

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – April 2013

Welcome to the April edition of *Happenings* for 2013! Please email news to tedpaull@hotmail.com, or ring (02) 9888 9664, (02) 9878 3008 or (02) 9878 1078, or mail it to P O Box 41 NORTH RYDE NSW 1670. If you would like to receive an email copy of *Happenings* please let us know. Ted Paull

Kurrajong baptism – and passing

From the Kurrajong (NSW) church comes news of **Martin Burford** who was baptised into Christ on the December 1, 2012, then passed away due to his battle with cancer on February 28 this year.

Perth Baptisms

On Friday evening, March 22, **Austin Turner** was buried with Christ in baptism at the Malaga church. Two days later, on March 24, **Rob O'Neill** and **Christy Rosengarten** were united with Christ in baptism.

Canberra baptism

Chris van Reyk reports that after a providential meeting in the street, followed by a Bible study, **Timothy Turczyniak** was baptised on Saturday February 16 in Lake Burley Griffin.

Sydney baptism

At the Eastside congregation, **Kate Ramsden** was baptised into Christ on Sunday March 14.

Anzac Picnics

These are on again at the same places as last year, all on Anzac Day, April 25:

Perth: At the Children's Playground (Synergy Playground) in Kings Park at 11am on Thursday, 25th April. They usually get quite a crowd.

Melbourne: At the Stringybark Picnic Area at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill. People start gathering from mid-morning.

Sydney: At the Auburn Community Picnic Area at the end of Killeen St. Time is 10.30am - 4pm.

Gold Coast YAYAH

March: About 50 people from The Point, Cleveland, Holland Park, SouthWest and Gold Coast congregations turned up for the Gold Coast church's Youth and Young-at-Heart gathering on Sunday March 24th. The day was led by **Jonathan Frank** who gave edifying lessons on wearing God's Superhero Armour to face our daily fight against Satan.

June: **Reed Brown** will lead the Gold Coast church's YAYAH on Sunday June 16. Reed is from the County Line Church of Christ, Alabama, USA and will be working with the congregation during June 1-19, 2013. More information: Frank Gnanam (07) 5529 7743.

Autumn Songfest

This annual gathering of hearts and voices for God, with song leaders from around Melbourne, is organised by the South East congregation. It will be on Friday, April 26 at 7:30pm at the Glen Waverley Community Centre, 700 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley.

Warringah Y&Y@H

The Warringah Youth and Young at Heart evening scheduled for April 28 will be a Singing Workshop led by **Eric Hamilton** of the church at Southwest. They will meet at 5.30 for a 6 pm start. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information contact **Bob Marks** at bobmarks@hotmail.com or 0414238581

Malaga Move

The congregation meeting in Malaga (Perth) hopes to begin meeting in its new renovated premises on May 5.

Youth Retreat

The SouthWest (NSW) congregation will be hosting its annual Youth and Young Adult Retreat on May 24-26. This year's theme is "Getting REAL and DEALING with SEX - Honouring God with our bodies in today's sexually immoral world". The camp is open to youth and young adults from high school age and up and will be at Long Point Christian Conference Centre, 20 Wills Rd, Long Point. The Cost: \$90 for campers from NSW/ACT and \$80 for campers from other states. Contact: **Jonathan Frank** on email Jonathan@southwestchurch.org.au or phone 0411 148 210 or **Frank Cunningham** (02) 4627 1011 or email frank@southwestchurch.org.au.

Fifty-n-Over Retreat

This is planned for May 3-6 at the Merroo Christian Centre, Merroo Road, Kurrajong. "Anchors in the Storm" is the theme with the speaker **Ron Graham** from Bundaberg (Qld). Cost: Friday-Sunday \$155; Friday to Monday \$220. Discounts apply to those travelling more than 300km and those attending for the first time. Contacts: **Alan Bottle** (02) 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065 and **Warren Thorburn** (02) 8197 2671 or 0414 893 330.

Victorian Camp

Seventy-four people from Victoria, SA, NSW, ACT and the USA attended this year's Autumn Camp at Lake Nillahcootie. Speaking on "The Seven Ones" were **Graham Wall, Brett Christensen, David Payne, Clifford Snell, Raymond Kirkpatrick, James Young** and **Graeme Offer**.

CALENDAR

- March 9th-May 10th
Abney visit @ Vic, WA, NSW
- March 28th-April 1
Autumn Camp @ Lake Nillahcootie, Vic
- March 29th-April 1
Camp Barnabas @ Bridport, Tas
- March 29th-April 1
Destination Darwin @ Darwin, NT
- April 25th
Anzac Day picnic @ Kings Park, Perth
- April 25th
Anzac Day picnic @ Jells Park, Melbourne
- April 25th
Anzac Day picnic @ Auburn Community Picnic Area, Sydney
- April 26th
Autumn Songfest @ Glen Waverley, Vic
- April 28th
Youth & Young @ Heart @ Warringah, Sydney
- May 3rd-6th
Fifty-n-Over Retreat @ Kurrajong, NSW
- May 24th-26th
SouthWest Youth and Young Adult Retreat @ Long Point, NSW
- June 16th
Youth & Young at Heart @ Gold Coast, Qld
- July 10th-14th
MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie, Sydney
- September-October
Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea.