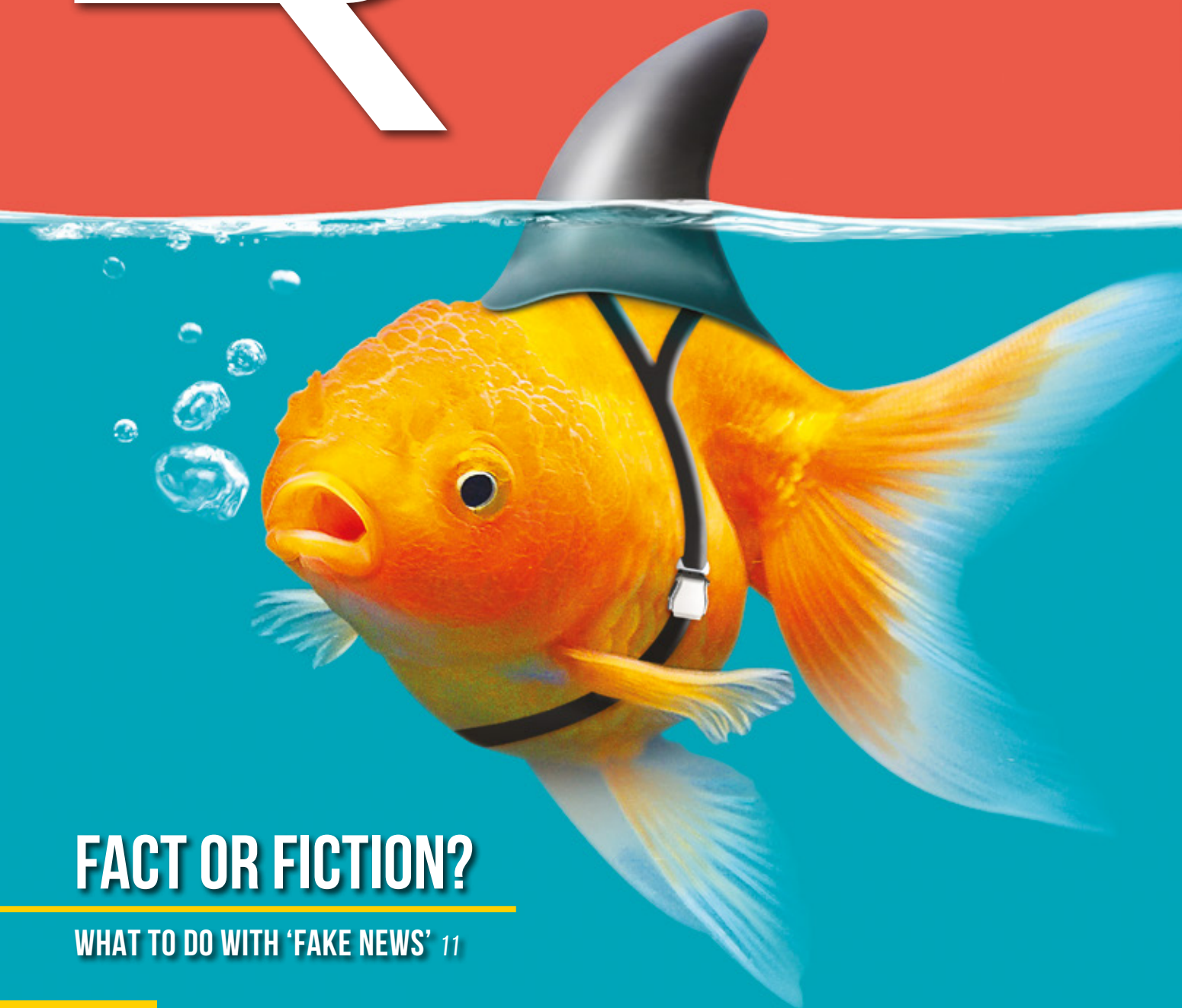


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## A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE

As Boyz II Men sang in the '90s, "We've come to the end of the road". Here at *Adventist Record*, we can let go, but before we do I thought it would be a good time to reflect.

This issue features the last (but certainly not the least) of our 28 Fundamentals series. When we started this series, a little more than a year ago, I had the impression that many of us, particularly my generation and younger, had lost touch a little with what Adventists really believe. Maybe we were vaguely aware but didn't have a sense of how we, and all our (insert your favourite descriptor: unique, peculiar, special) beliefs, fit into the picture.

And Adventism paints a beautiful picture when taken in all together. As a Church community we have been blessed with a cohesive, life-giving narrative.

Marcos Torres, pastor in Western Australia and a contributor to this series, has stated many times on his *The Story Church Project* podcast and blog, "Adventism has a beautiful story." I agree.

He goes on to explain. "I love our theological narrative complete with our passion for Daniel and Revelation. I love the health message. I love the writings of Ellen White. I love the history of our Church and its legacy. I love our sanctuary hermeneutic, our global structure and haystacks. And most of all, I love the way authentic Adventism lifts Jesus up. There's just nothing like it."

Our 28 Fundamentals fit together to outline that beautiful story. They are not isolated islands of information. They are not a smorgasbord of options from which we only enjoy the choicest morsels.

Instead, they are a mosaic that forms a greater picture of God and our lives as we follow His plan. They form a framework for our faith community to see and understand God's character, mission and our ultimate purpose—"Our Church exists to communicate the heart of God to the whole world," Marcos continues.

And these 28 Fundamentals, these "understandings",

fit together to help explain our picture and communicate it to others.

I learned a lot while watching this project come to fruition, including that we cannot just *hold* our beliefs. If we want to get the most out of them; that we need to engage, understand and *live* them.

Another lesson is that we are not doctrinal drones. Each of us has a different way of expressing, connecting to and understanding our fundamental beliefs. This is a good thing. None of the authors tackled their topics the way I might have, but they all engaged in meaningful ways. It was never quite what I expected yet all that I had hoped for and more.

This project taught me that as a Church we can learn from each other, especially our up-and-coming younger people. I've been so impressed by some of the writers we've uncovered through this series. Many of them had never written for *Record* before, but I'm sure they'll write for us again.

Also, it's good to remember the basics from time to time. There is much value in revisiting cherished

beliefs as a community.

I encourage you to take this journey further than the pages of the magazine. Seek to discover your beliefs more deeply, what they mean to you and how to live them in a way that makes a difference in your life and the lives of those around you. Our beliefs cannot be hand-me-downs from parents, pastors or even things we accepted many years ago. They must be grappled with and accepted personally. Only then will they stick and make an impact; only then are they truly believed.

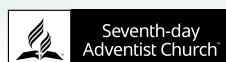
Challenge yourself, as our writers did, to take these beliefs and make them personal and practical.

And, if you've enjoyed the 28 series, keep an eye out for a special compilation coming soon.

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## AS A CHURCH WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A COHESIVE, LIFE-GIVING NARRATIVE.



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## MOMENTS OF REFLECTION

I recently ate alone on a park bench. For me this was a luxury. As I sat watching people, a lone sparrow hopped around my feet and ate the crumbs of wheat, hummus and falafel that fell. The sparrow was alert, jumping around and eating quickly. I added to its meal. It occurred to me that I don't usually notice the sparrows but God does and used me to help feed one of His valued creatures (Matthew 10:29-31).

