

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – April 2016*

Welcome to our latest issue of *Happenings* for 2016! Please email your 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 your personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

### ***NSW Baptism***

The Hawkesbury congregation reports the good news of the baptism into Christ of **Emily Lownds** on Monday March 21 in the Jelly Bean Pool at Glenbrook National Park. Her father, **Jason**, baptised her.

### ***Brisbane Baptisms***

The Point congregation sends news of the late December baptism of **Rebecca Layt** and they welcomed the New Year with the baptism of **Lael Batoon** in early January.

### ***Barnabas at Ballina***

On the weekend of the April 15-17, a group of Christians from Coffs Harbour (NSW) is going up to spend time with and to encourage the Ballina congregation. This is the 3rd Project Barnabas venture. Guest speaker is **Ted Paull**. If anyone would like to join with them on this great weekend of fellowship, they would love to have you. Please contact **Marvin Ansell** on 02 6652 4549 or **Satish Samuel** on 02 6658 6039 for further details.

### ***New Elders***

The Mersey Bluff church meeting in Devonport, Tasmania recently appointed their first elders. They are **Ian McPherson** and **Brett Rutherford**.

### ***Queensland Retreat***

The Point church held their annual church family retreat on Bribie island during the Easter week-end. Guest teachers were **Graham & Penny Fry** from the Canberra church.

### ***Combined Event***

The Wollongong (South Coast), Campbelltown (Southwest) and Bankstown congregations have planned a combined picnic to be held at Cordeaux Dam on April 9. This is part of an effort to increase contact and provide mutual support among these three congregations.

### ***Coffs Meetings***

The Coffs Coast church at Coffs Harbour (NSW) now meets at the Steiner School at 4 Gentle Street on Sunday mornings at 10am for Bible study and 11.15am for worship. Mid-week meetings are still at the Bayldon Community Centre, Toormina Rd, Toormina at 6pm.

### ***NSW Retreat***

The 50-N-Over Retreat is planned for April 29-May 2 this year, again at “Meroo” near Kurrajong. Theme for the week-end is, “He Gave Me a Song!” If you have further enquiries please contact **Alan Bottle** on 02 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065, or **Warren Thorburn** on 02 9825 3775 or 0414 893 330.

### ***Victorian Camp***

This Autumn Camp was attended by 84 Victorian campers plus about 20 visitors from 16 congregations in 5 states/territory and one foreign country across “the ditch”.

### ***Retreat***

The Youth and Young Adult Retreat, Camp Soul, conducted by the Southwest (NSW) congregation is planned for May 27-29. The venue is the Long Point Christian Conference Centre, 20 Wills Rd, Long Point, Ingleburn. Theme for the weekend is: ‘UNDEFEATED!’ including lessons on Truth Wins, Humility Wins, Love Wins and Faith Wins. Cost for the retreat is \$105 for NSW residents and \$95 for those from interstate. Contacts: **Frank Cunningham** 0418 618 415 or stand\_firm@hotmail.com or **Kyle Keese** keese.kyle@gmail.com or 0436 237 977.

### ***Revive***

This year’s Camp Revive is planned for September 23-26 at Yellingbo in Victoria.

### ***Sydney Lectureship***

The annual MSOBS Lectureship is planned for July 13-17 on the theme, “Healthy Teaching for a Healthy Church.”

### ***Rob-on the Job***

During the first eight months of his Victorian work, **Roberto Quintanilla** has taught weekly classes at the Heidelberg West and Belmore Rd churches, and also taught at Yackandandah, Bairnsdale and Southeast and visited the church at Mooroolbark as well as visiting Christian brethren living at Wangaratta and Mirboo North.

### ***Seminar***

At the Belmore Rd (Melbourne) congregation a Church History Seminar is planned for the afternoon of May 15 at 2-5.15pm. It will be taught by **Keith Stanglin** from Austin, Texas, USA.

## **CALENDAR**

**March 31st – April 3rd**

**Series on How We Got the Bible  
@ Southeast, Melbourne**

**April 9th**

**Wollongong, Southeast,  
Bankstown Picnic @ Cordeaux  
Dam, NSW**

**April 15th-17th**

**Project Barnabas @ Ballina, NSW**

**April 25th**

**Anzac Day Picnic @ Auburn  
Community Picnic Area, Sydney**

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**Anzac Day Picnic @ Jells Park,  
Wheelers Hill, Melbourne**

**April 25th**

**Anzac Day Picnic @ Synergy  
Parkland, Kings Park, Perth**

**April 29th-May 2nd**

**50-N-Over Retreat”, @ “Meroo  
Kurrajong, NSW**

**May 15th**

**Church History Seminar@  
Belmore Rd, Melbourne**

**May 27th-29th**

**Youth & Young Adult Retreat @  
Ingleburn, NSW**

**July 13th-17th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie, Sydney**

**September 23rd-25th**

**Camp Revive @ Yellingbo,  
Victoria**

**September 24th-25th (tentative)**

**Family Seminar @ Bankstown,  
Sydney**