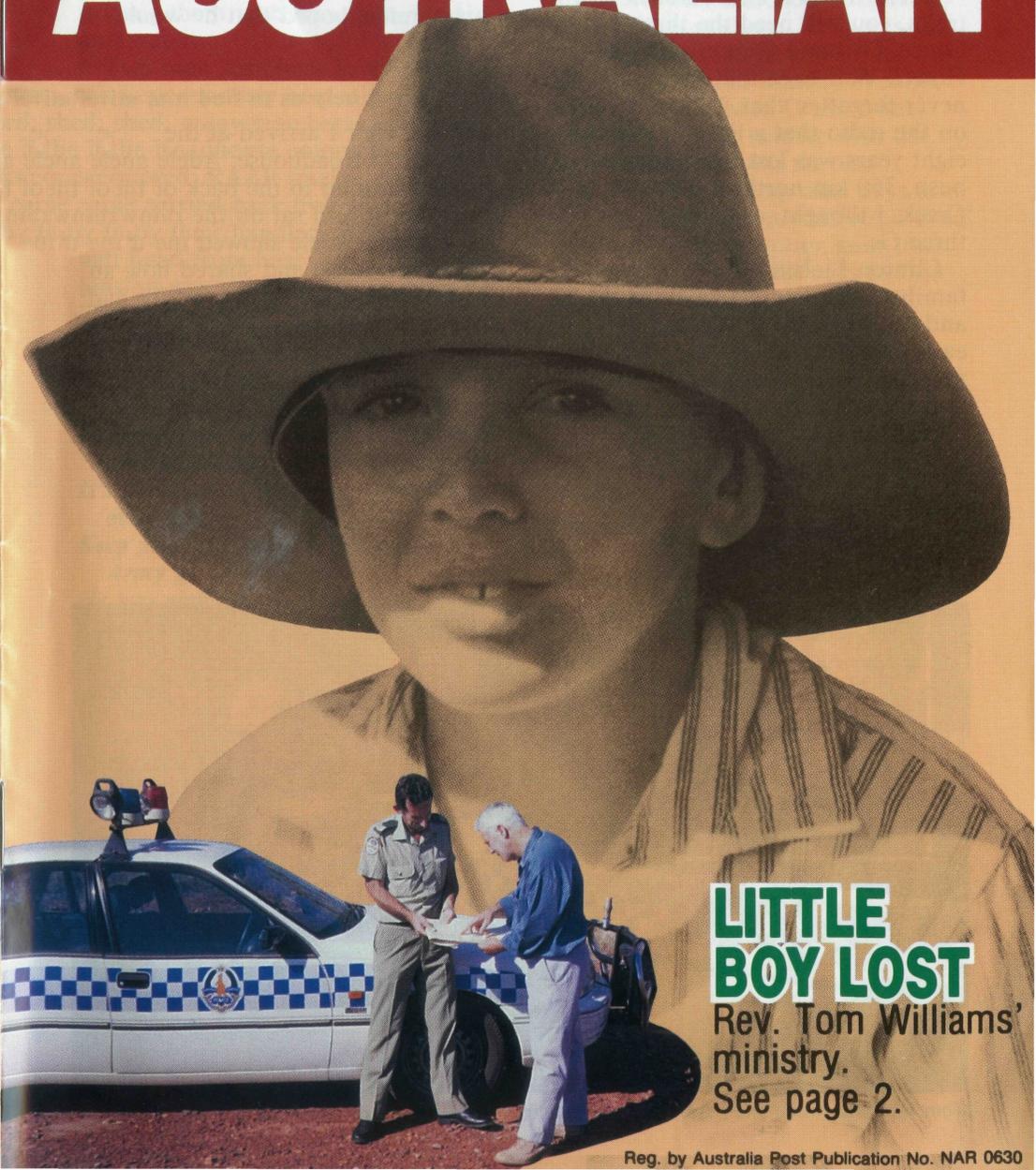


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LITTLE BOY LOST

Rev. Tom Williams' ministry. See page 2.

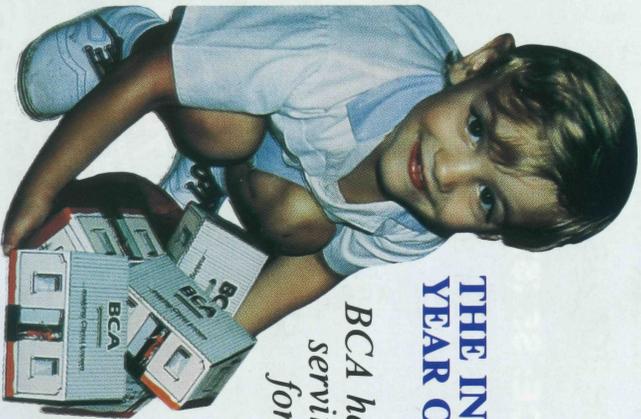


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A little boy lost

“FOR MINISTRY in outback Australia, you will need the three Gs — Grace, Grit and Gumption,” Bishop Howell Witt once told me. I have never forgotten that. When I heard on the radio that a little boy of eight years was lost in the rugged bush, 360 km north of Tennant Creek, I thought, and prayed for the three Gs.

