

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – March 2017*

Welcome to the second issue of *Happenings* for 2017. If you have news please send it 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 your personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

### ***Victorian Baptisms***

There were two baptisms in recent months at the Belmore Road congregation. **Li Xin** was baptised on Monday, December 5. She's the wife of **Leng**, who's already a Christian. They are originally from Malaysia and now work as pharmacists in Melbourne. Then on Sunday January 1, **Fei Fei** was baptised. She's the daughter of a Christian couple, **Henry & Beryl**, who are part of their Mandarin-speaking assembly. **Fei Fei** is part of the English assembly and is studying biomedicine at the University of Melbourne.

### ***Women's Singing Class***

This group meets on the first Monday in each month from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Macquarie church building, 82 to 84 Kent Road, North Ryde. The purpose of the group is for fellowship but specially to encourage good acapella part singing in worship. Each month they revise the correct notes for two of their favourite hymns, together with the alto part for those who want to learn that part. Learning CDs are provided or MP3 learning tracks are emailed, so you can practise at home and then sing together and refine the songs at the monthly meeting. Men's tenor and bass parts are usually included in the learning tracks in the hope that some of the women's menfolk might like to listen and learn those parts at home. The next class will be on Monday 6 March. If you or your friends would like to join the women's singing group, please contact **Stephanie Klempfner**, phone (02) 9878 0207 or email [sklempfner@gmail.com](mailto:sklempfner@gmail.com). They would love to have you join them!

### ***Ballina on the Move***

Due to renovations for about 12 months at their previous meeting location, the Ballina (NSW) church is now meeting at The Richmond Room at 5 Regatta Ave, Ballina. The location is just behind the Library in River Street and next to the Visitor Information Centre.

### ***Anzac Day picnics***

Picnics on this holiday are again planned for Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

### ***Over again***

The 50-n-over retreat is set for Friday April 28 until Monday May 1 at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong. The theme is: "Your Sun Is Rising". Costs: \$250.00 for 4 days, and \$190.00 for 3 days. Discounts apply for long distance travelers and first timers. A surcharge applies for those requesting single accommodation. Contact: **Alan Bottle** on 02 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065, **Warren Thorburn** on 02 9825 3775 or 0414 893 330 or **John Drennan** on 0431 235 212.

### ***Tassie Lectureship***

The Eastern Shore (Hobart) church is holding its 22nd consecutive lectureship, on the theme of "Holy Wholly" - Lessons from 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22. The event begins at 12noon on Thursday May 4 and continues until the evening of Saturday May 6. Speakers include **Alan Fowell, James Williams, Daniel Smith, Todd O'Donnell, Brett Rutherford, Leigh Stokes, Glen Tattersall, Charlie Di Palma, Ian McPherson, Kevin Stokes** and **Andrew Young**.

### ***Moree Mission***

Mission Moree is on again in 2017 and the dates are July 3-8. This is an opportunity to spend five days working with Aboriginal children in the NSW town of Moree. Go to <http://www.ozgraceandpeace.com/mission-moree-2017-1> for more information or you can contact **Brad Johnson** at [bradjohnson@tpg.com.au](mailto:bradjohnson@tpg.com.au).

### ***Family Camp***

The Malaga (Perth) congregation is planning a Family Camp at Serpentine on the long weekend of Friday, March 3 to Monday March 6.

### **North Coast Seminar**

The Coffs Coast Church in Coffs Harbour (NSW) plans to hold another North Coast Enrichment Seminar during March 17-19. The theme will be "Embracing Cultural Diversity within the Church". Speakers include **Bopelo Boitshwarelo** from the Darwin church and **Charles & Darlene Coulston** who are missionaries currently working in Nairobi Kenya and **David Carr** from the Hunter Valley. The seminar will be held in the Casuarina Steiner School, 4 Gentle St., Coffs Harbour, NSW. Contacts: **Marvin Ancell** on 0419 500 231 or lancell50@optusnet.com.au; **Satish Samuel** 0422 778 226 or jeraldsamuel @ yahoo.com.au.

### **Tassie Camp**

Camp Barnabas: the Camp of Encouragement, at Bridport, in north-east Tasmania is planned for April 14-17. Fees: Under 5 free, 5-10yo \$75.00, 11-17yo \$95.00, Adults \$110, Family (2 adults + 2 children)-\$340.00, additional children-\$70. (You can arrive on 13th if you wish, for an extra \$15.) Day trippers \$10 per meal. Registration & payment due by March 14. Contact: **Barry Hume** (03) 6326 1601.

### **Victorian Camp**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Autumn Camp at Lake Nillahcootie is planned for April 14-17 on the theme of "What if...?" For an information sheet and application form you can ring 03 9776 6215 or email camp@peopleofGod.org.au.

### **MSOBS Lectureship**

This event in Sydney is planned for July 12-16 this year and guest speakers will include **Dale & Sheila Hartman** and **Tim Lewis**.

### **2018 Camp**

Advanced notice of Camp Warana for next year is the date of January 8-13 at Myrtle Park. For more information, you can contact **Glen Tattersall** phone 0419 374 426 or balfourcoc@bigpond.com.

### **SRE**

To teach scripture (Special Religious Education) in NSW public school all religious persuasions must be approved by the Minister for Education, and attend approved SRE training. Without this approval and training churches are not allowed to teach in schools. Southwest church of Christ has recently received that approval and is now registered on the NSW

Department of Education website as a training provider for SRE for non-denominational churches of Christ in NSW. If you would like to teach SRE in schools in your area and would like information on what is required for you to be able to do that you are welcome to contact **Frank Cunningham** at Southwest on 0418 618 415 or by email: stand\_firm@hotmail.com.

### **India Visit**

**Peter Mandalidis** reports that from the monies raised in Australia, 700 bibles were purchased from The Bible Society of India as were 35 new mattresses for the children in the Kakinada Children's Home. The annual Youth Rally at Church Square church of Christ attracted 300 young Christians and all expenses were paid, including stationery, prizes for teams participating in the Bible quiz and food for the all-day event. A donation was made towards the cost of purchase of land in a village that will allow a new congregation to build on the land (God willing) as they have started to meet regularly to break bread. Please pray for this new work that brother **Anand Kumar** has started and as he continues to serve the 2 existing congregations.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **March 3rd-6th**

**Malaga Family Camp @  
Serpentine, WA**

#### **March 6th**

**Women's Singing Class @  
Macquarie, Sydney**

#### **March 17th-19th**

**North Coast Enrichment Seminar  
@ Coffs Harbour, NSW**

#### **April 14th-17th**

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport,  
Tasmania**

#### **April 14th-17th**

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

#### **April 28th-May 1st**

**50-N-Over Retreat @ "Merroo",  
Kurrajong, NSW**

#### **May 4th-6th**

**Lectureship @ Eastern Shore,  
Hobart, Tas**

#### **July 3rd-8th**

**Mission Moree @ Moree, NSW**

#### **July 12th-16th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie, Sydney**

#### **January 8th-13th, 2018**

**Camp Warana @ Myrtle Park,  
Tas**