I rescued a dragonfly from a relative's pool the other day. It had miscalculated as it skimmed the waters. Its wings were so water-logged they stuck to the cement on the edge of the pool. I placed it in the sun and admired its markings and lime green eyes twitching in all directions, which I had never noticed before. As the sun dried the wings they became unstuck. The dragonfly began to flutter them. When I was not looking, it flew away—not skimming the water either. It reminded me that when God rescues humans they need support and time to get their life back together again (1 Thessalonians 2:11,12).

I walked past an old cemetery in the middle of a city—large monument stones now grey with age and green with moss, relics of the past, remembering people who lived and died in the 1800s. But no-one cares for the sites anymore—whether the stones were grand or small, the people are largely forgotten by the living. But God knows the dead—He loved them and Jesus gave His life for them. They will be resurrected according to their choice (John 5:28,29).

In these quiet times of reflection in the busyness or business of life—God spoke. The small and ordinary became important and extraordinary. Making the most of small moments is one of the habits I'm trying to develop as a disciple of Jesus.

**GLENN TOWNEND**  
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## PASTORS EQUIPPED WITH NEW TECH SKILLS

CAROLE CHOLAI/RECORD STAFF

Local church pastors in the New Britain New Ireland Mission (Papua New Guinea) have received comprehensive computer training in an effort to increase professional development.

The four-day course took place in Kokopo (East New Britain), Kimbe (West New Britain) and New Ireland, with nearly 50 pastors attending the training. Participants were shown how to comprehensively use the internet, Windows operating software and computer systems, and Microsoft programs, such as Word and Excel.

The primary aim of the training was to equip the pastors to write and submit their reports in a timely and presentable manner, teach them how to access and search for information online, and use email. Many of the pastors expressed excitement over learning the new technical skills, saying it would further assist them with the administration and management side of their roles.



**PASTORS COMPLETE THE COMPUTER TRAINING IN KIMBE.**

"I learnt how to create a Gmail account and connect my phone to my laptop," said Pastor Johnny Kamai, a district director based in the remote village of Pomio in East New Britain. "Now I can easily send my reports to the head office in Kokopo on time, instead of having to wait for the ship to take them across."

The training was conducted by the communications and media department of the Mission, but is part of an overall push by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Papua New Guinea to equip local pastors with technological and communication skills.

## STUDENTS SET OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

RECORD STAFF

Thirty-three staff and students from Betikama Adventist College (Solomon Islands) recently took part in a mission trip to Rendova Island.

Rendova, in the Western Solomons, has a population of 6000 people living in nine main villages and many small villages scattered along the coast.

As part of the school's Total Member Involvement (TMI) program, the students were involved in acts of kindness, including visiting the elderly, handing out clothes to the needy, worshipping with families and



**BETIKAMA STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN THE MISSION TRIP.**

giving health talks. The theme of the nine-day mission trip was "operation beyond their horizon".

Principal Denis Kaipa said the students strengthened their faith and relationship with God through the experience, while also developing their characters and attitudes.

## VICTORIA PREPARES FOR A HARVEST

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

The Victorian Conference is preparing for a key part of its Harvest Victoria initiative—an evangelistic series hosted by popular *It Is Written* speakers Pastors John Bradshaw and Eric Flickenger.

With negotiations underway to get *It Is Written* back on commercial TV in Australia, Victorian Conference leaders see this as an opportunity to raise awareness of Pastor Bradshaw and the “Revelation Today” evangelistic series.

Invitations to the series will be sent out to the 11,000 Victorians who have previously enrolled in courses through Adventist Media’s Hope Channel Bible School or requested *It Is Written* material in recent times.

Hope Channel director Pastor Wayne Boehm said it is an amazing opportunity to collaborate with the Victorian Conference and local churches.

“There are not many opportunities that come along like this,” he said. “We try to partner with local churches when they are running events, but it rarely happens on a conference-wide

basis. So this is a significant opportunity for the Church to work together on one key disciple-making project.”

“Revelation Today” will be held in four venues across Victoria from May 3 to June 1. It will also be live-streamed to a number of regional centres.

While in Victoria last year, Pastor Bradshaw—who has been hosting *It Is Written* since 2011—filmed three new episodes.

Pastor Bradshaw said sharing the gospel on television is an incredible opportunity.

“The potential is enormous,” he said. “We’ve found over the years that television gives us the opportunity to reach people with the good news that we otherwise

couldn’t reach.

“God is working in powerful ways, and He leads people to these programs and grows their faith and encourages spiritual growth. I have no doubt at all that He will use this broadcast in ways that will amaze us.”

Harvest Victoria is a two-year initiative within a five-year strategy focused on church revitalisation and planting new churches.



PASTOR JOHN BRADSHAW.

## SURVEY COMMISSION ESTABLISHED FOR CHURCH IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

The South Pacific Division (SPD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has established a Survey Commission to review the operations of the Church in Papua New Guinea and assist the Union and local missions towards their goal of conference status.

The Papua New Guinea Union



PASTOR KEPSIE ELODO.

Mission (PNGUM) Survey Commission will undertake a careful study of the Mission’s governance, finances, structure and compliance to develop a strategic pathway towards a model that is in line with Church policies while also being relevant to the local culture.

Currently, the Church in PNG

replicates the structure of the Adventist Church in the West, but this does not take into account the country’s unique challenges, according to Commission chair Pastor Lionel Smith, general secretary of the SPD.

“It presents difficulties in a country where there are very remote areas without regular transport, and with difficult

and unreliable communication and internet,” Pastor Smith said.

“Is there a more appropriate way for the Papua New Guinea Church to operate within our policies but in a different way that is relevant to the local culture?”

The Commission comprises PNGUM president Kepsie Elodo, associate education director Serah Keliwin, Western Highlands Mission president Malachi Yani and several SPD leaders. Feedback will be sought from Union and mission personnel, and local church members.

Pastor Smith said they would be working towards completing the study in time to present a report to the Division Executive Committee meetings in November.



# CHURCH OPTING IN TO NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia has formally decided to opt in to the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

The scheme was set up in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse as a way of acknowledging and supporting survivors.

Since late 2016 the Adventist Church has been operating its own redress scheme through Adsafe—a separate entity of the Adventist Church that is responsible for creating safer environments for children and vulnerable adults in the Church. This scheme, which has been guided by the recommendations of the royal commission, offers support and an apology to survivors, along with funding for counselling and ex gratia payments as a tangible acknowledgement of the harm suffered.

Adsafe general manager Ann Wooldridge confirms that Adsafe has been working closely with the National Redress Taskforce, and survivors will have the choice of accessing redress through the National Redress Scheme or the Church's internal redress scheme.

"It is intended that in the third quarter of 2019 the Adventist Church's conferences and entities within Australia will have formally opted into the National Redress Scheme in Australia," Ms Wooldridge said.

"It is our hope that through the National Redress Scheme and our own internal redress scheme we can meaningfully help survivors as they seek healing."

Adsafe team members work every day with abuse survivors and their families, acknowledging the pain and suffering they experience.

"We have heard many stories that demonstrate that the detrimental effects of child sexual abuse can be long term and far reaching on survivors, their families and their community," Ms Wooldridge said.



ANN WOOLDRIDGE.



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*Member for more than 3 years, NSW*

"We have been with ACA since we were married and have always been extremely satisfied with the service and is definitely valuable health fund to belong to."

*Member for more than 20 years, QLD*

## ADVENTIST SCHOOL GETS TOP MARKS FOR KINDNESS

DEBBIE COSIER

Brisbane Adventist College is aiming to be the kindest school in Brisbane—if not the world!

In the lead-up to the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (March 15), students were challenged to look for new and innovative ways of permeating kindness throughout the Queensland school's culture.

"This is not just the kindest school in a fake marketing way," said principal Leanne Entermann, "but for real.

"We want kindness to be who we are: an experience for every person, every day of the school year."

The Principal's \$A1000 Challenge was one of the initiatives. The challenge required students to come up with a concept, develop a proposal and apply for school funding for their project. They were assigned a mentor to help them bring their proposal to fruition. Some of the projects included a podcast, a large kindness-inspired mural and a kindness-themed classroom.

Mrs Entermann said much of popular culture today tells children that they have to be tough to be cool.



STUDENTS WERE CHALLENGED TO COME UP WITH A KINDNESS-INSPIRED PROJECT.

"In that kind of environment, it takes courage to be kind every single time a child comes into contact with others," she said. "It's hard to stand up to friends who think it's funny to make fun of someone, or when your peer group wants to exclude someone who's different in some way.

"It becomes part of who we are; overpowering the tough, cool image and becoming an indelible component of each and every character who we nurture in this environment."

## EXPERIENCED JOURNALIST NAMED COMMS DIRECTOR

JARROD STACKELROTH

The South Pacific Division has appointed a new communication director. Tracey Bridcutt, who was head of news and editorial at Adventist Media, will take on the role, while still based at AM. Mrs Bridcutt enters the role with



TRACEY BRIDCUTT.

25 years of experience as an editor, copyeditor and journalist for both Fairfax and News Corp, Australia's two biggest media companies.

Currently, Mrs Bridcutt is the only female communication director for the world Church's 13 divisions.

"I'm looking forward to raising awareness of all the great things the Seventh-day Adventist Church is doing and how it is making a real difference in many people's lives across the South Pacific," she said.

Former communication director Dr Steve Currow has returned to academia, as the Vice President for Research and Academia at Avondale College. Mrs Bridcutt will not retain the ministerial and religious liberty portfolios.

## NEWS GRABS



### NEW BEGINNING

Adventists in the Russian city of Ulan-Ude have opened a new healthy lifestyle centre, the first of its kind in Siberia. The facility, named "New Beginning" in the local Buryat language, will provide fitness options for all ages, counselling and a health food store.—*Anna Testova/EAD*



### GOOD FOOD, HEALTHY MIND

A new study from the Loma Linda University School of Public Health has found that poor mental health is linked with poor diet quality—regardless of personal characteristics such as gender, education, age, marital status and income level. Researchers hope the study will challenge healthcare providers in their use of behavioural medicine treatments.—*Adventist Review*



### HISTORIC HOUSE OF PRAYER

After 54 years, the Adventist Church in Turkey has regained ownership of one of its most historic properties. Taksim Adventist Church, which previously had not been able to meet in the building due to a legal dispute spanning several decades, celebrated their official reopening on February 16.—*MENA*



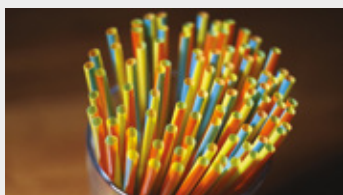
## HOT TOPICS



### SCEPTICAL SCIENTISTS

More than 1000 doctoral scientists from around the world, including Seventh-day Adventists, have signed a statement publicly expressing their scepticism about the contemporary theory of Darwinian evolution. The statement from the Discovery Institute aims to challenge the notion that "virtually every scientist in the world believes the Darwinian evolution theory to be true".

—*Evolution News*



### PLASTIC BAN

Hobart (Tas) has become the first city in Australia to ban single-use plastics. A new by-law, approved on March 4, will apply to any business that provides or sells takeaway food, meaning plastic containers, utensils, straws, cups, lids and sauce packets will all be prohibited by 2020. —*ABC*



### MARATHON EFFORT

A 96-day round-the-clock church service in the Netherlands has finally ended, after organisers received confirmation that a family of Armenian refugees sheltering inside the church would no longer face deportation. The service, which began on October 26, 2018, took advantage of a Dutch law that prohibits police officers from interrupting a religious service.

—*NY Times*

## STAFF CHALLENGED WITH EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP

DEAN BANKS

Staff at Fulton Adventist University College (Fiji) recently participated in a three-day workshop, focused on building effective teamwork.

The intention behind the workshop was to encourage all staff to effectively implement Fulton's recently completed strategic plan. Facilitated by Duane Vickery and Danny O'Neill of ETM Perspectives, an Indigenous Australian and South Sea Islander company specialising in leadership development and behavioural change, participants were challenged to take responsibility for their own contribution to team dynamics by taking risks and facing their fears to discover their own unconscious bias, default behaviours under pressure and "stretch points".

"We allowed the group to 'do the work', which enabled participants to grapple with new revelations and then allow for the spirit of God to work," said Mr Vickery. "It required high levels of trust and vulnerability in the room, which took humility and real intention."

The experiential workshop, based on adaptive leadership and transformational leadership principles, highlighted some dominant group cultures and behaviours that were counter-productive to the group's progress.

"We knew that the traditional teaching methodology of teacher to student, expert to learner, or jug to mug would not work in learning about team dynamics, particularly in this culture and context," Mr O'Neill said.



FULTON PRINCIPAL DR GLYNN GALO (LEFT) THANKS DANNY O'NEILL, DUANE VICKERY AND ANGELO BOCCHINO (MEDIA SPECIALIST) FOR THEIR WORK.

Feedback from staff was very positive. Pastor Anthony McPherson, head of the theology faculty, said the approach was exactly what was needed.

"For [both my team and I], the training revealed that we had much shifting to do personally," he said. "The application was immediately evident. I haven't experienced this type of learning before."

"The buddy training system where we each gave constructive feedback to one another on identified stretch points and growth needs was appreciated," said Debra Tavita, head of the foundation studies department.

Pastor Osea Raitila, head pastor and chaplain at Fulton College, said the workshop "hit the nail on the head".

"This was an inside-to-outside type of change we personally experienced," he said.

"The experiential approach to the workshop was very different to any training we've had in the past," said Fulton principal Dr Glynn Galo. "This is exactly the kind of development sessions our Church institutions in the Pacific Islands will benefit from. At the conclusion, we as a staff felt empowered, valued and a more united team."



STAFF AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORKSHOPS.





## BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

A baptism ceremony was held during the worship service at The Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nelson (South NZ) on February 16. It was a day of joy as Kylie Smart expressed her public commitment to follow Jesus. "The church was delighted to receive her into membership and to have her parents visit a Seventh-day Adventist church for the first time," said church pastor Jonathas Custodio. "Kylie's father is the mayor of Hokitika, on the West Coast. It was an emotional, Spirit-filled ceremony, and all felt blessed to learn more about God's redeeming work in Kylie's life." —SNZ News



## ENTIRE CHURCH CONVERTED

For the past three years, WA pastor John Horvath has been visiting South Sudanese refugees in camps near the Ethiopian border, often taking fellow Adventists from Perth. In the most recent Total Member Involvement effort, Pastor Horvath and the local conference were able to conduct evangelistic meetings in an area with no Adventist presence. As a direct result of the Bible studies, an entire Lutheran church accepted the Adventist message, and more than 113 people were baptised. The new church plant is now planning to start a school for orphans in their church building. —Record staff



## EIGHT YEARS ON

February 22 marked the eighth anniversary of the Christchurch (NZ) earthquake. To acknowledge this, a minute's silence was observed by Christchurch Adventist School (CAS) students and staff. The primary students then led out in the Otautahi Super Haka—a special haka created as a rallying call for Christchurch and its people to rise up once again and to remain resolute as they rebuild. "CAS staff are committed to the spirit of remaining resolute and encouraging resilience in our students as we continue to heal from this tragedy that shook our city," said the school. —SNZ News



