

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – March 2013

Welcome to the second edition of *Happenings* for 2013! 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

Baptism

The Gold Coast (Qld) church reports that **Tatyanna Safran**, daughter of **Safran** and **Dionne**, was baptized on February 17. Safran & Dionne have been attending the Rochedale church in Brisbane.

Tassie Camp

Camp Barnabas (Camp of Encouragement) is on again this year at the Bayview Centre, Francis St, Bridport, in north-east Tasmania during March 29-April 1. Cost: Adults - \$95; 11-17yo - \$85; 5-10yo - \$65; Under 5yo - Free. You can arrive on the evening of March 28 for just \$11 more. Contact: **Barry Hume** (03) 6326 1601 and barryhume@bigpond.com or **Greg Wells** (03) 6228 5616

MSOBS Summer Session

Over 30 people from 12 congregations attended during the Summer Session of Macquarie (Sydney) church's School of Biblical Studies in Sydney during February. Classes averaged about 19 each day with special classes taught by **Les Totman** (Bankstown, NSW) and **Graham Wall** (Heidelberg West, Vic). **Amanda Olorenshaw** has joined **Ben Bray** as a full-time student and another two men are also studying part-time in the regular classes.

Victorian Autumn Camp

"The Seven Ones" is the theme for this year's camp at Lake Nillahcootie in Victoria, over the Easter weekend March 28-April 1. Further details are available from **Brett & Lesley Christensen** on (03) 9776 6215.



Youth Retreat

The SouthWest (NSW) congregation will be hosting its annual Youth and Young Adult Retreat from Friday May 24 to Sunday May 26. This year's theme is "Getting REAL and DEALING with SEX - Honouring God with our bodies in today's sexually immoral world", taken from 1 Corinthians 6:20. This camp is open to youth and young adults from high school age and up. Couples leading sessions include the **Tickners, Christensens, Whites and Browns**. The retreat will be at a new location at Long Point Christian Conference Centre, 20 Wills Rd, Long Point--approx 20 minutes north of Campbelltown, near Ingleburn. The Cost: \$90 for campers from NSW/ACT and \$80 for campers from other states. Contact: **Jonathan Frank** on email Jonathan@southwestchurch.org.au or phone 0411 148 210 or **Frank Cunningham** (02)46 271011 or email frank@southwestchurch.org.au.

Retreat

The Fifty-n-Over retreat is planned for May 3-6 at the Merroo Christian Centre, Merroo Road, Kurrajong. "Anchors in the Storm" is the theme and the speaker will be **Ron Graham** from Bundaberg (Qld). Cost: Friday-Sunday \$155; Friday to Monday \$220. Discounts apply to those travelling more than 300km and those attending for the first time. Contacts: **Alan Bottle** (02) 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065 and **Warren Thorburn** (02) 8197 2671 or 0414 893 330.

Gold Coast Youth

A Youth and Young-at-Heart Sunday will be held on March 24 at the Gold Coast (Qld) church of Christ. **Jonathan Frank** from the SouthWest church will be bringing the messages. All are welcome. Contact **Frank Gnanam** (07) 5529 7743.

Autumn Songfest

This annual gathering of hearts and voices for God, with song leaders from around Melbourne, is organised by the South East congregation. It will be on Friday, April 26 at 7:30pm at the Glen Waverley Community Centre, 700 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley (near Springvale Road).

Anzac Picnics

These are on again at the same places as last year, all on Anzac Day, April 25:

Perth: At the Children's Playground (Synergy Playground) in Kings Park at 11am on Thursday, 25th April. They usually get quite a crowd.

Melbourne: At the Stringybark Picnic Area at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill. People start gathering from mid-morning.

Sydney: At the Auburn Community Picnic Area at the end of Killeen St. Time is 10.30am - 4pm.

Destination Darwin

Eight people are currently planning to go to Darwin to encourage the church there over the Easter weekend. This 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.

Retreat

The Belmore Rd (Vic) church has their congregational retreat in Mt Eliza on the March long weekend (8-11), with **Graham Wall** teaching on the theme "Mission Possible - Becoming Mission oriented people".

No Camp

Camp Harmony at Gympie (Qld) has been cancelled this year due to serious illness in the extended family of the main organisers. It will be on again in the Easter weekend 2014, Lord willing.

Uni Signup

The Southwest (NSW) church joined in the University of Western Sydney orientation week on February 25-28, cooking and serving the students at a sausage sizzle and also inviting students to join the "Abundant Life in Jesus" campus Bible study group. Several good contacts were made and 25 students signed up to join the group.

CALENDAR

March 1st-4th

Malaga Family camp @ Serpentine, WA

March 8th-11th

Belmore Rd congregational Retreat @ Mt Eliza, Vic

March 9th

Gold Coast congregational Retreat @ Gold Coast, Qld

March 9th-May 10th

Abney visit @ Vic, WA, NSW

March 24th

Gold Coast Y&Y@H @ Gold Coast, Qld

March 28th-April 1

Autumn Camp @ Lake Nillahcootie, Vic

March 29th-April 1

Camp Barnabas @ Bridport, Tas

March 29th-April 1

Destination Darwin @ Darwin, NT

April 25th

Anzac Day picnic @ Kings Park, Perth

April 25th

Anzac Day picnic @ Jells Park, Melbourne

April 25th

Anzac Day picnic @ Auburn Community Picnic Area, Sydney

April 26th

Autumn Songfest @ Glen Waverley, Vic

May 3rd-6th

Fifty-n-Over Retreat @ Kurrajong, NSW

May 24th-26th

SouthWest Youth and Young Adult Retreat @ Long Point, NSW

July 10th-14th

MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie, Sydney

September-October

Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea.