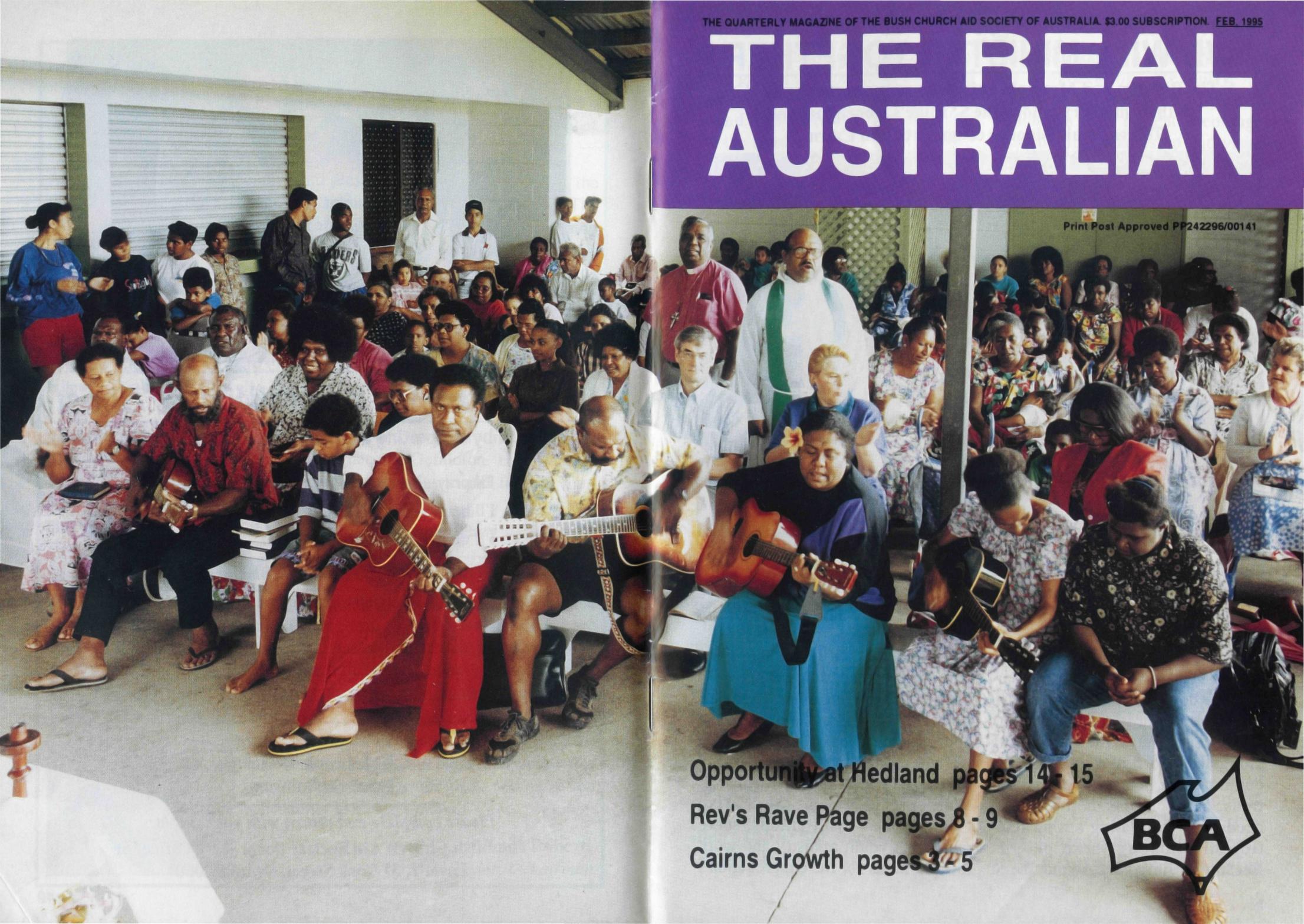


# THE REAL AUSTRALIAN

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# WE WILL MINISTER TOGETHER

The Rev Jim and Mrs Lala Leftwich are supported by BCA in their ministry among the St Luke's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander congregation in Cairns.