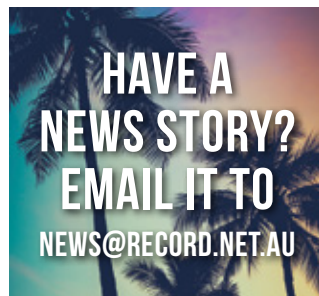
## CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

Gympie Seventh-day Adventist Church (Qld) recently held a concert to raise money for its local ADRA team. More than 75 people of all ages attended, including Adventists and members of the community, some of whom even made the two-hour drive from Kingaroy. The evening started with a light meal before kicking off a wide range of entertainment from piano to violin, poetry and singing, accordion and washboard, guitar and ukulele performances. All in attendance had a great time, with a total of \$A875 raised at the conclusion of the concert. —Hannah Richards



## A TALKING MAGAZINE

The *Signs of the Times* Radio podcast is now available on Spotify, the world's leading music streaming service. This is on top of the other podcast platforms already carrying *Signs Radio*—iTunes, Stitcher, SoundCloud and TuneIn—and the four repeat plays every week all over Australia on FaithFM. The play button has been clicked more than 10,500 times on *Signs Radio* episodes so far. "It's a way to get new audiences engaged with *Signs of the Times*," said podcast host and magazine editor Kent Kingston. "Each weekly episode is based on an article appearing in the current month's magazine." Visit <signsofthetimes.org.au> to find out more. —Record Staff



## CLASS OF ITS OWN

Mizpah Adventist High School is celebrating outstanding results in the Year 11 national examination, with the school making the top 10 (number seven) for all schools in Tonga. Education leaders at the Trans Pacific Union Mission thanked the principal Siaoisi Masila and his staff "for their commitment, and the testimony of how the Lord can use a small school to show His glory". —The Conch Shell



## MOTORING SUCCESS

South Australian pastor Dave Hamilton was recently awarded the Service Award for 2018 at the Confederation of Australian Motorsports (CAMS) awards night. Pastor Hamilton was recognised for his high level of dedication, continuous and diligent service, and significant contribution to motor sport in South Australia for 2018 and a number of years prior. —Bec Hamilton



## SPIRIT FILLED

Suva Adventist College (Fiji) started the school year with a Week of Prayer conducted by school chaplain Pastor Mosese Taria. Senior teacher Mereleine Williams described it as the most inspirational week of prayer since she came to the school four years ago: "The program was so Spirit-filled that you could feel it when you entered," she said. —The Conch Shell

# Adventists respond after deadly Christchurch attack

Seventh-day Adventist churches and members from around New Zealand have offered comfort to the country's Muslim community in the wake of the Christchurch mosque shootings that left 50 dead and many others wounded on March 15.

The city, which is still rebuilding after the devastating earthquakes in 2011 and 2016, is reeling from what people are calling an "unnatural disaster"—an unprecedented attack on a faith community at worship in New Zealand.

In response, Church leaders shared statements of support while church members in Christchurch have been reaching out in their local community.

On the Sunday after the attack, around 100 Christchurch Adventists and pastors visited the designated sites to pay tribute and left flowers at Christchurch Hospital, where many of those injured were still being treated. Youth pastor Sarah-Jane Riley organised 50 white balloons to be left at the site. Church members sang hymns as many members of the public joined in. Prayer was also offered.

"I am thankful to Pastor Mike Sikuri, president of the South New Zealand Conference, and all his team at the Conference office, the Christchurch school, the churches and pastors for stepping up and being the church in this hour of need," said Pastor Eddie Tupai, president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

Global Youth Day (GYD) events planned for the Sabbath (the day after the shootings) were postponed to March 30, as New Zealand's security levels were moved from low to high. Church services went ahead as usual. Churches were asked to focus on prayer and support of the Muslim community, particularly leaders and members of the Al Noor and the Linwood Avenue mosques.

During the crisis, Christchurch Adventist School (CAS) was locked

down and prayer and support were offered to students and staff. In the week that followed, chaplains led lunchtime prayer activities to help students connect with the experience of lockdown and the sadness in the community.

Pastor Tupai and Union secretary treasurer Graeme Drinkall delivered an official letter from the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the Muslim Federation of New Zealand on March 18, along with flowers and a donation.

Pastor Tupai and Pastor Ben Timothy, leader of the Church in North New Zealand, then travelled to Wellington to take part in a joint statement of support from national church denominational leaders.

All of Christchurch's Adventist pastors met with Pastor Sikuri and the Conference team twice to coordinate a response, which included attending the victims' funerals, support for CAS and changing GYD events to March 30, with an emphasis on showing appreciation to emergency services.

In consultation with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Pastor Sikuri attended the official response briefing to offer the Church's and ADRA NZ's support.

The South New Zealand Conference offered the church's campground, Pascoe Park for those who needed accommodation following the tragedy. Adventist leaders also attended the funerals and visited with Muslim community leaders and imams.

South Pacific Division president Pastor Glenn Townend was among the many people who sent messages of support: "The whole of the South Pacific [region] is saddened to hear of the unnecessary loss of life in Christchurch, New Zealand, today with the shootings in two mosques. Religious freedom is valued by all Seventh-day Adventists and to have one's life cut short while worshiping is almost unimaginable. I ask all

Seventh-day Adventists to pray for the victims and their families and stand in solidarity for the freedom to worship when, how and who you choose."

On behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide, president Pastor Ted Wilson also posted an official statement of condolence and sympathy for the "tragic event that took place at a house of worship in Christchurch".

Many churches and schools throughout Australia and across the South Pacific remembered Christchurch during their Sabbath services and held special prayers for the victims and wider community.

**JARROD STACKELROTH** ADVENTIST RECORD EDITOR.





# FACT OR FICTION?

**I**T'S OVER!" screamed the headline on the front page of a popular Australian women's magazine. On either side of the headline: images of Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, looking tense and unhappy. "Trapped and betrayed . . . Harry calls it quits," declared this so-called "world exclusive". Poor Meghan—she has certainly coped a lot of criticism recently. According to reports, she is "too modern", she's "frustrated" and her "independence threatens the Royal Family". And, of course, there are endless stories about her purported feud with sister-in-law Kate Middleton.

US President Donald Trump would undoubtedly sum it up in two words: fake news—one of his favourite terms since moving into the Oval Office. Perhaps it's no surprise that in 2017, Collins Dictionary named "fake news" its Word of the Year.

Of course, social media has exacerbated the spread of fake news. A 2006-17 study of Twitter by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that false news stories are 70 per cent more likely to be retweeted than true stories.<sup>1</sup> Researchers also discovered that true stories take about six times as long to reach 1500 people as false stories.

At the same time, people are yearning for truth. According to Australian social researchers McCrindle, the power of trust is one of the six key social and demographic trends for 2019.<sup>2</sup> "The last few years have seen royal commissions and

other inquiries refocus and recalibrate Australians' trust," McCrindle reports. "Few sectors have been immune, from religious and political entities to corporations in the financial sector, to aged care providers to social media and tech companies, trust has been eroded.

"Those who can gain and keep trust, through transparency and values-based offerings, will thrive in the trust-as-premium environment."

Fake news is certainly nothing new. God has long been the target of a malicious fake news campaign orchestrated by Satan when he convinced one-third of the angels to side with him in heaven. Satan used the same tactic to persuade Adam and Eve to disobey God, thereby plunging humanity into peril.

