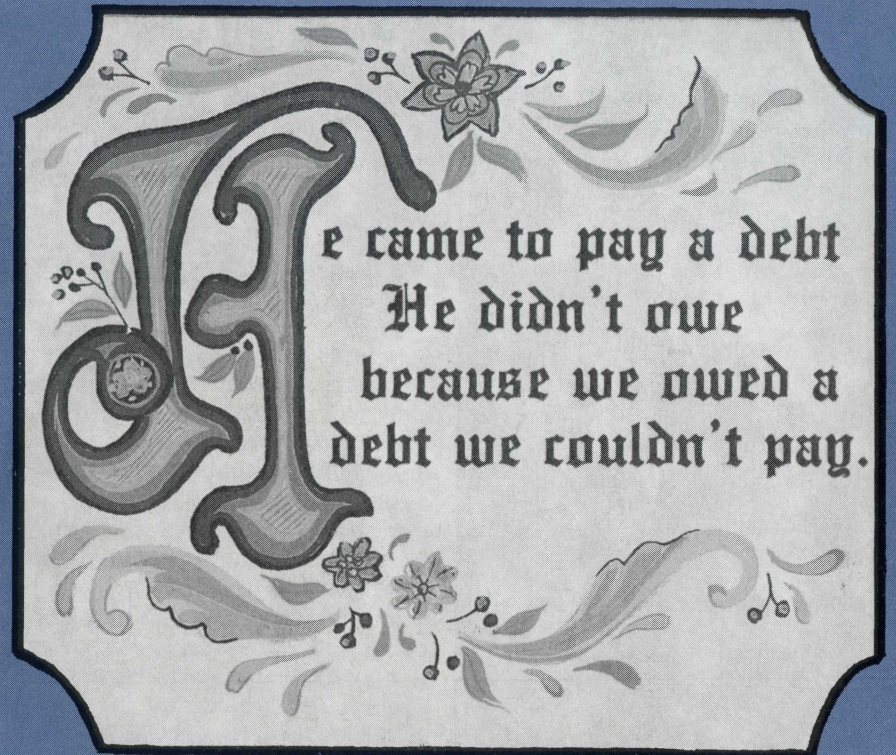


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MEET JIM GOSBEE



- B.C.A. is a team!
The team consists of:
- Over 20,000 supporters
 - 32 families, couples or individuals out in "the field"
 - Federal and State committees
 - Auxiliaries and a few voluntary workers
 - A "Home-base" staff of 14, based in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

Jim Gosbee joined B.C.A.'s Federal staff in September 1986 as Office Manager, following several years as an accountant in private enterprise. Jim and Helen have two adult children: Jane and Stephen. The family's local church is at North Epping, where Jim serves as Parish Treasurer. Jim has an enormous task of overseeing much of the administrative side of our organisation, especially with financial matters.

BLESSINGS ABOUND IN ROXBY DOWNS

Only once in a lifetime could you come to the Outback and be privileged to see "The Centre" as we have been. Some say this happens only about once in a hundred years. Since March we have had over double the average annual rainfall. While this has meant the closure of the road out, nine times, the blessings as a result of the rain have outweighed the inconvenience.

Where do we go now for our Church Family Picnics? Where else but to one of the many lakes and water holes within a few minutes drive from town.

Where do we go for baptisms? Where else but Coorlay Lagoon, (which is 7 metres deep and 8 kms around, and the first time it has been full this century). Pentecost Sunday saw a small group out at this unusual lake to witness Mick and Elizabeth's baptism, then just two weeks later another couple, Barry and Avril were baptised at the same spot. This time it was on our Family Picnic Sunday, so many members of the congregation joined us for another marvellous experience within the life of the congregation.

Where would you go to see the most glorious display of wild flowers (particularly the Sturt Desert Peas?) Why of course you guessed it! The sandhills and clay flats around Roxby Downs. There are vast areas of vivid red and shiny black centred flowers. Such a beautiful sight not seen before by the old miners and station owners.

Where would you go to find a

church that has people from six different church traditions, meeting, working together, caring, loving one another in a oneness of purpose and spirit? No we can't say there is no other. But there is one in Roxby Downs. Now, we know that this has little to do with the amount of rain that we have had; but we do attribute the rain, the resultant beauty and the joys and blessings of belonging to such a church, to the abundant goodness of our Almighty God. He has made all things richly for us to enjoy. All praise and glory be to Him for "the blessings that abound in Roxby Downs."

Colin and Ruth Nelson have served with B.C.A. in Roxby Downs since August, 1987.





BIMBADEEN

CHRISTIAN • CULTURAL • VOCATIONAL • TRAINING COLLEGE

THE NINTH MONTH OF 1989:

AN EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY OF BIMBADEEN ABORIGINAL TRAINING COLLEGE AT COOTAMUNDRA

September '89 was a very eventful month for Bimbadeen. Apart from the normal lectures and college work the Lord was pleased to take us through some of the most glorious experiences in our spiritual pilgrimage.

The Springwood Experience

From **Saturday 2 to Sunday 10** we were guests of the Anglican Church of Springwood-Winmalee-Valley Heights in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney. Other members of the Aboriginal team came from different areas. It was Aboriginal Awareness Week and the Rev. Michael Hamaty and his colleagues and church members used it as a Week of Mission. We were overwhelmed with the kindness of God's people there — the hospitality, joyous fellowship, the open doors of love and friendship was great. The Lord did wonders among us. Many were touched. Some declared faith openly. Both hosts and visitors were affected in some way or another and we praise the Lord for the week. The Church Bulletin on **Sunday 10** says—

"What a week it has been:

Coming together from Coota-

mundra, Kalgoorlie, Redfern and Wodenbong, twenty-three Christian Aboriginals arrived last Saturday.

It has been a very full programme, many being exhausted by the constant pace, but the response has been fantastic.

We have been inspired by their zeal and reliance on the Lord. Over 1000 students in the state schools heard various members of the team. An eyewitness reported the response from the children was wonderful, complete involvement and receptive to what they heard. We have heard the challenging words from Pastor Bill Bird and the way people have come forward to accept Jesus as Lord in their lives.

It has been a wonderful time together, we thank most sincerely Bill, Jack, Bob, Francis, Lola, Gerdie, Olga, Charlotte, Hank, Valmay, Ella, Gwen, Rosie (and little Calvin) and from Bimbadeen College, Cootamundra, Maika Bovo, Michael, John, Vernon, Michelle, Sophie, Sharon and Linda. We have experienced a reconciliation that we will remember for a long time. This week has taught us many things and importantly how to live our faith in Christ Jesus everyday."

September 14 — Fiji's first Ambassador to Australia, under the new regime H. E. Dr. T. M. Biumaiwai visited the college, making him the first of the diplomatic corps to set foot on Bimbadeen soil. As there seems to be no official interest whatever in the life of the Aboriginal students being trained here in the National Government it was gratifying that at least one foreign diplomat cared!

September 17 — At the invitation of the Grenfell Presbyterian Church we were able to minister the Word of God to both Grenfell and Quandialla congregations. How we also appreciate the new friendship established.

September 20 — I was privileged to be guest at the Bush Church Aid Society's Ladies Auxiliary in Sydney. More than 150 ladies were there, and it was a beautiful meeting. Our hosts out-did everybody's expectation with their beautifully prepared basket luncheon. B.C.A.'s continuing support for Bimbadeen has been really wonderful and continues to be appreciated!

September 26 — N.S.W. Minister for Minerals and Energy, The Hon. Neil Pickard and our local M.P. Alby

Schultz. The Minister is an old friend of mine and as well as wanting to visit the area in his official capacity, he was also interested in meeting my family and seeing all that the Lord is doing in our present situation.

Youth Camp

September 23-30 — Over 79 youths and parents, staff and friends from Melbourne, Mooroopna (Victoria), Eden, Mt. Druitt, Springwood and Muswellbrook, young Bimbadeen students, staff and children participated in our 1989 youth camp. The theme of our studies was CHRIST IS THE ANSWER. Studies and discussion were made on some of the names of the Lord. His position in creation, His present occupation and His near return. The Lord blessed the camp and many new names were registered in the Lamb's Book of Life that week, as well as many commitments being recorded.

All in all we say "Thank you Lord for all you are doing in and through your people. May your blessed name be glorified in our hearts and with our lips. Amen!"

M. R. Bovo
Principal

**'In everything give thanks,
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus concerning
you'**

(I Thess. 5:18)

It's been a good day, Lord!

This is a good place to camp. A nice claypan ½ km off the Stuart Highway and surrounded by a bit of mulga scrub. Not a bad mug of billy tea, that! What a great sky! Clear and starry!

Well, that was Wednesday! A good day, thank you Lord. But the week didn't start out too well, did it? That 'flu bug takes a lot of shaking off! Lost a couple of days, really.

Then, this morning, Robin helped me pack, we prayed, kissed and hugged goodbye, and I was on my way. There were a number of stations to visit.

That first "short cut" I took, never again! What a track! Well, it looked OK on the map, but it was all but impassable!

That first station I called on, I wonder about visits like that, Lord. Most of the people were away, but there were two aboriginal stockmen at the homestead — Paul and (now the other man wouldn't speak, so it was a bit hard to get to "first base"). It would have been good if we had been able to have a talk and relax in each other's company; so maybe we just look at this meeting as a beginning. Come to think about it, Lord, quite a few meetings are like that. We build on a previous occasion and there is a progressive build-up of friendship and trust, and this is the atmosphere in which You can be spoken of. It takes time.

It was good to call again on Tom and Ann. They are always so welcoming; and their kids are like many bush kids — unsophisticated and natural — quite delightful. Wasn't it great the way I was able to leave a New Testament for their young son? — and some Christian reading for the family too! I am really looking forward to spending more time with them on the next visit (— a sort of "follow-up" as I see it).

(About time I put another couple of sticks on that fire.)

I had never been to that rocket-tracking establishment before, Lord. Most impressive! Must have been a busy place when Woomera was "all the go"! Well, those folk there who are developing it into a tourist stopover were really down in the dumps. Seems that moves in high places have put all their investment and energies in jeopardy. They needed encouragement and someone to believe in them today. Weren't they glad of a B.C.A. visit? Showed me around and shared their great plans. Enjoyed receiving things to read, too. I think we've made some new friends, Lord.

When we pulled up at that last place, Lord, I wondered what we had run into! I mean, those blokes were so suspicious! It was pretty hard work to even get them to talk — like drawing teeth, I reckon. They thawed out after a while, though. It will be better next time round. But the real surprise was when I went over to meet that young woman, Karen. Wanted a Bible! And loved getting the two books to read! It was a good little talk we had, too.

It was good, alright, Lord! (Think I'll have another mug of that billy tea.) Come to think about it, all those visits were good — in their own way. You get a "lift" when things go like that. But why should I be surprised? We asked you to "go before us today". And others are praying, too. I can't see it happening otherwise.

(It's about time I climbed into the swag.)

It's been a good day, thank you, Lord.

(And I'm really looking forward to tomorrow.)

Ian Robertson

Ian Robertson and his wife, Robin, have been with B.C.A. at Coober Pedy since March, 1988.

FROM THE FEDERAL SECRETARY ...



The Carnabys: Peter, Robyn, Kathryn, Jane, Jan and Ernie.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

Paul encourages his younger colleague, Timothy to be a competent Christian workman equipped for teaching and evangelism. [II Timothy 2:15, 4:2].

With the 90s declared a "decade of evangelism", one of the important issues under discussion by the Council of the Society is preparation for B.C.A. supported ministers and their wives. How do we equip our field staff for effective ministry in outback parishes? In a number of ways —

- by training in personal evangelism and a one-to-one ministry, using such proven methods as Evangelism Explosion, Christianity Explained and Two Ways to Live.
- acquiring skills in marriage and family counselling to assist families in crisis particularly in mining towns.
- understanding our communities and multi-cultural Australia.

- ministering to aboriginal people and relating to them.
- sharing ministry with other denominations in the bush.
- gaining other pastoral skills, e.g. through Clinical Pastoral Education courses (C.P.E.).

I am pleased to report that some of our field workers have attended these courses designed to give them valuable hands-on experience in leading people to Christ and in helping them to grow in their faith.

We are looking forward with anticipation to the Australia-wide conference organised by the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion, to be held at Mannix College, Melbourne next July. The theme of the EFAC Conference is to be "Evangelism the Australian Way". Its specific aim is to equip local churches and individual Christians with practical skills for the decade of evangelism.

**DO YOUR BEST ... FOR GOD ...
AS AN APPROVED WORKER!**

Ernie Carnaby

A B.C.A. CROSSWORD

PREPARED BY BRIAN BLACK

Clues across

1. Enjoyed by some B.C.A. supporters
5. Familiar word in B.C.A. slogan (Part 1)
7. When it's a big "...", you may not go on patrol.
8. A system not needed much in the bush.
10. Missioner signs on for this.
13. Backbone of the work.
14. Helps to spread the story (initials).
15. Part of the message to Nicodemus and people everywhere. (Revised version)
16. Young people learn through this.
17. This state has no missioner.
18. A key person in most states.
19. B.C.A. has been preaching about Christ for ... years.

Clues down

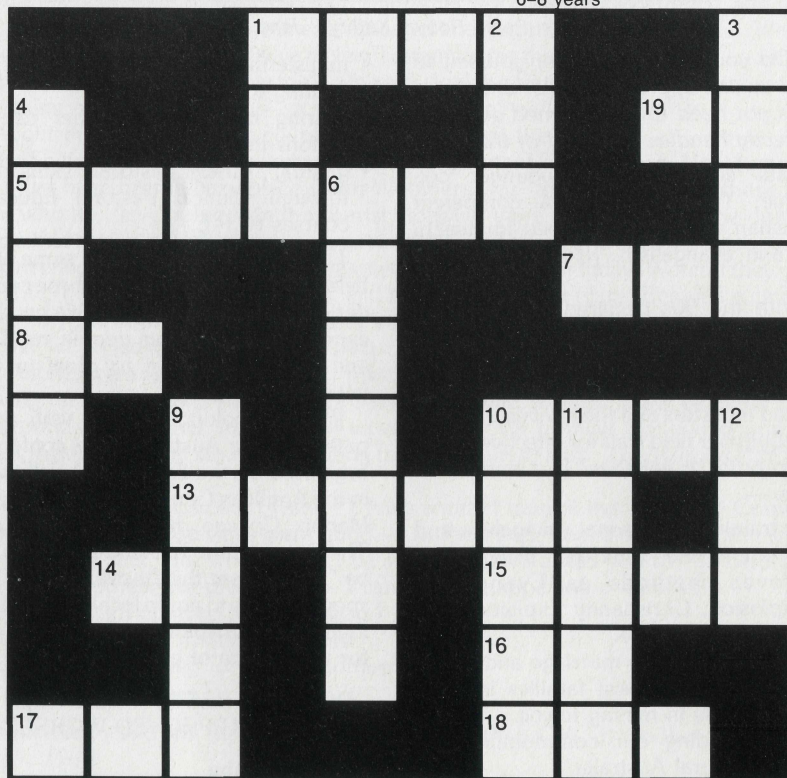
1. Missioner is always glad when he "hits" this.
2. Watch out for one of these on rough roads.
3. You are ... when you don't know where you are.
4. Enjoyed greatly by thirsty missioners.
6. Familiar word in B.C.A. slogan (Part 2).
9. Coober Pedy and Lightning Ridge have these in common.
10. When things go "wrong" there may be these.
11. This identifies our Federal Secretary.
12. Missioners in Darwin have to do this to keep their Rectory from becoming a jungle.

Answers will be found in the June edition of the "Real Australian".

Hey Kids! The 20 neatest and correct entries returned to our Sydney Office will receive a nicely illustrated book about Wilcannia or Coober Pedy. Just add your name, age and address to your completed crossword.

Post to: The Editor
(Address page 2)

Age Groups: Teenage
9-12 years
6-8 years



FOCUS ON QUILPIE

After three years at Quilpie, life and ministry seem to have developed their own routine. Every now and then, to prevent us from getting into a rut and to remind us that others are involved in this ministry — extras happen.

One of these times was the first week of September which was just after the catering at the Birdsville races. For Emily's birthday and the Annual Quilpie Wool and Flower Show, we became a mini-caravan park and each meal became a "dinner party" as visitors fluctuated from 3 to 8, plus our own four.

Here's what some of the visitors had to say:

"What a community has to offer when the community apparently has nothing to offer". "I can barely remember a time when kids cheerfully bought pieces of cake for 20¢ and loved it ... or when folks presented their garden's finest specimen and were happy to receive a little card with '3rd place' on it."

