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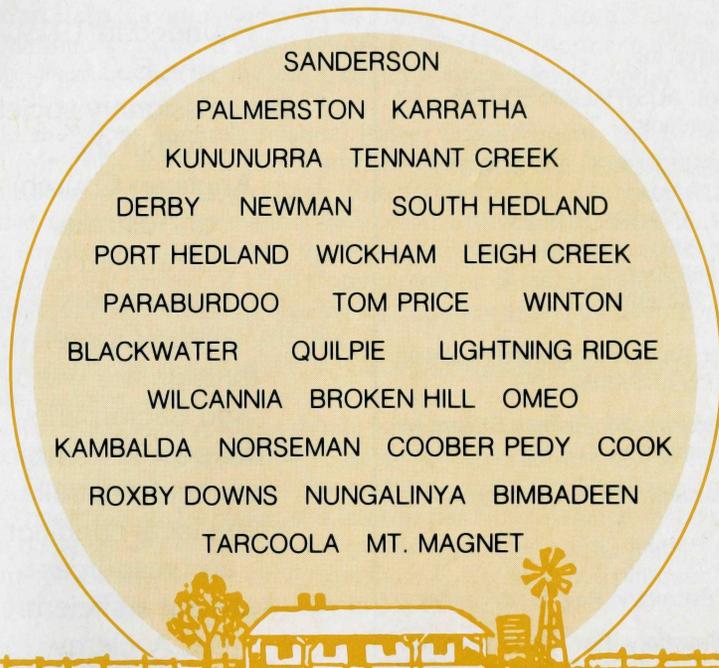
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and other
specialist personnel
do their part
to win
'Australia for Christ'



Gathering of the B.C.A. Family in South Australia

The first ever South Australian B.C.A. Supporters' Weekend was a wonderful success. Held in the foothills overlooking the sights of Adelaide on a mild March weekend, people from as far away as Mt. Gambier and the West Coast, gathered to learn more about B.C.A.

Bishop Harry Goodhew who is Chairman of B.C.A., led the Bible Studies from Matthew's gospel. It was a return to the State of former service for the Bishop. Harry served at the old Ceduna Mission almost twenty-five years ago.

Field staff from Tarcoola hospital (Sister Susan Green), the Broken Hill hostel (Mr. Nick and Mrs. May Puttman), Coober Pedy (Rev. Ian and Mrs. Robin Robertson) and Leigh Creek (Rev. Peter and Mrs. Margaret Achurch) provided up to date information about their respective ministries.

The Archbishop of Adelaide, the Most Rev. Keith Rayner, celebrated and preached at the service of Holy Communion on Sunday morning.

A further highlight was the sharing on Saturday night by three people who have had long associations with B.C.A.

Mrs. Glad Smith shared of B.C.A. service at Streaky Bay in the 1960s with her late husband, Jim.

The Rev. Ken Dixon spoke of school teaching at Tarcoola, which eventually led to marriage to the then B.C.A. nurse at Tarcoola hospital, Marj Tarr.

Mrs. Betty Jennings shared of the nurturing in faith she had received from B.C.A. ministries at Tarcoola, and later in the North West at Wickham.

The occasion was so worthwhile in terms of Bible study, fellowship and encouragement as a B.C.A. family that the S.A. Committee is planning to hold a similar event for supporters early in 1992.

Rev. Bob George



(Left to right): Bishop Harry Goodhew, Archbishop Keith Rayner, Mr. Ken Langshaw (Chairman of S.A. Committee) and Rev. Bob George.

What are we doing here?

"What are we doing here?" I couldn't help but think as we stepped from the air-conditioned plane into the scorching wind of the North West in the middle of summer.

"What are we doing here?" I thought as kind folk drove us through the flat, unattractive and dirty surroundings to our new home.

I must confess to thinking that same thought a third time as we stepped through the door of our new home to be met by boxes three and four deep and confusion everywhere.

Thankfully those feelings pass and the new becomes familiar and home. We now find ourselves delighted with the unique, vast beauty of the North West and enjoying some very warm fellowship with God's people here. Much of our work revolves around helping people to know God in their ordinary lives and trying to compensate for the lack of extended family support. In short — ordinary parish work in an isolated place.

We have had some encounters to make us smile, such as the drunk who wanted a lift home but didn't know where he was or where he lived, but more often we see people who desperately need God's life-changing love. People, like a young couple whose wedding was organised for me to take as soon as I arrived and who are now separated. I visited that young man in gaol recently and there seems little hope of their marriage surviving. Then there's the lovely Christian lady married to an unstable alcoholic and yet still able to have a loving, caring word for everyone.

There is also the problem of many diverse church backgrounds coming together. People are faced with many different models of Christian living. Even those who are Christians still face the problem of their on-going Christian fellowship and growth being affected by the coming and going of their Christian friends, including the clergy.

Many different people with many different needs but all needing to know our Saviour.

Praise God for the privilege of being here to make Him known.

Ray and Lyn Arthur



(Ray and Lyn with Neroli, Corinne and Scott moved to South Hedland in January 1990.)



South Hedland has one of the four new multi-purpose and functional church buildings built recently in the Diocese of the North West.



Bishop Ged Muston inducts Ray as Rector of South Hedland (4.2.90) with the help of the Church Warden.

You don't have to queue at Cue

The Parish of the Murchison is in the Western Australian outback and covers an area larger than the State of Victoria, yet only has five towns ranging from Sandstone with 38 residents at last count, to Meekatharra with about 2000 if you can hold the highly itinerant population still long enough to count them!

The main industries in the area are gold mining and sheep grazing, so the prices for gold and wool are of immense interest. The area had its hey-day back about 1930 and now all the towns are fairly run down.

Each place has its own particular difficulties. These include the smallness of the towns, the remoteness, the uncertainties of the mining industry (one mine at Mt. Magnet just closed down with about 30 families leaving town in June), the vagaries of the sparse rainfall, and such minor irritants as the heat and the dust. And into the midst of all this B.C.A. plonked Margaret and me to minister to the Anglican Church in the Parish.

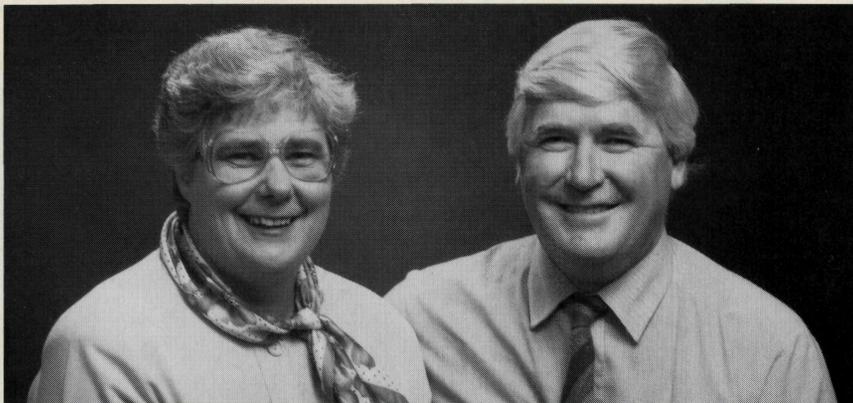
At Cue (pop. 450) there is no need to queue for church! The Anglican congregation consists of four ladies (well, there were four until last week but the nurse at

the local nursing centre left as she is getting married in September). So on Sundays at 4 pm Margaret and I and these four ladies gather for Bible study. Now I ask you! Where is there a city parish which gets 100% of its congregation attending Bible study each week?

Each lady is quite different and each lady loves the Lord. **Maureen**, the nurse, spent a year or so in Zambia with A.B.M., and has been running the Nursing Post at Cue for the last couple of years. **Jean** has just become a great-grandmother again and is an old bushie from way back. Jean and her husband have worked in outback towns all over W.A. **Irene's** husband works in a gold mine and Irene herself is the gardener for the mine houses. Irene has two young children and helps run the Kids' Club (Jonah's for a whale-of-a-time). **Anne** is Assistant Shire Clerk with an adult family.

Bible study with these ladies is a great joy as each brings a totally different perspective to the Word of God as they share the wealth of their Christian experience. Margaret and I don't mind the 80 km drive to share with them and we return home each week tired but encouraged.

Please pray for Anne, Irene, Jean and Maureen as they show the love of Christ to those around them in the small outback town of Cue.



(Philip and Margaret Bassett have been serving with B.C.A. in the Parish of The Murchison since February of this year.)



Ernest and Ida Horth moved to Brisbane in January 1989 where Ernest serves as Secretary for Queensland and Northern N.S.W.

"I CAN PRAISE HIM TOO!"

The new B.C.A. office in Brisbane is now in full swing. A number of special donations have come in recent months.

A cheque for \$874.31 was received from the sale of a bale of wool. In the difficult circumstances surrounding the wool market, such an anonymous donation is considerable indeed. The sacrificial giving of one farming family will help and encourage others in their witness for Christ in the outback.

One couple, just recently married, sent in a thank offering of \$2000. Another couple have relocated after the selling and purchase of houses. As a thank offering they forwarded \$500.

A seven-year-old girl was welcomed to Sunday School and baptised by a B.C.A. missionary. Because of this ministry, plus the ministry of another missionary to the parish in which the girl's grandmother lives, the grandmother sent a special thank offering to B.C.A.

Box Secretaries have been busy too, arranging parish social functions which focus in on B.C.A. and the needs of ministry in the outback. Income from Parishes and Box openings are on the increase. What an encouragement this is to us all. People are enthusiastic for the Lord and to share with His people!

St. Paul described this situation when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:13:

"Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else."

There are many and varied ways in which we can share the riches of the Lord with others, giving Him the glory and praise for the abundance of His provision.



Archdeacon Bill and Mrs. Jennifer Warburton of Port Hedland (since June '88).

Jennifer writes . . .

Home and Away

It's 1.30 on Saturday morning, at the end of a Kangaroo Pass visit to family, friends and supporters from Darwin to Bruny Island, and it's great to be back home in Port Hedland.

Visiting our far-flung family is rewarding and exciting (especially with two new grandchildren), but it is a long way, takes a long time, involving much expense and we can't always do it together.

On the other hand, after two years it certainly is home here, with day to day pleasures and frustrations, friends and neighbours, challenging work and widening opportunities for involvement and outreach in the community — sometimes just being there to listen is the most important thing which shows each person that he or she matters and is cared about.

Even within the parish there is much travel — 600 km to the gold mining community of Telfer once a quarter, 120 km to Goldsworthy and

on a further 80 km to Shay Gap once a month, interspersed with occasional individual visits whenever the schedule permits or a special need arises.

I find it disappointing when I'm unable to accompany Bill on his travels — nowhere is God's grandeur and His care for even the minutest detail of all the boundless variety of his creation better displayed than in the vastness of this land.

Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Clergy Conference are two of the occasions giving clergy the opportunity to get together for the support so necessary in this enormous (in area) and tiny (in population) diocese. These events are so timed that wives and children can attend and enjoy the fellowship too. The Biennial Diocesan Family Convention caters for all parishioners from each parish.

A really encouraging gift to bring back home to our people was the personal assurance from so many people of their ongoing support in all kinds of ways. Thank you everybody from all of us.

Bill writes . . .

From the sunny north-west!

Brrr . . . we're shivering — the temperature dropped to 5 degrees the other morning and it's been grey and overcast! We are all wearing pullovers and greeting tourists with "Welcome to the Sunny Pilbara!" Some of the replies are not suitable for the ears of our supporters!

Growth at St. Matthew's. The latter part of 1989 saw a marked reduction in our congregation — a number of our longer-term worshippers had moved away. During the last few months, however, there has been steady growth; an injection of new families and some involvement from residents who have joined us — giving an encouraging boost to congregational life.

