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Life hack videos are super-popular on the internet. A life hack is like a shortcut to life—discovering a fresh use or purpose of an object to make life easier. With cheerful, upbeat music, the video's subject, often just a pair of hands, will show you how to boil an egg properly, how to make your child's costume, how to decorate a cake or even how to use peanut butter to create a crystal.

My wife discovered a video about how to fold clothes for travel (rolling them) and it "revolutionised" the way she packed for trips.

There is a reason these videos are so popular. They transcend language barriers, reach millions of viewers, hold the promise that anyone could achieve these new skills and are often quite short. Some of the tips you will attempt at home, and maybe they will save you time or even just provide some novelty factor.

Yet, more often than not, we will never try the ideas we see. We are content just to know and understand an object's use without having to do anything about it.

The value of these videos is that they help us to understand and repurpose objects in the world around us. But the value is only realised if we put these insights into practice.

In this age of life hacks, we've had to grapple with what *Adventist Record* is and does. No, we are not moving into making life hacks or "church hacks". . . (although leave it with me, there may be something useful in that thought).

Yet in some ways, the past few years have seen us adjust, relearn and look at ways to optimise *Adventist Record* in both delivery and content.

We've followed DIY tips from the pages of magazines into the digital realms of social media and video.

You may not know that *Record* produces at least two pieces of video content a week—*Record Wrap*, our weekly Adventist news clip, and *#RecordLive*, an in-depth, interactive conversation about faith, church life and what's happening, both of which appear weekly on our Facebook page. We produce or share other videos as well, such as the writing tips series, produced with the help of AMN West.

Every day we have stories go up on our website and social media. There's a weekly email newsletter with all the highlights of the week, a link to the *Record* PDF and any video content, delivered right to your inbox.

While some of us may fondly remember the days of receiving *Record* weekly, the fortnightly edition gives us more value, with more pages than the weekly magazine in full colour and some gap weeks to highlight conference newsletters and *Adventist World*.

Digital has certainly helped with submissions as well. Most of the submissions I receive are now via email, making communication with our correspondents across the South Pacific instant and convenient. Anyone with internet access can now submit stories, photos, notices and letters at the click of a button.

Using the same resources and team at our disposal, we've tried to optimise your opportunity for engagement and enjoyment, catering to new audiences and demographics, all while our core remains the same.

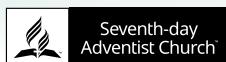
Adventist Record is part of the family. We still have the same purpose of telling our stories, building our community and sharing our hope. Personally, my passion has always been communicating faith in a simple, authentic and practical way. We want to inspire action not just increase a passive audience. *Adventist Record* exists for all of us—for you and our Adventist community.

Like the life hack videos, hopefully we can encourage you to try something useful, in living out or sharing your faith. It may just revolutionise your life.

But *Adventist Record* wouldn't exist without you. Without you reading, writing and submitting, there is no way we could do what we do. And this Sabbath, your *Adventist Record* offering will help us to continue to deliver content that is relevant and timely through as many platforms as we can.

Adventist Record is more than just a magazine.

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CALVYN

While in Kerema, Papua New Guinea, recently, I had my photo taken with two Calvyns. It is not unusual that I have my photo taken. But my middle name is also Calvyn. So there were three people named Calvyn in the picture. The two men were a little younger than me and we all work for the Church.

One was the secretary treasurer of the South West Papua Mission and the other was the education director for the Mission. But there was another link—we were all named after my father. My dad's name is Calvyn and it is a bit of a family tradition that the eldest son gets the first name of their father as their middle name. However what about the others?

Back in the 1970s my dad mentored, trained and developed both of these men's fathers. They would travel together, pray and study together, teach and train pastors and church members together. In the process they all became disciple-making disciples. Because of the discipling relationship Dad had with these two men, they named their sons after him.

My grandfather once told me he named my dad Calvyn in honour of the great Swiss Reformer John Calvin. Calvin, like all reformers, had a strong personality and was known for his deep intellect and theological insights and for creating Christian community.

All of us need a Calvyn in our lives. Each of us needs to be a Calvyn to others. Strong, community-minded, searching and seeking God, supporting and developing others on the journey as a Christian. This is how disciple-making works and how a disciple-making movement begins and grows.



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PNG SCHOOLS HOST CHURCH ACTIVITIES

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

An initiative to bring church members onto school campuses in Papua New Guinea is having a positive impact on the schools.

Jim Yawane, Papua New Guinea Union Mission Adventist Education director, said they were encouraging church programs and activities to be held on school campuses. By bringing church members in, they can learn about the school and see the needs it may have.

"They know that the school is an Adventist school, but they don't often get to see the school and feel part of the school," Mr Yawane said.

"[This initiative] worked very well

in Kambubu [Adventist Secondary School] where a women's ministries program was conducted. The church members who came saw the need and were able to set aside a few kinas to assist in some maintenance work."

Recently, a district youth camp meeting was held at Konkua Adventist Primary School, attended by about 450 youth.

"The youth have decided they will adopt the school for this year and that simply means they will be available if the school needs anything, like cleaning up and just any odd jobs around the school.

They [the youth] will be able to assist, and even [do some] fundraising," Mr Yawane said.

"[This initiative] encourages the youth and the church members and the school, just helping them to grow spiritually and to do things together."



ATTENDEES AT KONKUA.

STUDENTS GET HANDS DIRTY FOR CLEAN WATER

BRUNA TAWAKE

Edinburgh College Year 11 students and their teachers helped build a 22,500L water tank for a community in Central Santo, Vanuatu during their recent ADRA Connections trip.

"The Connections trip is well-established as Year 11's rite of passage, helping wean students off the comforts of home and develop independence," said Ledua Brooks, a teacher at Edinburgh College and one of the trip leaders.

Students and teachers made strong connections with the community, with the locals helping with the more challenging tasks, and women and children joining in the concrete mixing.

"I really enjoyed the Connections trip. It is my first mission trip



STUDENTS WELCOMED.

and it was not what I expected," said student Anika Homann. "I thought we would be working the whole time, but I was able to spend time with the community, and the locals helped us build the water tank. One of my favourite days was Sabbath. It is so amazing how much the community gets together and worships God. I think that is something we can learn from and bring back home."

LITERATURE MINISTRIES COORDINATOR APPOINTED

JARROD STACKELROTH

Long-time literature evangelist Brenton Lowe has been appointed Literature Ministries coordinator at Adventist Media—the latest development in the plan to expand literature ministry in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Lowe has been a full-time literature evangelist (LE) for 19 years, including the past 10 years leading the ministry for the Western Australian Conference.

"I am looking forward to working with the Adventist Media team and conferences to grow Literature Ministries in distribution, engagement and mission," Mr Lowe said.

According to AM CEO Dr Brad Kemp, the role is about supporting and developing literature ministry by opening new areas.

"I want to see a strong and viable LE force in Australia and New Zealand—working closely with the local church to bring life-changing literature to their communities," said Dr Kemp.

"Literature provides a way for church members to get involved

in their local communities through distributing materials such as *Signs of the Times*, tracts and books.