*Modernistic Traditional Aboriginal artwork from Cairns*

THE KEY to the congregation's growth has been the appointment of Jim and Lala to the leadership of this community. Having worked for the Dept of Education in Queensland for 9 years in the curriculum development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, Jim has spent much time in working alongside aboriginal and islander communities hearing their aspirations, appreciating their spiritual needs and cultivating strong relationships among these people. Because of Jim's background, the St

Luke's congregation has responded to Jim's leadership for they have been able to relate to and share in ministry with him.

Jim believes that many aboriginal and islander people have played a backseat role in mainline churches, however at St Luke's he reminds the congregation; "this is your ministry, we will minister together." They are encouraged to take active roles as Wardens, share in the Parish Council, lead small groups, serve within the youth ministry and work to raise funds for the congregation's

needs. By their participation they have gained confidence in what God can do through their lives and have found self-worth as they minister for the Lord.

He recalled how a man from



Reynold Island who after coming to a mainline church in Cairns vowed he would not go to church again because he felt he was unacceptable to them. With some encouragement he started coming back to church at St Luke's and rediscovered his love of Christ. At St Luke's he heard "language hymns", understood the messages that Jim preached because they related to his background and needs, and found a home in this Christian community where he could share his gifts and grow in faith. Jim said that this man is like many who are a part of St Luke's today. In the past such people were without a church home because they didn't fit in. But among St Luke's people they have rekindled their

faith and taken up ministry within the congregation. Recently, 21 people of all ages were confirmed, which has been a great encouragement to Jim's leadership and visitation program.

The evening service is a central part of the unique outreach of St Luke's. People from all cultures are welcome to join in a relaxed and informal service of praise, sharing and prayer for healing. Between the singing of hymns people from the congrega-

tion share what God is doing in their lives in song, dance or a word of testimony.

Special dance groups participate in the worship with action songs, while others are keen to share answers to prayer. At the end of the service people in need come forward for prayer for healing. For example, women who have borne the burdens of alcohol abuse among their family have prayer for themselves, their husband and children. This is a time of seeing the Holy Spirit bring blessing and release.

Jim's vision for St Luke's is of Christian community development, where people grow in Christ to learn to handle their own responsibilities instead of remaining

helpless. Jim calls this holistic Christian ministry, a ministry to the total person and their community. A means to seeing this vision realised is the building of a ministry centre. The current building is crowded and unable to accommodate the growth the congregation is experiencing. The new centre would enable the development of the children's and youth ministry, as well as become a place in the community where people could be ministered to and receive teaching on spiritual and community issues. This centre is where the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will minister together.



**Rev Jim and Mrs Lala Leftwich**  
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FRONT & BACK COVER PHOTO:  
Rev. Jim and Lala Leftwich, Bishop  
Arthur Malcolm, and the St Luke's  
congregation in Cairns.

## Home and Away



Mrs Judith Nichols

THE BCA Supporter's Weekend at Gilbulla NSW over the 21-23 October was a great time for the 100 or more who attended. With fellowship, lively singing, field stories from Don and Helen Wilson along with Tom and Carol Williams, a jazz concert and challenging sessions with Mrs Judith Nichols on the family, supporters and friends were enriched and encouraged to pray for BCA ministry.

Judith, the wife of Bishop Tony Nichols of the North West Diocese spoke on the nature of families in the north west. Below is an excerpt of her first session.

### THE FAMILY

I don't subscribe to the idea of some golden age of the family. Families have always been under pressure in Australia. The early settlement of Sydney is a case in point. Many of the "currency lads and lasses" were born of very casual liaisons. What is different from nowadays is that in the past this kind of situation was not regarded as desirable or normative.

Families themselves come under God's scrutiny and judgment. The preservation of some idealised life-style for the family at the expense of serving Christ can be idolatrous. How many Christians have failed to take up the challenge of a great adventure with the Lord because of what they perceive

as potential problems with their children's education or the needs of elderly parents? As Jeremiah 24 shows apparent security can prove false.

In the North West the bishop spends a lot of time trying to winkle suitable clergy out of the "comfort zones" to serve in this area of need. Without Christian families being willing to make this commitment how can we bring Christ to the cray-fisherman out on his boat for weeks on end; the pastoralist working day and night battling fluctuations in commodity prices; the miner flying in from Perth for his 3 weeks on, one week off shifts; the tourist operator on duty 24 hours a day and especially Sunday; the doctor or dentist earning pots of money and thinking they have it made; the hedonistic youngsters of Broome and the aboriginals demoralised and despised in many towns. We need stable Christian families to come and be a role model and rectors who can be innovative in bringing the Gospel to such disparate groups. They won't come to us - we must go to them.