Clinton Liebelt lived with his family at the Dunmarra Roadhouse, and on Saturday, 9 October 1993, early in the afternoon, he rode into the bush on his 80 cc motorbike and lost his way.

Hardened bushmen, stockmen and women, Police Task Force

members, Army and Air Force personnel, Aboriginal trackers, emergency service workers, cattle station families, retired prospectors, relatives, School of the Air teachers and staff and many more searched for Clinton. He had to be found within 48 hours as there was no water anywhere out there. Steve and Adele, his parents, hoped that he would.

“Oh Lord, help us to find him alive”

Soon after I arrived at the Dunmarra Roadhouse, Adele and I walked around to the back of the Roadhouse and sat on the rainwater tank stand. Adele showed me Clinton’s photo and shared how an itinerant Anglican Army Padre had baptised Clinton and his brother, Greg at the Roadhouse.

We prayed together for Clinton to be found safe and well. The pain of a loving parent for her lost boy, who had now been missing for 48

hours, was heart-rending. “Oh Lord, help us to find him alive”. This was on Monday, 11 October.

Each day during the next seven days we gathered the family, relatives and friends to have a time of reading from God’s Word, and pray for the police conducting the search, all those searching, and those supporting them with transport, food and water.

Two men searching in a helicopter were seriously hurt when it crashed; many searchers came back to the Roadhouse completely exhausted; RAAF tracker dogs had to be carried back from the search area by their handlers as they were half dead from heat exhaustion. The tension was emotionally draining. Somebody wrote these lines about the search:

*When we were out there searching
from dawn to dusk
It was easy to see how Clint had got
himself lost.
It’s the hardest scrub mate that I’ve
ever seen,
Keep your eye on your marker in his
Army greens.
He was eight years old when he died
a man,
Eight years old and I don’t
understand.
We looked for days and days, they
seemed to be so short,
Then back to the roadhouse for a
quiet tear and talk.*

A doctor told the parents on Wednesday that they must now expect the worst. He had been standing by, but now left to return to Katherine. Other support people left towards the weekend — frustrated, sad and heartbroken. Why couldn’t we find Clinton? They were feeling defeated and mentally frustrated. I was able to speak to most of them.

The Shepherd who searched

It was a heavy hearted, confused and dusty group of people who gathered for an open-air service on Sunday 17 October, in the evening. We felt Clinton was out there somewhere west of the Roadhouse, but where? Jesus told the story of the shepherd who searched until He found the lost sheep. That was the reading I was led to choose for the service that quiet Sunday evening under the Southern Cross. Many hearts were now tearing with the pain and effort with no result.

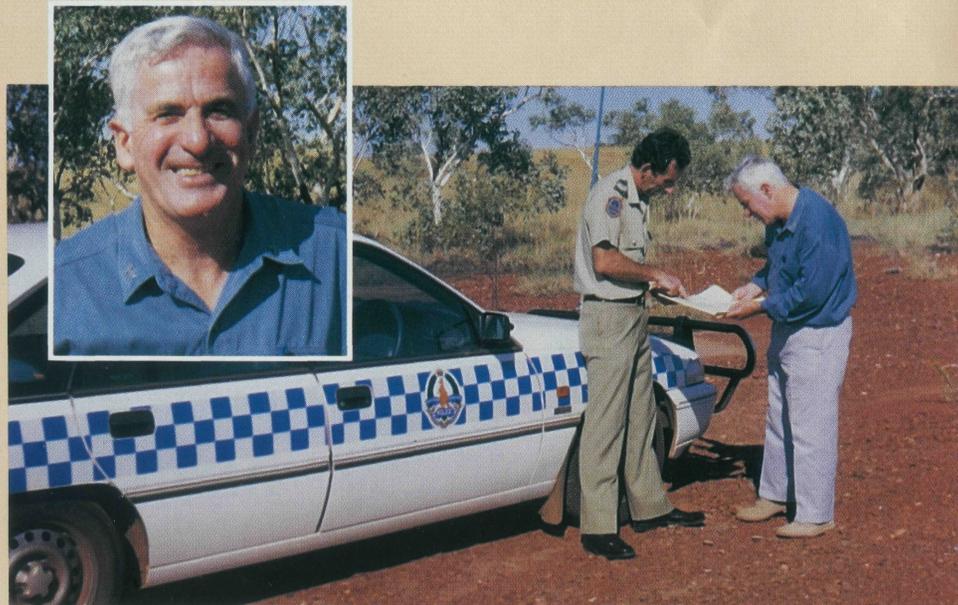
The next morning, nine days after he was lost, Clinton was found dead under a clump of young gum trees. His battle for life and ours to find him had ended.

Jesus wept

“Jesus wept”. Along with family, relatives, friends and searchers, so did we “weep with those who weep”. At Clinton’s funeral under the shade of a tree in Katherine’s cemetery I shared the story of how through metamorphosis a caterpillar is changed into a beautiful butterfly and the Christian knows that Jesus Christ will change what is perishable into that which is unperishable. Jesus was “a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”.

We continue to support the Liebelt family and others. I say “we”, for it is a partnership, a body, Christ’s body; the Bishop and the Diocese of the Northern Territory, the Parish of Tennant Creek, Bush Church Aid Society Australia-wide, your support and your prayers.

*Tom and Carol Williams have been in Tennant Creek since October 1993.
(DAY 2 PRAYER NOTES)*



Tom Williams (inset) and (right) with police officer.

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EDITORIAL

I RECALL one of my army training officers reminding me about the way we approach tasks. He suggested the KISS method: "Keep It Simple Stupid!"

The challenge of being the Editor of *The Real Australian* is that of not only keeping our articles clear and simple but presenting the ministries of B.C.A. and the needs of remote Australia to a contemporary readership. The new look format catches the eye and enables the B.C.A. stories of faith to be easily read. The references to the Prayer Notes at the end of each article invites you as a reader to stand alongside our field staff in prayer.

This 75th year of ministry for the Bush Church Aid Society, serving the Anglican Church in remote Australia, provides a fresh opportunity to communicate the call of gospel ministry, the needs of remote and rural Australia and the sacrificial service of women, men and children throughout our land. May *The Real Australian* be a delight to your eyes and a challenge to your heart.

GREG THOMPSON

1919 - 1994

75 years of
ministry
in remote
Australia

FRONT COVER PHOTOS:

Clinton Liebelt (top), Tom
Williams (right) with Police Officer.
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The Federal Secretary writes...

"MAJOR DAD", "A Weight Watchers success story", "The Pig Lady", "The Crow Eaters", "The 4WD Florist" and the "Part-time Masseur" and "Mark 10% Taylor" — they were there.

Adelaide in April! People from a wide variety of backgrounds, interests and experiences but with one thing in common, their love for Jesus and a desire to see people come into the Kingdom of Our Lord!

The BCA staff from the southern and central areas of Australia met at Nunyara Conference Centre in the Adelaide Hills for the biennial Staff Conference.

Over the three-day conference, the staff, both field and home-based, many of whom had not met before, developed a cohesion that the BCA family is known for. The Vineys and the Ross's (the Diocese of North West Australia's delegate) who have been with BCA since the late '50s were soon comparing notes with the newcomers.

Kevin Giles, a local Adelaide rector, led the team through the first four chapters of Luke's "The Acts of the Apostles" in a way that developed our understanding of the Bible

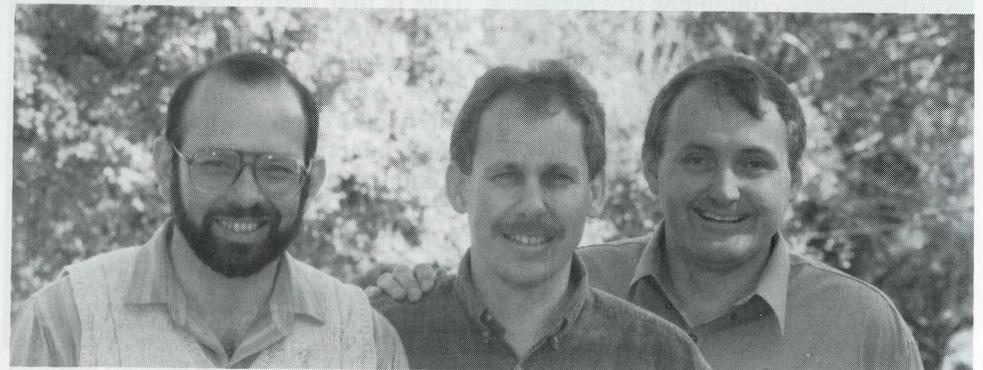
and brought to light many issues for every day ministry.

Our keynote speaker, Dillwyn Bartholmeusz, from Sydney, a clinical pathologist and theologian, identified and addressed important issues relating to the staff's ministry. Dillwyn noted that the way we approach and understand our problems, be they professional or personal, will have a profound impact upon the solutions and strategies we devise.

The workshops were most helpful. Just as one needs to practice to keep the edge on your tennis game, so we came to understand the importance of taking steps to keep the isolation of remote Australia from taking the edge off our ministry. We addressed the issue of how to avoid simply going through the motions of ministry and found that the answer lay in learning to take care of our self in order to serve others.

The conference participants felt that it was a great opportunity to explore more fully what God had in store for each as well as draw us together in our task to win Australians for Christ.

BRIAN ROBERTS



At the conference: (L to R) Dillwyn Bartholmeusz, Greg Thompson, Brian Roberts.

Elizabeth Caldwell is a literacy worker at Nungalinga College, Darwin, assisting Aboriginal and Islander students in the city and in remote communities.

... AND WAS MY FACE RED!

I HAD an invitation to do a week's teaching in the school on Elcho Island. It seemed right to take up the invitation, even though it would also be the first week of a three-week Church Leaders' Course back at Nungalinga. I went, had a wonderful and most successful week, and made many new friends.

I came back almost feeling I had been on holiday, and it was hard to understand when I was greeted with some very serious faces. As it turned out, I had been away when students needed literacy help badly!

In the past we had ten or so church leaders come from far and wide for the three-week-long courses, very often we had less. This time there were over **thirty extra** students! They ranged in literacy level from very competent to "needing some strong support".

A literacy co-ordinator's nightmare? Yes, in one way, and it was difficult for others to manage in my absence. Perhaps I could have predicted a change in the pattern, but I didn't. But let me give you a long-winded explanation.

The academic staff at Nungalinga College finished last year on a note of triumph because we had completed the process of accreditation for both the Certificate and Associ-



ated Diploma courses. This means that both courses are now approved for DEET funding, through Abstuddy.

There are good and bad implications implied in course accreditation. The wonderful advantage is that many more people are able to come and study with financial assistance for travel and living costs. Many Aboriginal people and many churches will benefit. Another great benefit is that full-time students can apply for extra tutoring from a paid tutor (though not students attending the short courses, the wheels and cogs at DEET grind too slow for that).

One disadvantage for Nungalinga is that administration costs go up because of the extra administration

and course documentation required by DEET.

Another implication became clearer to me when I came back from Elcho Island, after the first Church Leaders' Course for 1994 had started. **More people!** Instead of an extra handful of students, there were enough to use up our largest classroom and other facilities!

With larger numbers of students I have to use different strategies to help students, less individual or personal, perhaps. This seems inevitable. Another possibility (hope?) is to find some extra volunteer tutors who can come in just for a few hours in the afternoons they are

needed.

Despite all the busyness of this first Church Leaders' Course, I have been meeting some remarkable people, and hearing stories full of hope, courage, and beautiful transformations from people who have battled to retain humanity and dignity. Every day I am touched to the heart with evidence of God's kindness. I wouldn't trade my job with anyone, even on the busiest days, because in a small way I am participating in something very special that God is doing in the lives of indigenous Australians.

(DAY 2 PRAYER NOTES)

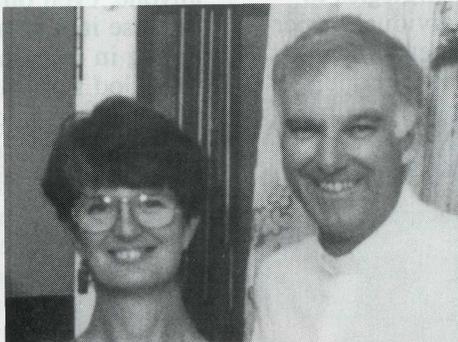


Elizabeth Caldwell with women from Arnhem Land bi-cultural life studies learning to use computers.

Geoff and Gill Bransgrove last year moved to Winton, Western Queensland, from the parish of Mullumbimby, Grafton Diocese.

Winton is one of the largest parishes in the Anglican Communion, being one-third of the Rockhampton Diocese.

Geoff and Gill found the move to Winton a great challenge. Geoff's prayer expresses something of their experience.



NEW BEGINNINGS

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,

I didn't know it would be so hard to leave our family and friends when you called us to this place. It is so far away and at times so lonely — but then, I see parents who have to say goodbye to their children as young as twelve as they go away to school, and who miss out on many of those precious years in so many ways.

Lord, what a shock to confront the drought conditions of recent time, with no grass as far as the eye could see and the heat, Lord, I didn't know it could be so hot for so long — but then, we are so blessed to have air conditioning that makes the heat more bearable for us when so many out here don't have that necessity and just have to cope.

Father, the prices of food are so expensive, not so bad maybe, but fresh fruit and vegetables seem to be impossible to get here and what we get goes off so quickly — but then we have been so lucky to have always had such a variety before, while folk here don't even know what many vegetables we take for granted in the cities even are.

Lord, there is so much to do. The buildings are in such disrepair and desperately need work on them. Two year's vacancy have allowed much weather damage and funds are limited, so we need to tackle much of the mending and the painting ourselves. The ministry to out centres has also been

nonexistent — but then we get so frustrated because the rains delay our getting out there and make us feel that we are not doing anything.

Lord, before we came here, we were so busy. Busy with parish business, functions, studies, committees, so busy and now we find that time means nothing here. Nothing starts on time — just when folk get there and so much depends on the weather — a little rain can cut roads for days — but then, maybe you are allowing us time to do other things, to spend time really getting to know people, more time to spend listening to both the hurting and also to you Lord. There is so much pain here and also so much suspicion. We need this time to build bridges and to share your love.

Father, there is such an ignorance of your gospel here, but your people have such a simple faith, a faith that brings them miles to worship, over dreadful roads and through extremely difficult conditions: a faith that held them together through extremely harsh circumstances, through seeing their livelihood disintegrate in front of their eyes and the results of generations of hard work dying in front of them — yet they remain cheerful and optimistic. Thank you for the faith of those supporters around Australia who uphold us and these precious people in their prayers — and as we pray for others we realise we are only one couple out of many whom you have called to love those who have to face these difficulties as a natural part of life.

Thank you Lord, for the opportunity to learn from those to whom we minister. To see them begin to own who they are and to develop a greater sense of family once again. The transition that has had its trauma, bewilderment, grief and shock for us, has also meant new discoveries, new friendships and a new appreciation of life and the feeling of being privileged to have the opportunity to work for you in this place. It is good to be here and to know that you are our God in Christ who brings a new life out of the ashes of death.

(DAY 27 PRAYER NOTES)

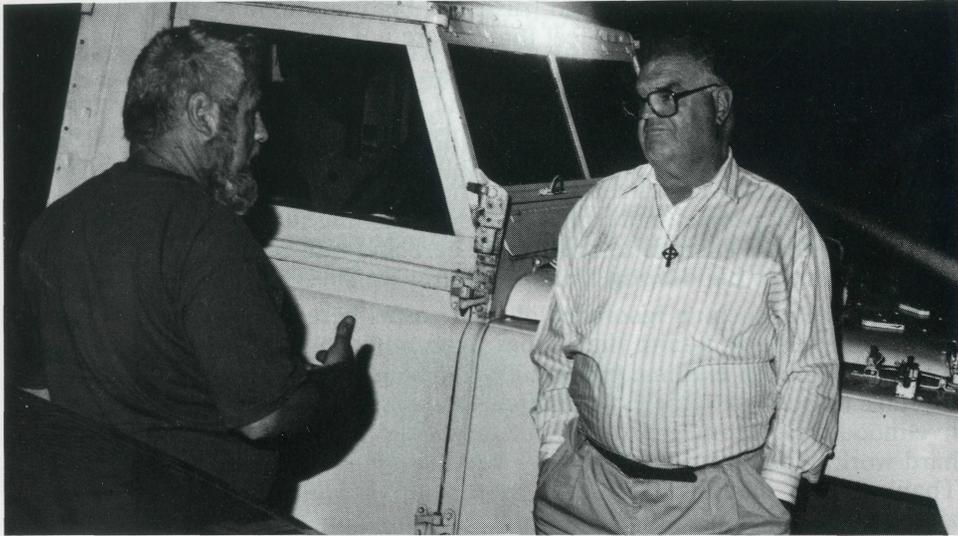
BCA 75th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Thursday, 15th September 1994, 6.30 pm-9.30 pm
St. Alban's, Lindfield

Speaker:

Miss Carol Allen
Director of Nursing,
Chesalon Homes and

former BCA Nurse at Cook
and Coober Pedy
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Donald Moffatt (R) with a local resident.

ENTERING THE STORY — CAPE BARREN ISLAND

Donald lives on Flinders Island, but with the help of BCA is able to visit regularly the Aboriginal community on Cape Barren Island to its south. Brian Roberts travelled with Donald to Cape Barren in February and shared with 20 people who have begun regular fellowship together.

AT A BAPTISM RECENTLY I noticed that I struck a chord with one of the Aborigines who was present. I spoke of the royalty of Christ into whom we are baptised, and that each one of us, “the child of God”, is a royal person in Christ.

In speaking about royalty I said that it was not a royalty of domination, but the royalty of being in a circle in Christ with each other, where the first is last and the last is first. It was in talking about the circle that I struck a chord with this Aborigine.

The Aboriginal Education Centre of the University of Tasmania is called “Riawunna”, which is an Aboriginal word for “circle”. The circle features prominently in Tasmanian Aboriginal art, and traditionally the people sat in circles.

The Circle we need to sit in

To my mind it is the circle that we need to sit in with Aborigines to learn with them and from them. I believe that this learning experience is necessary for there to be healing. It is not just the Aborigines who

need healing, the non-Aborigines need healing with them. We need to sit in a circle with the Aborigines and learn to enter our story with them that we may learn to own our story which is also theirs.

This approach contrasts with the guilt we are told we should feel for the sins of our ancestors. It is a process in which we learn to enter into our story and embrace the darkness of our story. Then we may come with confidence, with our darkness, our brokenness, to Christ who was wounded that we may be made whole.

To enter into this particular story we need to understand that the present day Tasmanian Aborigines are descended from the Aboriginal women who were abducted by the sealers working on the Furneaux Islands. These women did not assimilate into the “white” culture of the sealers but maintained their Aboriginal identity and passed it on through their descendants. In effect the sealers were assimilated into the “black” culture of the Aborigines.

This is often not readily recognised by “white” society, because Aboriginality is an identity rather than a skin colour.

Aboriginality is a matter of identity

This contrasts with the “genetic” argument of breeding whereby through cross breeding the original race becomes a hybrid race and is eventually bred out to the point of extinction. Continuing Aboriginality is a matter of identity in which the story (which is also our story) is owned in a particular way.

In claiming their identity, owning the story in their particular way, Tasmanian Aborigines sometimes live with a tension, for in their forebears they were not only raped, they were also the rapist.

Our second stage of understanding needs to be of the significance of Wybalenna to the Aborigines.

In 1832 the surviving Tasmanian Aborigines agreed to be resettled on Flinders Island where they could continue to live according to their traditional life style. Once they were settled on Flinders Island at Wybalenna (Black Man’s Houses) the policy changed and attempts were made to settle them in an English style rural village. They were housed in small terrace houses which formed two sides of a square dominated by the church.

