

HAPPENINGS

News of Churches of Christ in Australia – November 2020

Welcome to the ninth issue of *Happenings* for 2020. 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

WA Baptism

On Saturday afternoon October 10,



Kiara Rodricks was baptised at Port Kennedy Beach to rise to a new life in Christ. Kiara is the daughter of

Tammy Rodricks, a member of the Malaga congregation in Perth. The baptism of her sister **Danika** was reported in *Happenings* in the October 2018 edition.

Help for India

From April 26 to September 22 this year, twenty-one brethren and ten churches in Australia provided \$20,515 for food for those suffering difficulty because of the pandemic in India. Food was purchased to feed 1,224 Christian families in India from these funds.

Another Elder

The Belmore Road church in Melbourne appointed **David Tabe**

as an elder on September 13. He joins elders **Charles Hooi**, who was appointed in 2004, and **Benny Tabalujan** who was appointed in 2012. David is married to **Rhonda**, and their children are **Mitch, Jess** and **Will**.



The family has been with the congregation since 2001. **Graham Wall** was asked to officiate at the installation--and yes, it was broadcast on Zoom.

Melbourne Ladies Day

Unfettered by the pandemic and geographical limits, Belmore Ladies Engaged in Spiritual Service (BLESS), was



able to organise a ladies' event on ZOOM on Saturday October 10. It had 64 ladies, young and old, from 10 churches across Australia (mainly Vic, Qld and SA) and



USA in attendance. The speaker, **Debbie Carpenter** from Texas, who used to be a member at Belmore Road, gave an inspiring devotional on how we must rely on God to help us overcome fear; that we can become women of faith and prayer to make a difference in this world. The ladies are grateful for God's grace that brought them together in fellowship.

Restrictions Easing

Restrictions imposed because of COVID-19 are being gradually eased and several churches now have Sunday morning assemblies, while still complying with social distancing requirements. At the same time most are still using electronic Bible studies during the week. This enables them to have teachers and students joining them from other places to supplement the fellowship in instruction and worship.

Help for Quarantined

Once a week **Tim Rosengarten** of the Malaga church stands outside one of Perth's quarantine hotels with a sign asking people to pay it forward and 'donate a coffee' to somebody in quarantine. Tim himself spent time quarantining in a hotel after returning



from overseas and knows how isolating and lonely it can be. "I was thankful enough to have people here who could deliver some things to me, but some people don't," he said. "A lot of people here have spent a lot of money and gone through a lot of hardship just trying to get here. Tim said he started out by putting his phone number on a sign that said, 'text for a free coffee'.

CALENDAR

December 27th -January 1st

Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor, NSW

CANCELLED

January 17th

Youth Day @ Warringah