Flow of visitors. The weather may be unseasonable but the tourist season is in full swing. Each Sunday we welcome someone different. This weekend there was Peter Moss (formerly Rector of South Hedland), together with Michael Dewsbury (Chaplain at Fremantle Hospital), a Moore College student and his wife, and a ranger from Millstream with his family.

Ministry in Mining Towns. Catherine Ross accompanied me on the last Telfer trip — some 550 km of gravel road and creek crossings — made more interesting by six road trains each day carting Ferromanganese out of Woody Woody to Port Hedland. When you see the great clouds of dust approaching you just head for the scrub! We met camels, donkeys, horses, cattle and bush turkey on the way — at least the emus gave us a break! (Catherine thought it was great!)

The Christian group at Shay Gap is small but there is a deep level of commitment and some meet each week to study God's word.

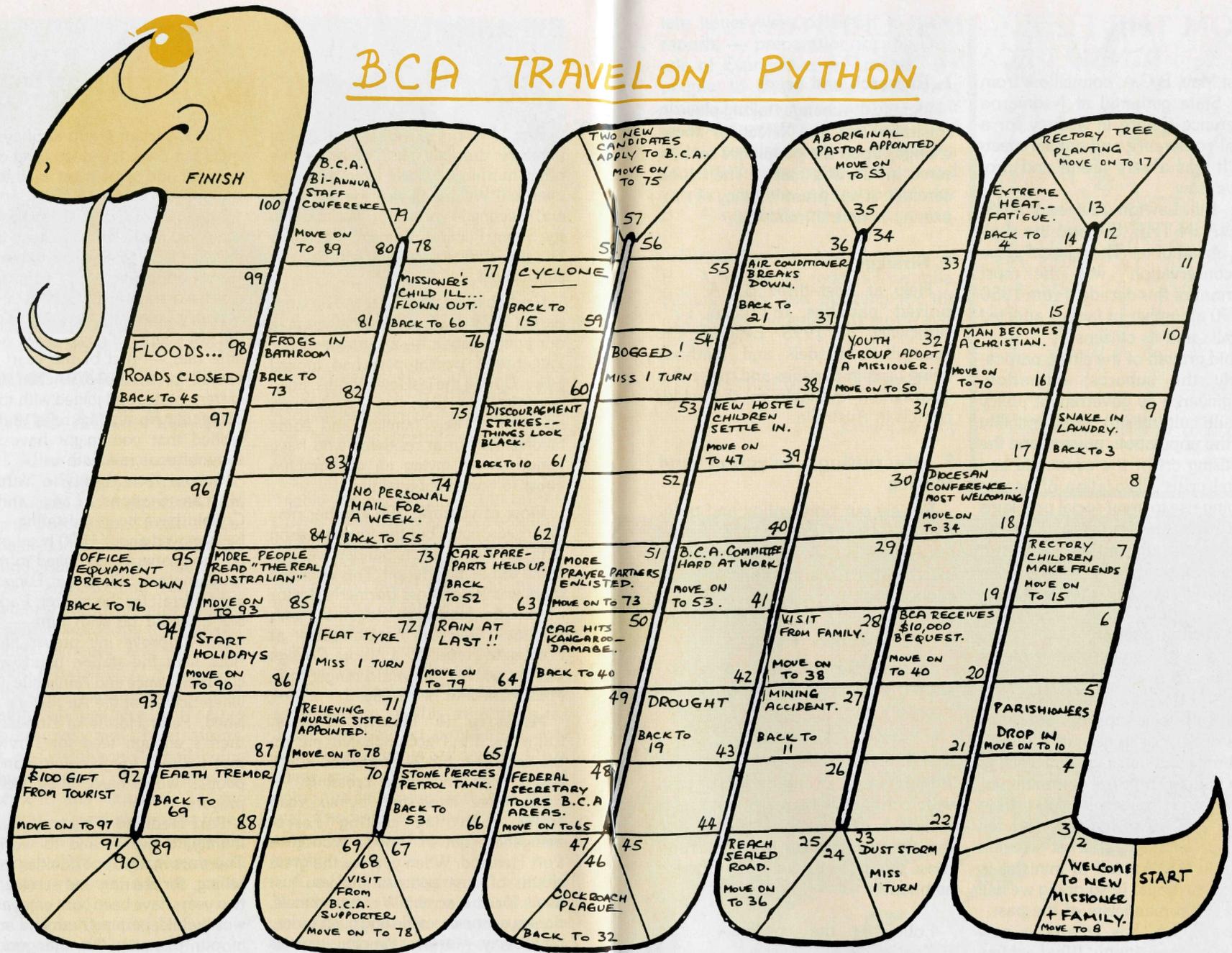
The town of Goldsworthy has grown again and nearly all houses are full. We have gained a family from Queensland, almost doubling our congregation which worships in the School Library.

