

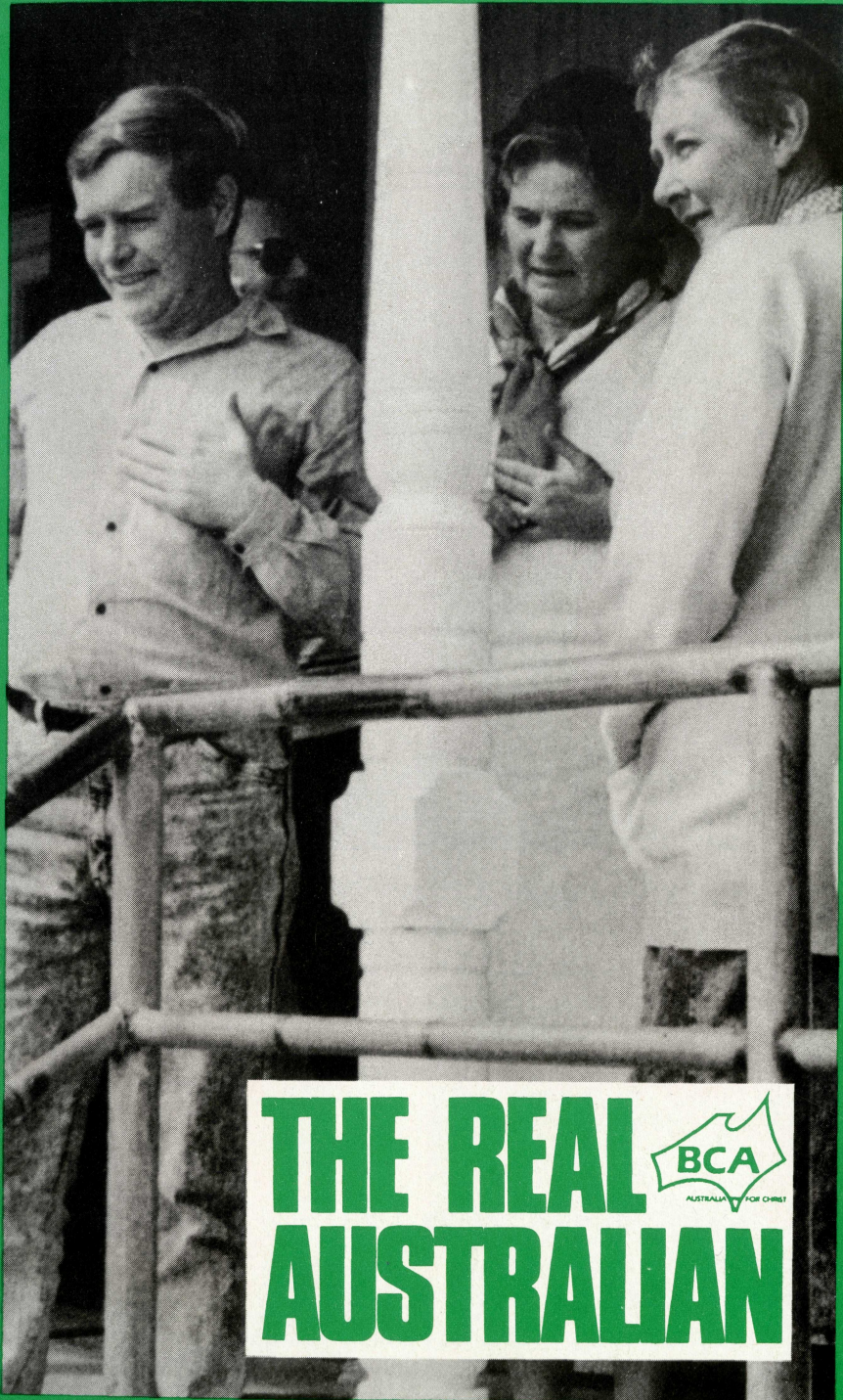
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FRONT COVER: Ernie and Jan Carnaby with Lois Hustwaite at the field staff conference.

BACK COVER: Ernest Horth and Daniel Ainsworth at field staff conference.

EMERGENCY FROM THE HEAVENS

In my travels to and from Halls Creek, I am continually astounded by the beauty of God's creation. Deep violets to bright pinks are splashed across the many ranges and rocky outcrops which make the Kimberley such a spectacular area of our vast country. This is never a boring trip, although being over 350 kilometres, the ever changing colours are on their own a delight. There is also the ever present threat of stray cattle on the road as well as road trains and caravans to keep you alert and cautious.

On one occasion I was taking one of the blind corners, which are made even more treacherous by the very narrow bitumen. I saw a police car parked across the highway and a police officer indicating that I should stop. I could not miss seeing the wings of a light aircraft among the bushes at the side of the road. Apparently the pilot had tried to make an emergency landing at a station airstrip. couldn't make it and so had to come down on this very narrow strip of National Highway 1.

My vehicle was to be used as a road block, to allow the pilot to attempt a takeoff after the broken throttle was repaired. A young policeman stayed with me while his partner went down the road to stop traffic coming the other way. I had some time to talk to this young policeman, he was surprised that the "Church" was interested enough to have me travel 360 kilometres one way, to take a service for as few as three people. I answered that God's people, wherever and no matter how few, need to gather to thank him for his love.

The plane took off with wings barely above the ant hills and radioed that all was well. It was a few months later that I caught up with the young man, he introduced me to his wife, who told me that she was a Christian. My prayers for him continued, as did those of many Christians in Halls Creek.

My next visit to Halls Creek was with Laurie Edwards, the "Flying Bible Man", who visits us annually, bringing bibles and tapes to the remote areas of the north. We had a cuppa at this young couples' place and encouraged them to come and see the Bible Society movies that night. His wife was excited that he said he would come and did!

On returning from holidays, we were all overjoyed at this young man's testimony of his committing his life to the Lord. So often we are used as cogs in the process of coming to Christ. We should never feel discouraged if we are faithfully presenting Christ as our Lord and Saviour, for that is what we are asked to do. Someone also may be there to reap the harvest, but all heaven will rejoice, and we all are already members of that Heavenly Choir.

**Murray Lamont
Kununnurra**



Murray and Jane Lamont, James and Rebecca.

A BUSH BAPTISM

--- NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH BANJO PATTERSON'S "BUSH CHRISTENING"!

There are some moments in life which are very special and bring lasting joy. The baptism of two women recently is one such moment for us.

One was the wife of a station owner and the other lived with her husband and family in a dugout in the opal mining town of White Cliffs. The second woman, a few months before, had a son of 20 months and triplets of 6 months baptised in the small stone church at White Cliffs.

We had arranged the baptism by immersion for November last year but rain had prevented them from coming to Wilcannia and all of us getting to the river. We postponed the baptism until after the Christmas holiday break this year. The River Darling by this time had almost stopped flowing and was rapidly turning a shade of green. A suggestion was made to change from the river to a lake on Coona Coona station about 60 km north. The country in these parts is arid with a low and unpredictable rainfall. There are many dry lake beds but at Coona Coona there is a lake about a mile in diameter usually full of water. It is ideal for sailing and water skiing and baptising people!

The big day, March 5, came and after morning worship at Wilcannia, we drove up to the lake for the baptism at 3 p.m. The two women from White Cliffs were there waiting with many of their friends. It was a great setting for what was to follow.

It seemed best to keep the service very simple. We sang a song "This is the day". We had a Bible reading, Acts 8.26-40 and began with that very passage of Scripture and told them the good news about Jesus. Then we went down to the water's edge. The lake was quite shallow and shoals in gently. I walked the women out about 25 metres until the water was deep enough for the purpose. All the friends were still at the water's edge and too far away so I invited them all to wade in and gather around.

In front of everyone I asked the women one at a time, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" "Do you trust in Jesus and his death on the cross for your sins, and that you are now completely forgiven?" "Are you willing to stop living for yourself, apart from God?" "Are you willing to start to love and obey God from now on?" Each one knelt in the water and I baptised them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We all made our way back to the beach. We sang another song, "What a friend we have in Jesus", and finished with a prayer for them both that they would continue in the way of the Lord and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We celebrated the event with afternoon tea and for several hours took turns at water skiing on the lake until dark.

It was a great day. The setting was just right for the baptism. The service was simple and meaningful. It was a moving witness to their friends. It was a special moment in our lives too.

**Bob and Phyllis Collie,
Wilcannia**



Bob Collie conducting the baptism near Wilcannia.

PASS THE PICKLE PLEASE!

Station folk eat a lot of their own meat. 'Salt bush mutton' has a delicious flavour, but when it is eaten once, twice or even three times a day, condiments add variety. Yes 'variety is the spice of life'. The variety of sauces, pickles, chutneys, mustard etc. seems endless. In some homesteads up to twenty varieties can be seen permanently set on the table or nearby tray.

We see another source of 'variety' which enriches and stimulates the fellowship and worship at the different centres we visit. Our congregations are very small by city standards, but those who love to worship with other Christians come together from many different traditions . . . Lutheran, Uniting Church, Pentecostal, Catholic and Anglican. We find this very exciting and stimulating.

Phyllis Collie — Wilcannia

ST. LUKE'S "BENEATH", PALMERSTON, N.T.

Beneath what?
Beneath the Rectory!

Each Sunday 90-100 people gather under St. Luke's Rectory. The two side "walls" consist of palm trees (now over 10 metres tall), colourful tropical plants and coconut trees. Beautiful surroundings for a church in the tropics.

This has been the "home" of the congregation for 3½ years . . . but not for long. After months of prayer and thought the Parish Council has unanimously decided on the design and the builder. We hope to commence building early in June and "officially" open on the Sunday nearest to St. Luke's Day in October.

Why do we need a building? There are two main reasons. First if every member turned up on the same Sunday (over 130 people) they would not fit in. Also we need more space for mid week activities (for example; youth . . . we now have a group on 16 young people from 12-16 years of age). Second, the land was "given" to the church by the N.T. Government on the basis that it would be developed within five years — and that time limit expires later this year. We could apply for an extension but we don't want to as we need more space now.

The new building will have a large meeting area for up to 300 people with wide verandahs. As well there will be smaller meeting rooms, an office, cry room, kitchen and toilets. It will be an attractive and useful building. I believe that what happens in this building is crucial for reaching the bulk of people in Palmerston. Apart from solid bible teaching, worship and fellowship our church needs to provide many and various entry points to the Gospel. I believe that a major barrier to breakthrough in Palmerston is that many residents feel that the church is "too good" for them. We are breaking through this by prayer,

religious instruction in the schools, door to door visitation and other ways. However the presence of a growing, vibrant and joyful group of people meeting on this well known site, will have a powerful drawing effect on people and facilitate our outreach.

One new Christian and member of St. Luke's is an aboriginal man — John Gamirri. John was baptised in our neighbour's pool during the Service on Easter Day. It was a joyful time and yet another testimony of the Gospel's power to change lives.

I am encouraged by the growing number of non-Christian people that St. Luke's ministers to. It's a great place to plant a church. Please pray that St. Luke's will continue to grow as a place of teaching, nurture and training of people for God.

Thank you for your support, it is very encouraging.

Ron Bundy



*John Gamirri's baptism, Easter Day '89.
David Viney, Ron Bundy, John Gamirri,
Bishop Clyde Wood.*

"LEIGH CREEK WELCOMES THE ACHURCHS"

**Peter and Margaret Achurch
have recently moved from Elliston
in South Australia to Leigh Creek.
Peter reports on the move . . .**

"It seems hardly possible that we have been in Leigh Creek for only a fortnight as so much seems to have taken place and so many folk have been met for the first time.

We departed Elliston on the West Coast of South Australia on the evening of February 28, with our dog and two cats. As we headed across the dirt road to meet Highway One at Kyancutta, we met more kangaroos than we had seen on any one trip before while in the parish. It was as if they had turned out to say "farewell".

We stayed at Port Augusta overnight and prayed for cooler weather next day as it had been very hot. While we did not get the actual weather we were looking for, we were given the ability to care for the pets in the hot conditions and without an air conditioner in the car.

Our children are all living in Adelaide. Mark is married to Alison and they have two daughters, Aarony and Rachael; Robert is married to Karen, Duncan is engaged to Clare and to be married in December, and Christine our only daughter will be joining us soon.

Leigh Creek welcomed us warmly — in more ways than one! The welcome from the joint congregation has been very encouraging and many have called to say "hello" and we feel very much at home already. The tropical summer which greeted us has now turned to winter with two days of continuous rain and a 19° temperature. Today the ministers' fraternal went on a pre-arranged visit to the coalfield which, at present resembles a huge paddy field — without the rice! We had to be content with an illustrated talk by the coalfield manager which was both interesting and enlightening and should prove helpful for future ministry in Leigh Creek. While at the coalfield, we were invited to view the workshops but we cut short the visit when we were informed that the road between the coalfield and Leigh Creek was cut by floodwaters.

We praise God we were travelling in a campervan and we were able to negotiate the flow of water and return to the town. We look forward to a full tour of the coalfield later on.

We both look forward also to meeting the congregation and people at Blinman and Hawker in the Flinder's Ranges and the folk in the outback. Worship services have recently resumed at Hawker after a lapse of several years and we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for these opportunities for worship and ministry."

FIELD STAFF CONFERENCE 1989

**A REPORT BY BOB GEORGE, S.A. STATE SECRETARY,
WHO TOGETHER WITH JO PHILLIPS ORGANISED THE
CONFERENCE.**



Above: Mug shot of that part of the BCA family who were able to attend.

Below: Archbishop Rayner leading a morning bible study.



“THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION” was the theme of the Bush Church Aid Society Field Staff Conference held at “Nunyara” Conference Centre, Belair, during the week following Easter.

Missioners and their families from Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia gathered in the Adelaide foothills for three days and nights of learning, sharing, fun and fellowship.

The special task of making Christ known in the more isolated areas of Australia was considered. Sessions on “Spiritual life in the Bush”, “Evangelising the Isolated” and “Ministry in the Outback” amongst other topics, were presented by the Federal Secretary, the Rev. Ernie Carnaby and the other State Secretaries.

A highlight of the conference was the daily Bible study led by the Archbishop of Adelaide, the Most Rev'd Keith Rayner. The resurrection narratives in the gospels were very ably expounded, and applied to the great responsibility of ministry in the bush.

Others who shared during the course of the conference were Fr.

Bart O'Donovan, who reflected on his days in Broken Hill, and his close contact with the BCA Hostel at that time. The Rev'd Martin Bleby also reflected on lessons learned from the bush, as a former B.C.A. missionary at Coober Pedy.

The nature of B.C.A. ministry as a servant body within the Anglican church was enhanced, when the Bishop of Willochra, the Right Rev'd David McCall spoke on the first night of the conference. He stated that the purpose of ministry is the same, regardless of our background, tradition or expression of the faith. And that task is to proclaim Christ.

The Bush Church Aid Society seeks continually to bring in a sensitive and appropriate way, the Gospel to bear on people's lives as they live in isolated areas, building up the local church, and equipping Christians to live and serve where they are.

May this great responsibility continue, to the Glory of God, as those participants in the recent conference return to their remote parishes, suitably renewed in spirit, and more equipped and determined to share Christ.