In the North West relationships are often very fluid. Sometimes it is like serialised polygamy. Dad may be earning \$666 a shift but is supporting a divorced wife in Perth and a de facto family in town. On pension day in a large town you see groups of young

women with two or more children in tow sitting around in coffee shops with their latest de facto who is at best ineffectual in dealing with the children and at worst hostile to them as they are not his. We are confronted by the tremendous vulnerability of the single parent family.

People in the mining towns are not always the tough "bushies" one imagines. They are often townies living in large suburbs dropped in the wilderness.

Our clergy who generally stay a minimum of six years provide a focus for stability. People come to them because there is often no one else to turn to. When people find themselves in an alien situation with their certainties challenged they are often more open to God's Spirit.

Isolation can have an effect on families. It is often 800km between centres. With children away at school and concern for elderly parents it is easy to feel cut off and the world stops here. Western Australia is also afflicted by a high incidence of rural suicide amongst young males, either because of the failure of the farm or marriage breakdown. Communities can turn in on themselves. People may be running away from problems and have no desire for intimacy with others.

Children are growing up everywhere without even the most basic concept of



God. A christian teacher at Geraldton High School was asked by a Year 11 student whether or not Jesus was a real person. This highlights the importance of children's work. Betty Lou Molyneux, Margaret Bassett and Jenny Gaulton have a very lively and effective ministry to children. This ministry is two pronged. Children are capable of knowing the Lord Jesus and giving their lives to him. It is also an effective way of making contact with parents. The chaplain at the mine in Newman told Raymond Molyneux that many men were now approaching him and asking him about God because of what they had learnt at Kanga Club.

It is difficult to be a Christian parent in the North West. Your kids get flak for being different. (Although we have had something of a reversal in Carnarvon where most of the senior year got converted and attend St. George's.) Our clergy conferences and synods are so important for fellowship and ministering to clergy families who are constantly giving out but need reassurance that there are others around like them with the same values.

The challenge for all Christian families is not to be intimidated by the world, not to cave in to the experts or even to their own children. Not to feel that they themselves must always be youthful and modern. Grandparents need to be loving, supporting and not to opt out and just do their own thing. Mothers need to be willing to forgo their own personal development for a season. To hold in tension the idea of serving their families but not being a door mat. Fathers should not make rare appearances as the blustering bully or the absentee provider. We must all struggle with what it means to be a Christian family.

## TALK ABOUT THE "FABULOUS FIFTIES!"

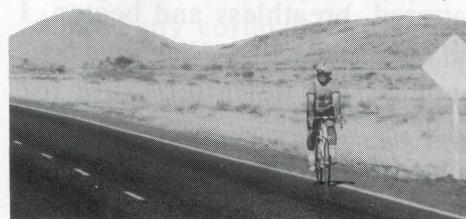
ON Sunday 11th September 1994 four members of the Wickham congregation rode in a gruelling 100km cycle relay from Whim Creek (on the northern boundary of the Parish) to Wickham, under the entry of "The Fabulous Flying 50's (denoting the decade of our ages).

With temperatures in the low 30's and riding into a stiff westerly wind, the team's lead rider set off at the head of the field of some 20+ cyclists. Four and a half hours later the weary anchor rider, Rector Bill Ross, tailed the rest of those very fit and slick male and female entrants across the finish line.

However, all was not lost! The gallant four, comprising of Bill, Dr. Theo Kitchen, Colin Gibson and Matt McLean, all members of the Tuesday night Men's Growth Group, had nominated the venture with the Bible Society as a Bike for Bibles event, and gathered sponsorship from congregation members and beyond. It was very appropriate that Trevor Booth, State Director of the W.A. Bible Society, was in Wickham that weekend (piloting the CWCI Safari Team) to receive a cheque for \$650 for literacy projects. Trevor himself had saddled up for part of the last leg, and was instrumental in getting a flagging Bill Ross over one particular section of rising road.

And will the veterans enter again next year? It might be time for some of the younger members to take a turn!