In 1844, fake news was the catalyst for the founding of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And, over the years, church members have been caught out by it—one of the most memorable in recent times was the widely circulated report that Pope Francis's brother is an Adventist. He's not.

As a Church we pride ourselves on being people of the "truth", but how do we respond to chit-chat about the local pastor, conference leadership,

our church institutions? Do we check the facts before hitting the share button?

It can be very easy to let our assumptions influence the way we react to the latest end-time theory or theological notion. Sometimes we share it innocently; at other times it can be a way of pushing our own agendas.

The Bible is clear on the topic: "Do not spread false reports" (Exodus 23:1). Further, 2 Timothy 4:3,4 tells us, "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."

So let's be very careful about what we pass off as fact. Let's keep our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus and His truth-filled messages of hope. Let's steer clear of fake news and instead focus on sharing the good news.

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## ***COUNTRIES OR AREAS WITH NO ADVENTISTS***



**1. TOKELAU, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION**

Population 1500

**2. BRUNEI, SOUTHERN ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION**

Population 428,000

**3. COMOROS, SOUTHERN AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION**

Population 813,000

**4. DJIBOUTI, EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION**

Population: 957,000

**5. FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION**

Population: 3400

**6. MALDIVES, SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION**

Population: 436,000

**7. MONACO, INTER-EUROPEAN DIVISION**

Population: 38,000

**8. IRAN, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA UNION**

Population: 81,000,000

**9. JERSEY, TRANS-EUROPEAN DIVISION**

Population: 100,000

**10. SOMALIA, EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION**

Population: 14,740,000

*Data taken from the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Office of Archives, Statistics and Research's 2017 Annual Statistical Report. "No Seventh-day Adventists" refers to a total of zero churches, companies and church membership, as per the statistics in this report.*





**Congratulations Helen Schulz, winner of the Vegie Delights canned range recipe competition!**

See Helen's recipe below. For more recipes to try at home, visit [vegiedelights.com.au/recipecompetition/](http://vegiedelights.com.au/recipecompetition/).

## *Sweet Potato Nutmeat and Nutolene Lentil Patties*

**Serves:** 6

### **Ingredients:**

1 can Vegie Delights Savoury Lentils  
 ½ can Vegie Delights Nutmeat, mashed  
 ½ can Vegie Delights Nutolene, mashed  
 2 cups cold cooked mashed sweet potato  
 1 onion, finely chopped and fried  
 ½ teaspoon ground cumin  
 ½ teaspoon ground coriander  
 ¼ cup chickpea flour  
 ½ cup breadcrumbs  
 Salt and pepper  
 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil  
 Salad of your choice  
 Vegan-friendly tzatziki or other dipping sauce as desired  
 Optional: Pesto

**Directions:** Mix all ingredients together and form small patties (or balls) by hand. Chill for 30 mins. Fry until golden. Serve on a bed of salad and with vegan-friendly tzatziki. Optional: Garnish with pesto.



## **LIVING HIS WORD** WITH WAYNE BOEHM

### **THE MESSIAH IN GENESIS**

**CONSIDER** the word HOPE. In adversity, hope provides the human heart with the will to continue on, knowing circumstances will change. Just ask Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl. "For Frankl, hope was generated not only by the burning desire to survive and bear witness, but also . . . by his choice to believe in love" (Amichai Lau-Lavie).

In Genesis, we find hope and love playing dual roles—from the fall, humanity now was in dire need.

**CONSIDER** Ellen White's words: "It is impossible for us of ourselves to escape from the pit of sin in which we are sunken. Our hearts are evil and we cannot change them . . . There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness." Humanity hoped all that was lost in Eden would be reinstated. From God's perspective, love intervened in the story, confirming restoration—we could again be "right with God".

**CONSIDER** the antitypes and promises of the future Messiah in Genesis 3:15, 12:3, 22. Throughout Genesis, God announced His rescue mission. In pronouncing the impact of sin on humanity, God foretold that while the serpent would strike the Seed's heel, the serpent's head would be "bruised", bringing an end to sin's reign. **EXAMINE** Genesis 22 and study the story of God's redemptive plan.

**CONSIDER** Genesis 49:8-12 and Revelation 5:4-7. From the tribe of Judah, the Lion did what no-one "in heaven or on earth or under the earth" could. Now that is something to put our hope in—a hope that originates in the love of God.

# FAITH- NURTURING GUIDE

## how to use and understand Ellen White's writings



In his introduction to the book *Reading Ellen White: How to Understand and Apply Her Writings*, George Knight confirms the spiritually nurturing influence of her publications.

"They proved to be a helpful and reliable guide to those in all walks of life."<sup>1</sup> At the same time, her incredible literary output, such as letters, manuscripts, articles and books she wrote during her lifetime, and the compilations published after her death, contribute to a variety of viewpoints on how to understand and use her writings.

A more troubling concern is that some use her writings as an infallible Bible commentary, a position she adamantly refuted.

"I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of faith and practice."<sup>2</sup> This brief reflection aims to explore the purpose of Ellen White's inspired writings; how to understand and use them as a faith-nurturing guide.

### THE PURPOSE OF PROPHETIC GIFT

In 1901, Ellen White made a significant statement: "The Lord desires you to study your Bibles. He has not given any additional light to take place of His Word."<sup>3</sup> It is evident that through her entire ministry, she focused on the primacy of the Scripture. "Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light."<sup>4</sup>

She spelled out a clear definition between the authority of the Bible and her writings. "The Spirit was not given—nor can it be bestowed—to supersede

the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the Word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested."<sup>5</sup> Further, she saw her writings as subject to the authority of the Bible.<sup>6</sup> The clarity of Ellen White's position raises a question: how should we understand her literary contribution to the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

The Bible defines the prophetic voice in terms of inspirational nurture: "But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for strengthening, encouragement and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3). A selective and often out-of-context use of Ellen White's writings places her God-designed role in the framework of a prescriptive authoritarian rather than an inspirational visionary. Such use drains the Church of the spiritual blessings and motivation provided by God for the challenges in life's journey.

### VISIONARY MOTIVATION

Firstly, let's consider the overarching themes of her writings. Between 1858 and 1888 she developed and amplified the big-picture overview of the great controversy theme focusing on the reality of the conflict between good and evil, God and Satan. The quintessential focus of the story is Jesus. "There is one central truth to be kept before the mind in searching of the Scriptures—Christ and Him crucified."<sup>7</sup> In this context, her writings highlight the value of human life, its uniqueness potential and the gift of free will.

However, between 1888 and 1911 Ellen White



published her most significant works.<sup>8</sup> During this period of creative visioning, she recaptured the important elements of God's purpose for the ongoing journey of faith. Her reflections on God's communicative presence inspired her with insights of new realities; a reception and vision of a new world seen through the lenses of God's passion for the lost. In the context of the great controversy theme her writings highlight the following four motifs: spiritual authenticity, genuine relationships, professional development and personal identity. In her understanding, these motifs stem from the source of all wisdom—God—and shape an inspirational framework of His designed purpose for Christian living. The overarching themes challenge the Church to live a spiritually relational life anchored in the teaching of Jesus and the spiritually transformational impact of God's saving grace. Most of all, her emphasis on God's love aims to empower the Church to live a spiritually missional life.<sup>9</sup>

## CONTEXTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Secondly, it is evident that Ellen White's understanding, including the plan of salvation and the depth of God's love, matured during the years of her ministry. As observed by Jude Lake, "It is important to understand that Ellen White didn't write like a systematic theologian."<sup>10</sup>

In consequence, her thoughts on a specific theological subject "must be compared with her statements on that subject from throughout her writings and analysed in its immediate and larger context".<sup>11</sup> The main thrust of her role was pastoral, but more to the point, pastorally inspirational.