ERNEST HORTH COMMISSIONING

★ Ernest Horth will be commissioned as B.C.A. Secretary for Queensland and Northern New South Wales (The Diocese of Armidale and Grafton) on July 26 at 7.30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Mt. Gravatt. The Archbishop of Brisbane will commission Ernest and the guest preacher will be Ernie Carnaby.

HOSTEL CELEBRATIONS

★ The B.C.A. Hostel family at Broken Hill had a special weekend of celebrations at the end of May. The celebrations marked the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the hostel and the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of B.C.A. Nick, May and Lois put a lot of effort into organising a great weekend.

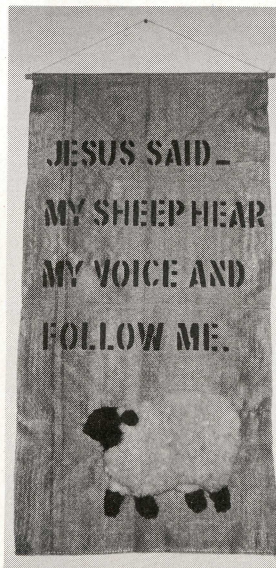
CONVALESCING

★ Margaret Woolcott, Secretary to the Federal Secretary; Ian Robertson, Missioner at Coober Pedy and June English, Nursing Co-ordinator based at Cook are all recovering from recent surgery. They would especially value your prayer support.

WOOL BALE BANNERS FOR ST. JAMES WILCANNIA

★ What could be more appropriate than using the materials at hand to make banners for our church in Wilcannia? One station owner donated a wool bale which, when unpicked, gave plenty of scope for texts. Bale stencils and blacking were loaned by another sheep station. Fleece for the sheep? Skirtings from the floor of a shearing shed washed and hooked to create a banner with a very local theme.

Phyllis Collie



ATTENTION MELBOURNIANS!

★ Genuine Aboriginal artefacts are now on sale in the Melbourne shop associated with the B.C.A. office.



RELOCATION OF HEAD OFFICE

★ B.C.A. House which has served as headquarters for the Society for more than thirty years has been sold at auction within the last month. Final settlement is due on June 1, 1989 and that week, office staff will move to our new premises at level 7, 37 York Street, Sydney (adjacent to Wynyard Station). With the development of the Bathurst Street area it was obvious that we would have to consider relocation or have the only older building in a redevelopment site. Executive was satisfied that the time was right to move, and the new property would meet our current and future requirements. In addition we have released part of our assets to produce much needed income to offset part of our operating deficits.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

★ At the recent Annual Meeting of the Society in May, the Federal Secretary reported that ... **The Rev. Brian Roberts**, former missioner at Zeehan and New South Wales and General Secretary (1984-89), resigned in April to become Rector of West Pymble in the Diocese of Sydney. Brian had travelled widely throughout Australia for the Society, was a good preacher, photographer and devoted family man, and in 1986 was Acting Federal Secretary. Brian, Denyse and family have begun their new ministry enthusiastically.



SPECIAL WELCOME TO ...

★ **The Rev. David Mulready**, Maureen and the children. David was formerly Vicar of Gunnedah in Armidale Diocese and was appointed New South Wales Secretary and Editor of *The Real Australian* in May. David brings many obvious gifts to his new role with B.C.A.

APPRECIATION

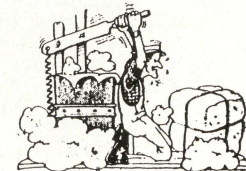
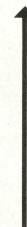
★ **Mr. Allan Sauer** resigned as Honorary Secretary for Queensland in April, but continues as a member of B.C.A. Council. Allan and Annette have built up the supporter base in Queensland and faithfully maintained the office for more than 8 years.



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out where the action is ...



THE B.C.A. PRAYER

O Lord our God, help us to remember the people who live in the remote parts of our land. We ask You to bless those whom You have called into the fellowship of the Bush Church Aid Society, and to call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known. Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through healing, and through caring for the young, the message of Your redeeming love may be proclaimed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