A dry year. We have rejoiced over the last couple of days — we've had a little rain — first of the year! We've prayed for the flood stricken areas in eastern States and joined with the local community in sending relief and we've wished that you might have shared some of your rain with us!

On our recent visits to Yarrie and Muccan Stations, Lang and Ann Coppin have been mustering — they have moved about 1500 head of cattle off the properties but need to move at least another 500 away. Lang uses a light aircraft for the muster: Paddy told me I should go with him — said it would improve my prayer life! Ann rides with the station hands and the children, Lance and Annabelle, join her when School of the Air lessons are finished. Peter Hardie of Boodarie says there's enough feed for survival but that's all. It's tough country and these people work hard; they need our prayers.

Port Hedland. This is a great community to live in and to work with. There are many opportunities for counselling, for sharing and service. These two years have been both enjoyable and worthwhile; coming here had not been in our planning but the good Lord opened up the way and Jennifer and I give thanks for this.

BCA TRAVEL ON PYTHON



REV. BRIAN BLACK
AND ARTIST PETER DRAM.

FROM THE FEDERAL SECRETARY . . . A NEW DECADE FOR B.C.A.

Last May, B.C.A. councillors from every State gathered at Naamaroo Conference Centre in Sydney for a special conference and annual meetings. It was a very useful and productive time.

Dr. Bill Lawton reviewed AUSTRALIA IN THE '80s and the challenge ahead of us. The "green" issue or "conservation" was the most important of this decade. From 1950 to 1990 a number of factors affected Australia and its citizens:

rapid growth of the cities, particularly the suburbs; migration, engineered by government policy (multi-culturalism); great mobility of the population; poverty and the housing crisis; the economic and rural crisis; dislocation of people giving rise to great social problems . . . fractured families, domestic violence, unemployment and racial tension.

Faced with these issues how does B.C.A. respond?

Dr. Lawton pointed out that Australia is a religious country, not Christian, so there is a need to capitalise on this spiritual search: to develop strategies appropriate to the needs of Aussies in non-urban areas, e.g. family and marriage counselling; life in mining and rural communities. We should research Australian society and its spirituality, and tell you, our supporters, what we find and train B.C.A. staff to minister in today's Australia. In so doing we will dispel the romanticism of the past.

Now B.C.A. has entered a new decade of opportunity. What achievable goals do we set? Our conference noted five:

1. Research and needs

Identify the changes taking place in Australia and the effect of these changes upon the people we seek to serve in Christ's name. Then look carefully at our present policy of supporting people in ministry.

2. Strategy

Help at least three B.C.A. supported parishes to reach self-sufficiency by 1993. Evaluate the evangelistic models and methods being used in parishes and make this information available to the wider church in Australia.

3. Recruiting, selection and training

Review our preparation and training of clergy, nurses and hostel parents for B.C.A. service, and how we care for them on conclusion of service.

4. B.C.A. supporters

Increase the number of "under-40" supporters to 2000 by the end of the decade.