But that was on the great day and there were many other things leading up to it

Three "Youth With A Mission" (YWAM) members came out to experience "Outback Ministry", so they ran the creche while the C.W.C.I. (Christian Women Communicating International) Safari Team met with the women. They later ran Emily's birthday party and a dozen girls still talk about the games, the singing and the three nice men. The YWAM'ers moved tables, set up display boards and wrote out prize cards in preparation for the show. They worked beside the local committee-men and caused a great talking point. Their work was their witness. They may not have had a lot of opportunity to speak of Christ but they opened a way for Bob and Sue to do so.

Then when friends from the Armidale

Diocese came they too were set to work, with a similar impact on the townspeople. Their quiet, helpful ways brought joy and laughter to many routine jobs. For them in particular it was a joy to see a little girl who attends Sunday School being baptised on her own profession of faith. Then to see the man whose hands take the town garbage out each day, use his hands to distribute the bread of life at the Communion Service. The music provided by the visitors was also greatly appreciated by us.

Then two Sydney-siders arrived for lunch on Saturday, in the middle of the show. They too were set to work helping out on the catering stall.

But what of the locals? To see people come and work with them cheerfully, to accept the activities of the town and to pick up rubbish afterwards as they whistled or sang hymns, still has them wondering, "is Christianity more than piety and talk?" "This lot showed that it is a joyful experience.

Bob and Sue Witten

By the way, after winning the Event last year, Bob came third in the Wool Bale Rolling competition this year.



UP-DATE ON "NUNGALINYA"

What is Nungalinya?

- Nungalinya is a combined church training and research centre on a 10 acre site in the Darwin suburb of Casuarina, providing a national education network for Aborigines and Islanders of Australia.
- The word "Nungalinya" is an Aboriginal word used by the LARRAKEYAH people meaning "old man rock" or "big rock" — the name given to the long low reef that can be seen out at sea from Casuarina Beach at low tide.
- Planning for the College began in 1965. It became incorporated in 1973. Cyclone Tracy devastated the site in 1974 but the College rose from the ruins.
- The College is a combined work of both the Anglican and Uniting churches.
- "Nungalinya" trains Aboriginal people for ministry both in Darwin and through a very wide TEE (Theological Education by Extension) programme in places like Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Thursday Island, Perth, The Kimberleys and Sydney, to name a few!

Statistics speak for themselves:

Over the last 10 years, Nungalinya has awarded 54 certificates of Theology, 16 diplomas in Theology, 14 certificates in Community Development work, and 32 certificates in Womens Studies. Ongoing students in Theology number 95 for the certificates and 43 for the diploma. During 1989, there were 15 full-time students living in the College.

How is B.C.A. involved?

- B.C.A. has been involved in the College since 1974.
- In 1989 B.C.A. gave \$38,000 and our budget for 1990 is \$42,000.
- Our gift is used to employ two members of staff:
Mrs. Wendy Gibson, the Administrative Officer and
Miss Helen Kassman, the College Secretary.



Meet Wendy Gibson:

Originally Sydney-siders, Wendy and Gary arrived in Darwin in 1974, three weeks before Cyclone Tracy. Their children Korin (15) and Nathan (14) attended local schools. Wendy has been on the Nungalinya Staff for two years.

Wendy writes:

"The College is a miracle, a real example of the faithfulness and commitment of those who have faithfully supported it over the years. The effect of the Gospel through the work here is well recognised by Aboriginal people. I would like to thank B.C.A. for your support and sustaining prayers."



Meet Helen Kassman:

Helen was born in Port Moresby and moved with her family to Darwin in 1973.

After leaving school, Helen completed an Office Assistant's course and commenced work at Nungalinya in 1985, first as a receptionist, then accounts clerk and now as secretary.

Helen writes:

"I enjoy working at Nungalinya because it is a special place. The people I work with are very special, so caring and understanding."

ARE YOU ONE OF THE 4000? IF NOT, HOW ABOUT JOINING THE TEAM!

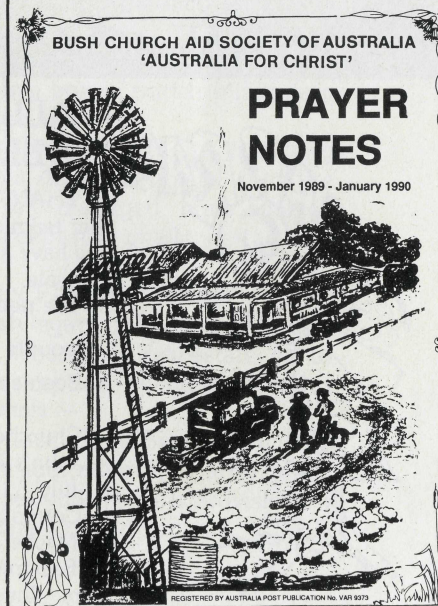
Four times each year, B.C.A. provides 4000 B.C.A. supporters with a 20-page booklet containing photographs and up-to-date information on each of our Field Staff.

