitution

In 1897—at the same time as first turning their attention to mission to Australia’s Indigenous peoples—the Seventh-day Adventist Church had fewer than 2000 members across Australia. As small as it was, the Church was involved in the conventions that were developing a constitution for Australia to become an independent nation. Faced with laws that forbade work on Sundays and a campaign by the Council of Churches to affirm faith in God in the draft constitution, Adventists organised and delivered a series of petitions to the Federal Convention. They held public meetings and used the Church’s magazines to build their campaign, eventually collecting more than 7000 signatures.

The Adventist campaign urged that the constitution should be a secular document, without reference to God. Based on Adventist experiences of religious laws in New South Wales and the United States, they feared that any religious elements in the constitution might be used as a basis for religion-based legislation or for interpreting the nation’s laws.

In one sense, the Adventist campaign was unsuccessful. The preamble to the Australian Constitution states that the new nation would be formed “humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God”. However, the Adventists’ campaign made a more substantial contribution: section 116 of the Constitution disallows laws that establish or impose religion, or prohibit freedom of religion. “The Seventh-day Adventists’ role . . . is important because without their religiously motivated response to the Protestant campaign for constitutional recognition of God the question of a provision limiting the Federal Parliament’s power to make laws on the subject of religion would never have arisen for consideration by the public or the National Australasian Convention.”¹

Arguing and campaigning strongly for protection of religious freedom, Adventists played a significant role in shaping

the Australian Constitution because of what we believe theologically about human freedoms, rights and justice. While urging that religion and churches should not have a privileged position in Australian society, Adventists were motivated to campaign politically for what we believe and to safeguard the freedoms of all people.

It is remarkable that the small Adventist community had such an influence, but it was an important moment of opportunity. After the initial drafting process, changing the Australian Constitution has been difficult—as it should be. Historically, only eight of the 44 proposed changes have been approved by this referendum process.

One of the recurring themes of these referendums has been the recognition of Australia’s Indigenous peoples. In 1901, the Australian Constitution had only two references to “Aboriginals”—both negative. The first excluded the federal government from making laws about Indigenous peoples; the second was a political agreement between the states that “Aboriginal natives” would not be counted for “constitutional purposes” such as elections and apportionment of revenue.

This meant that the “care and protection” of Indigenous peoples was left to state governments. In the early part of the 20th century, the common expectation was that the role of these “protection” regimes, including the missions, was to “smooth the pillow of a dying race”. It was assumed that, in modern Australia, Indigenous peoples would be assimilated or would die out—and various government policies sought to facilitate these processes.

Yet, many Australians have worked and campaigned for better relationships with our Indigenous peoples, including constitutional recognition. In 1967, the



two constitutional limitations on the federal government’s interaction with and inclusion of Indigenous peoples were removed by the most successful referendum in Australia’s history, with almost 91 per cent approval and majority support in all six states.

In 1999, largely lost amid the referendum on an Australian republic, Prime Minister John Howard unsuccessfully proposed a new preamble to the constitution that included a statement “honouring Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, the nation’s first people, for their deep kinship with their lands and for their ancient and continuing cultures which enrich the life of our country”.

The effect of these successful and unsuccessful amendments to the Australian Constitution is that this founding document is silent in relation to our Indigenous peoples. Their formal constitutional recognition is seen by many Australians as an unfinished task that stretches back to the original constitutional conventions of the 1890s. Like our contribution to those constitutional debates, perhaps Adventists could play a positive role in shaping this national work of reconciliation, based on our theological values including justice, compassion and respect.

1. Luke Beck, “The Theological Underpinnings of Australia’s Constitutional Separation of Church and State Provision,” *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 64:1 (2018), page 17.

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Tips on how to get along with people (*from 1960*)

The advice below featured in the *Australasian Record* in May 1960. Titled “How to get along with people” and written by an unnamed literature evangelist, the advice is still relevant and encouraging 63 years later.