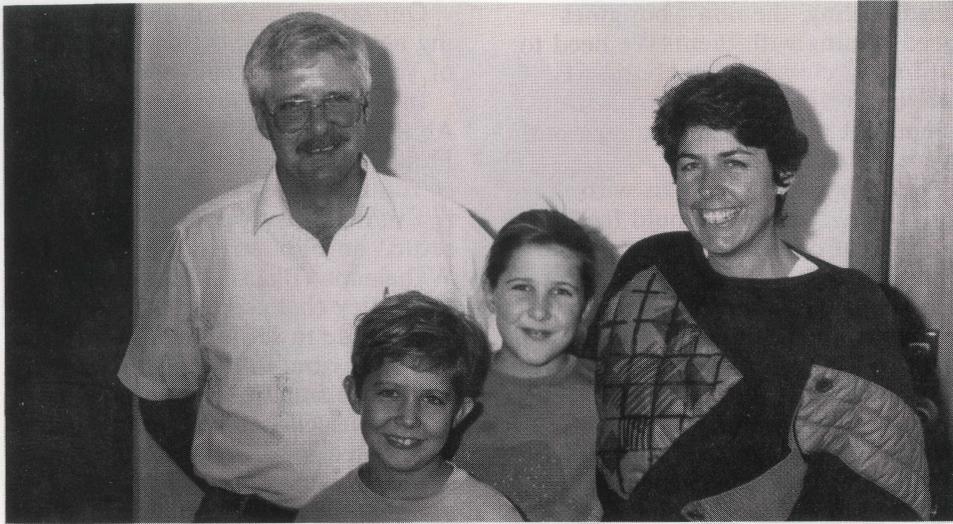
The terraces were very small, damp and poorly ventilated, and the Aborigines, accustomed to an outdoor environment, soon became ill. By 1847, when this experiment was considered to have failed, 198 out of 242 had died and were buried in unmarked graves. The last survivor was Truganini who died in 1876. The Tasmanian Aborigines were then considered, officially, to be extinct! However, they continued through the women who were abducted by the sealers.

We are hurting because they are hurting

I am convinced that effective ministry with Aborigine and Islander people is vital to the health of our Church and Nation. We are hurting because they are hurting; we need healing, because they need healing. St Paul in writing to the Church at Corinth about the body of Christ, says: “If one member suffers, all suffer with it; if one member is honoured all rejoice with it”. What is true of the Church is also true of the Nation.

Donald Moffatt

(DAY 18 PRAYER NOTES)



The Reinertsen family.

Ministry breakthroughs at Derby

IT WAS WITH TREPIDATION that Jon Reinertsen began to teach the Aboriginal people in the Derby Community Church. Using "See through the Scriptures" (Crossways International) over 12 weeks, Jon's trepidation turned to joy as students grasped the meaning of the Biblical narratives with images that powerfully conveyed life changing truths. Several students have gone on to use these Bible teaching pictures to share the gospel with their friends. Their hunger to learn has not stopped, with the Community Church requesting a follow-up course.

But what of people who can't see either the images or the teacher, and who can't be a part of a local church?

Rae Reinertsen's involvement with the Kimberley School of the Air (KSOTA) radio network, in teaching children the faith provided an opportunity to make contact with their parents on isolated properties.

The Bible Study of the Air takes to the airwaves on Tuesday afternoons with Rae touching minds and hearts throughout the Kimberley Region in North WA.

Through HF radio, the Bible Study of the Air allows people to have their only contact with other Christians. The gift of hearing and the technology of the radio enables the Scriptures to transverse large distances and encourage faith in the outback.

Rae's voice is the lifeline for many country women. The bonding with the children over the radio is now matched with a bonding between women that overcomes isolation with the warmth of Christian friendship around God's Word.

(DAY 4 PRAYER NOTES)

Jon and Rae Reinertsen moved to the Parish of Derby in February, 1992, from Bluff Point.

Les and Ruth branch out

IN QUEENSLAND AND NORTH-EASTERN N.S.W. we're branching out. With 25% of the land area and 15% of the nation's population we need to grow.

At ground level is the BCA State Office which is underneath the State Secretary's home, and about the size of a double garage and a bit.

Here the writing, reading and ringing take place.

"Hello Geoff, how's Winton . . ."

"Peter, how's Blackwater . . ."

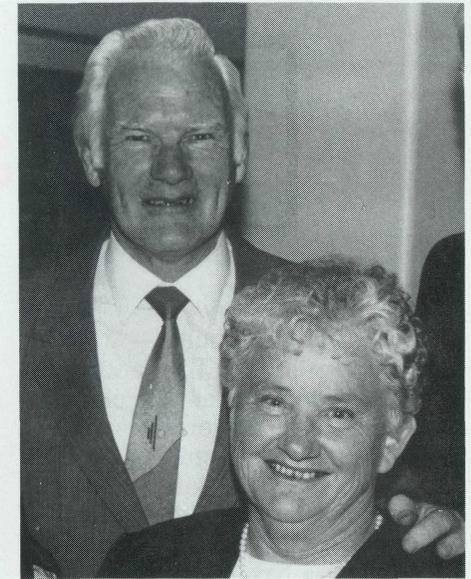
"Jim, how's the congregation in Cairns? Grown to 120. GREAT!"

Then there's Ian and Clive and Terry, our new men in Bonalbo, Walgett and Quilpie.

What a mob! What a new mob! Why, even Les the Secretary is new, and the Secretary's secretary Dianne is new.