During 70 years of ministry, she also wrote letters, manuscripts, testimonies and articles through which she nurtured the spiritual life of individual people, churches, organisations and Church leaders. In addressing the spiritual issues and theological extremes of her time, "she sought to give counsel from the framework of her visions and apply the biblical principles to the many and varied situations she encountered".<sup>12</sup> Therefore, to understand her messages, it is essential to consider the time and place, the literal and historical context.<sup>13</sup> With this in mind, she argued, "God wants us all to have a common sense, and He wants us to reason from common sense. Circumstances alter conditions. Circumstances change the relation of things."<sup>14</sup>

## APPLICATION

Ellen White's writings are often used selectively to support personal views, theological positions and,

more sadly, to criticise others. So how should we read and understand her works? Firstly, it's important to remember that the central focus of her personal life and writings is on Jesus' and God's love revealed on the cross. We need to reflect on how the overarching big picture of God's story unfolding in her writings impacts our spiritual growth and relationship with people. How do her writings enrich our commitment to follow the teachings of Jesus and to apply the principles of His love in everyday life?

After all is said and done, Ellen White's visualisation of a new world given by God blends with an even more profound, vertically anchored, motivational and inspirational perspective. "All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity."<sup>15</sup>

In her mind, the experience of sharing the power of God's grace in the complexity of the changing world prepares the Church for the higher joy of service in the world to come—service that will flow through eternity from more complete "revelations of God and Christ".<sup>16</sup>

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## CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE

### *The Remnant and its Mission*

The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgement hour, proclaims salvation through Christ and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolised by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgement in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness. (Daniel 7:9-14; Isaiah 1:9; 11:11; Jeremiah 23:3; Micah 2:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 1:16-19; 4:17; 2 Peter 3:10-14; Jude 3, 14; Revelation 12:17; 14:6-12; 18:1-4.)

**W**hen choosing a school to attend, academic reputation is often one of the most important things to consider. But growing up in Auckland, there was another factor to consider—rugby. Kelston Boys High School is known internationally as a top rugby school and I wanted to be one of the students wearing the KBHS jersey. After attending Kelston Primary School and then Kelston Intermediate, I finally got my chance to attend Kelston Boys High School. But before my dreams of

being a rugby star could come true, I had to first try out with all the other 13-year-old boys for the 3rd form rugby team.

The results were posted on an A4 piece of paper outside the changing sheds. Young boys, myself included, scuffled each other to scan the list first, hoping our names would be there. As soon as I saw my name, I high-fived my other friends who'd also made it. This was my first taste of knowing what it felt like to be proud of my achievements. It confirmed

in my mind that I was special, I was worth it and I was better than the boys who didn't make it. As far as I was concerned, there was no team I would rather be on than that 3rd form rugby team. I was totally unaware at that particular time of my life that there was so much more to life than being part of that team.

Not only did I grow up as a well-seasoned "Kelstonian", I also grew up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. By the time I reached intermediate school, I knew enough about my





church community to know they had a lot of good biblical answers to many of life's big questions: What happens when we die? What will happen in the future? Where does evil come from?

I often heard the word "remnant" referred to when people spoke of Revelation 12:17. It was defined as, "those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus". Somewhere in the many Revelation seminar presentations I heard, I accepted this description to be synonymous with "those who are Seventh-day Adventists". I was convinced in my early teens that the Seventh-day Adventist Church was the only way to be saved—but that wasn't enough for a rugby-obsessed teenager to turn away from belonging to a high-class school rugby team.

It wasn't until my early twenties that I completely committed my life to Jesus. I was teaching the earliteens Sabbath School class and had been reading *The Desire of Ages* as a supplement to the Bible story. The chapter "The Lord is Risen" broke me and I was overwhelmed by Jesus' plan of salvation—His gift of eternal life, His patience over thousands of years, His willingness to serve, to die a cruel death and to exercise faith in the face of eternal death. Because of my own selfish desires, I had misunderstood that simply being part of the remnant church would save me. Whereas I'd once daydreamed of becoming a great rugby player, I now dreamed of a day when I could be a martyr like the Reformers.

How many of us who are fathers

or mothers would sacrifice their child because God told them to? How many of us would marry a prostitute with children who might not be our own? Who of us would tell a whole nation they are apostatising at the cost of being imprisoned or killed? The people who keep God's commandments and have the faith of Jesus do not only exist in the eschatological time frame. We have seen examples of God's remnant people throughout Scripture—they have existed since Genesis 3:15, and will exist right up to the time our Creator and Redeemer returns.

One of the most painful moments for Christ must have been in John 6:66, where the Bible says many disciples decided not to follow Jesus after hearing some hard teachings. Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked if they wanted to go away, too. But I believe the confession of Peter is an insight to the remnant faith: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Another example is what we now refer to as the Great Disappointment. Many lost their faith in Jesus and the Christians proclaiming the advent of Jesus, but there were a few who remained faithful. Today, we are part of a mission-focused Church because of those faithful few.

Our Church has been gifted with incredible prophetic insights into the books of Daniel and Revelation. And I'm convinced that our understanding of the plan of salvation is incredibly solid. Because of this, we as a Church carry the responsibility of sharing this understanding of Jesus Christ, as we

know and experience Him.

God spoken to Moses in Exodus 19:6, saying, "you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." In 1 Peter 2:9, Peter reiterates and expands the thought, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." What an amazing responsibility! But some of us, like me in my teen years, may have interpreted this charge to be a right rather than a responsibility.

Life as we know it presents its own problems. The dragon is wrath and is on a warpath to decimate the name of our most high Lord and Saviour. Many of our friends and family live in fear because of the dragon's empty threats. Many of us suffer because of death's power over us. But God has a remnant in every age who stand as a witness, and they reveal that keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus overcomes the power of the dragon.

We don't need to live in anticipation to see whether we played hard enough to make the final team. It's not our job to gather around the Book of Life and see if our names are written there. Our call, as the remnant, is to demonstrate and publicly declare that Jesus Christ died, rose and is coming again. I no longer dream of whether I will be part of the eschatological remnant who live during the "time of trouble". Instead, I ask whether I am keeping the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus right now.



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# Rising through the ranks

George Thomas Chapman was born on April 28, 1896. His father, George Snr, was one of the early Adventists in Western Australia through the work of pioneer literature evangelists JM Johanson and FW Reekie in 1898. Thus, George Thomas Chapman grew up in a committed Adventist home.

After graduating from the business course at Avondale College, George began his lifelong denominational employment in February 1917 at the Sanitarium Health Food Company (SHF), initially in the Sydney depot and then at the Avondale factory before working as an auditor for the Australian Union Conference from 1920.

George married Lilian May Davies from South Australia and they had two daughters, Hazel Gwen (1918) and Laurel May (1920). Another daughter, Phyllis, was born much later.

From a beginning as a storeman and lift attendant, time as an accountant and then a brief stint as an auditor, George eventually became the chief executive of the SHF. He led the company through the difficult years of the Great Depression prior to World War II, growing the business at a time when many other commercial enterprises were shutting their doors.

