

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – March 2012

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*. We are pleased to have this medium for the brethren. Please email news to tedpaull@hotmail.com, or mail it to **P O Box 41 NORTH RYDE NSW 1670** or ring **(02) 9888 9664, (02) 9878 3008** or **(02) 9878 1078**.
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Ballina baptism

Harrison Langford was baptized into Christ at the Ballina (NSW) congregation on Wednesday night, February 15, amid much rejoicing.

Hunter Valley baptism

The congregation meeting at East Maitland (NSW) rejoiced when **Kathleen Fotheringham** was baptized into Christ there on Friday morning, February 10. Her fiancé, **Scott**, became a Christian last year. Three others have become Christians here in the last 12 months.

Central Coast baptism

At the Gosford (NSW) congregation-which meets in the suburb of Niagara Park-**Kieran Payne** was baptised on Wednesday night, February 15.

Darwin progress

Keven and Carmen Jones, report from Darwin (NT) that they have made contact with an American Christian couple, who are now worshipping with them, and have also been contacted by a Christian family in Zimbabwe who are planning to move there. If you would like to join them their contact numbers are 0429 424 492 and 0405 814 321.

Summer session

Twenty-one people including teachers and students from eight congregations attended the first summer session of Macquarie School of Biblical Studies in Sydney during February 7-17.

Malaga move

The Malaga (Perth) congregation has outgrown its current facility, and knowing that this was likely to happen they have been searching for a new home for two years. They currently have 7 classroom spaces but now need 12 plus a bigger auditorium for the 150+ people usually meeting, so they are in the process of buying another property (a car showroom), 1 kilometre away but still in Malaga. This has room for 500+ people in the auditorium. They plan to settle the purchase on March 31st, take possession on July 1st and move in early October 2012. Before that time members plan to co-operate in doing all the renovations themselves.

Valley changes

Several changes are happening for the Hunter Valley (NSW) congregation. From April 8, 2012, the new meeting place will be: Bruce St Community Hall, 22-24 Bruce St, East Maitland (instead of East Maitland RSL Hall, New England Highway) Also, the meeting time will change to 10:15am (from old time of 10am). This new location is in the heart of the East Maitland community and the cost will be cheaper and the time available longer than at the previous venue (which is to be demolished within two years). They will be paying just \$30 for 4 hours of use. The mailing address has already changed to: to P.O. Box 459, East Maitland, NSW, 2323 (previously Box 457), and the contact phone numbers are now, **John & Denise Gray** (02) 4028 6027 and **David & Anne Carr** 0401 516 287.

Retreat

Bookings for the Fifty-n-Over Retreat on May 4-7 at Kurrajong close on March 20, 2012. To register and for any enquiries contact **Alan Bottle** at (02) 9671 2243 or alan.bottle@hotmail.com.

Gold Coast - Youth & Young @ Heart

About 40 people from six congregations in Queensland and New South Wales attended this event on February 26.

Sydney - Youth & Young @ Heart

Ben Bray spoke on "Second Choices" at the Warringah congregation on February 26. This month the session will be on March 25 starting at 5.30pm and the speaker will be **Michael van der Laan** from the Blacktown church.

Camp Barnabas

This is planned for Bridport, Tasmania during April 6-9, 2012. The cost this year is \$95 for adults; 11-17yo \$85; 5-10yo \$65. For information contact **Barry Hume**: (03) 6326 1601 or barryhume@bigpond.com.

Aboriginal missions

The Cleveland (Brisbane) church is again conducting aboriginal missions this year, to Brewarrina on June 30 - July 5, and to Moree on July 9-16. For more information contact **Brad Johnson** at 0410 441 654 or bradjohnson@tgp.com.au.

Autumn camp

The 2012 session of this camp is on the theme of "It's Not the End of the World!" at the usual location of Lake Nillahcootie in Victoria. The date is April 6-9. For information contact **Brett Christensen** on (03) 9776 6215.

Camp Connect

Camp Connect is again at Burleigh Heads (Qld) this year, during July 6-8. Contact: **Brad Johnson** at bradjohnson@tgp.com.au or 0410 441 654.

Camp Harmony

This is planned for April 6-9 at 58 Harmony Rd, Gympie, Queensland on the theme of: "Getting to Know your Brother". For information contact **Selwyn Smith** at selwyn.smith@ymail.com or (07) 5483 5468. This is a relaxing weekend of Christian Fellowship at a family friendly camp.

CALENDAR

March 2nd-5th

**Malaga Family Camp @
Serpentine Camping Centre,
WA**

March 25th

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

April 6th-9th

**Camp Harmony @ Gympie,
Qld**

April 6th-9th

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport,
Tasmania**

April 6th-9th

**Autumn Camp @ Lake
Nillahcootie, Vic**

May 4th-7th

**Fifty-n-Over Retreat @ Meroo,
near Kurrajong, NSW**

May 25th-27th

**Youth & Young Adult Retreat
@ Cataract River Ranch, NSW**

June 30th-July 5th

**Aboriginal Mission @
Brewarrina, NSW**

July 6th-8th

**Camp Connect @ Burleigh
Heads, Qld**

July 9th-16th

**Aboriginal Mission @ Moree,
NSW**

July 11th-15th

**MSOBS Lectureship @
Macquarie church, Sydney**