

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – May 2015*

Greetings to all our readers this month! Please email your 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 your own email copy of *Happenings* please let us know. Ted Paull

### ***Papua New Guinea Trip***

**Stephen Collins** from the Warwick (Queensland) church is planning to lead a small team to PNG on Saturday June 20 where they will meet up with some local Christians who will join them for a period of 15 days to travel into the Waria Valley, one of the regions where Tom and Rens Bunt worked in the late 1970's. They are in desperate need of financial support. They have had 4 congregations support them to date and as such they have approximately half of the funds they need. The funding will support internal flights (small chartered aircraft), food, support of needs of Christians in the valley as identified while they are there and before our arrival, e.g. paint and roofing iron for some of the church buildings, solar lighting to aid in evening studies, Bibles, song books, teaching and study materials and support for certain families in need. They would also be thankful for assistance in the form of first aid supplies, clothing and sewing packages. The weekly collections in these villages are usually only enough to cover the cost of communion bread and raisins for the juice. An opportunity has also arisen for a couple of people to join them as they have had some people pull out due to reasons beyond their control –

you just need to be able to fly in small aircraft (8-12 seat), sleep on a bamboo floor, walk a couple of hours in jungle/bush and contribute to the mission work, teaching, serving and administering first aid to locals, etc. For information or to help please contact **Steve Collins** phone: 0408 934 349 or email: [glenallyn1@bigpond.com](mailto:glenallyn1@bigpond.com).

### ***Vanuatu Help***

Brethren in several countries have sent financial aid for victims of the Cyclone. Donations to date are: Australia - \$23,600; New Zealand - \$19,000; United Kingdom - \$15,500; USA - \$770; making a total of \$58,870 from churches and individual Christians.

### ***Sydney Camp***

The Southwest (Campbelltown) congregation is planning its Youth & Young Adult Camp for May 29-31. It will again be held at the Long Point Christian Conference Centre, Ingleburn. The theme for the week-end is "improveyourselfie". Speakers will be **Travis Powell** (Wollongong), **Roberto Quintanilla** (Kurrajong), and **Peter Tickner** (Macquarie). If you plan to go you need to RSVP by May 8. Contact Frank Cunningham phone: 0418 618 415 or email: [stand\\_firm@hotmail.com](mailto:stand_firm@hotmail.com).

### ***Victorian Singing***

Brethren from around Melbourne plan to gather for the Autumn Songfest where they will be led by several Melbourne song-leaders. This is to be at 7.30pm on Thursday May 28 at the Essex Park Community Place in Essex Park Drive, Endeavour Hills. Enquiries to **Brett Christensen** phone (03) 9776 6215 or email qoheleth@optusnet.com.au.

### ***Sydney Picnic***

Over 80 brethren attended the Anzac day picnic held at Auburn. This was a great opportunity to catch up on the last year's events, see old friends and make new ones. They were blessed with good weather, good fellowship, and good singing. The Blacktown church will host the picnic in 2016.

### ***Victorian Camp***

Aside from day-visitors, this year 66 people from Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and Russia stayed at Lake Nillahcootie for the 40<sup>th</sup> Victorian Autumn Camp. Those speaking were **Rick Niland, Peter Tickner, Peter Thomson, Rod Povnton, Micah Kirkpatrick, Dale & Bryce Christensen, and Geoff & Jarrod Thomas**. Each presented uplifting and challenging talks about a favourite Bible book. Attendees also contributed \$710 to help brethren in Vanuatu.

### ***Queensland Lectureship***

The "Set on a Hill Lectureship" in Toowoomba will be happening this year from September 25th to September 27th.

### ***Sydney Seminar***

This year's Bankstown family seminar is planned for Saturday and Sunday September 26-27 (the second weekend of the school holidays). The theme is: "Family Life & Spiritual Development: The Hurdles". Speakers are **Roy Courtney, Peter Tickner, Frank Cunningham, Bob Marks, Les Totman, Michael Bargholz and Ted Paull**. The Saturday program is

scheduled to go from 10:00a.m. to 2:45p.m. The Sunday session is scheduled to begin with worship at 9:50a.m. and to continue until 2:15p.m. They plan to provide lunch on both days.

### ***Enrichment Seminar***

The North Coast Enrichment Seminar was held on April 18-19 at the Coffs Coast (NSW) church and focused on the theme "Healthy Relationships and Healthy Families". Brethren from Point church and from Belmore Road church taught the lessons. Around 36 people attended the seminar over the weekend which includes brethren from seven different congregations and a few from the community attended. They thank everyone for prayers and support.

### ***Macquarie Lectureship***

Dale & Sheila Hartman will again be guest speakers at the Macquarie (Sydney) church's lectureship on July 8-1-2 on theme, "Aiming for Perfection!".

## **CALENDAR**

### **May 1st-4th**

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

### **May 28th**

**Autumn Songfest @ Melbourne,  
Vic**

### **May 29th-31st**

**Southwest Youth and Young  
Adult Camp-Camp Soul @  
Ingleburn, NSW**

### **June-July**

**Mission Trip to Waria Valley,  
Papua New Guinea**

### **July 8th-12th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie, Sydney, NSW**

### **September 26th-27th**

**Family Seminar @ Bankstown,  
Sydney, NSW**

### **September 25th-27th**

**Lectureship @ Toowoomba,  
Qld**