"We also need to move beyond conventional distribution methods and explore/try some innovative approaches. This may include using new technology, pop-up stores in shopping centres or other high traffic areas, book boxes, and creating leads through digital channels for LEs."

Mr Lowe's appointment coincides with the launch of a new literature ministry conference grant and innovation fund, open for entry by any church member or church organisation who can answer the following three questions: How will the conference grant or innovation fund project:

- 1) grow distribution of literature from Signs Publishing?
- 2) grow engagement of members and LEs (Total Member Involvement) in literature ministry?
- 3) grow the mission of the Adventist Church?

"I would love to see LEs and members engaged in making friends



and sharing their faith through literature and other media," said Mr Lowe. "Empowering churches, members and LEs to share the good news through creative ideas that work best in their local context."

The funds will be released from July 1. Applications are open now. Submit proposals to <BrentonLowe@adventistmedia.org.au>.

Mr Lowe, from Perth, will be relocating to Adventist Media's Wahroonga office (NSW) with his wife, Sandi, and their three children.

Mr Lowe moves into the updated role, formerly held by acting publishing director Jared French, who will be taking up a ministry position in Victoria, while studying theology.

INMATES FOLLOW JESUS THROUGH BAPTISM

JEAN-PIERRE NIPTIK

Seventeen inmates from the medium-risk prison in Port Vila (Vanuatu) were baptised on Sabbath, March 23, at Teoumaville Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of the church's prison ministry.

The inmates were escorted to the church by correctional officers in prison vehicles. A number of government

dignitaries witnessed the baptism, including the first political advisor of Internal Affairs, George Naunun, and director of correctional services Johnny Marango. Elders from several Adventist churches in Port Vila were also present.

"The prison ministries from churches have made our rehabilitation programs effective," Mr Marango said. "It

releases a lot of tension . . . it has prepared them to go back to their communities as changed persons."

Teoumaville is one of the churches on Efate that is active in prison ministry. Head elder Jackson Miake said, "Our prison ministry has a leader who was nominated and voted in our meetings because we see

the need in our prisons."

Each Sabbath, minister Jack Tahun and Jackson Noal have a one-hour worship program with the prisoners.

Mr Tahun said, "We do this ministry because Jesus said in His Word, 'When I was in prison you visited me.'"

Prior to the baptism, Teoumaville church pastor John Leeman presented a message on the life of Paul, with the 17 inmates and correctional service officers seated in the pews. Pastor Leeman said, "Sometimes God chooses people who are terrible sinners and changes them to men and women He could use in His work."

Last year two baptisms were conducted for inmates in the low-risk prison—12 inmates were baptised in Epauto church and another 12 were baptised inside the prison.



ELDERS RETREAT FOCUSES ON LEADERSHIP

RUSSELL WORUBA

Church elders from the Gordons church in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, held a retreat on Sabbath, April 6, at Pacific Adventist University's Koiari Park campus, with a special focus on developing spiritual leadership for the end times.

The retreat included sessions facilitated by seasoned leaders: retired Central Papua Conference president and veteran evangelist Pastor Tony Kemo, who covered the spiritual discipline of a church leader; Dr Jose Imona, who unpacked leadership in the book of Daniel; and Dr Loren Poli, whose speciality is in leadership in both the Old and New Testaments.

According to Dr Poli, who is also a member of the South Pacific Division's Biblical Research Committee, reports from the PNG Union and SPD have shown quantitative growth in Central Papua Conference. However, the main challenge has been whether these

figures translate to qualitative or organic growth at the local churches.

Participants reported greatly appreciating the leadership principles derived from the lives of Moses, Daniel and Paul as well as the presenters' deep insights taken from the biblical texts' Hebrew and Greek contexts.

According to organisers, application of biblical principles in today's modern world has been a challenge for many local church leaders.

Gordons church, like most churches in Port Moresby, plans to organise its branch churches and launch out much deeper in the next five years.

Feedback provided by participants indicated that training such as the retreat provided, was essential for

focused organic growth—a sign of maturity at the local church.

Gifts were presented to the speakers by senior elder Koney Samuel. He elaborated the need to be committed, courageous and faithful amidst a time of great apostasy.

The Gordons church elders plan to have another retreat towards the end of the year to reflect and review plans for the next five years and beyond.



ON GOOD SOIL: ELDERS RESPONDING WELL TO THE MESSAGES

An advertisement for ACA Health Benefits Fund. The background image shows a smiling man with glasses and a beard, a young boy with curly hair, and a young girl with glasses, all looking up and pointing towards a bubble. The text on the right side of the image reads:

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AUSSIE SCHOOL GOES BUSH

VANIA CHEW

Every Tuesday afternoon, an Adventist school in northern New South Wales “goes bush”. From 12:30 pm onwards, students at Manning Adventist School head outside and enjoy a few hours of unstructured play in nature.

Activities include weaving, mud play, bushwalking, slacklining, studying insects and building dens.

Head teacher Dianne Hillsdon is the leader of the “bush school” initiative.

“It’s been very successful in building confidence and creating resilience,” said Mrs Hillsdon. “In a time when children are more anxious and stressed than ever, it gives time for us as teachers to connect, build relationships and understand children’s behaviour. It gives children the chance to be creative, use their imaginations and become more environmentally-conscious.”

Mrs Hillsdon is an accredited Forest School Leader (Level 3). This involved studying for more than 12 months and travelling to the UK twice to complete the course. She believes she is the only accredited teacher in Adventist Schools Australia.

Bush School currently runs one afternoon a week, but Mrs Hillsdon would like

to increase it to lunchtimes every day.

“I’ve worked in Adventist schools for 30 years, but this is the best thing I’ve ever done,” she said. “I’d love to gain a Level 4 accreditation, train other teachers and help implement this program in all of our NSW Adventist schools.”



“There is a ‘buzz’ around the local town. People are hearing about what we are doing at Manning,” said Mrs Hillsdon. “We have been on the television, radio and newspapers in the past month. This week we had the local preschool come to visit.”



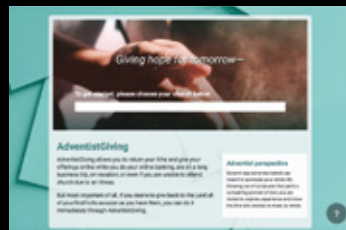
TAKING LEARNING FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS.

NEWS GRABS



TOP OF THE CLASS

For the second year in a row, an Adventist physician has ranked first in the Philippine Physician Licensure Examination. Clinton Rabadon is the fifth Adventist physician to take the top spot in the past 13 years. Six other Adventists also placed in the top 10.—*Adventist News Network*



EASY GIVING

Giving tithe and offerings just became easier for Adventists in North America with the launch of the Adventist Giving app. Members can donate tithe and offerings digitally and set up recurring payments each month. Churches within the US and Canada can sign up for free.
—*Kimberly Luste Maran/NAD*



REBUILDING ROMANIA

ADRA has built 300 houses in Romania as part of their “Rebuilding Hope” project. ADRA International president Jonathan Duffy said he is proud ADRA and the Adventist Church in Romania teamed up to make this project a reality. “Each home represents a family whose life has been changed,” he said.—*ADRA*

FESTIVAL OF FAITH RENEWS STUDENTS' COMMITMENTS TO CHRIST

MARITZA BRUNT

A week of spiritual emphasis held at Avondale College (NSW) has seen 10 students requesting baptism and nearly 30 students committing their lives to service.

