

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – May 2013

Welcome to the May 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

Brisbane baptisms

From the Holland Park (Qld) congregation comes news of three baptisms in April - **Gemma Faulks, Lin Lim** and **Harrison Johnson!**

Change of Location

The Church of Christ, Hawkesbury (NSW) will be meeting at the Hawkesbury Seniors Leisure and Learning Centre at 114 March Street Richmond as from May 5. This new venue puts the assembly close to the Railway Station and the centre of the town.

Anzac Picnics

Three were held on April 25:

Perth: At Kings Park about 100 people gathered at Kings Park for the ANZAC Day Picnic. It was reported to be “a beautiful day to get together and share with each other.”

Melbourne: At Jells Park, Wheelers Hill more than 30 people gathered in pleasant weather.

Sydney: At the Auburn Community Picnic Area 130-150 people gathered on a sunny day. Brethren travelled from as far as Coffs Harbour and Wollongong and all enjoyed a great day of fellowship.

Melbourne Baptisms

On Sunday April 14, **Katy Woods** was baptised at the Heidelberg West (Vic) congregation!

Fifty-n-Over Retreat

About 60 people are meeting this first week-end in May for the retreat at Kurrajong, with **Ron Graham** from Bundaberg (Qld) speaking on the theme “Anchors in the Storm”.

Gold Coast YAYAH

Reed Brown will lead the Gold Coast church's YAYAH on Sunday June 16. Reed is from the County Line Church of Christ, Alabama, USA and will be working with the congregation during June 1-19, 2013. More information: Frank Gnanam (07) 5529 7743.

Autumn Songfest

This annual gathering of hearts and voices for God was organised by the South East (Vic) congregation at the Glen Waverley Community Centre on April 26. There were about 85-90 people, about 20 of whom were outsiders. Songs were led by six song leaders from three of the Melbourne congregations, and the second session of songs formed a narrative of humanity's broken relationship and God's means of bringing about reconciliation. All the feedback was very positive.

Warringah Y&Y@H

The next Youth and Young at Heart gathering is planned for July 28 at the Warringah church in Sydney.

Malaga Move

The congregation meeting in Malaga (Perth) hopes to begin meeting in its new renovated premises in late May or early June.

Youth Retreat

The SouthWest (NSW) congregation will be hosting its annual Youth and Young Adult Retreat on May 24-26. This year's theme is "Getting REAL and DEALING with SEX - Honouring God with our bodies in today's sexually immoral world". The camp is open to youth and young adults from high school age and up and will be at Long Point Christian Conference Centre, 20 Wills Rd, Long Point. 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) 4627 1011 or email frank@southwestchurch.org.au.

Abney Lessons

At the Eastside (Sydney) congregation, **Bob Abney** taught two mid week meetings and Sunday Bible class and sermon on the topic "Growing nearer to God" during April.

Hawkesbury Outreach

Roy Courtney from the Hawkesbury (NSW) congregation reports on two methods of outreach by the church: One is to have a stall to advertise the church at the local Markets which are held every 2 months at the Hawkesbury Showground, to answer any questions, and to give away tracts, Bibles, etc.

They have a Question & Answer box that attracts a lot of attention, particularly from younger people wanting to test their Bible knowledge. The next market day is May 11. This outreach has been going for 10 years.

Another outreach that they have had for 10 years is to place a teaching article in the local *Hawkesbury Gazette* newspaper which is published every 2 weeks.

Visiting Speaker

At the Gold Coast (Qld) congregation, visiting speaker **Reed Brown** will be teaching/preaching on the three Sundays, June 2, 9 & 16.

CALENDAR

March 9th-May 10th

Abney visit @ Vic, WA, NSW

May 3rd-6th

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

May 24th-26th

**SouthWest Youth and Young
Adult Retreat @ Long Point,
NSW**

June 16th

**Youth & Young at Heart @
Gold Coast, Qld**

July 10th-14th

**MSOBS Lectureship @
Macquarie, Sydney**

July 28th

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

September-October

**Mission Trip to Papua New
Guinea.**