- 1 Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low, persuasive voice. How you say it often counts more than what you say.
- 2 Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs you.
- 3 Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work done regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticise helpfully, never spitefully.
- 4 Be interested in others—interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Make merry with those that rejoice; with those who weep, mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as one of importance.
- 5 Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries and disappointments under a smile. Laugh at good stories and learn to tell them.
- 6 Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss but do not argue. It is a mark of a superior mind to disagree and yet be friendly.
- 7 Let your virtues (we all have some) speak for themselves and refuse to talk of another’s vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing about another unless it is something good.
- 8 Be careful of the feelings of others. Wit and humour at the other fellow’s expense are rarely worth the effort, and may hurt where least expected.
- 9 Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live so that nobody will believe them. Disordered nerves and a bad digestion are a common cause of backbiting.
- 10 Don’t be too anxious about your dues. Do your work, be patient and keep your disposition sweet. Forget self, and you will be rewarded.

MORE THAN JUST A SOCCER PLAYER



Lucy Martin described her life before knowing Jesus as a “tumultuous journey of trials, tribulations, ups, downs, heartache, success, fear, love and many many lessons”.

Growing up on the west side of Adelaide, South Australia, with her family, Lucy—who was raised as Greek Orthodox—had little to no relationship or true understanding of who God really was. Sport was a massive part of her life; her Dido (grandfather) was the chairman of Football South Australia and recognised for leading football (soccer) in the early days of the game in that state.

“My dad was a talented athlete and had natural skills in soccer and football in his younger years,” Lucy said. “My parents ran the Adelaide Eagles soccer club for the first few years of my life, so my siblings and I naturally found ourselves in the club rooms, the canteen stealing lollies and running amok around the soccer fields, completely immersed in the soccer environment.”

After watching her older brother play football and soccer, Lucy no longer



wanted to be on the sidelines. She described her first football game at the age of six: “[I] was finally allowed to play due to a shortage of players, [it was] the best day ever. My team scored two goals and one point; I kicked both goals for their team,” she recalled. “It was clear that I had my dad’s natural talent and the sporting bloodline from my mum’s side, so from that moment on I pursued sport (soccer and football).”

Lucy went on to play in school teams, state rep teams, playing in the boys’ league until 13 years old and then moving to under-17 women’s at 14 years old where she continued to work her way up. “I’ve won titles, golden boot awards, I’ve captained teams, trained in elite programs and pathways to become a Matilda (Australian women’s team). I’ve played in multiple states, winning a title with South Melbourne, and the biggest achievement, playing professionally at Adelaide United Football Club,” Lucy said. “I was known as Lucy Adamopoulos ‘the soccer player’. I used my soccer player identity to filter the way I perceived my life.”

While she experienced one success after another in her professional life, her personal life was far from perfect. “Many life-altering events took place between the ages of 15 and 23, which interestingly commenced when my parents separated,” Lucy said. “As a young teenage girl, I witnessed cheating, separation, divorce and deceit. I experienced the messiness of a broken family.

“The pinnacle of my early childhood experiences was when my mum decided to leave with another man without telling anyone where she was or if she would ever return. Words can’t fully describe the loneliness I felt after she left.”

Lucy described how this event led her down a path of

damage and destruction: “My relationships mimicked those of my parents, I formed unhealthy attachments in an attempt to avoid the pain of someone leaving me again.”

Not only has Lucy suffered psychological and relational trauma, but she has also experienced a number of physical injuries from her sporting days and as a result of car accidents. At one point a near-death experience left her in a coma fighting for her life. “There have been moments where I’ve had to start back at square one, learning how to walk again, building muscle memory connections from my brain to my body in an attempt to function and move normally.”

According to Lucy the turning point in her life was when she met her husband Trent John Martin. “Trent’s family have been a saving grace, supporting me from the very beginning,” she said.

“The first time I got down on my knees to pray, was July 2019 while I was in a cast with a broken leg, I was reading *A purpose driven life* by Rick Warren, a book that Trent’s mum Tania sent me as a get well soon gift,” Lucy recalled. “The book said if you take Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour get down on your knees and pray it. So I did. And that day marked a change, the day I said yes, the day I was saved, the day I was set free of my sins by the power and blood of Jesus Christ.

“Since retiring [from soccer], I have discovered I was selling myself short and that there is so much more to me than just a soccer player, and the perception of being valued in the sporting world.

“Since choosing to follow Christ my life has completely changed. I still face trials and convictions, especially as I grow as a Christian and as I unpack my past and childhood, but it’s different now.

“I have God on my side and by my side, someone who fully understands me, who provides me with comfort when I’m hurting, who shows me unconditional love regardless of what I do, and most importantly Someone who speaks the truth.”

Lucy was baptised at Mernda Seventh-day Adventist Church, Victoria, on June 18, where both she and her husband currently attend.

Kymberley McMurray

Communications officer, Australian Union Conference.

A word for Christian Singles

Every religious organisation is comprised of various blends of family structures. As an individual accepts membership they are welcomed into the family of God which is the largest family of all. The congregation and the organisation structure, however, are not perfect to address the needs of each family structure and singles are often left behind by departmental programs that are not geared toward their mental and emotional needs.

What do I mean specifically? There are limited activities geared towards singles such as social activities to address the physical and emotional challenges of loneliness and social events to support their emotional needs. Did you know that “singles” make up the largest group in most churches? The group consists of single adults who have never been married, divorcees, widows and widowers. However, divorcees, widows and widowers have an experience of marriage and memories that deviates from the organic experience and varied emotional needs of those who have never been married. As a result, the emotional needs are similar in some instances but also very different. Our views of these individuals also differ. What do I mean? The divorcee, widow and widower are accepted as being able to have experienced a normal lifestyle while those who have never been married are considered incomplete and singleness is often perceived as a condition that needs treatment.

Remarks include: “One day you will find your other half”; “You are probably too picky that’s why you can’t find a mate”; “You don’t make yourself available”; “You are not getting any younger, so what are you waiting for” and “Pray about it”. Most, if not all, point to the individual at fault or lacking in some area or thing. Many singles suffer silently because of the above comments made repeatedly over the years. It is true that marriage is God’s design for humans but it was never a requirement for happiness.

While some individuals support the idea that singleness is a gift from God others view it as a negative status. If singleness is a gift we received at birth it’s given up once you marry or if you are a divorcee or your spouse dies the gift returns.

How do you relate to singles? Or how do you see yourself as a single person? As you ponder your response, think about your emotional needs or that of a single person. What would be the #1 desire of a single person? Instead of depending on meeting an individual to feel accepted and loved as a significant requirement for happiness, why not access happiness through diverse roles, relationships and opportunities? On the facing page is a list of opportunities for singles.



Opportunities

Single Never Married

- Unlimited dating partners
- No longstanding relationship issues
- You are only responsible for yourself
- Intimacy is not limited to sex
- You can always have friends over, no permission needed
- Your choice of dwelling, food, clothing, time and financial resources does not need approval from anyone, but is guided by God
- Access to friends and family in challenging times is in abundance, rather than limited.

Children

- Adopt, foster care or accept being free
- Take home nieces and nephews on your own time
- Get adequate rest without responsibilities
- No personal teenage drama
- Pension plan set up and guaranteed
- Any night can be date night
- Take a vacation anytime
- You can be a spiritual mentor for anyone
- No sacrifice of income for children unless impressed to give. It is not your responsibility nor should you interpret that if you do not have kids you are obligated to take care of others

Career

- As God leads
- Change and make financial sacrifices as you see fit
- No responsibilities at home give flexibility to demands of work

Spirituality

- Between you and God
- Unlimited time to serve and work for God

From the table above ask yourself, have I considered all my options? Am I restricting myself by waiting to live and accomplish my plans through someone's commitment to me in marriage? If so, has God put a limit on your plans, goals or vision with a condition apply clause for a spouse? As humans, we tend to subconsciously limit God's plan.

