

# HAPPENINGS

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – June 2013*

This edition completes seven years *Happenings* for me! (Not forgetting that Stephen Randall did it for nearly 20 years!) Please email news 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 an email copy of *Happenings* please let us know. Ted Paull

### ***A Century for Rens!***

On May 24 **Rens Bunt** became 100 years old. On the following day 140 guests celebrated her birthday at a party in Brisbane hosted by her daughter **Hilde Searson**. She also received congratulations from the Queen, the Prime Minister, the Governor-General, the Queensland Premier and the Lord Mayor of Brisbane. **Rens** (and her husband **Tom**) came to Australia from Holland in 1952 and were united with Christ in 1963, becoming members of the Holland Park church in Brisbane. They moved to Perth in 1974, worshipping with the Embleton church, then spent seven years working in the Waria Valley and Wau in Papua New Guinea from 1977-84. Rens, a nurse, ran a medical clinic, on many occasions providing the only medical aid in the area. We are mightily encouraged by her faith and faithfulness!

### ***Youth Sex Seminar***

In Brisbane, the Wellington Point congregation is hosting a "Scripture On Sex" seminar for youth (high school) and young adults from Friday, 21 June to Sunday, 23 June. This is a weekend seminar designed to help youth consider and make biblically informed decisions about these important issues. Facilitators are **Brett & Lesley Christensen** (Melbourne) and **Jo Morgan** (Hobart) Cost: \$50 per person which includes accommodation and all meals. Financial

assistance is available. Contact: **Steve Wilson**: [steve@thepoint.org.au](mailto:steve@thepoint.org.au).

### ***Gold Coast YAYAH***

**Reed Brown** will lead the Gold Coast (Qld) church's YAYAH on Sunday June 16. This will be at Nerang Bicentennial Community Centre, 833 Southport Nerang Rd, Nerang during 9.30am-2.30pm. The theme for the day will be 'The Sermon from the Pit'. More information: **Frank Gnanam** (07) 5529 7743.

### ***PNG trip***

**Tom Bunt** has maintained his interest in Papua New Guinea since his seven years of mission work there and he has organised another trip there in September. This will be led by **Steve Collins** from the Warwick (Qld) church and will also include **David Payne** and **Catherine Campbell** from the Belmore Road (Melbourne) congregation and **Elvia Rivas** and **Lito Batoon** from the Wellington Point (Brisbane) church. They will be met in Lae by **Wesley & Tupolin Wosse** from the Tampawi church who will serve as interpreters. They plan to be in PNG during September 5-19 and spend about 8-9 days in the Waria Valley where **Tom & Rens Bunt** did Mission work in the late 70s. They then hope to spend 1 or 2 days in Wau where the Bunts worked for 5 years in the early '80s. They will be doing teaching and preaching and manual work on church buildings.

## **MSOBS LECTURESHIP**

The annual MSOBS Lectureship is planned for July 10-14 this year. The theme is "Treasure in Clay Jars". A special highlight is that the original team from Southwest (or Campbelltown as most people call it) are planning to return for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation's beginning and they all plan to be here for the Lectureship—**Dale & Sheila Hartman, Charlie & Debbie Powell, Kent & Nancy Hartman and Tony & Betty Keese!** This should be a great reunion!

## **Warringah Y&Y@H**

The next Youth and Young at Heart gathering is planned for July 28 at the Warringah church in Sydney. The speaker will be **Christian Bargholz** from the Eastside (Sydney) congregation.

## **Gospel Mission**

The Kurrajong (NSW) church plans a gospel mission for June 14-16 on the topic of "Simple Christianity":

Friday June 14: 7:30pm "Noah's Ark and the Church" – **Roberto Quintanilla**

Saturday June 15: 7:00pm "Contentment – Is it a realistic goal today?" – **Stephen Males**

Sunday June 16:

9:30am "Worshipping God – Confusing or Simple?"- **Stephen Males**

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am "The Christ and The Church" – **Roberto Quintanilla**

Info: **Roberto Quintanilla** 0404 784 146, kurrajongchurchofchrist@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

## **Church Leadership Forum**

Klesis is hosting a forum to be conducted at the Holland Park (Brisbane) church during July 24-27. It will involve two workshops, the first during July 24-25 on "Spiritual Deepening" and the second on July 26-27 on "Equipping for Change & Conflict". Cost will be \$33 for each workshop or \$55 for both. Registrations must be received by

July 12. A discount for registrations by June 28 is available. Contact: **Alan Rowley** at rowley@klesis.com.au or (03) 9889 0900.

## **Youth Retreat**

Over 50 youth and young adults attended the annual Southwest (NSW) youth and young adult retreat held on May 24-26. The topic this year was "Getting Real and Dealing with Sex!" It centred on honouring God with our bodies in today's sexually immoral world. The weekend consisted of lectures, group discussions and a Q and A panel. The aim of the weekend was to define God's expectations of sex according to the Bible – and focus on God's viewpoint.

## **Visiting team**

The Lindisfarne (Tas) congregation have been hosting a team of eight from Harding University from May 17 to 29 who have been letterboxing, visiting various Christian schools in the Hobart, Launceston & Ulverstone areas and visiting various congregations throughout Tasmania.

## **CALENDAR**

### **June 14th-16th**

**Gospel Mission @ Kurrajong, NSW**

### **June 16th**

**Youth & Young at Heart @ Gold Coast, Qld**

### **June 21st-23rd**

**Scripture on Sex seminar @ Wellington Point, Qld**

### **July 10th-14th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie, Sydney**

### **July 24th-27th**

**Church Leadership Forum @ Holland Park, Brisbane**

### **July 28th**

**Youth & Young @ Heart @ Warringah, Sydney**

### **September 5th-19th**

**Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea.**