True, the "Real Australian" contains one page of information for Prayer — but not much detail!

We regularly receive encouraging letters from field staff who express just how much they appreciate the Prayer support of so many. For example, Colin and Ruth Nelson at Roxby Downs write:

Thank you for your constancy in prayer for us. We are often conscious of your prayers and feel upheld by them.

If you'd like to receive the "PRAYER NOTES" free of charge, just complete the reply page at the back of this magazine and post it today!



CHILDREN SUPPORTING B.C.A.

Here are the Teachers and Pupils from Holy Trinity, Peakhurst Infants Sunday School who are keen "used stamp" collectors. They have been collecting stamps for B.C.A. for many years.



CALLING ALL STAMP COLLECTORS

THANKS to the great help of Joyce McCraw and her team of workers in the Sydney office each week, we have a huge and varied selection of stamps ready for sale.

We need people who'll come and buy them!

A couple of ideas:

- People can buy them direct from the Sydney office — stamps make a great gift.
- Churches might consider selling them for us. St. John's Parramatta held a successful stamp sale in July, 1989, an initiative of their Missionary Committee.

Maybe other churches will follow suit!

Feel free to enquire about such a possibility, contact Mrs. Joyce McCraw at B.C.A. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As members of the legal profession, active on Federal and New South Wales B.C.A. committees, Messrs John Wenden and Fred Chilton make the following suggestion . . .

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY!

A BEQUEST TO B.C.A. ALLOWS YOUR CONCERN FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL TO LIVE ON . . .

Since 1919, B.C.A. has provided ministry to outback Australians, seeking to reach them for Christ.

This great work continues across the nation:

- in rural towns and surrounding properties
- in mining towns
- in the Student's Hostel at Broken Hill
- in the training of Aboriginal leaders for ministry
- in our hospitals at Cook and Tarcoola
- in administration of smaller Dioceses

B.C.A. depends upon its supporters for the income necessary to provide this varied ministry.

Gifts of over \$1 million a year are made direct to the various state offices through B.C.A. money boxes, parish missionary envelopes and legacies, both large and small.

The marvellous thing about any bequest to B.C.A. is its long term effect on the lives of fellow Australians, well into the future. Bequests in the past wisely managed, have enabled B.C.A. to expand its work and accept new challenges as they have arisen.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR WILL IN FAVOUR OF B.C.A.

For those wishing to leave a cash legacy or bequest of household or personal items or shares, debentures, real estate, etc to B.C.A., a special leaflet has been prepared giving the form of words to be used.

The Federal Secretary or your local State Secretary will be glad to discuss details with you or your adviser, or arrange for an experienced person to call and see you. There is provision on the "Reply Page" of this magazine to send for our "WILLS LEAFLET".



B.C.A. BOASTS A NEW MEMBER: BUT LOSES A STAFF MEMBER

★We are delighted to announce the birth of Faith Puttman who arrived on October 27, 1989, much earlier than expected! Our Hostel Parents at Broken Hill, Nick and May, are still rejoicing! We thank God for answered prayer with a safe arrival! Sadly, Faith's arrival means May's departure from full-time ministry in the hostel. How she'll be missed! May has made a marvellous contribution over her three and a half years. We thank God for her love, care and wisdom exercised among the Hostel Community.

B.C.A. "WEEKEND AWAY"

★A weekend is planned for November 16-18 at "Gilbulla" near Sydney for those interested in the work of B.C.A. An application form and details in June "Real Australian".

QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN N.S.W. A.G.M.

★The first A.G.M. for the new Northern Branch will be held at St. Bartholomew's Mt. Gravatt on ★April 22 following a 6.00 pm service. Watch locally for details!



NEW DEANS FOR BIMBADEEN

★Bimbadeen College has two new Deans: Dennis and Maureen Atkinson who lived near Shepparton, took up the appointment at the beginning of this year. Do pray for them in their new role with the students.