So God prunes and regrows His tree. We are leaves on His branches and we are not thrown away. Just recycled. Ernest has gone to a Melbourne parish, Bob to an Armidale one and Dick to a well-earned retirement. Not to mention their everloving wives of course. Without our wives we'd be impoverished. We could not do the job. Three cheers for the women!

Then there's the State Committee. The corporate wisdom tank. Supportive, loving, corrective, stimulating. They want to see "Australia for Christ". They take the time to help in interviewing potential BCA staff, planning new events and just plain stuffing envelopes. The inspiration



and perspiration team. God love 'em and bless 'em, and keep 'em and encourage 'em.

"Let's get a church band and have a gig for our annual general meeting. Why not, let's . . ."

"The deputation diary's full, Great . . ."

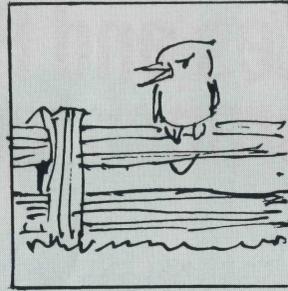
Wauchope to Cairns, Brisbane to Winton. Grafton to Lightning Ridge. Telling the story, stimulating the staff. The Brisbane Secretary and his good wife, Ruth, press on. And why not, if it means Australia for Christ, it means every penny spent and every aching mile is well worth the effort.

We don't have to be a midwife at a spiritual birth, this is the privilege of those on the ground, those out there. Our privilege is to be part of the team here knowing that God giveth the increase. Praise His name.

(DAY 28 PRAYER NOTES)

Les and Ruth Monaghan moved to Brisbane from Sydney at the end of 1993 to take up the position of Qld/Nth. N.S.W. State Secretary.

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BCA weekend away:

To be held at Gilbulla — 21-23 October 1994. Meet Tom and Carol Williams from Tennant Creek and Don and Helen Wilson from Wilcannia. Share in studies with Mrs Judith Nichols, wife of Bishop Tony Nichols from NW Australia.

Book early and beat the rush.
BCA Victoria have already lodged 30 places.

Change of publication month:

The Real Australian will be published in June, September and November in 1994. In 1995 it will be February, May, August and November. This change will enable better use of the magazines in deputations.

Karratha news:

Mr Neil Hamilton from Kinway resigned on 31 March. He will be working at Centa-Care Kalgoorlie. We wish him well in his new position.

75th Anniversary Celebrations — Wilcannia:

If you are anywhere near Wilcannia on **Tuesday, 28 June at 11 a.m.**, please come to a special Anniversary Service at St James. There will be a Church Service and lunch, with members of the Riverina Synod attending to mark the occasion. As St James was the first parish to which BCA sent a missionary this will be a most memorable event.

Tom Williams:

On Australia Day Tom was awarded a special Humanitarian Award in recognition for his assistance to the family of, and searchers for, eight-year-old Clinton Liebelt, the little boy who died after becoming lost.

The Rev Bob Booth from Jersey, U.K., our missionary in Newman from 1988 to 1990, has returned to Western Australia and is now Chaplain at Mandurah Anglican School.

BCA House — Broken Hill:

Neville and Margaret Coombs and 22 young people are now settling in at BCA House, getting to know each other and the new routines which have been implemented. Neville and Margaret come from Queensland, have five independent children of their own aged from 22 to 26. Their family educational and employment backgrounds have well equipped them for all that is involved in running BCA House. Margaret as a homemaker, cook, counsellor, listener and mother. Neville as an administrator, manager, handyperson and father. They can provide a sound base from which good relationships could be built with the young people, their families, with the community of faith as well as the wider community.

Cook Hospital:

The Transline communities of Cook and Tarcoola have recently welcomed some new nurses.

Chris Woon RN comes with a varied background, which will ideally equip her for life and service within a small remote area community. At different times Chris has worked as a fitness instructor, seasonal worker, waitress, nanny and shop assistant. Until recently she has nursed at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

Chris is keenly supported by members of the Parafield Gardens Uniting Church, the congregation she left to join BCA.

Jenny Flower has been at Cook relieving for six weeks. She comes from Sydney and is the daughter of The Rev Neil Flower from Thornleigh Pennant Hills.

Leigh Creek:

On Friday 28 January, **Wayne and Chery Ireland** were commissioned as the new BCA family serving in the co-operating parish of Leigh Creek.

The Irelands are accompanied by their son Matthew, who began Year 8 at the Local High School. There are two other family members who have remained in Victoria. Wayne was formerly the Rector of Euroa in the Diocese of Wangaratta and also a member of the Victorian BCA Committee.

The Parish of Leigh Creek has a multi-faceted ministry, involving town and bush aspects, as well as the industrial chaplaincy. Wayne's responsibility will be to minister to the joint Anglican-Uniting Church congregations, and to serve as the ITIM chaplain. The one church building in Leigh Creek is used by the joint congregation as well as by Roman Catholic and Lutheran folk

with whom special services and social occasions are shared.

Bonalbo:

Ian and Glenda McGrath and their children, Amelia, Joel and Isaac, are settling in well at Bonalbo. There was a service of Induction on 9 February attended by many supporters and was very encouraging. There are many opportunities for the gospel there.