He wrote at the time: "In the last 18 months of Depression we have had a modern miracle of God's care in the health food work in this field. While businesses have been crashing all around us, and many others have been sustaining serious losses or at least making greatly reduced profits, and while they have been putting off their staffs [sic] and experiencing great difficulty in carrying on, the health food work has surpassed all previous records. Twenty eight per cent more health foods were sold during 1932 than during the previous year. Is not this wonderful? The first six months of this year our business has increased by 26 per cent compared with the first half of last year. We thank God for this."

George's strong faith, combined with remarkable business expertise, enabled him to reorganise sales methods. He began, in those difficult times, a building program, breathtaking in its vision, that was developed, extended and enlarged by his successors—in time, confounding his critics. George would have been deeply involved in the purchase of two competitor businesses, the Weet-Bix side of the Cereal Products Company and Cerix Puffed Wheat. These insightful

acquisitions provided Sanitarium with the strong foundation that made it the great company it is today.

After serving as general manager of SHF from 1926 until 1936, George was sent to take charge of the denominational health food industry in the United States. He hit the ground running. George arrived in Southern California with the award-winning plans for the new Sanitarium factory back in Australia at Warburton. These same plans were accepted by the Loma Linda Foods Board and construction started in late 1937 on nine acres of land provided by the Southern California Junior College (now La Sierra University) just down the road from the campus.

A flake biscuit much like Weet-Bix, called "Ruskets", was soon produced and in time more than 30 other vegetarian and mostly high protein products were on the market. George remained president of Loma Linda Foods until his retirement in 1962.

Someone who knew George well commented, "Chapman was sent to America and we lost the skill and expertise that this man had. He was a very astute businessman. He could read a balance sheet and understand the implication of the various parts. He knew how to choose the right people for important jobs and he had the best lot of salesmen that we have ever known. Unfortunately we lost them all as the other managers did not know how to hold them. There were 10 excellent salesmen in Melbourne and they all went to



other businesses."

TW Hammond commented, "Chapman would phone up and say he wanted to come down and talk over a particular position. I would say to myself that I would not give in to him if he wanted money, but when he would leave after talking to me, I would find that I had agreed with him, though I previously said that I would not give in to him."

George's great strengths were his pleasant personality, his understanding of finance and his thoughtful management. A great leader, who in the opinion of two who worked for him, was "head and shoulders above the rest and Australasia lost a most valuable man when he went to America".

George died in 1982.

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## HOW TO GLOW FROM THE INSIDE OUT

If you think a cabinet crammed with beauty concoctions is the secret to glowing skin, you'd be partly right.

While a consistent cleaning routine can help, it's actually a combination of genetics, lifestyle habits and diet that'll keep the body's largest organ looking its best.

The foods we put on our plate can have a positive impact on the health of our skin. In fact, recent studies have shown that drinking smoothies rich in carotenoids—a type of phytonutrient found in foods that are often red, yellow or orange (e.g. papaya)—can actually make skin look more golden and healthy!

As a general rule, foods that are good for you are also good for your skin. Look for fruit and veggies packed with dietary fibre, vitamins A, C and E, minerals such as potassium and phytochemicals.

While no one food is a cure for skin problems, regularly including skin-friendly foods in your diet will help give you a gorgeous glow:

- **Vegetables and fruits:** look for fruits containing a good combination of vitamins and minerals, especially ones with red, yellow or orange hues.

Try: *papaya, pineapple, berries, avocado, kale, spinach, carrot and sweet potato.*

- **Wholegrains:** packed with dietary fibre, minerals, vitamins and phytochemicals, wholegrains are a great source of nourishment for your skin.

Try: *buckwheat, barley, quinoa, wheat and rye.*

It's also important to know what you should avoid—think foods that are high GI (glycaemic index) or highly refined flours and sugars, and those foods that contain trans fats. And of course, alcohol and tobacco should be avoided to keep you glowing inside and out.

Visit <[sanitarium.com.au](http://sanitarium.com.au)> or <[sanitarium.co.nz](http://sanitarium.co.nz)> for more great ways to improve your health.

### SKIN-FRIENDLY FOODS TO ENJOY



#### NUTS AND SEEDS

These little nutrition nuggets contain B-vitamins, essential fats, vitamins and minerals like selenium, a powerful combo for glowing skin. Try: *Brazil nuts (selenium) and walnuts, almonds and pistachios.*



#### PLANT PROTEINS

Our skin, hair and nails are mostly protein and, happily, there are plenty of plants packed with proteins that can help you shine. Try: *broad beans, chickpeas and peas.*



#### SOY FOODS

Containing essential fats, phytoestrogen, vitamins and protein, soy foods are a great addition to your diet and your skin will thank you for it. Try: *soybeans, tofu, soy milk.*

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# Kids' Space

## Hi Kids!

Jesus  
loves all His  
children

## INTO THE CLOUDS & BACK AGAIN

Jesus spends 40 days with His disciples after His resurrection, encouraging and preparing them for their role as His witnesses throughout the world. They go together to the Mount of Olives, and Jesus ascends to heaven. Two angels come to the disciples and promise that Jesus will come back in the same way that they saw Him go.



Link the children to their home



Remember  
that you have  
a home with  
Jesus

### Memory Verse

"This same Jesus...will  
come back in the same  
way you have seen Him  
go into heaven"

Acts 1:11



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## BLESSING FUTURE GENERATIONS

I was encouraged by the editorial "Seeds for today" (March 16) in challenging us to guard, protect and cherish what we have so that we may be a blessing to future generations by putting into practice what we have now. It asks some very important questions at a time when already too much of what we once had has been questioned, challenged, rejected and, in some cases, lost. Scripture contains both lifestyle and doctrinal truths that in principle are forever relevant, and it is our God-given responsibility to pass them on, having been blessed by them ourselves. If we do not experience the blessing first-hand then why would we want to pass them on? Perhaps that is why they are being lost and why Maritza has been moved to bring it to our attention! Thank you Maritza.

John Cunningham, NSW

## DEDICATED WORK

I agree with "Literature ministry" (Letter, January 26). [The fact] that you are reading this article is due to the grace of God and the dedicated commitment of a literature evangelist (LE) who came to our home when I was a very sick child.

This man gave messages of hope in Jesus as well as practical information on health. Ellen White speaks of health as "the right arm of the message".

As a result of advice from the LE Ivan Smith and my mother's research, I recovered and attended the Victoria Park Adventist School in Western Australia for a short time before moving to another town.

In our fast-moving and depersonalised society where information and communication can be deleted at a keystroke, the personal, genuine contact of our LEs and the literature that they leave often remains as a silent witness to be ready when folk respond to the Holy Spirit.

Many years later our church pastor Horrie Watts asked me to meet with a family contacted by the LEs.

Bible studies followed and three baptisms resulted. LEs often make contact with families where children can begin a lifetime of learning experiences with the books, CDs and DVDs purchased.

LEs contact many people, and only heaven will reveal the full extent of their dedicated work.

I understand the [number of] state area managers for the LE work [has] been greatly reduced. If this is correct it will, I believe, make it more difficult for the individual LEs. These hard-working and deeply committed people engaged in this often stressful work need support from both church members and also the South Pacific Division.

Peter Forrest, WA

## RELIGIOUS SLOGANISING

Re the letter "New Order" (Adventist Record, March 2) and the article it refers to, "Reading Revelation" (January 26). Sometimes we risk turning our religion into a slogan and running with it well beyond where we should.

One such slogan is that everything is about Christ. And then applying it to

everything, including the book of Revelation.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1) is an unfortunate translation, not helped by the use of the word "of". Jesus Christ is in the genitive, and the best way of putting it into English would be "Jesus Christ's revelation", and not "Jesus Christ's revealing", as the "revelation" is a noun and not a verb.

Thus, the book is about what Christ wants to reveal to us. It is NOT a book revealing Him. Of course, He figures in there, and it is Christ-centred, but it is not primarily about Him. It is about "things which must soon take place", according to the first verse. Thus, it is primarily about history (future to John), especially history relating to God's church from the first century onward. Trying to make it appear that it is all about Christ is twisting Scripture.

Leopold Hamulczyk, Vic

## SAFE AND SIMPLE

With Easter Camp coming up in Western Australia, people were asked to register online if they were planning to be a day visitor

at the campground.

As my mother turns 80 this year and is not computer literate, I jumped online and filled out the necessary "paperwork" for her. It was quick, easy and done in a matter of moments.

I am so surprised as all the comments that I have heard from my mother's friends and acquaintances have been negative and [they have] seen it as a burden. No-one stopped and thought of the reasons behind it. Firstly, it helps to keep our children safe. We all want the children at camp to be safe. But it is also a measure to keep EVERYONE safe and their property too.

Loretta Payne, WA

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## Weddings



**HENSLEY-GILBETT.** Jarryd Hensley, son of Peter and Narelle

Hensley, and Rowena Gilbett, daughter of Helen Currow and David Gilbett, were married on 4.1.18 at the Morisset Hospital chapel in Morisset, NSW. Jarryd and Rowena met at Kempsey High School where they work as teachers. They plan on living in the mid-north where they are part of the Port Macquarie church community. They both lead very active lives and love to engage with other young professionals in the area to serve the community.

*Obed Soire*



**MARTIN-GORRY.** Herman Martin and Tania Gorry, daughter of

Daphne Misbrenner (The Entrance, NSW), were married on 23.12.19 in the Botanical Gardens, Sydney. Herman and Tania met at an Adventist Singles program. They will live on the Central Coast of NSW. Tania is a qualified National Disability Insurance Scheme provider, giving support to those with disabilities.

*Harold Harker*

## Obituaries

**ANDREWS,** Pastor William Thomas (Tom), born 3.12.1930 in Auckland, NZ; died 15.2.19 in Sydney, NSW. On 26.3.1957 Tom married Audrey Woolley. He is survived by Audrey; and their three sons Geoff, Stephen (Steve) and Craig along with their extended families. Tom's lengthy experience in denominational employment commenced in 1951 at the Sanitarium Health Food Company. He also worked at the South Pacific Division, the Central Pacific Union Mission in Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. Tom was deeply loved by all his family and was highly respected by his peers and the many others who worked with and for him over his many years of labour in God's work.

*Eric Winter*

**BENNETT,** Delma, born 10.9.1927 in Dungog, NSW; died 24.5.18 in Dungog. She is survived by

her husband Wes; and children Roslyn, Roger, Dianne, John and Brett. Del was a valued member of Dungog church, who was always at the door early to greet everyone as they arrived. She was buried in the family cemetery at Thalaba Baptist church.

*Eric Bell*



**BOEHM,** Dr Robert Bruce, born 25.7.1949 in Sydney, NSW; died 29.10.18.

In 1974 he married Cheryl Borgas. He is survived by his wife; children Rachele and Giuseppe (London, UK), and Ben and Katherine (Walla, WA); three grandchildren; and three brothers Ken, Ray and Don. Robert spent the first 13 years of his life in New Guinea. He taught in several state and church schools, heading up the music and English departments at Strathfield Adventist College. In 1989 the family moved to America where Robert did further study, gaining his PhD in English education. Many students around the world have had their lives enriched by his teaching and lecturing skills.

**DOEBLIN,** Clive Ronald, born 23.12.1926 in Brisbane, Qld; died 19.2.19 in Victoria Point. On 3.1.1957 he married Hazel Heise. Clive is survived by his wife of 62 years (Victoria Point); and children Gary and Sarah (Brisbane), and Wayne and Wendy (Nerang) and their families. Clive passed away at the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, aged 92. He is now resting peacefully awaiting the soon return of our Lord Jesus.

*Bob Possingham*

**GOLDSMITH,** Pastor Alwyn Nelson, born 9.1.1929 in Wairoa, NSW; died 5.12.18 in Nanango, Qld. On 18.2.1951 he married Rhonda Darko, who predeceased him in 2006. He was also predeceased by his son Brendon in 2012. Alwyn is survived by his children Rosemary and Pastor James Fletcher (Sydney), Angela and Chris Johnson (Seville, Vic), Lindee Covacevich (Brisbane, Qld), Hayden Goldsmith (Townsville) and Sharon and Paul Franklin (Blackbutt). Alwyn was a caring, loving, encouraging and devoted pastor, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and

friend. He worked in forestry, and as a chiropractor and naturopath for many years in the Healesville area. Later in life he was called to the Northern Australian Conference where he ministered at Ayr, Bowen, Collinsville and Home Hill churches.

*Gideon Okesene, Phillip Downing, Kathy McMahon*



**KUDERA,** Kazimiera (Kazia), born 23.4.1945 in Wojszyn, Poland; died 16.2.19 in

Modbury, SA. On 23.6.1973 she married Stanislaw. She is survived by her husband; daughters Beata, Anita and Tina (all of Adelaide); and four grandchildren. Kazia came to Australia in 1965. She was a faithful member of the College Park church for 54 years. She was much loved by her family and members of the church. We look forward to seeing her again when Jesus returns.

*Jan Pollok, Eric Kral*

**LEACH,** Michael Peter, born 9.4.1943 in the United Kingdom; died 11.2.19 in John Hunter Hospital, NSW. He is survived by his partner Alison Hurrell (Tuncurry); and children Rachel Clough (Brisbane, Qld), Dean Leach and Peter Leach (both of Tuncurry, NSW). Michael was baptised in the Forster/Tuncurry church in July 2011. He loved his God, church and family.

*David Kosmeier*

**STOCKEN,** Sydney Arthur, born 26.3.17 in Paddington, NSW; died 6.2.19 in Elizabeth Lodge, Wairoa, aged 101. He was predeceased by his wife Beryl in 2015. He is survived by his four children and their families, Leonard (Forster), Alwyn (Brisbane, Qld), Warina Walker (Bowral, NSW) and Delmae Bower (Melbourne, Vic); seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Syd spent his early life in Sydney's eastern suburbs and later graduated from the Avondale College Ministerial course. He was called to Papua in 1945, fulfilling his life-long commitment to become a missionary. Aged in their 90s, Syd and Beryl spearheaded a new project recording the Gospels in Pidgin English. To date 28,000 godpods have been distributed throughout Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, allowing God's

Word to be heard by thousands who cannot read.

*Barry Wright*

**SYKES,** Briohne Joy (nee Hallam), born 5.11.1977 in Brisbane, Qld; died 16.10.18 in Mount Tamborine. On 10.12.1995 she married Lee Sykes. Briohne is survived by her husband (Mount Tamborine); sons Blayke (and Elizabeth), Noah (and Lucy) and Jezak; granddaughters Heidi Joy and Laylah Joy; foster daughter Kiaria; parents Murray and Gail Hallam; and siblings Emma Jane Hope, James Hallam and Luke Hallam. Briohne's passions were people, family, children, community, writing, performing and camping. Briohne's church involvement included children's ministries, singing and worship coordinating. Her strong faith helped her through her pain. She looked forward to being reunited with her family at the resurrection.

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