

# ***HAPPENINGS***

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

Welcome to the last issue of *Happenings* for 2016. The next is planned for February 2017. If you have news please send it to [tedpaull@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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### ***Victorian Baptism***

From the Mooroolbark (Melbourne) congregation comes the good news of the baptism of **Joan Thomas** on Monday November 7 at around 5:40 am!

### ***Queensland Baptism***

The Morayfield (Brisbane) congregation rejoices with **Kim Howlett** who was baptised there on Tuesday evening, November 29.

### ***Western Australian Baptism***

The Malaga (Perth) church reports that **Marilyn Clint**, a niece of **Chas Dolan**, had been talking with Chas, listening to him give an answer for the hope he has in Christ Jesus. This prompted her to attend on Sundays to see what it's all about. After worship on Sunday October 30 she had a Bible study and decided that she needed to be baptised into Christ that same day. The congregation is rejoicing with their new sister.

### ***Outreach***

At the recent Fisher's Ghost street stall and outreach weekend, Southwest (NSW) members gave out over 300 flyers about the Lord's church, and numerous invitations to join them for worship and lunch on Sunday November 13 for their Family and Friends day. Many good conversations were had with people about Jesus, His church and the Bible. They were thrilled to have one guest join them for worship from their invitations and are continuing to pray for those other seeds planted to bear fruit.

### ***Summer Camp***

Camp Challenge in NSW is planned from December 27, 2016 to January 1, 2017. Guest Speaker this year will be **Kent Hartman** on the theme of: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus: Finding the Gospel Story in Your Life!" Final registrations are due by December 13. For more information, contact [bobmarks@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmarks@hotmail.com) or 0414 238 581 or [www.campchallenge.org.au](http://www.campchallenge.org.au).

### ***Elders appointed***

On Sunday November 13, the Metro (Adelaide) church installed their first elders. After several months studying the scriptures on the qualification, the men chosen by the congregation for this great work were **Andy Ezis** and **William Wang**. They seek our prayers on behalf of these two brothers.

### ***Family Camp***

The Malaga (Perth) congregation is planning a Family Camp at Serpentine on the long weekend of Friday, March 3 to Monday March 6, 2017.

### ***Marriage***

Marriage Enrichment programs for churches in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney, led by **Dale Hartman**, were held at the Belmore Road, Holland Park and Macquarie churches in the week of November 13-20. About 50 people from 10 congregations attended the Sydney session.

### **Queensland Camp**

Camp Gidawarra at Natural Bridge will be held during January 1-6. Guest speaker is **John York**. An extra discount is available for those who live more than 500km away. For more information, you can go to [www.campgidawarra.net](http://www.campgidawarra.net).

### **Youth Day**

The Warringah congregation in Sydney plans to hold a youth day on the third Sunday in the new year, January 15, 2017.

### **Congregation Ending**

The Northside (Sydney) church which currently meets in the suburb of Lindfield has notified us that December 18 will be their last meeting together. The congregation began in 2007. Many families have recently moved away and the remaining members decided that they would move to other churches.

### **CALENDAR**

**December 27th 2016-January 1st 2017**

**Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor,  
NSW**

**January 1st-6th 2017**

**Camp Gidawarra @ Natural  
Bridge, Qld**

**January 15th 2017**

**Youth Day @ Warringah, Sydney**

**March 3rd-6th 2017**

**Malaga Family Camp @  
Serpentine, WA**

**July 12th-16th 2017**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie, Sydney**

### **DES TYERS**

Malaga (Perth) church member **Des Tyers** passed from this life on Sunday afternoon, November 13.

In the 1960s, not long after the establishment of the Embleton church in Perth, Des was having some work done by a local painter who talked to him about Jesus. Des was

surprised as the man “didn’t look the type”, but he listened and soon Des and his wife **Esma** became Christians. The painter’s name: **Ron Wallace**.

When the Embleton church chose elders in 1976, Des was one of the three selected.



**Embleton elders and their wives appointed in December 1976: (from left) Des & Esma Tyers, Tom & Rens Bunt, Bill and Mattie Quayle**

Des and Esma later became members of the City Beach congregation, who again chose Des as an elder for their flock.

When the Mt Lawley/Malaga congregation began, Des and Esma became members there and Des was again chosen to be one of their elders.

Their three sons, **Brett, Roger** and **Paul** and their daughter, **Meredith**, were all led to Christ. Paul Tyers described his dad’s influence in this way: “Our Dad wanted the best for us and that’s why he shared Jesus with us in word and deed. Dad knew the goal, headed toward it and even though obstacles obstructed a straight path, he has made it home.”

These churches regularly helped support the Lord’s work in India, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea and with each contribution Des sent a hand-written note expressing love and concern for the brethren. He also corresponded with the Ballina church, receiving encouragement from **Nancy Bailey** and **Pearl Slender**.

Esma and the boys and their families are members at Malaga now. We are very grateful for the example and influence which Des has had on so many people during his earthly life.