ROTARACT ACT!

★In November last, the Broken Hill Rotaract club (Junior Rotarians) handed a cheque to Nick Puttman for \$1,230 for the purchase of a new washing machine and vacuum cleaner. It is great to see such local support for our Hostel.

YOUTH WORKER APPOINTED TO N.W. AUSTRALIA

★We welcome Catherine Ross to our Field Staff as a Youth Worker based in Port Hedland. Catherine moved from Melbourne in January, after training at Ridley College and serving as a Youth Minister in rural Leongatha, to take up this exciting new venture. Being the daughter of Archdeacon Bill and Mrs. Jocelyn Ross, ex-B.C.A. missionaries, Catherine is a second generation B.C.A. staff member!

N.S.W. DEPUTATIONIST

★The Rev. Brian Black is continuing to take deputations and act as a B.C.A. "Locum" during 1990. Brian and Joy have gained plenty of "field experience" over the last couple of years serving briefly at Normanton, Newman, Coober Pedy and Fred's Pass.

END OF AN ERA

★May Matthews was challenged to support B.C.A. through a Lantern Lecture given by B.C.A.'s first Organising Missioner, S. J. Kirby, nearly 70 years ago. May became Box Secretary for St. Mark's Marrickville and was a most generous and enthusiastic supporter up to the time of her death in August, 1989 at the age of 93.

JIM THOMSON JOINS B.C.A.

★The Rector of Blacktown, The Rev. Jim Thomson, is to become the Assistant N.S.W. State Secretary as from April 1. Mr. Thomson will replace Miss Helen Plumb who is now on the Parish Staff in Mudgee. Mr. Thomson, married to Maisie, has a grown-up family and a 15-year-old, Kathryn. Mr. Thomson has been Rector of the Parishes of Auburn and Albion Park and an assistant at Normanhurst and Frenchs Forest. We warmly welcome Jim and Maisie to the B.C.A. Home Support Team.

GAI MEE ENGAGED

★The B.C.A. family is delighted to learn of the recent engagement of one of our nursing sisters at Cook, Gai Mee, to John Di Doma of Cook. They plan to be married on July 7 in Adelaide and return to Cook where Gai plans to continue her service with B.C.A.

B.C.A. ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND RALLY

DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 1990 at 7.30 pm.
PLACE: St. Phillip's, York Street, Sydney
PREACHER: Archbishop D. W. B. Robinson
SUPPER: 100 metres away, at our new B.C.A. office. Level 7, 37 York Street.

* The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held the next day: THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1990 at 9.45 am in our new B.C.A. Sydney office.

All supporters welcome!

PRAYER CALENDAR

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Diocese of Northern Territory — Rt. Rev. C. Wood.

- 1 Sanderson — Rev. Greg and Mrs. Kerry Thompson.
- 2 Palmerston — Rev. Ron and Mrs. Margaret Bundy.
- 3 Tennant Creek — Rev. Tim and Mrs. Kerrie Brownscombe.
- 4 Diocesan Secretary/Treasurer — Mr. David Martin.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Diocese of North West Australia — Rt. Rev. G. B. Muston.

- 5 Kununurra — Rev. Murray and Mrs. Jane Lamont.
- 6 Derby — Rev. John and Mrs. Dianne Symons.
- 7 Newman — Rev. Bob Booth.
- 8 Port Hedland — Ven. Bill and Mrs. Jennifer Warburton.
- 9 South Hedland — Rev. Ray and Mrs. Lyn Arthur.
- 10 Karratha — Rev. Terry and Mrs. Fiona Redmond.
- 11 Wickham — Rev. Allan and Mrs. Julie Harrison.
- 12 Tom Price/Paraburdoo — (Locum): Rev. Craig and Mrs. Elizabeth McAlpin.
N.W. Australia: Youth Ministry: Catherine Ross.
- 13 Mt. Magnet (Murchison) — Rev. Philip and Mrs Margaret Bassett.
- 14 Diocesan Registrar — Mr. Martin Weatherston in Geraldton.

Diocese of Perth — Most Rev. Peter Carnley.

- 15 Kambalda/Norseman — Rev. Ron and Mrs. Colleen Ross.
Hon. B.C.A. Secretary for W.A. — Rev. Peter Brain.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Willochra — Rt. Rev. D. McCall.