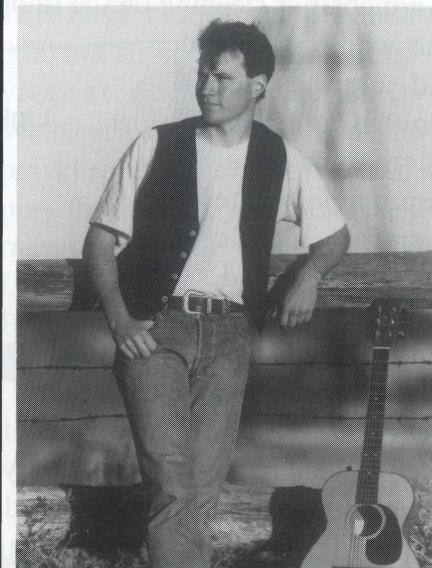
*Archdeacon Bill & Mrs Jocelyn Ross*  
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## BCA 76th Anniversary Concert "The Best of the Bush" featuring

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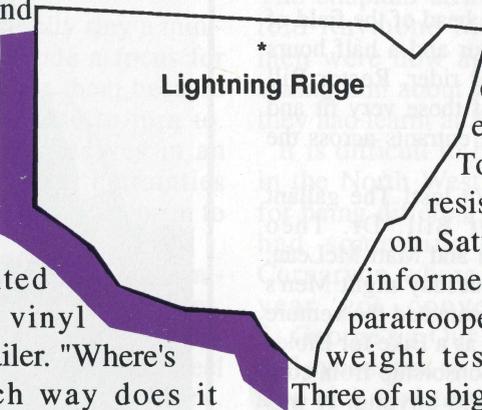
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**\$5 per person**

# Rev's Rave Page

THE DUST settled over Spider Brown Oval and an exhausted exhilarated sigh expired from the Family Festival Team. At least five of us woke on Monday having spent most of the night snoozing in an armchair or sleeping on the floor. The whole weekend had a good feel about it and provided some great memories. The Jumping Castle sticks in my mind. Eight of us grunted and heaved the vinyl monolith off the trailer. "Where's the end?" "Which way does it face?" We circled the plastic polymorph with mandatory headscratching, pointing and offering brilliant but briefly useful suggestions. Then out of one corner flopped the instruction manual. The first thing it said was, "Important, read this manual before attempting to move the jumping castle!" The next hurdle was connecting the power lead 30 metres long and still 5 metres short! So we paced it out. One five year old checked his dad's measurements, so he stepped it out and declared "It's 59 metres long". One wag then asked, "How long is

it back the other way?" "Oops!" said the five year old and paced it out in reverse declaring, "It's 95 metres long". As soon as the Giraffe castle was inflated the kids went in like flies at a BBQ. Jumping, laughing, backflips - the little athletic adventurers made it look easy and tempting. Too tempting to resist. So after lunch on Saturday we 'adults' informed the pint sized paratroopers that it needed weight testing for safety. Three of us big kids got in. Bulk and blubber don't mix well with jumping castles and gravity. Undaunted, I was convinced all men were equal inside the giraffe. So I dive tackled Brian Trower. A bloke of enormous personality and a frame built to carry it. Everything was blurry as I slid down the wall and he hadn't budged an inch. Greg Mullens then invented a new diving event - belly flops on the vicar. Battered, breathless and beaten, I slid out of the castle. "Yes", we concluded, "It's definitely safe for kids!" One of the other surprises of the



Festival was that it was free. God's love is free too, anyone can be part of God's family. Why did we put on the Family Festival? Well because we reckon the 'Ridge is a beaut town, families are a beaut idea and need encouraging and our God is beaut as well.

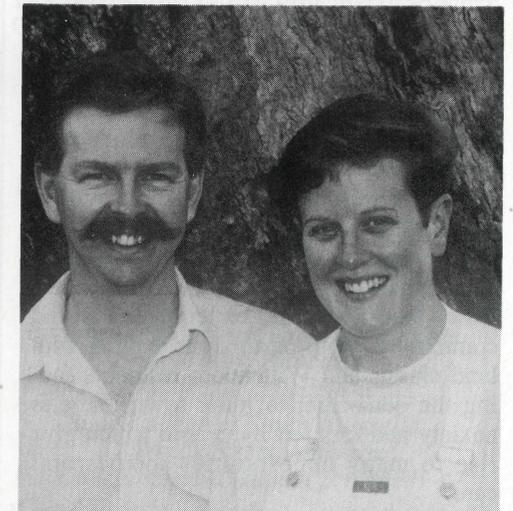
## And later.....

I was leaning on the bar at the Collarenebri Bowling Club, NOT because the beer's any cheaper in Colly or tastes any better. I had an appointment with a bloke there and he was late. Four fisherman, on their annual 'boys only' fishing trip, were sitting behind me. They must have been near the river too long because they all had a watery liquid appearance. I had my blue clergy shirt on, but had slipped the white collar off. One of the anglers sidled up to the bar for a beer. The barmaid, was out the back bagging ice, so he turned to me and said "pull us a beer you b.....". "Why should I?" I said. "You work here don't you?" "No I don't". He began to focus on me and spotted the blue shirt. "Are you a copper?" "No I'm not". At this point I had a vision of being thumped with a dead carp so I slipped my collar back on. "Oh! Sorry, Father!" he said. Just then the barmaid returned. "Are you a priest?" she asked. "I suppose I am" I said. "I've got a son who needs

baptising". By now the fishing troupe were on their feet and said in unison. "Yeah, do it tomorrow in the Barwon and we'll shout a keg". What a generous bunch, I thought and so keen on religion. Meanwhile, back in the 'Ridge some locals have noticed a bit more activity around St. George's Church. This is true, we still have church each Sunday at 9.00 am along with an informal service at 6.00 pm as well. On Wednesdays at 6.45 am we have a prayer meeting for revival - and also pray for the safety of miners and for rains to come and break the drought. Life's never dull west of the Barwon.

(These articles appeared in the local Lightning Ridge paper)

Mark Taylor © 1994  
See Day 21 Prayer Notes



## A Wonderful Way to go out...

*The Rev Brian and Joy Harding have been ministering in the Paraboradoo Parish W.A. since May 1990 and are now looking to a new stage in their life together.*



As I was born on the day Phar Lap won the Melbourne Cup, 1995 heralds in a new life as a retiree. As you read this article, our ministry with BCA will be drawing to a close. Easter Day will see my final service as a stipendiary priest and then holidays and long service leave.

The privilege in being part of BCA cannot be expressed in words, nor our thanks for the incredible support through the prayers, letters, telephone calls and generous giving of the BCA family.

Looking back, ministry in the North West is very different to parish ministry elsewhere. People come to live here from many cultures. They are young (the average age being 11 years) and often separated from extended family. For instance, baptism and marriage preparation often takes place in the parish but the ceremonies take place back "home". So too with caring for the grieving, which usually means a memorial service here coinciding with a funeral interstate.

A distinctive feature of the life here has been ministering to the hurt and the uncertainty that people are experiencing in the community. With pastoralists dealing with land claims and Wittenoom residents facing the demolition of their town, there is anxiety and loss felt by people which give rise to many opportunities for pastoral care.

The isolation is felt strongly by many here, for there are very limited outlets for social activity. People crave to window shop, go to the theatre or have some experience beyond the small community. The twice daily air service is therefore the hub of the parish. At the airport there are people coming and going for holidays, family sickness, death or visits to specialists.

So friendships develop that could be likened to David and Jonathan and can be closer than blood ties. Yet when people leave town there are deep hurts for those who stay. This may create within them a vow not to develop friendships for fear of hurt.

The church is experiencing its largest exodus of worshipping families and singles (10 in 5 months). The congregations are diminishing yet the finances have held steady. However, there is encouragement in seeing great enthusiasm in worship and as people share of their personal spiritual growth, along with visitors being enthused by the fellowship.

We praise God for the privilege and joy of serving in the centres of Paraboradoo, Tom Price, Wittenoom and Onslow. Before we came someone said to us that to conclude our ministry at Paraboradoo would be a "wonderful way to go out" and that statement has proved to be so true.

*Brian & Joy Harding  
Prayer Notes Day 9*

## A GREAT DAY! WONDERFUL PEOPLE

These were typical comments from the supporters and past and present staff who gathered in St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, on October 30th for the Thanksgiving Service for BCA's 75th Anniversary.