5. Administration

Maintain a strong financial base with competent management (refer June R.A. middle spread). Make sure that the ratio between home staff and those serving in the field is as efficient as possible.

Following the conference the B.C.A. Council received detailed reports from every ministry centre. How encouraging these were! Cer-

tain issues were common to many reports — preparation for the Decade of Evangelism and training lay people to share their faith; new church buildings and centres; small groups operating in scattered parishes; regular visiting of station properties; ministry to children and youth; sincere appreciation for B.C.A. support in prayer and finance.

Reviewing the past. Looking at B.C.A.'s role in today's Australia. Setting goals and planning for the new decade, keeping our motto ever before us . . .

AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST

Ernie Carnaby



"MY BOSS WOULD FIRE ME IN A MINUTE IF HE KNEW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN...LUCKILY, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP IT A SECRET"

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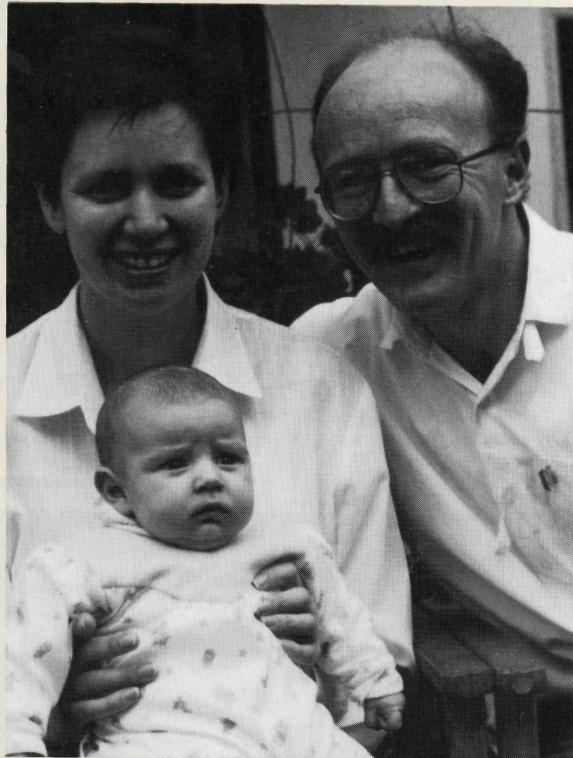
The Annual General Meeting of BCA in Sydney in May, with the President, Archbishop Robinson, presiding.



WELCOME CATHRYN ROSS (JUNIOR)

★ **The B.C.A. Family** is celebrating the arrival of Cathryn Elizabeth Ross, born to Ron and Colleen at Kambalda on May 10. Praise God for a safe arrival! (This Cathryn Ross ought not to be confused with our youth worker at South Hedland, Catherine Ross!)

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THE BOOTHS FAREWELLED

★ **On July 17**, Bob and Hilary Booth and their children left Newman for the U.K. They were sorry to leave and B.C.A. was sorry to lose them. The B.C.A. family has been very supportive through all the trauma associated with Caroline's death in July, 1989.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN B.C.A. FOCUS

★ **The Annual gathering** for B.C.A. supporters will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 28, 1990, in Christ Church Parish Hall, Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide, at 2.30 pm. Speakers: Sister Mary-Grace Bingham will speak on the latest initiatives at Tarcoola Hospital, and Rev. Geoffrey Bingham will share from God's Word about Mission. Also featuring "Travelling Light" Dance Group.

BOOK REVIEW

★ **Tibby Briar** was an Aboriginal woman. During the last two years of her life she lived at the Wilcannia District Hospital. Phyllis Collie visited her there, and got to know Tibby well. When Tibby asked Phyllis to write her story, they spent many hours talking together, making notes and recording Tibby's memories on tape.

Phyllis says: "It was a great privilege for me to have Tibby

Tibby Briar

share her story with me. Her life was one of great sadness and suffering, but Tibby's simple faith in a God who cared for her was the strength of her life."