- 16 Coober Pedy — Rev. Ian and Mrs. Robin Robertson.
- 17 Roxby Downs and Mid-West Mission — Rev. Colin and Mrs. Ruth Nelson.
- 18 Leigh Creek — Rev. Peter and Mrs. Margaret Achurch.
State Secretary for S.A. — Rev. Bob George, Mrs. Jocelyn Phillips.

FIELD STAFF DIRECTORY

- 19 Cook: Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital — Sisters Gai Mee, Ruth Leske, Ros Jinks.

- 20 Tarcoola Hospital — Sisters Mary-Grace Bingham, Susan Green.

VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Diocese of Gippsland — Rt. Rev. C. Sheumack.

- 21 Omeo — Rev. Errol and Mrs. Anne Sorensen.
State Secretary for Vic. and Tas. — Rev. Brian Viney, Mrs. Margo Bright.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Diocese of Riverina — Rt. Rev. B. R. Hunter.

- 22 Broken Hill Hostel — Mr. Nick Puttman, Mr. Kevin and Mrs. Pat Hoyt.
- 23 Wilcannia — Rev. Bob and Mrs. Phyllis Collie, Rev. Allen and Mrs. Mahalia Mathieson.

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- 24 Lightning Ridge — Rev. Cliff and Mrs. Megan Ainsworth.
- 25 State Office, N.S.W. Secretary — Rev. David Mulready, Mrs. Michele Peacock. Deputationist — Rev. Brian Black.

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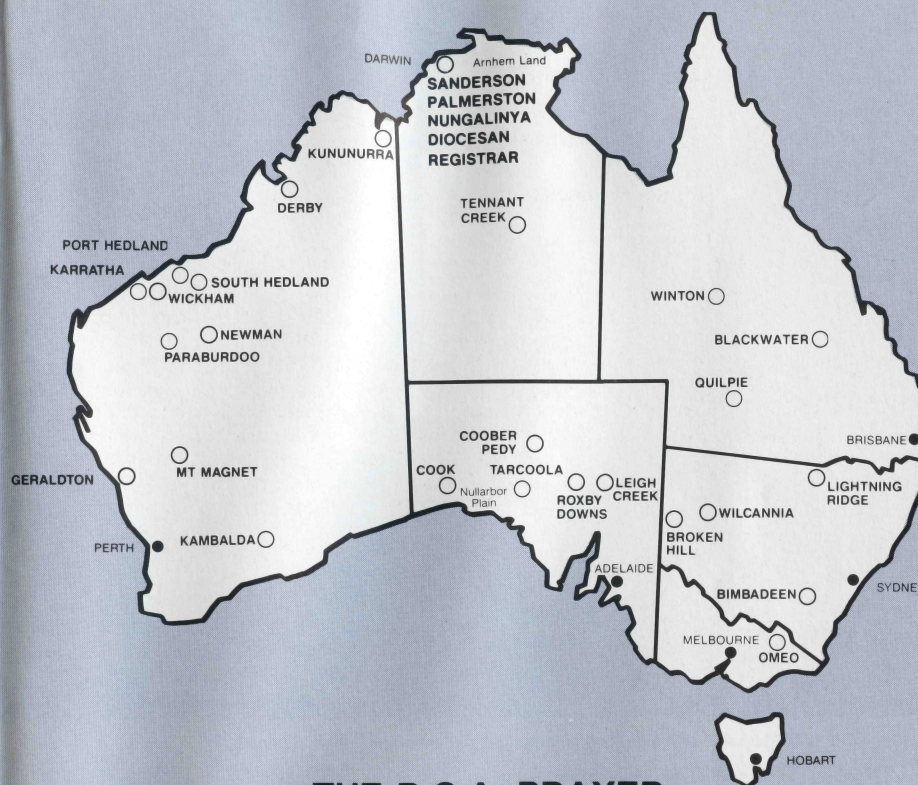
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- 29 Nungalinga College — Mrs. Wendy Gibson and Miss Helen Kassman.
- Bimbadeen College — Pastor Maika and Mrs. Ana Bovo (Principal).

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- 30 Federal Office — Rev. Ernie Carnaby, Miss Margaret Woolcott.
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THE B.C.A. PRAYER

O Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in the remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and 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, through service and by caring for the young, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed, and accepted by the people throughout our land. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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