Festival of Faith, as the week of spiritual emphasis is known, is held early in each semester. It's completely student-run, something Avondale College chaplain Ray Moaga said is crucial in empowering the students in their faith journey.

"When students come to the program, they know that it's their friends who are leading them in worship, setting up the prayer room or greeting them at the door," he said. "It's a discipleship process—we have student leaders, and my job is to make sure they're all doing okay, but really, the students run 99.9 per cent of the program."

"[Our theme was] Refocus," said Sahil Nath, who coordinated Festival of Faith in his role as Student Associated Ministries leader. "We wanted to bring a new perspective to the Old Testament."

Pastor Brock Goodall, who serves Haven Campus Church at Central Coast Adventist School, spoke 11 times during the week on Leviticus. The book, which emphasises ritual, legal and moral practices, is not as accessible as others in the Bible.

"And that's the reason I chose it," said Pastor Goodall. "We read it, and it makes no sense, which only reinforces why we don't read it. But the book's in the Bible for a reason. Someone took the effort to write it down, so it must be

important."

Pastor Goodall's message to the students: *God is good with you.* He illustrated this by referring to the three classes of sacrificial animals—bull, sheep or goat, and dove or pigeon—mentioned in the first chapter.

"You realise they're all listed so people in every economic class could have access to God," he said. "Some of the texts in Leviticus are pretty brutal and make me uncomfortable, but when we refocus and see things as the original audience saw them, then we see something beautiful."

Before the Festival of Faith began, Pastor Moaga initiated a "prayer challenge" for all staff and students, inviting them to gather to read Scripture and spend time talking to God. With up to 20 participants some days, Pastor Moaga said the student involvement in the challenge even inspired some staff members to take up a regular prayer walk.

The event, which was live-streamed on the Avondale Student Life Facebook page, drew more than 6000 views across the week. On Friday night alone, more than 1000 people tuned in to watch the program.

The decision cards, handed out on Friday evening, played an important role in laying groundwork for further

commitment and service. Ten students in total requested baptism, a further 13 asked for Bible studies and 30 students indicated they had a specific prayer request.

Committed to ensuring students continued their

spiritual walk, this year's decision cards also asked students if they wanted to serve, giving a choice of serving on campus or at College Church. More than 30 students indicated a desire to serve in some way at College Church, while 27 students said they would be more comfortable serving in some way on campus.

"So often we have decision cards that come in where the person has ticked a box simply saying they want to serve," said Alex Green, associate pastor of College Church. "From a follow-up perspective, that can be difficult, because we have no idea in what capacity that person means. Do they want to serve in their community, their family, their church? If we are able to distinguish where a student is more comfortable serving, then we can follow that up much more effectively and intentionally."

The buzz on campus following the Festival of Faith is something that remains with the students for months.

"It's such a highlight and a real spiritual booster for the campus," said Pastor Green. "It's an intentional week where students are being fed spiritually twice a day with solid biblical teaching. They can wrestle with and explore Scripture for themselves, pray, be encouraged and worship God with their peers. Every single time we hold a Festival of Faith, the spiritual temperature on campus just increases. Before [last week's event], students were still talking about the Festival of Faith we had in second semester of last year."



STUDENTS LEAD OUT IN WORSHIP.



PASTOR BROCK GOODALL AT AVONDALE COLLEGE'S FESTIVAL OF FAITH.



VIRTUAL PETS

Students at Macarthur Adventist College (NSW) have been having lots of fun learning about the world of coding. On March 27 and 28, Peter Wallace, the e-learning specialist from the Greater Sydney Conference, visited the school to teach the students about the digital world and how to use micro:bits—a type of coding device. “Students created a virtual pet that responded to touch through light and sound,” said Year 5 teacher Jacqui Maua. “The students really enjoyed exploring with the micro:bits and look forward to creating and coding with them more throughout the year.”

—Daniel Lavaiamat



COMMUNITY CARE

The Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Scheme program has commenced at the ADRA Community Centre in Springvale (Vic). The program employs students with disabilities to earn an income while completing a Certificate 2 in Horticulture. Eight students will be establishing gardens, and the produce will be sold to Chinese markets across Melbourne’s south-east, in partnership with the Asian Australian Business Women’s Association Inc and Afri-Aus Care. —ADRA Victoria



INTERGENERATIONAL JOY

A group of children from the Landsborough Adventist Church (Qld) recently entertained about 30 residents at the Blue Care Maleny Erawal aged-care facility. They performed musical items, recited poems, shared stories and quizzes, and joined in community singing with the audience. The residents were also treated with gifts of flowers and handmade book marks. Kylie Leahy, the program coordinator, said it was a great opportunity for the children to interact with the older generation. —Glasshouse Country News



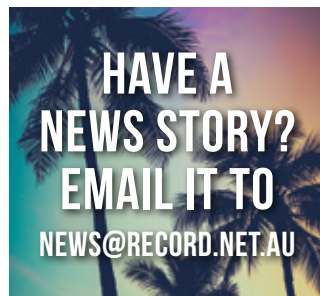
LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

Adventist churches across Port Vila (Vanuatu) have been visiting more than 100 Bangladeshi men who are victims of alleged human trafficking and held up in Port Vila by the law enforcement agencies of the country. Twice a month, the churches take turns visiting the stranded workers, providing them with much-needed food and other humanitarian support and care. “When we went to the national police office to ask permission to visit these men, they were so happy that Adventists have come forward to help them look after the victims of crime,” said Efate district ministries leader, Pastor John Leeman. —Jean Pierre Niptik



KIDS HELPING KIDS

Children at Wahroonga Seventh-day Adventist Church (Sydney, NSW) are helping disadvantaged kids in Papua New Guinea. The church’s Kindergarten Sabbath School class has “adopted” the two Operation Food For Life early learning schools in PNG and is providing health and hygiene kits for the students. They have called the program “Kids helping kids”. So far their fundraising efforts have enabled them to purchase 200 kits containing items such as a face towel, comb, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush. —Dennis Perry



BUCKETS OF LOVE

Navesau Adventist High School (Fiji) adopted Naiyala High School and its neighbouring villages as part of its Global Youth Day program. Teachers and students collected more than 35 buckets of groceries, which they distributed to the school and villages. They donated 30 loaves of bread to Naiyala school and also shared Jesus with the students. —Sailosi Baleiwai



SOWING SEEDS

Small congregations can struggle to make an impact on their local community, but members from Echuca Adventist Church (Vic) believe they’ve found a winning formula: a monthly stall held at the Moama Market, the largest markets in the twin towns of Echuca and Moama. The stall is marked by a large ADRA Australia gazebo, raising the profile of the church, and gives church members opportunities to interact with the public. —Jack Spencer



MISSION MINDED

Beulah College (Tonga) recently welcomed a mission team from Mountain View Academy in California, US. The 91-member team, including 51 students, helped out with a number of projects, including repainting and tiling one of the girls’ dormitory rooms providing free dental check-ups and hosting evangelistic meetings. On March 30, 16 students from Beulah and 10 from Mountain View were baptised. —Record staff



WHY WE RUN

I ran my first half marathon three years ago. The time? 1:42:07 (that's one hour, 42 minutes and seven seconds). For the elite or ultra-runner, that time may be nothing to write home about. But for someone who spent his entire life playing sports like basketball and table tennis, running 21 kilometres was an achievement in and of itself.