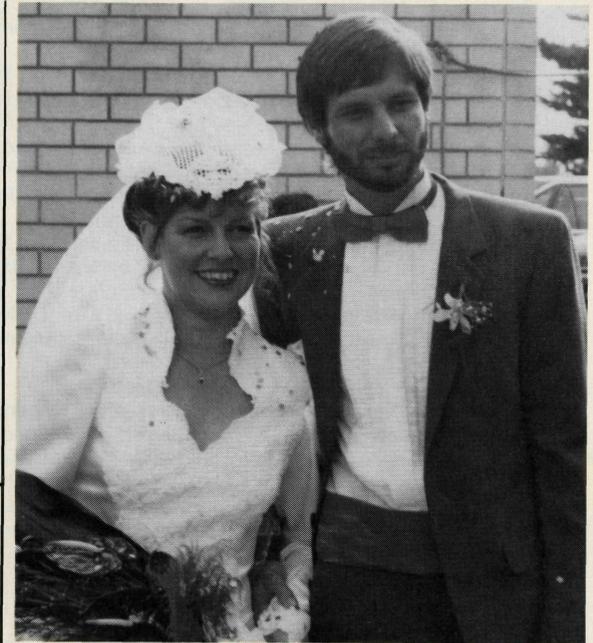
This was the message Tibby had for her people, and this publication is her testimony.

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B.C.A. WEDDING

★ **Sister Gai Mee** (Cook Hospital) and John DiDonna were married on July 7 at St. Martin's Campbelltown in Adelaide. The Secretary for South Australia, the Rev. Bob George, officiated and the Federal Secretary, the Rev. Ernie Carnaby, preached the sermon. We're delighted that the DiDonnas have returned to Cook!

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BIMBADEEN NEWS

★ **After a marvellous ministry** at Bimbadeen, Maika and Anna Bovoro have returned to Fiji to take up a new work for the Lord. They will be greatly missed from the College and the B.C.A. family.

THE MOLYNEUXS ARE WELCOMED

★ **The Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Betty Lou Molyneux** will move from the Parish of Northampton in the Diocese of the North West, to Newman in September. The induction is planned for September 23. We welcome the Molyneuxs to the B.C.A. family.

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NORTHERN TERRITORY

Diocese of Northern Territory — Bishop Clyde 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 — Bishop Ged Muston.

- 5 Kununurra — Rev. Murray and Mrs. Jane Lamont.
 - 6 Derby — Rev. John and Mrs. Dianne Symons.
 - 7 Newman — Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Betty-Lou Molyneux.
 - 8 Port Hedland — Archdeacon 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 — Rev. Brian and Mrs. Joy Harding.
- 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 — Archbishop 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 — Bishop David 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. Jo Phillips.
- 19 Cook: Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital — Sisters Gai DiDonna, Ruth Leske.
 - 20 Tarcoola Hospital — Sisters Mary-Grace Bingham, Susan Green, Jane Parker.

VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Diocese of Gippsland — Bishop Colin 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 — Bishop Barry Hunter.

- 22 Broken Hill Hostel — Mr. Nick Puttman, Mr. Simon and Mrs. Susan Heath.
 - 23 Wilcannia — Rev. Bob and Mrs. Phyllis Collie
- Broken Hill South — Rev. Allen and Mrs. Mahalia Mathieson.
- Diocese of Armidale — Bishop Peter Chiswell.
- 24 Lightning Ridge — Rev. Cliff and Mrs. Megan Ainsworth.
 - 25 State Office, N.S.W. Secretary — Rev. David Mulready. Assistant: Rev. Jim Thomson. Secretary: Mrs. Michele Peacock.

QUEENSLAND

Diocese of Brisbane — Archbishop Peter Hollingworth.

- 26 Quilpie — Rev. Bob and Mrs. Sue Witten.
- State Sec. for Qld. and northern N.S.W. Rev. Ernest Horth.
- Diocese of Rockhampton — Bishop George Hearn.
- 27 Winton — Rev. Lex and Mrs. Rhonda Carey.
 - 28 Blackwater — Rev. Glen and Mrs. Kaye Zimmerle.

