

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – February 2013

Welcome to the first edition of *Happenings* for 2012/13! Remember, we do not publish an edition in January. 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

Baptisms & Restorations

Western Australia: The South Coast (Albany) church family has been blessed as they welcomed two new sisters into the body of Christ. **Erica Lewis** on December 23 and **Lita Paige** on January 13. They were both baptised into Christ in God's wonderful baptistery--the Southern Ocean.

This church family also welcomed **Jeffah Theback**, a Christian from Ethiopia and **John Andrews** who was restored to active fellowship in the month of December.

ACT: The Canberra church welcomes **Rachel Kirkpatrick**, daughter of **Ray & Liz**, who was baptised during Camp Challenge, and also **Lachlan Ingham** son of **Glenn & Janette** who had been at camp and was baptised on January 1. Also, **Michael Van Den Bos**, son of **Marcel & Michelle**, former Canberra brethren who now live in The Netherlands and had been at camp, was baptised in a lake at Haarlem on January 13 (the maximum temperature there that day was -1°C and the wind chill -7°C!).

South Australia: The Metro (Adelaide) congregation had a baptism on December 16 when **Lai (Tiffany) Chow** was united with Christ.

Queensland: On December 18 at the Maryborough church **Alaura Hanley** was baptized in the dam behind her family home by her father. She is the daughter of **Alister & Janene** and grand-daughter of **David & Gloria**.

Bendigo Help

An effort is being made to support the Christians living in Bendigo (Vic) who began meeting there last year. In keeping with this

effort the Heidelberg West Church of Christ have organised a roster involving Christians from at least four congregations to travel to Bendigo twice a month to support the **Snell family** who moved there in 2012 and also **Elaine Mcleod** who has lived there for many years. On the January 20 the members in Bendigo were blessed by having 18 people at their service.

MSOBS Summer Session

At the Macquarie (Sydney) church, the Macquarie School of Biblical Studies will conduct a Summer Session this month. Classes will be held at 10am-3pm with lunch provided. Studies are: February 7-8 "**Messages from the Mountain**" – **Graham Wall**; February 11-14 "**Age, Culture, and the Church**" – **Les Totman**.

Seminar

"**Reach In - Reach Out**" was the theme of this first seminar of encouragement in Coffs Harbour. The Coffs Coast (NSW) congregation wanted to start these seminars off with an evangelistic theme and a review of works that are ongoing in the various congregations around Australia. People came from 10 different congregations around Australia and there were also 19 people who came from the Coffs community in addition to the members of the local congregation. **David Carr, Brad Johnson, Ted Paull, Brett Christensen, David Payne, and John Gibbins** spoke as well as others. The Coffs Coast congregation wishes to thank all who came, all who prayed for this work, and all who spoke. They said it was very uplifting!!

New Congregation

A new congregation has begun meeting at Mooroolbark, east of Melbourne. There are nine in the congregation and they meet in the home of **Jerry Hauck**, 41 Blackburn Road, Mooroolbark on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10am. They are not yet meeting every Sunday so that the transition for those who have been West Heidelberg members will be smooth. The congregation includes **Ray & Sue Davison, David & Kate Adkins, Jerry** and four others. So far they have had 3 visitors. They are in the process of advertising correspondence courses with the help of **Ron Bainbridge** in Albany.

Victorian Autumn Camp

“The Seven Ones” is the theme for this year’s camp at Lake Nillahcootie in Victoria, over the Easter weekend. The full adult fee (for four days and five nights) is \$160. Further details are available from **Brett & Lesley Christensen** on (03) 9776 6215.



Anzac Picnic - Sydney

The Eastside (Sydney) church is organising the ANZAC Day picnic this year on Thursday April 25 at the Auburn Community Picnic Area in Killeen St. They plan to provide a sausage sizzle (participants are asked to bring salads or deserts and drinks to share) and congregational singing and children's games, and the congregational reports will be in a printed format. Time is 10.30am - 4pm. Contact: **Peter Mandalidis** phone 9662 6024 or mobile 0439 877 643.

Destination Darwin

A project which plans to send 20 Christians up to Darwin to encourage them over the Easter weekend in 2013 is being organised by **Marvin & Jenny Ancell** at Coffs Harbour. The date is March 29-April 1. If you would like to find out further information, check out their website: www.coffschurch.org.au or email lancell50@optusnet.com.au or phone (02) 6652 4549.

At the Movies

The Southwest (NSW) church had a 15 second commercial at the local Dumaresq St Cinema in Campbelltown during the December 2012 - January 2013 school holidays. The commercial invited people to visit Southwest church of Christ, a family church, and learn about Jesus' love. The commercial was shown on 3 screens at each movie session, totalling approximately 120 times a week. It was estimated that between 70,000 to 100,000 movie goers would have seen the commercial. \$1170 was the on-air cost, plus \$260 production cost. It worked out to be about \$1.43 per showing.

Abney visit

Bob Abney will again be visiting Australia (on his own) during March, April and May and will be assisting churches in three states. Here is his plan: Victoria: Belmore Road, March 9-April 1; W.A.: Perth, April 2-8; NSW: Bankstown, April 9-16; Richmond, April 16-22; Eastside, April 23-30; Gosford, May 1-9.

CALENDAR

February 7th-14th

MSOBS Summer Session @
Macquarie, Sydney

March 1st-4th

Malaga Family camp @
Serpentine, WA

March 9th-May 10th

Abney visit @ Vic, WA, NSW

March 28th-April 1

Autumn Camp @ Lake
Nillahcootie, Vic

March 29th-April 1

Destination Darwin @ Darwin,
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April 25th

Anzac Day picnic @ Auburn
Community Picnic Area, Sydney

May 24th-26th

SouthWest Youth and Young
Adult Retreat @ Cataract, NSW

July 10th-14th

MSOBS Lectureship @
Macquarie, Sydney

September-October

Mission Trip to Papua New
Guinea.