I ran my first full marathon three weeks later. The time? 3:55:03. This one pretty much broke me. After the race I wasn't even excited; I was simply a pale green mess with tears in my eyes. *Never again*, I thought as I sat on the kerb trying not to pass out. *Never again* . . .

A year later I improved on both of my times, shaving off—weirdly enough—exactly two minutes and 12 seconds at each event (so much for “never again”).

Sometimes I get asked what my favourite running event is. My answer is always the same: 100 metres. (Actually, here and now, due to injuries and too many hours sitting, it's probably more like 50 metres.)

Ever since I was a boy I've wanted to run as fast as possible. Even now, I can hear my teacher's voice in my head explaining to me the golden rule of sprinting: “Keep your eyes on the finish line.”

“Ignore those around you,” she added. “Just run *your* race.”

An “eyes on the prize” mentality is not simply a clever mantra; it's a scientifically-proven way of optimising performance. One research paper described how “focusing visual attention on a goal-relevant target helps make the goal appear more within reach and engaged action”.¹

In 2016, Jamaica's Usain Bolt kept his “eyes on the prize” to secure his third consecutive 100 metre Olympic

gold medal. The “fastest man on earth” achieved the same result in the 200 metre event, thus cementing his place as one of the greatest athletes of all time.

It was a couple of other track athletes at the Rio Olympics, though, who were lauded the world over for embodying the “Olympic spirit”.

In the final laps of the 5000 metre heat, New Zealand runner Nikki Hamblin tripped and fell, collecting the United States' Abbey D'Agostino in the process. Instead of getting to her feet and continuing her race, D'Agostino reached down and pulled the stunned New Zealander off the ground. As the pair tried to get going, the US runner faltered and fell once more, her right knee badly injured from the initial accident.² Hamblin, however, refused to leave D'Agostino's side, stopping and reaching out both arms to help her pain-stricken opponent.³

“When I went down it was like, ‘What's happening? Why am I on the ground?’” Hamblin would later recall. “And suddenly there's this hand on my shoulder, like ‘Get up, get up, we have to finish this!’”⁴

The Bible likens a life of faith to a running race. “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?” wrote the apostle Paul. “Run in such a way as to get the prize” (1 Corinthians 9:24, NIV).

This challenge, though, should not be misinterpreted. Paul's message was a call to self-discipline—to prepare and run with purpose (see verses 25 and 26). It was not an invitation to “just run *your* race”.

There is a very real danger in using “fixing our eyes on Jesus”⁵ as an excuse to ignore our fellow runners, many of whom may be hurting or in desperate need of help. Who



LIVING HIS WORD

WITH WAYNE BOEHM

CALLED TO FOLLOW

Ernest Shackleton advertised for a team to accompany him on a dangerous Antarctic journey.

In a brutally honest newspaper ad, Shackleton hid nothing: “Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages, bitter cold, long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in event of success.”

Would you apply? While some dispute the story, it is reported that 5000 people applied. Imagine knowing the challenges and enthusiastically choosing to be part of a great cause that would charter new lands and create history.

Now picture Peter and Andrew as they went about their business casting nets into the sea. “Follow Me,” Jesus said. Possibly the shortest job ad ever. Perhaps more surprising is their response: “immediately they left their nets and followed Him.” **CONSIDER** two things in Matthew 4:18-22.

1. They left their nets. The Greek word *aphiami* (left) doesn’t mean they decided to give it a try for a while because fishing was slow. The term means total abandonment. In Jesus, they saw a new path that eclipsed their current occupation—they would be “fishers of men”. Do you have any nets that Jesus is calling you to totally abandon?

2. Matthew to this point has told us a great deal about Jesus—in fact 20 characteristics about Jesus which add to the weight of Jesus’ call to follow. See if you can identify all 20.

The disciples immediately recognised the authority of Jesus and followed. You’ve been entrusted with the most precious truth—the time has come to step forward in faith, charter new lands and create disciples. **CONSIDER** Isaiah 6:5-9; Luke 5:1-11.

they are and/or how they run should never stop us from lending a hand. After all, in this “race”—along this journey of faith—we are all compatriots, not competitors. Your salvation and mine matters to Christ just as much as anyone else’s. There is no first place, no gold medal and no best time. There is indeed just one prize, but there’s enough of *Him* to go around.

During my first marathon, I well and truly “hit the wall” at around the 37-kilometre mark. I was dizzy and exhausted, and had to catch myself from throwing up. Fortunately, I wasn’t running alone that day; I had my girlfriend and another friend with me every step of the way. I don’t know if I would’ve made it through the final part of that race had they not been there to encourage and push me (at times literally).

If what the Bible says is true, this “race” we are running will soon come to an end. So how will we approach the final stretch? Will we, like Bolt, ignore all else and sprint to the finish line, beating our own chest and soaking in the glory? Or will we, like D’Agostino and Hamblin, stop and extend a hand to a fallen comrade, so they too can complete the journey?

“Get up, get up . . . we have to finish this!”

“Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ’s law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived” (Galatians 6:2,3, The Message).

1. Cole, S, Riccio, M, & Balcetis, E (2014). Focused and fired up: Narrowed attention produces perceived proximity and increases goal-relevant action. *Motivation and Emotion*, 38(6), 815-822.

2. A later diagnosis revealed D’Agostino tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in the collision.

3. See the full video at <<https://youtu.be/riVY9zjHW0c>>.

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5. See Hebrews 12:1,2.

LINDEN CHUANG ASSISTANT EDITOR (DIGITAL) AND GRAPHIC DESIGNER, ADVENTIST RECORD.

Sydney Adventist schools achieve above average gains in numeracy and literacy

Schools in the Greater Sydney Conference were recently recognised as achieving substantially above-average gains in literacy and numeracy, according to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Gains are measured against the national average, against schools with similar students and against students with similar starting scores. Gains show the growth in students who have taken consecutive NAPLAN tests at the same school.

Principal at Mountain View Adventist College, Julia Heise credits above average growth in student learning to a focus on explicit instruction in literacy and numeracy, to the dedication of the teachers and the unwavering commitment to the development of the whole child, practiced at the school.

This is the third consecutive year Mountain View has seen academic gains in this area.

"As educators, we need to prepare students for the 21st century. That requires a commitment to both the basics—reading, writing and mathematics as well as the four C's—collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking," Ms Heise noted.

Dr Malcolm Coulson, principal of Hills Adventist College, agrees. "Our role as educators is to ensure that each and every student develops to their full potential. We are pleased to be recognised for achieving results that are beyond the expected. It is testament to the dedication of the teachers and staff of the school in providing a caring and nurturing environment where children can thrive."

Sydney Adventist School Auburn and Hurstville Adventist School were also recognised for above average gains in NAPLAN. Both schools are Prep to Year 6 and have a high percentage of children (as high as 97%) from non-English speaking backgrounds.