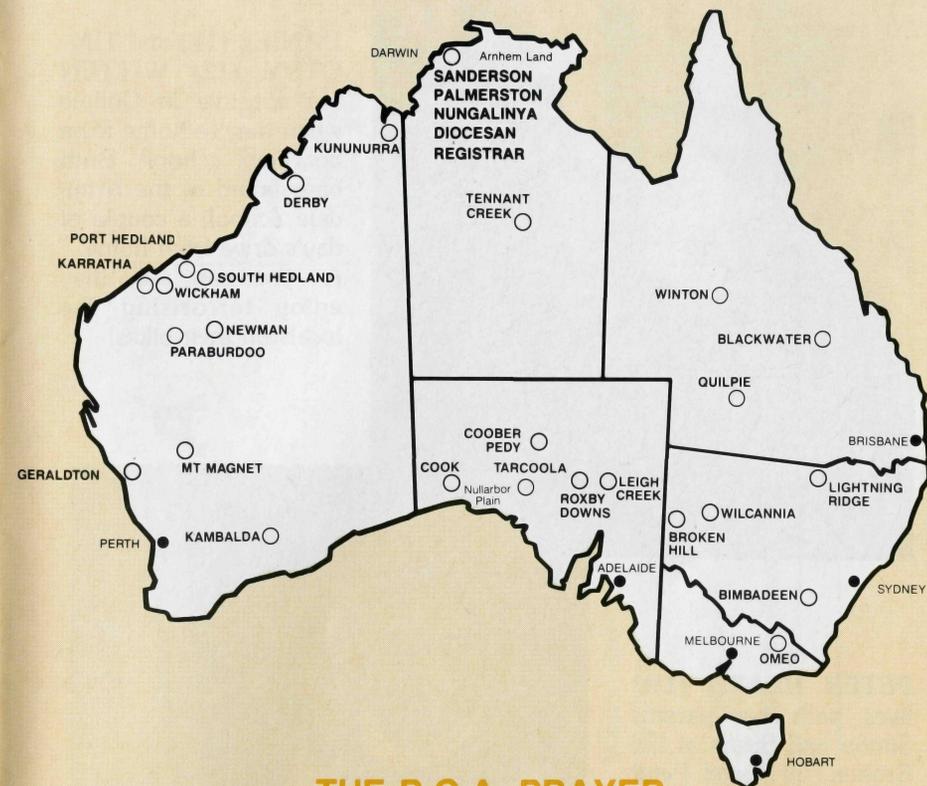
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- 29 Nungalinga College — Mr. Makram Yanny and Miss Helen Kassman.
- Bimbadeen College — Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Maureen Atkinson.

B.C.A. HEAD OFFICE

- 30 Federal Office — Rev. Ernie Carnaby, Miss Margaret Woolcott.
- Home Base Staff — Mr. Jim Gosbee, Mesdames Jacqueline Griffiths, Margaret Sadler. Locum Ministry: Rev. Brian Black.

out where
the action is ...

**THE B.C.A. PRAYER**

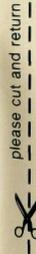
O Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in the remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making 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.

Introducing some more children of our B.C.A. Field Staff



DANIEL (14) and TIMOTHY (12) WITTEN are not idle in Quilpie when they're home from boarding school! Both boys board at the Armidale School, a couple of day's drive from home. As you can see, they enjoy terrorising the locals on their bikes!

PETER HEATH (1½) lives with his parents Simon and Susan at the Broken Hill Hostel. Peter is into garbage! In fact, Peter is into anything left lying around! He's a lovely little boy who brings a different tone to life at the Hostel. (His parents have trouble fitting his shoes — unless he has two left feet!)



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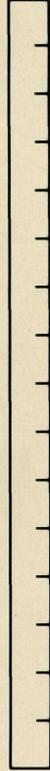
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