

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## ***News of churches of Christ in Australia – June 2015***

Greetings to all our readers this month! This edition marks the end of nine years of our publishing. (Not very significant in the light of Stephen Randall's 20 years of work on this!) Please email your 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 your own email copy of *Happenings* please let us know.

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### ***Melbourne Baptisms***

The Heidelberg West church rejoices with two new brethren:

**David McIntosh** was baptised into Christ on April 26 and **Belinda Cooke** was immersed into the Lord on May 24.

### ***Tassie Retreat***

The 13th Annual Mersey Bluff Church of Christ "Far Above Rubies" Ladies' Retreat is planned for August 21-22 with guest speaker **Brenda Rutherford**. The theme will be "Our Heavenly Home" and it will be held at *Camp Banksia*, Port Sorrell, Tasmania. Fees are: Adults \$60; Children (under 16) \$50 and places must be confirmed by the end of July. The camp starts at 3pm on Friday ends after lunch on Saturday. Contacts: Phone: (03) 6427 7658 or 0448 380 156; Email: [bjrutherford@bigpond.com](mailto:bjrutherford@bigpond.com).

### ***MSOBS Lectureship***

The Macquarie School of Biblical Studies Lectureship will be held at the Macquarie (Sydney) church on July 8-12 on the theme, "Aiming for Perfection". **Dale Hartman** and several others will be teaching.

### ***For the Ladies***

The Blacktown (Sydney) church plans a Ladies' Day on Saturday August 29. It is anticipated that the theme will be "Somewhere over the Rainbow-Standing on the Promises of God."

### ***Gospel Singing***

The Macquarie (Sydney) church plans an Area-wide Gospel Singing on Saturday June 20. **John Wiegand** and four other brethren from Australia and the USA will be conducting this at 3.30-5.30pm, followed by a session for song-leaders at 6.30-8pm. Contact: **Peter Tickner** phone: (02) 9878 3008 or email: [tickey211@gmail.com](mailto:tickey211@gmail.com)

### ***Farewell Jean***

Southwest (NSW) church of Christ farewelled a sister in Christ, **Jean Couch** to her heavenly home on May 8th 2015. Jean was introduced to the church in 1983 by taking on a babysitting job while the children's mothers had a Bible class. She was baptised in August 1985. She attended faithfully as health permitted and served the church by preparing the Lord's Supper for worship every week and teaching babies' class.

### ***Papua New Guinea Trip***

**Steve Collins** from the Warwick (Queensland) church is planning to lead a team for a 15 day mission trip to PNG on Saturday June 20. The others involved are **Damian Bissett** from Burnie, **David Payne** from Melbourne, **Gillian Johnson and Jannah Hoopmann** from Brisbane and also **Wesley & Tupolin Wosse** and **Joe Dobodoba** from Lae.

### ***Family and friends***

There were twenty-one visitors for the Family and Friends Day held at the Heidelberg West (Melbourne) church on Sunday May 24. Eight of these were from the community and the rest were friends of members.

### ***Queensland Lectureship***

The 'Set on a Hill Lectureship' in Toowoomba at the Gipps Street Church of Christ will be happening this year from September 25 to September 27. This year the theme will be "The Wisdom From Above" and the guest speaker is **Sam Willcut**. Information: at web [www.tinyurl.com/gippsstreet](http://www.tinyurl.com/gippsstreet) or phone (07) 4630 1505.

### ***Sydney Seminar***

This year's Bankstown family seminar is planned for Saturday and Sunday September 26-27 (the second weekend of the school holidays). The theme is: "Family Life & Spiritual Development: The Hurdles". Speakers are **Roy Courtney, Peter Tickner, Frank Cunningham, Bob Marks, Les Totman, Michael Bargholz** and **Ted Paull**. The Saturday program is scheduled to go from 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The Sunday session is scheduled to begin with worship at 9:50 a.m. and to continue until 2:15 p.m. They plan to provide lunch on both days.

### ***Bible Quiz***

SouthWest Church of Christ Bible Quiz will this year test the youth/young adults' knowledge of Paul's letter to the Galatians.

It will be held on Saturday August 8 at the East Campbelltown Community Hall, cnr. Macquarie Ave and Waminda Ave, East Campbelltown, starting at 6pm with a meal together. This event is open to all youth and young adults from ages 11 to 30. Contact: **Frank Cunningham** mob: 0418 618 415 or (02) 4627 1011 email: [stand\\_firm@hotmail.com](mailto:stand_firm@hotmail.com).

## **CALENDAR**

### **June-July**

**Mission Trip to Waria Valley, Papua New Guinea**

### **June 20th**

**Area-wide Gospel Singing @ Macquarie church Sydney**

### **July 8th-12th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie, Sydney, NSW**

### **August 8th**

**SouthWest Bible Quiz @ East Campbelltown, NSW**

### **August 21st-22nd**

**Ladies Retreat @ Port Sorell, Tasmania**

### **August 29th**

**Ladies' Day @ Blacktown, Sydney, NSW**

### **September 26th-27th**

**Family Seminar @ Bankstown, Sydney, NSW**

### **September 25th-27th**

**Lectureship @ Toowoomba, Qld**