

# HAPPENINGS

## News of churches of Christ in Australia – March 2018

Welcome to the second issue of *Happenings* for 2018. If you have news please send it 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 personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

### **WA Family Camp**

The Malaga (Perth) brethren have organized a Family Camp at Serpentine on March 2-5. Included in this will be a Teachers Workshop taught by Mary Nelson from New Zealand.

### **Melbourne Congregations**

**Graham Wall & Roberto Quintanilla** along with other **Heidelberg West brethren** have been working together for the past 16 months to establish a congregation in the western suburbs of Melbourne. The group began meeting full-time at Caroline Springs, 23km West of the city, on Sunday February 18, with **David Payne** as guest speaker. This Western Melbourne church is meeting at Caroline Springs Hall, 17 Federation Way on Sundays at 5.30pm.

A new group is also meeting once or twice a month in the Doreen area in Melbourne's northern suburbs.

### **Family Website**

We mentioned last month about the **Christensen family** website. It is one way that the family is trying to promote The Way; or "New Testament Christianity" as brethren more commonly call it these days. All members of their family contributed to it in varying degrees. It is designed to be location-neutral, to be useful to brethren anywhere, even if only as an adjunct link on their own (more locally aimed) website, as well as being informative for others seeking God's way. You can find it at [www.peopleofgod.info](http://www.peopleofgod.info).

### **Fifty-N-Over Retreat**

This is planned for this year during May 4-7, at "Merroo" near Kurrajong, NSW. The Theme will be "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

### **Melbourne Picnic**

On Anzac Day this is planned for the usual location of the stringybark area at Jells Park, starting at 10.30am.



### **Sydney Picnic**

The Eastside church is hosting the Anzac Day Picnic on Wednesday April 25 at the Auburn Community Picnic Area. A "sausage sizzle" lunch will be provided. Please bring salads and desserts to share. Children's games will also be available.

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

The next session at the Macquarie (Sydney) church will be on Monday March 5 at 7.30pm. If you would like to join the women's singing class, please contact **Stephanie Klempfner**, email [sklempfner@gmail.com](mailto:sklempfner@gmail.com) or phone (02) 9878 0207.

### **Elders & Deacons conference**

The Point (Brisbane) church is planning to host a seminar for elders and deacons at the Pacific Resort in Cleveland on March 27-29. Australian and overseas teachers will be involved. The theme is "Who's Next? Passing the Baton of Church Leadership." Contact [www.apeds2018.com](http://www.apeds2018.com) or email: [admin@apeds2018.com](mailto:admin@apeds2018.com).

### **Project Barnabas**

A group of Christians from Coffs Harbour, Canberra and Melbourne will be visiting the Bairnsdale congregation in Victoria on April 27-29. Guest speakers include **Graham Wall**, **Roberto Quintanilla** and **Marvin Ancell** who will be speaking on lessons from the book of Nehemiah. Project Barnabas is a small project that aims to encourage small congregations, strengthen ties and share resources in Australia. For more details contact **Marvin Ancell** 0419 500 231 or **Satish Samuel** 0422 778 226.

### **Songfest**

**Jules Cseszko** has informed us that the Autumn Songfest 2018 is planned for Saturday May 12 at 2.30pm at the Monash University Religious Centre Chapel.



### **Preacher Wanted**

The Belmore Road church in Melbourne is seeking a church minister with a focus on: evangelism and outreach; youth and young adults; and Biblical teaching and equipping. For a position description, details of financial support and any other information on the position, please contact **Charles Hooi** on 0488 441 466 or email [elders@belmoreroadchurch.org.au](mailto:elders@belmoreroadchurch.org.au).

### **Congregational Camp**

The Belmore Road (Melbourne) church will have their annual congregational camp over the Labour Day weekend (March 9-12) at Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza. Their guest speaker is **Andrew Johnson** from the Holland Park congregation in Brisbane. The theme is "Be Transformed" from Romans 12:1-2.

### **Church Visit**

On 4 February, most of the Southeast congregation in Melbourne visited the Belmore Road congregation to join their Sunday assembly, then had a picnic in a nearby park. It was an encouraging day, and people are talking about doing it again in future.

### **No Tassie Camp**

Camp Barnabas has been cancelled for this year.

### **Autumn Camp**

The theme of this year's Autumn camp at Lake Nillahcootie is "Fools for Christ". Held over the Easter long weekend (March 30 to April 2), the camp



this year offers a bonus extra hour on the third day for no extra charge. Full camp fee for adults is \$190. Contact **Brett & Lesley Christensen** at [camp@peopleofGod.org.au](mailto:camp@peopleofGod.org.au) for information.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **March 2nd-5th**

**Malaga Family Camp @ Serpentine, WA**

#### **March 5th**

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

#### **March 9th-12th**

**Belmore Rd Camp @ Mt Eliza, Vic**

#### **March 27th-29th**

**Elders & Deacons Seminar @ Cleveland, Brisbane**

#### **March 30th-April 2nd**

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

#### **April 25th**

**Anzac Day Picnic, @ Wheelers Hill, Melbourne**

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#### **April 27th-29th**

**Project Barnabas, @ Bairnsdale, Vic**

#### **May 4th-7th**

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

#### **May 12th**

**Autumn Songfest 2018 @ Monash University, Melbourne**

#### **May 25th-27th**

**Camp Soul @ Long Point, NSW**