Welcome:

Terry and Sherry Leonard are welcomed to the BCA family as they settle into Quilpie parish. They are from the parish of Tara in Western Queensland. He has served at Maroochydore, Booval, Ipswich, Nanango and Drayton. Sherry has had missionary service in Borneo and has had 10 years teaching experience in Western Queensland.

Commissioning of new NSW State Secretary:

The NSW AGM and Commissioning of Greg Thompson was held at Holy Trinity Panania on Tuesday, 19 April. Greg, Kerry and James and Katherine were welcomed to Sydney as they take up a new ministry in NSW.

Archdeacon Vic Roberts, Federal Chairman of BCA, gave the address challenging supporters to stand with BCA field staff in their ministries throughout Australia.

The AGM gave thanks and recognition to the hard working box secretaries who provide invaluable support to the work.

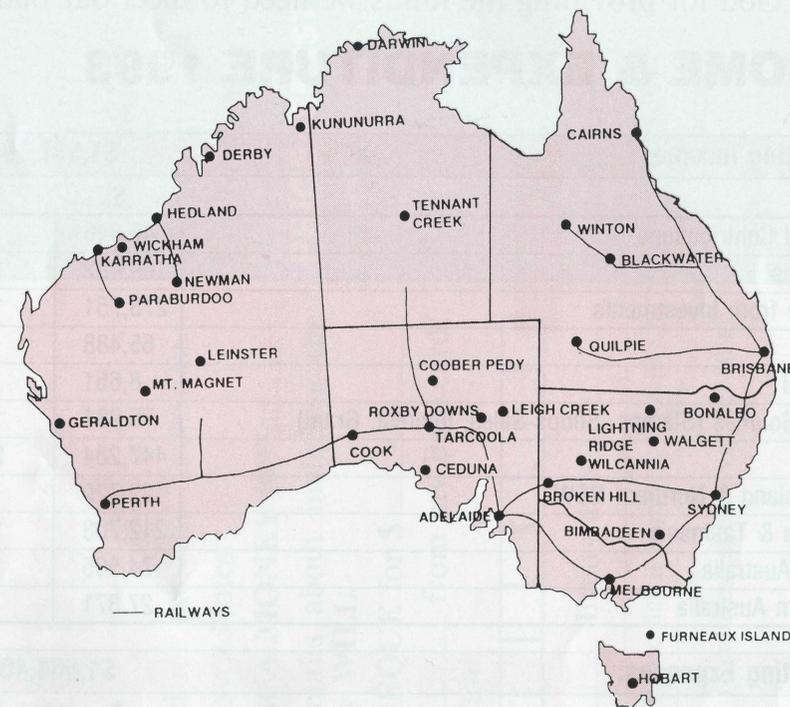
75th Anniversary Appeal

Help us continue to minister in remote Australia. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and an encouragement to us as we celebrate 75 years of service. Please use the coupon on the inside back cover.

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- **Diocese of Northern Territory — Bishop Richard Appleby**
 - 1 Anglicare Director — Mr. Peter Fisher.
 - 2 Tennant Creek — Rev. Tom and Mrs. Carol Williams.
- **Diocese of North West Australia — Bishop Tony Nichols.**
 - 3 Kununurra — Rev. John and Mrs. Dianne Symons.
 - 4 Derby — Rev. Jon and Mrs. Rae Reinertsen.
 - 5 Newman — Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Betty Lou Molyneux.
 - 6 Hedland — Rev. Ray and Mrs. Lyn Arthur.
 - 7 Karratha — Rev. Terry and Mrs. Fiona Redmond.
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OUR MISSION FIELD



The BCA 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 medical work, 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.

*If you'd like more details for prayer, send for our FREE quarterly prayer notes. (See reply page.)

HOW DID WE GO? HOW DOES BCA RECEIVE AND SPEND ITS INCOME?

Here are the figures for our financial year ending 31.12.93. We praise God for providing the funds we need to meet our budget.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1993

Operating Income:		\$1,537,796
	\$	%
Stipend Contributions	46,846	3
Legacies	169,482	11
Income from Investments	278,751	18
Hostel	65,488	5
Medical	8,651	1
Other Sources (Stamps, Shops Sales, Interest, Grant)	76,981	5
NSW	447,284	29
Queensland & Northern NSW	129,729	8
Victoria & Tasmania	212,708	14
South Australia	74,505	5
Western Australia	27,371	2
Operating Expenses:		\$1,601,408
	\$	%
Diocesan Grants	11,000	1
Mission Districts	700,345	44
Hostel	99,897	6
Field Staff Expenses (Removals, Pastoral Care, Recruiting & Federal Office Administration)	344,285	21
Real Australian	72,622	5
Prayer Notes	40,368	3
Communications	15,855	1
NSW Office	86,298	5
Victorian Office	101,641	6
South Australian Office	77,178	5
Queensland	52,537	3
Western Australia	1,562	—

YES, I'll help minister in Australia's remote places

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- KNOW MORE.** Please send me the Real Australian.
 PRAY. Please send me the Prayer Notes.
 GIVE. Please send me a **BCA MONEY BOX.**
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