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favour and honour;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless" (Psalm 84:11).

I hope this article has given you a fresh view and you can embrace the following statements:

- Singleness is not a gift.
- Singleness is not a condition to be treated; you are not broken or need fixing.
- Singleness does not limit one's opportunities or happiness.
- Singles have equal opportunities to be happy and content without a life partner.

- Singles are complete persons not incomplete individuals.
- Being single does not exclude your ability to fall in love as the highest form of love is *Agape* love.

Finally, remember Jesus is our example, and here are a few facts about Jesus to think about:

- Jesus was SINGLE.
- Jesus did not procreate in human flesh but is the Father of all mankind.
- Jesus experienced love, peace, joy, longsuffering, scorn, hate, shame, grief, anger and fear but they did not overwhelm Him as He was dependent on God.
- Jesus did not experience sexual intimacy.
- Jesus experienced temptation.
- Jesus was never alone and neither are you.

Michelle Hamilton, MDiv MND
Naturopathic doctor.



Nepalese vegetable curry

 Serves 6

 Prep 15

 Cook 30

Comforting, fragrant, plus a good source of protein and dietary fibre. Curry night has never looked so good!

Ingredients

2 tbsp canola oil
2 medium onions, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tsp grated fresh ginger
1 tsp turmeric
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp curry powder
½ cauliflower, cut into florets (650g)
825g can crushed tomatoes
1 cup frozen peas
425g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
½ cup light coconut milk
1 tsp salt

Tips:

- To add extra flavour to this curry, squeeze some fresh lime juice over the top just before eating.
- To make a wholesome wholegrain meal, serve this curry with brown rice. Also great served with roti or naan bread.

Method

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan and sauté onion, garlic and ginger until soft.
2. Add spices and sauté a further minute. Fold through cauliflower.
3. Add tomatoes and bring mixture to the boil, reduce heat and simmer until cauliflower is just tender.
4. Add peas, chickpeas, coconut milk and season with salt. Heat through and serve with boiled rice.

Nutritional Information (per serving)

ENERGY	CALORIES	PROTEIN	FAT	SATURATES	CARBOHYDRATE
1080kJ	257	10g	12g	5g	23g
SUGARS	FIBRE	CALCIUM	SODIUM	IRON	POTASSIUM
13g	9.9g	108mg	487mg	4.3mg	864mg



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Conversations

Misquoted?

The article “Can I be Honest” (*Adventist Record* May 20) included a quote from Ellen White’s book *Education*. The article stated: “the goal of Christlikeness is one that ‘cannot be completed in this life but will be continued in the life to come’” (Ellen White, *Education*, p18,19).

I thank the author for challenging my thoughts . . . and for taking me back to the book I first read nearly 50 years ago when training as a teacher at Avondale. I now intend to read the book again.

I looked up the quote in my copy of the book, and discovered that the article has not used the quote accurately. The article’s author has taken a concept in the previous paragraph (Godlikeness equated to Christlikeness in the article) and inserted it before the quote, substituting Christlikeness for the actual word Education.

In my opinion, that application perhaps asserts a conclusion which it is doubtful that Ellen White intended, if a closer reading of the context is made together with her views expressed elsewhere in the book and other writings (see also *Desire of Ages*, Chapter 31 “The Sermon on the Mount”, ebook p262,263).

I recommend the book *Education* to everyone, even if you are not an aspiring teacher. You can find it online at: <<https://egwwritings.org/allCollection/en/4>> (enter “education” in the search box there).

I believe the quoted section more correctly points to a certainty that we will continue in eternity to learn more about our Saviour. John himself intimated such in the last verse of his Gospel (see John 21:25).

