

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## ***News of churches of Christ in Australia – March 2014***

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### ***NSW Baptism***

**David Anstiss** was baptised into Christ at the Warringah congregation on Tuesday January 14. David has been meeting with the church for the last few years, and has kept the church property in good shape.

### ***New Venue***

The Central North (Perth) church is changing its meeting place. From March 2 they plan to begin assembling at the Rob Baddock Community Hall, 160 Dampier Ave, Kallaroo WA 6025. Translation for the deaf is provided. Contact details are: Phone: 0416 559 050, Website: [www.centralnorthcoc.org.au](http://www.centralnorthcoc.org.au).

### ***Tassie Camp***

The annual Camp Barnabas is on again in Bridport, Tasmania this year. It starts on Friday April 18 and ends on Monday April 21. The guest speaker is **Graham Wall** from the Heidelberg West church in Melbourne. For more details contact **Greg Wells** on 0408 146 748 or [gk.wells@bigpond.com](mailto:gk.wells@bigpond.com) or **Barry Hume** at [barryhume@bigpond.com](mailto:barryhume@bigpond.com) or (03) 6326 1601.

### ***Blacktown Lectureship***

The Blacktown (Sydney) church plans its one-day Western District Lectureship for Saturday, October 11.

### ***Tom Bunt goes home***

**Tom Bunt** passed from this life on Monday February 10, aged 88. Tom and his wife **Rens**, who were married in 1946, came to Australia from the Netherlands in 1952 and lived in W.A. until 1959, before moving to Brisbane. They became Christians there in 1963, worshipping with the Holland Park church, then moving back to Perth in 1974 to be with the Embleton church where Tom was appointed an elder in 1976. The congregation had begun supporting **Reg & Ruth Coles** in Papua New Guinea in 1974 and the Bunts were encouraged by them to help in PNG so they moved there in 1977. Tom & Rens lived in a village while helping the church in the Waria Valley, then after two years moved to begin a new work in Wau, meeting outdoors until constructing a building there which housed an assembly of 120 by the time they left in October, 1984. On returning to Australia Tom continued his interest in helping elsewhere, making 14 trips to PNG as well as helping out a new work in Darwin. Poor health prevented Tom from returning to PNG last year but he encouraged and organised others to make the trip. He has been a faithful worker for the Lord for more than half a century and is sadly missed by his family, friends and many brethren.

### ***Queensland Camp***

Camp Harmony will be held under canvas at Gympie during the Easter weekend, April 18-21. It will take place at 58 Harmony Rd, Gympie. Contacts: **Selwyn Smith** on (07) 5483 5468, or **Tony Cronin** on (07) 5483 2719

### ***Fifty'n'Over***

The Fifty-n-Over retreat is planned for May 2-5 at the Merroo Christian Centre, Merroo Road, Kurrajong. The theme is, "A Builder in God's House." Contacts: **Alan Bottle** (02) 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065 and **Warren Thorburn** (02) 8197 2671 or 0414 893 330.

### ***Victorian Autumn Camp***

This year's camp at Lake Nillahcootie in north-east Victoria during April 18-21 will focus on the theme of "What does the Bible say about Work, Rest and Play?". Fees are \$165 for adults, \$105 for 10-15 year olds, and \$75 for under 10. Applications and a 20% deposit need to be paid by Thursday, April 3. Registration forms and further details are available from **Brett & Lesley Christensen** on (03) 9776 6215.

### ***Belmore Rd Retreat***

The Belmore Road (Melbourne) congregation plans its annual CampING (I Need God) during March 7-10 with **Peter Tickner** from the Macquarie church as the guest speaker.

### ***Bankstown Seminar***

The Bankstown (Sydney) congregation's seminar tentatively planned for September 19-21 is a "Family enrichment weekend".

### ***MSOBS Lectureship***

"Faith in Operation" is the theme for the MSOBS Lectureship in Sydney planned for July 9-13. **Dale & Sheila Hartman** are scheduled to visit again for this event.

### ***Youth Camp***

Southwest (NSW) church invites all youth and young adults to Camp Soul, Youth and Young Adult Camp, May 23-25 at Long Point Conference Centre, Ingleburn. Theme for the week-end is: "Back to Basics - Back to Jesus".

### **CALENDAR**

**February 28th-March 3rd**

**2014 Family Retreat @  
Serpentine, WA**

**March 2nd**

**Central North new location begins  
@ Kallaroo, Perth**

**March 7th-10th**

**Belmore Road congregational  
retreat @ Mt Eliza, Vic**

**April 18th-21st**

**Camp Harmony @ Gympie, Qld**

**April 18th-21st**

**Victorian Autumn Camp @ Lake  
Nillahcootie, Vic**

**April 18th-21st**

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport, Tas**

**May 2nd-5th**

**Fifty'n'Over Retreat @  
Kurrajong, NSW**

**May 23rd-25th**

**Youth & Young Adult camp @  
Ingleburn, NSW**

**June 6th-9th**

**Barnabas Project for Darwin @  
Coffs Harbour, NSW**

**July 9th-13th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie, Sydney**

**September 19th-21st**

**Family Enrichment Week-end @  
Bankstown, Sydney (tentative)**

**October 11th**

**Western District Lectureship @  
Blacktown, Sydney**