"Over the past four years we have specifically focused on numeracy" said Neva Taylor, principal of Hurstville Adventist School. "We identify specific student needs and differentiate learning across the school. One of the biggest challenges was the language of mathematics and this has been a priority focus for the school."

Danyel Efstratiou, principal of Sydney Adventist School Auburn, concurs. "Explicit instruction and differentiated learning based on individual need is required, especially for those students who require additional assistance to meet minimum benchmarks."

Wahroonga Adventist School, which is currently expanding from Primary to a full Prep–Year 12 school, was similarly recognised for its academic achievements in



NAPLAN by ACARA. "It's a privilege to be given the opportunity to shape the future of the children entrusted to us. A solid foundation in literacy and numeracy is core to the development of a lifelong learning philosophy," principal Michelle Streatfield said.

"Above average growth for our students requires the children to believe in themselves. As part of the Adventist Education philosophy we believe that each child is special. We provide an environment where Christian values are upheld, and young minds can grow and flourish," said Greater Sydney Education director, Dr Jean Carter.

DANIEL LAVAIAMAT MARKETING MANAGER, SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS (GREATER SYDNEY CONFERENCE).



screenagers, glass and the gospel

The Adventist Church's brand promise is: "We can help you understand the Bible to find freedom, healing and hope in Jesus."

The Sabbath School Bible Study Guides provide a great avenue towards fulfilling this promise. However as I've travelled to different churches around the world, I've seen that many of our teens and youth don't read or engage with the Sabbath School Study Guides. It's certainly rare to find a church on Sabbath morning where all the Sabbath School classes are overflowing with people from these age groups. While there are many reasons for low attendance, I think it's time we considered new and creative ways of engaging with the young members of our church.

Instagram is a mobile social network that allows users to edit and share photos and videos. It's also one of the most popular social networks in the world with 1 billion monthly active users. 32 per cent of all internet users are on Instagram, with a 50/50 split between male and female users.

Instagram is most popular with teens and young Millennials: 38 per cent of users are aged 13–24, and 31 per cent of users are aged 25–34. Only 14 per cent of users are aged over 45. In the United States (which has similar demographics to Australia), Instagram is the preferred social network of teens (32%), beating both Twitter (6%), Facebook (6%), and Pinterest (1%). Instagram users are also well-educated: 42 per cent have a university degree and 36 per cent have completed some university training.

Most churches continue to use printed Sabbath School booklets. But how many teens and youth read paper publications? Some, but not many. Our teenagers have been replaced with multitasking screenagers who have substituted paper for glass. Unlike the static medium of paper, glass provides a kinaesthetic, interactive, connective and visual medium that is highly portable and always shareable. For the newest generations in our Adventist churches, verbal has been replaced with visual, sit-and-listen has been replaced with try-and-see, and commanding has been

replaced with collaborating.

For screenagers, everything they want to know can be found in a quick Google search, or by messaging their friends on social media, or listening to the people they "follow" online. Consequently, with such a huge number of young people using Instagram, I decided that this is the perfect platform for sharing the Sabbath School Bible Study Guides.

Each day I share a new post that has a big idea and three main points from the daily Study Guide. Each post is less than 100 words. The images in each post match the images used in the Sabbath School App, and a link is provided for users to download the free app and read the full Study Guides in over 40 different languages. A range of hashtags organically bring users to the [sdasabbathschool](#) account. Alternatively, users can search for [sdasabbathschool](#) in the Instagram search bar.

A key benefit of using Instagram is that users can share comments and questions under each post. This engagement is important for those who live in remote locations and may not be able to attend a church each Sabbath. It also gives a voice to those who may not feel comfortable speaking up in their Sabbath School group at church. Significantly, these conversations can happen anywhere and anytime as people from all over the world communicate together through Instagram.

Back in the 1800s, Ellen White was shown in vision that her husband, James, should start a small newspaper, and like "streams of light" it would eventually go "clear round the world". Today, in a digital age, this vision continues to be fulfilled at light speed and the young members of our churches are at the forefront of this new form of gospel proclamation!

JARED MARTIN ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MT GRAVATT AND BRISBANE FIJIAN CHURCHES, AND BIBLE STUDY APP DEVELOPER. VISIT [<SABBATH-SCHOOL.ADVENTECH.IO>](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YouTube mania

AND THE CHURCH DISCONNECT

I must admit it—I'm a big user of the internet. I use it extensively for research in my fields of interest—medicine, history, theology, biology (especially evolution vs creation), rocket science (those who know me know I'm not kidding!) and even for entertainment at times, as well as many other topics.

I also use the internet to deal with about 30–50 emails a day, to make purchases online and for financial management. I read *Adventist Record* online and regularly help with my local church issues online. When I have a computer problem, there's usually a solution to be found online. You'll also find advice on everything from plumbing repairs to learning calligraphy. This kind of practical learning often comes via the rapidly expanding world of YouTube.

Now, I'm aware of the many pitfalls of the internet, including porn, scamming, hacking, online fraud and so on. Like many, I have looked upon the bad aspects of the internet as affecting mainly those much younger than me—Gen X, Gen Y, Gen Z (What comes after Gen Z? Is the world trying to tell

us something?) But it is the young greenhorns who'll be sucked into this web of corruption, surely not us senior citizens.

As one of those "oldies", I'm told I'm more susceptible to internet bank fraud than, say, my children. But surely we of the older, wiser, warier, more considered and more careful generation would be unlikely to be taken in by nefarious material on the net? Weren't we told as youngsters by our parents, "You can't believe everything you read in the newspapers" . . . and that was, for many of us, before television!

But there is a growing issue amongst us senior church members that is causing me angst. While viewing good and helpful material (Hope Channel, 3ABN etc) can help build our faith, there is now "out there" a plethora of material that is subtly and not-so-subtly taking us away from our fundamental beliefs as Seventh-day Adventists.

One of the main avenues for this is YouTube. YouTube is particularly attractive to the older generation because it requires minimal computer skills and is as "passive" as the prover-

bial gogglebox. Not only that, but the increasingly sophisticated algorithms introduced into these programs will "choose" for you similar material in the sidebar to what you have been watching recently. One "click" and you're on! You can easily enter an endless world of watching videos that may subtly lead on to subjects you never intended to view.

I have friends who spend many hours watching YouTube videos on everything from prophecy (mainly non-Adventist), conspiracy material (everything from the Kennedy assassination to aberrant theories about 9/11 and involvement of the CIA in everything bad that ever happened), anti-Trinitarian material and a host of other "hot" religio-political topics.

These videos are often presented by glib, fast-talking and superficially credible talkers, and they usually have ads that earn them money. Some appear to have legitimate credentials—degrees from universities, scientific or military experience—and may present "evidence" that appears convincing.

While there are definitely some legitimate videos that raise issues of



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“... the almost hypnotic power of YouTube is, I believe, creating a generation of passive absorbers of poorly-documented ‘fake news’.”

concern to Adventists (such as the trend towards government interference with religious freedom), the almost hypnotic power of YouTube is, I believe, creating a generation of passive absorbers of poorly-documented “fake news”. Ironically, a simple online search reveals facts that soundly discount the claims of some of these charlatans.