Graham Reid, *Qld*

Never been easy

I would like to commend the author for her article entitled “Pray as you can” (Feature, June 17).

Every word and sentence resonated with me. I have no doubt that other Christians would feel the same way. Thank you for your honesty and insights into the messy world of prayer.

In my experience it’s never been easy. Having what feels like a one way relationship makes it harder. God hard wired us for connection. That is why your suggestion of surrounding ourselves with people who will pray for and with us, is crucial. In times of doubt, despair and hopelessness, our brothers and sisters in Christ will understand our challenges. This connection will no doubt strengthen

our understanding and faith in reassuring us that God will never forsake us.

Many thanks for sharing with us the truth about prayer and I will forever remember to pray as I can.

Name supplied, *via email*

God’s requirements

I found the fact that an honourable young man felt he had to write in to *Record* “Speculation” (Conversations, July 1) to clear his dad and his own name, from wrongful surmising—quite disquieting. Remember he was also still grieving the death of his dad.

As is the anonymous author of the article who wrote to help others from a very real addictive problem.

Members, what does God require of us? “To do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Bronwen Ford, *via email*

Prescribed diet

There are many Mediterranean diets (“Healthy and affordable”, Making Headlines, July 1). We should simply follow Ellen White’s diet prescribed by God. In fact, the *National Geographic* magazine article said fish was included in the Seventh-day Adventist diet.

Rosita Frost, *via email*

Hello Kids!

Kids Speak



WHO'S IN CHARGE?

When the children of Israel launch out into the wilderness they know that whatever lies ahead has to be better than the slavery they have endured in Egypt. They place their faith in God and His servant Moses. Soon, however, they begin to grumble against God and Moses. Instead of destroying them, God responds to their grumbling with loving correction. Little by little God patiently teaches them that His way is best.

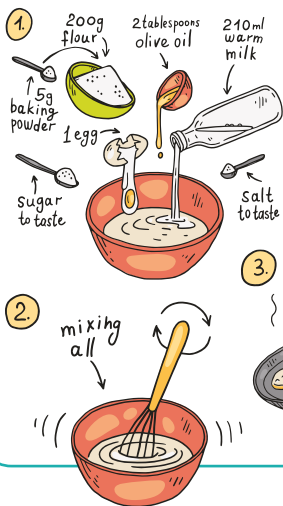


Memory Verse Puzzle

"So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the

because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?'" (Exodus 16:6, 7).

Pikelet Manna Fun!



God sent manna for the Israelites to eat. Just for fun, make some pikelets and pretend they're manna.

Hop from one dot to the other and collect the letters to finish the memory verse.

Do you know?

1. God had some instructions for the Israelites on collecting the manna for Sabbath. What were they?

2. What time of day did the manna fall?

3. What happened to the manna the Israelites saved for the next day?



<div>Read and collect to finish the verse.</div> <div>START</div>		<div>4→</div>	R	N	I	<div>1↓</div>	<div>FINISH</div>
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Obituaries

COLLINGS, Kenneth Robert (Bob), born 2.11.1936 in Sydney (NSW); died 22.5.23 in Gosford Public Hospital. In 1958 he married Robyne Bardon. He is survived by his wife; children, Julie and Robert; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Bob was a successful builder both in Australia and overseas. He gave of his skills, engaging in a number of church fly'n'builds. He will be remembered as a family-focused person of integrity, generous and modest in his achievements.

Roger Nixon



COUSINS, Joy Lorraine (nee Strugnell), born 6.5.1933 in Forest Grove, WA; died 19.6.23 in Busselton. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill in 2023. She is survived by her children, Allan and Diane (Busselton), Lucy (Perth), Beryl and Charlie (Bunbury), Ann and Bruce (Bunbury), Glenn and Diane (Maddington) and Jennifer and Steve (Brisbane, Qld); 20 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Joy was a caring person as demonstrated by her nursing career and loving relationship with her large family. She kept her faith to the very end and was looking forward to the great resurrection morning when she will see Jesus and be reunited with her beloved husband.