Now here are a few of my concerns:

That Bible study becomes secondary to what I call “passive absorption”. The Bereans closely compared the words of Paul with Scripture to establish truth (Acts 17:11). Do we use that measure to assess what we watch?

Ellen White wrote: “... we need to be exceedingly careful, and walk humbly before God, that we may have spiritual eyesalve that we may distinguish the working of the Holy Spirit of God from the working of that spirit that would bring in wild license and fanaticism” (*Selected Messages*, Vol 1, p 142).

It is increasingly tempting to settle into our comfortable couches on Sabbath, turn on our computer or

“smart” TV and browse YouTube (or elsewhere) for material that appears to tell us what our preconceptions may desire or is sensational enough to excite our “sanctified” interest. Sometimes even at the expense of “forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25, KJV). I am aware of a few church members who do just that—either regularly or intermittently.

This sort of scenario takes away the lively and sometimes redemptive dialogue between church members, which may involve ministry, Sabbath School, church elders, deacons etc. The internet, in this case, becomes an isolating power and may encourage a dangerous self-dependency in matters of faith.

This reliance on the internet sometimes becomes such an addiction that it can interfere with marital harmony.

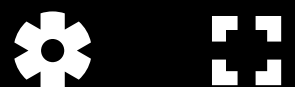
Finally, although the internet can be used to share the truth, it can equally be used, even innocently, to share subtle errors that lead people away from biblical truth. This is especially true of those internet “ministries” that deny Adventist beliefs such as the

Sabbath and our understanding of the state of the dead. These are two critical tests: if they fail those, shun them. Do we want to be responsible for souls lost, rather than won by the power of a “loving and lovable Christian”?

Many Adventists have a tendency to suspicion about the news, sometimes bordering on paranoia. That’s not entirely without reason, as we know that Satan’s deceptions will envelop the corridors of power and corrupt religious, political and social institutions, and that this will worsen as we approach the end of time. Most of the book of Revelation reveals that. But we must be exceedingly careful that what we uncritically watch does not separate us from the fundamental hope we have in the ultimate redemptive power of faith in Christ, His work in the heavenly temple to minister His sacrifice, His final work of judgement and His second coming.

Let’s ditch the couch, get out more and share what the Bible tells us, not YouTube!

DR DAVID PENNINGTON RETIRED PLASTIC SURGEON LIVING IN LINDFIELD, NSW.



Revelation meditations

When a church decides they want to run a prophecy seminar, the budget is usually one of the first things they consider. How much money will they spend on advertising? If they don't hold it at the church, will there be costs involved in booking a venue? And just how much will it cost to fly in that special international speaker?

In 2018, Pastor Ross Chadwick, volunteer pastor at Dungog Seventh-day Adventist Church (NSW), had a list of contacts to whom he regularly sent uplifting spiritual text messages. This list included friends and colleagues who were going through difficult times; he intended for the texts to encourage them. The messages were usually Bible verses accompanied by short inspiring thoughts. On a couple of occasions, he included verses from the book of Revelation.

Towards the end of the year, a non-Adventist contact who had been receiving the texts asked whether Pastor Chadwick could begin sending short devotional thoughts on Revelation as she found the book confusing to understand. At first, Pastor Chadwick thought it would be an impossible task, given the complexity of the book.

"I've had 45 years' experience in studying the book of Revelation," says Pastor Chadwick. "It's one of my favourite books."

He considered the fact that Revelation draws heavily on other books of the Bible such as Isaiah and Ezekiel and wondered how he could include all the Old Testament symbolism and major stories that were necessary for context in the limited amount of characters a text message allowed him. However, the Holy Spirit prompted him to reconsider. Almost 60 people currently receive Pastor Chadwick's texts and half of them are not Adventists. A few learned about the texts from the Dungog church website and others by email.

"I have a data plan with my phone company that can send 60 texts a day," says Pastor Chadwick. "This means that my Revelation seminar is virtually free. I could never have envisaged running a Revelation seminar with 25 non-church members, let alone doing it for free! It is also pulling in people who would never attend a public evangelism seminar."

Pastor Chadwick would like to share his resources with anyone who would like to start a similar ministry. "All they have to do is 'like' our Facebook page and message me from there," he says.

Visit facebook.com/One80dungog/.

I VANIA CHEW PRODUCER, MUMS AT THE TABLE.



The life of a company man

Francis (Frank) Cecil Craig was born on March 25, 1920, the second son of Cecil Albert and Lily Thompson Craig.

After graduating from the two-year business course at Avondale College in 1937, Frank began working for the Sanitarium Health Food Company (SHF) in 1938, making Weet-Bix and Granose biscuits the old-fashioned way in the factory at Warburton (Vic).

Frank married Freida Rabe on August 5, 1941 and in the years to come they had three children, Jeanette, Alan and Ron.

Just four months into their married life together, Frank was called up into the Australian army. He served as a non-combatant on the front line, working as an operating theatre assistant with the 7th Field Ambulance. Three of his four years of service were in high conflict zones, including Milne Bay, Bougainville, Lae, Nassau Bay and Salamaua in Papua New Guinea.

Sometimes just 600 metres from enemy lines, living in swamps and trenches, Frank was known as a man of prayer. When the sound of air raid sirens signalled the need to get into their slit trenches, Frank's war-weary friends were often heard to say, "Let's get in with Franky . . . he prays." Not at all unusual for the time, Frank did not get to meet his infant daughter, Jeanette, until she was 18 months old.

At the end of the war, economic conditions in Australia were difficult as the country made the transition back to a peacetime economy. Wartime government contracts were cancelled and many, particularly women, lost their jobs while at the same time thousands of servicemen were being discharged and seeking civilian employment. Once demobilised from active military service Frank asked if he could return to his career with SHF and as a result was employed as an accountant in the Brisbane office, for which he was very grateful.

By August 1952, Frank was an assistant manager for SHF in Sydney before becoming the New Zealand manager in February 1959, a position he held until he transferred back to Sydney in October 1966, this time as the factory manager there. At the end of 1970 Frank moved to the SHF head office as the assistant secretary. A year later, Frank became the secretary (manager) for SHF, remaining in that role until poor health prompted his early retirement in June 1982.

There were many notable men who made the SHF what it is today. Following on from the legendary George Fisher, who consolidated the company into a successful business, were individuals like George Chapman, Carl Ulrich, Andrew Dawson, Bertram Johanson, Wilfred Kilroy and Frank Craig, who was then followed by Cameron Myers. Together, these men took the company through many difficult and challenging times. They navigated their way through the Great Depression of the 1930s, successfully expanding the business while their competitors were failing and going to the wall. They led through the difficult years of World War II when resources were scarce—fuel, vehicles and new machinery were almost impossible to obtain. Because of the chronic fuel shortages, making transportation difficult, factories were established in every state. Post-war growth saw a new generation of leaders working to maintain and equip an updated network of larger but, in time, fewer factories to meet new demands and market forces. When the Plant Development Division of the company wanted to introduce computers to the company's production lines, many in SHF leadership positions were initially reluctant to consider this new and expensive electronic automation. However, the new equipment soon proved its worth and permission was given to advance and innovate further,



so a more robust and productive manufacturing environment could be developed to meet increasing retail demand. With Frank's continued input, the Sanitarium head office and the South Pacific Division combined in 1975 to select Datapoint to supply and install a major computer network. This bold move successfully streamlined both the SHF and the Church's operational needs, moving both organizations into the age of silicon chips, gigabytes and online communication.

Frank was widely respected for his leadership, encouragement and mentoring. He saw the SHF as "a work of God's devising" and a very real gift to the Church. He showed great courage and fortitude when it was needed in difficult times. He never carried a grudge and believed in his people. In all, Frank gave 44 years of denominational service, which, by denominational policy, included credit for his four years in the army.

Frank's life was totally immersed in "the Company" and he reluctantly took early retirement after a long and difficult illness associated with the prolonged use of malarial medications during his war-time service in Papua New Guinea. Frank died of renal failure on August 15, 1983.

LESTER DEVINE DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE ELLEN G WHITE/ADVENTIST RESEARCH CENTRE AT AVONDALE COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

SPECIAL GIFT

Re: "Faith-nurturing guide" (Feature, April 6). Firstly I want to say that I appreciate John Skrzypaszek calling our attention to the special gift we have in our Church in the writings of Ellen G White and reminding us of the need to rightly understand and use them as sadly they are often misused and misquoted!

I was blessed to be born into an Adventist family and thankfully I have had a very positive experience with the writings of Ellen White throughout my life and still treasure them to this day. The book *Steps to Christ* was one of the first ones I read right through as a teenager, and it helped me to develop and grow my own relationship with Jesus.

Over the years I have read

many of Ellen White's books and they have pointed me to Jesus, encouraged me to study the Bible more deeply, confirmed my faith in all of our distinctive Bible doctrines and saved me from many deceptive errors both within and outside of our Church. I have learned practical guidelines for healthful living and been challenged to share my faith and care for those in need.

For anyone who may have had a negative experience or has never read any of Ellen White's books I hope you can read and discover for yourself the true blessing to be found in them. God has sent precious light through His messenger to help prepare a people for the soon return of Jesus Christ.

Linda Thomas, NSW

SEEDS BEAR FRUIT

The editorial "Seeds for today" (March 16), directs our attention to nature, also the Bible through which God reveals truth to His Church.

As it is in nature, with all living organisms, so it is with our Church, the living body of Jesus our Saviour.

We are given doctrinal truth in the form of seed. The Holy Spirit gives growth to this seed, then fruits are produced. This process works if congregations love the truth.

Seventh-day Adventists are given seeds of indispensable truth for the whole Christian Church to be announced before the second advent of Jesus.

But where then is the growth of this seed, these kernels of truth given to the Seventh-day Adventist

movement?

Is our leadership satisfied to only preserve the seed, to preserve the kernel? Why are we not looking at the potential fruits contained in that kernel of truth?

We have the kernel of truth but not yet its fruits.

When there is love of truth it will sprout, bud, blossom and fruit. May we see this in our congregations.

Henry Firus, Vic

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HELPING YOUR KIDS SWITCH ON WITHOUT TUNING OUT

Devices like smartphones and tablets have become powerful tools to communicate, entertain and seek information—connecting us as a global community in a way past generations could not have dreamed.

However, kids today often spend significant amounts of time watching or interacting with screens, which can directly impact sleep quality as well as time for physical activity, with negative consequences across all the key foundations of children's health and wellbeing.

Current guidelines state that children should spend no more than two hours per day being entertained by screens. Yet, the majority of primary school aged children (60%) and high school children (85%) exceed these recommendations, spending more than four-and-a-half hours every weekday on screens, and six or more hours on the weekends for almost half of kids (49%).

According to a new University of Notre Dame and Sanitarium report that identifies and examines the most critical threats to lifetime health outcomes for Australian children, screen time often also comes at the expense of social interaction with parents and carers, and can lead to language delays, reduced attention spans, lower levels of school-readiness and poorer decision-making.

Long periods of time spent sitting in front of a screen can also have an impact on a child's physical health, leading to poor posture, short-sightedness (myopia) and hearing problems due to over-use of headphones.

But whether we like it or not, screens are here to stay. The challenge for parents and carers is to ensure that kids aren't spending too much time on them and that the time spent on screens is as positive and beneficial as possible.

Why not try these tips to help your kids develop healthy screen habits from an early age?

Learn more about children's health and wellbeing by viewing the *Little People Big Lives Report* at <sanitarium.com.au/biglives>.



Chocolate Thumbprint Cookies

These soft biscuits with a special chocolate centre are easy and fun to make!

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HEALTHY SCREEN HABITS TO TRY



REMOVE SCREEN-SILOS

Mum and Dad are watching TV and the kids are glued to their mobiles. Sound familiar? Screen time is often "solo", which can negatively impact your child's social and communication skills. Remove the silos and make screen time "family time", like a regular movie night.



SCREEN THE SCREENS

Screen time should be constructive and positive for your kids. Make sure their time spent online is age-appropriate. Age ratings are a good start, and there are helpful websites that provide reviews from other parents to guide your decision on whether something is right for your children.



ONLINE FOR OFFLINE

Help kids balance the digital and real world by matching their online games with offline activity. If they love a soccer app, match their time spent online with a kick about in the park.

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OLSEM WANNEM, KIDS?

Kids Space

A New World

Praising God for all He made is a part of worshipping Him. Just as God celebrated with Adam and Eve, He wants to celebrate with us as we gather to worship Him.

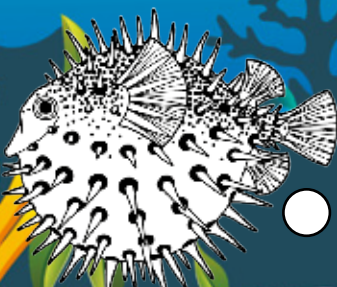
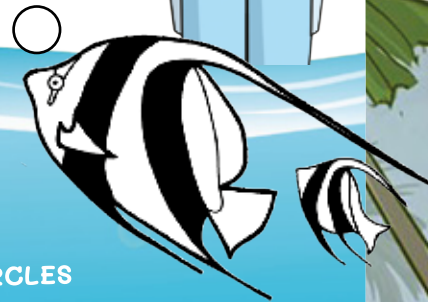
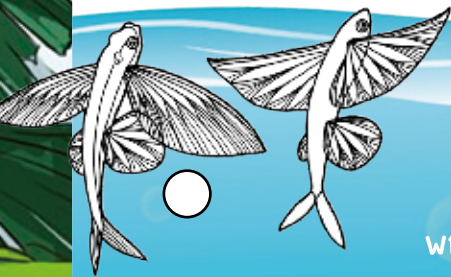
We worship God when we thank Him for creating our world.



MATCH THE SEA ANIMAL WITH THE DESCRIPTION

WRITE THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER IN THE CIRCLES

- 1 Angelfish are tropical fish and are graceful swimmers with long trailing fins.
- 2 Seahorses are fish. They breathe through gills and have a long snake-like tail.
- 3 Puffer fish have spikes that are poisonous. When they sense danger, they puff up by swallowing large amounts of water.
- 4 Flying fish can be seen jumping out of warm ocean waters. Their large, wing-like pectoral fins get them airborne.
- 5 *Rhizostoma pulmo*, also known as the barrel jellyfish, has a frilly mouth.
- 6 Stingrays have a long tail with serrated edges and a barb. They use their tail to defend against predators.



Memory Verse

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

*Olsem Wannem is Bislama for 'how are you?' (Vanuatu)



Go to <http://thetuis.tv> and learn more about Creation — 'Robot Butler', Episode 6.



Weddings



BOUCHER—ZIPAGAN. Andre Boucher, son of Greg and Lorraine

Boucher (Bateau Bay, NSW) and Viel Zipagan, daughter of Arthur and Jacinta Zipagan (Isabella, Philippines) were married on 17.3.19 at Bateau Bay. Andre and Viel will live at Cooranbong where Andre is an assistant nurse.

Harold Harker



LANGTREE—TORRES. Douglas Langtree, son of Thomas and

Minnie Langtree (both deceased) and Joanne Torres, daughter of Edgar Ruiz (Philippines) and Asuncion Ruiz (deceased) were married on 17.3.19 in the Beaudesert Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Neil Tylor



TOROSSIAN—FONG. Justin Torossian, son of Avanes and Edith

Torossian (Pacific Union College Church, USA), and Charissa Fong, daughter of David and Gayl Fong (Berowra, NSW) were married on 17.3.19 at the Wahroonga Seventh-day Adventist Church. Having pastored in California since 2009, Justin accepted a call to pastor the Hamilton Church in Newcastle. Charissa also serves in the NNSW Conference with prayer ministries. Their marriage marks the end of a long distance courtship and the beginning of a life of serving the Lord till He comes.

Roger Govender, Tony Rodriguez, Nataniel Pereira, Wayne Boehm

Obituaries

BANKS, Judith Anne (nee Donald), born 8.10.1944; died 3.3.19 in Wyong Hospital, NSW. She was predeceased by siblings, Joy, Terry and Barry. Judy is survived by her children and their families, Dean, Kylie and Archie (Sydney), Sharli and Lei, Taylor, Henley, Lovely, Malia and Isaiah (Sydney) Simon and Sally, Rio, Levi and Eden (Terrigal); siblings, Pat, Dot and John; and former husband John. Judy's vivacious, generous and hospitable Christian nature consistently enriched the lives of all she touched until heart surgery six months ago precipitated a

valiant, but unsuccessful struggle to recover. Judy's confident faith ensures she awaits the joy of seeing her Saviour.

Ian Howie

CAMPBELL, Frances Joan (nee Martin), born 31.12.1931 in Lismore, NSW; died 14.3.19 in Maryborough, Qld. She is survived by her son Lance Boardman; and sister Doris Swift. "Fran" was a much-loved mum and a faithful member of her much loved Tumbulgum church family. A gentle lady of immense energy and kindness. We look forward to seeing her again when Jesus returns.

Raymond Dabson



COCHRANE, Margaret (nee Wiggins), born 20.11.1945; died 15.3.19 in Cooran-

bong, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband Geoff. She is survived by her children Janelle, John and Jamie (all of NSW). Margaret's Godly life was celebrated with a focus on the love she had for her Lord and for her family. Margaret had spent her life in service to those in need around her. Her eager anticipation of the return of her Saviour was remembered as family and friends offered a fitting tribute to this very special woman of God.

Kenn Duke

HUGHES, Dr Harold John, born 18.4.1931 in Macksville, NSW; died 8.2.19 in Cleveland, Qld. On 18.11.06 he married Shirley Murdoch. Harold is survived by his wife (Cleveland); and daughter to a previous marriage Wendy Hughes (Meander, Tas). Harry was a larger than life individual who loved his wife, his daughter, his 'kids' and his fishing. He will be greatly missed.

Neil Tylor



LAIRD, Ivy (nee North), born 8.8.1920 in Subiaco, WA; died 28.12.18 in Busselton.

On 27.11.1962 she married Allan Laird, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her eight siblings. Ivy is survived by her step-daughter, Chris Laird. She was a full-time employee of Sanitarium Health Food for 20 years, rising to the position of foreman at the Carmel Weetbix factory. After marrying Allan, she moved to his farm at Mt Walker, later to Moodiarrup and finally to Busselton in 1978 for

retirement. She was a woman of integrity, honesty, hard work and compassion. She loved her Lord, attending church until a few weeks before her death

Ron Mason

MURRAY, Daniel Richard, born 30.12.1931 in Tekao, NZ; died 15.3.19 in Hervey Bay, Qld. On 3.9.1953 he married Mercia (Melvilole) his wife of 65 years. He is survived by his wife (Hervey Bay); children, Dan and Leanne Murray (Darwin, NT), Fay Armstrong (Whangarei, NZ), Jenny and James West (Kaitia, NZ), Lorna Murray (Perth, WA) and Vernon Murray (Hervey Bay, Qld); 17 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. Dan was a very committed man of faith who knew and loved his God intimately to the end. He was very involved as head elder in several churches, helping plant churches in New Zealand, Darwin and south Queensland. Dan showed Christian love to all. Dan's life purpose was to honour the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil Downing

PIPER, Joy Louisa, born 19.1.1955; died 2.3.19. Joy is survived by her husband, Albert Jr; daughter, Natasha and husband Wayne; son Joshua and wife Lisa; and grandchildren, Alana, Olivia and Elianna. She lived her faith like her name, joyful, compassionate and selfless to the very end.

Trevor Mawer

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CONSTITUENCY MEETING NORTH NSW CONFERENCE

Notice is hereby given that the 57th Constituency Meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, North New South Wales Conference will be held at Stuarts Point Convention Centre, 250 Grassy Head Road, Stuarts Point, NSW 2441. The meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2019 commencing at 9.00am. Delegates will be appointed in harmony with the Constitution. The business of the Constituency Meeting will be as provided in the Constitution, including the presentations of reports and financial statements for the quadrennial period 2015–2018 inclusive. The executive officers, departmental directors, associate departmental directors, executive committee, constitution committee and appointments committee for the North New South Wales Conference will be elected. Pastor Paul Geelan, General Secretary, North NSW Conference.

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Adventist Church of Australia (ACA) is seeking a full-time candidate to manage the operations of the ACA in the South Pacific Division.

Applicants will report to the operations manager in managing the support services and independent living units of the ACA, ensure that we meet our commitment to the ACA and to the community, manage and provide delivery of services and ensure the work is done effectively with the ACA and the community. This position requires a strong understanding of the ACA and its commitment to the ACA and the community, excellent communication skills, proven management experience and a commitment to the ACA and its commitment to the ACA and the community of the church. For more information contact Gail Thompson, ACA Operations Officer, 400 Broadway Street, Sydney NSW, 2009, email <gail.thompson@adventist.org.au> Phone (02) 9489 0943 Fax (02) 9489 0943. **Applications close May 29, 2019.**

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**DIRECTOR OF CARE, ADVENTIST AGED CARE
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