Ron Mason



CRAIG, Eileen Joy (nee Parker), born 29.1.1933 in Pinnaroo, SA; died 3.6.23 in Melody Park Adventist Retirement Village, Gold Coast, Qld. On 4.1.1956 she married Robert, whom she met at Avondale College. She is survived by her husband; children, Beverly Cassimatis, Peter and Brian (all of the Gold Coast); and 12 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Eileen was a kind, loving, friendly and gentle person who laboured in helping others in need at Sanctuary 7, op shops and various church positions. She greatly assisted Bob in both denominational employment in Wairoonga, NSW and Warburton, Vic and later in private enterprises. Her most important responsibilities were firstly to her Lord, husband and family.

Wayne Humphries

CROMBIE, Elizabeth Amy (nee Collins), born 16.7.1929 in Subiaco, Perth, WA; died 29.5.23 in Redcliffe Hospital, Qld. She was married to Don, who predeceased her on 28.6.17. Betty is survived by her sons, Jeffrey and Lester. Betty put her heart and soul into preparing programs for the children's Sabbath school at Aspley church. She also led out in the adult Sabbath school, ran cooking demonstrations for the local church and conference and managed a Sanitarium retail shop at Chermide. Betty passed away peacefully in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Neil Marks, Quinten Liebrandt



KEMP, Joanne Robyn-lee, born 17.4.1966 in Port Augusta, SA; died 3.5.23 in Whyalla. She is survived by her children, Georgalyn, Tristan, Robyn, Ralph, Timothy, Serena and Conrod Jr; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Joanne spent time in Marree, Port Augusta, Alice Springs (NT), Whyalla and many communities in South Australia.

David Fletcher, Martin Tanner

MILLER, Beth, born 29.9.1930 in Bundaberg, Qld; died 6.6.23 in Cooranbong, NSW. She is survived by her son, Anthony Munter (Melbourne, Vic); and two grandsons. Beth graduated from the teaching course at the Australasian Missionary College in 1951 and, following some years of teaching, graduated as a nurse at the Sydney San in 1959. She was actively involved in church life and was strong of faith. She was known to be kind, generous and caring, and now awaits the coming of Jesus.

Roger Nixon



RELIHAN, Leslie Duncan, born 26.3.1943 in Durban, South Africa; died 11.6.23 on the Gold Coast, Qld. In 1966 he married Irene Morgan. He is survived by his wife of 57 years (Gold Coast); children, Michael (South Africa), Lynn Roberts (Sydney, NSW) and Donald (Gold Coast, Qld); and grandchildren, Amber, Caitlin, Jason and Sophie. Les served in various treasury and ministry management roles for 46 years in the Congo, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. His service in the SPD included financial director of Warburton Hospital (Vic), secretary

treasurer of SNZ Conference, manager of Christian Services for the Blind, and of Archives and Statistics at SPD, until retiring in 2011. During these years, wherever he held church membership, he usually served the church as an elder.

Garth Bainbridge, Gary Kent, Nataniel Pereira



ROBERTS, Leon Neil, born 11.1.1941 in Geelong, Vic; died 7.8.22 in Sydney, NSW. In 1966 he married Victoria Hamilton. He was predeceased by his sister, Marie Fitzclarence. Leon is survived by his wife (Turramurra, NSW); sons, Braden and wife, Mareike (Blackheath) and Duane and wife, Belinda (Lillian Rock); grandchildren, Olivia, Heidi, Noah, Abigail and Cassandra; and brothers, Glenn and Alan. He joined the Sanitarium Health Food Company, working in

Hamilton and Wellington, NZ, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific islands and Sydney, NSW. Upon retiring he continued his passion for gardening by joining a volunteer gardening group where he helped others in their gardens for 17 years. His greatest passion and love was always for his darling wife Vicki, and his two sons, their wives and his precious grandchildren.

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