Over 140 people gathered to praise God for His faithfulness and thank Him for His provision of ministry opportunities in South Australia and across Australia during these years.

The Society's President, Archbishop Harry Goodhew, preached at the Communion Service, which was presided over by Archbishop Ian George of Adelaide. Assisting in the celebration were, Bishop David McCall of Willochra and Brian Roberts, BCA Federal Secretary.

Following an afternoon tea when people chatted about the service and old times, forty five past workers and others met for a Reunion Dinner. This was a special occasion, when former co-workers and others caught up with friends and reminisced about their ministries with B.C.A.

*Ken Langshaw  
South Australian Committee*



During the Reunion Dinner, a group of residents and former workers from Ceduna gathered with former BCA Ceduna missionary, Archbishop Harry Goodhew.

## BCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

### FEDERAL:

24 May 1995 9.00 am  
Level 15 / 37 York Street, Sydney

### NSW:

9 April 1995 2.30 pm  
St Peter's Hornsby 207 Pacific Highway

### VIC:

1 May 1995 6.00 pm  
St Mark's Forest Hill  
(Dinner followed by Focus Groups and Annual Meeting)  
Among speakers will be Rev Don Moffat whose ministry on Furneaux Islands is supported by B.C.A.

### QLD:

5 May 1995 7.30 pm  
St Andrew's Lutwyche Rd, Lutwyche  
Speaker: The Rev Brian Roberts  
Federal Secretary  
Coffee and Dessert will be served

### SA:

14 March 1995 6.30 pm - meal  
Meeting 7.30 pm  
St Benedicts, Glandore  
cnr Eurilpa Ave & South Rd Everard Pk

### WA:

12 April 3.00 pm Venue to be advised

## BUSH PARSON

Dr Leon Morris, former Principal of Ridley College, author and New Testament scholar will be launching his autobiography this month. Dr Morris will be giving the royalties on the sale of his book to BCA. "Bush Parson" will contain, among other things, his reflections on his ministry as a BCA Missioner at Minnipa, S.A. 1940-45. Readers are invited to the book launch in;

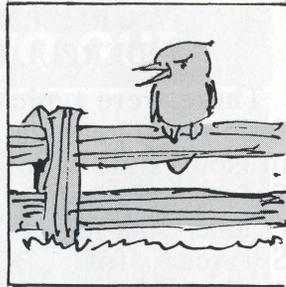
*Sydney, 7 February 11.30 am  
Chapter House St Andrews Cathedral*

*Melbourne, 27 February 12 noon  
Luncheon (\$5), Book Launch 12.45 pm  
Holy Trinity, Doncaster*

*Adelaide, 24 February 7.00 pm  
Bible College of South Australia  
17 Wattle Street, Malvern  
College Chapel (supper provided)*

Further enquiries to your local BCA Office

# Post & Rails



## NEWS FROM ELIZABETH CALDWELL

Linguists in the Territory are forming a data base of Aboriginal languages.

Videos are becoming increasingly more significant as a teaching tool in Nungalinga college. A video is borrowed for every book from the library.

After a 3 week literacy workshop Elizabeth conducted at Numbulwar in 1993, there has been opportunity to assist Numbulwar people with a community translation project.

Elizabeth writes of the importance of her name among Numbulwar people; "Like most people, they all used to call me "Elizabeth", but someone with the same name, one of the leading ladies of the Numbulwar church, died earlier this year. At that time I wondered



whether they would do the traditional thing and avoid greeting me using the name of a deceased person. At Bible Camp one afternoon a cheery voice called out from the

shade in the distance, and I could see the silhouette of an arm waved: "Hello, Lizzie! Where are you going?"

## FROM WICKHAM

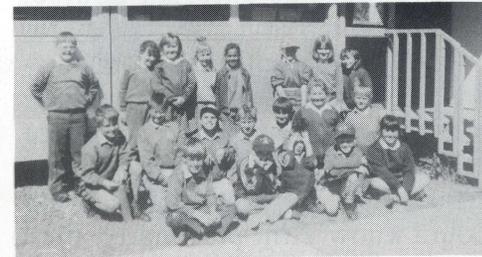
Even with a reduced work force ROBE is increasing sales, and shipping is up this year, keeping Bill Ross busier at the Port. An answer to prayer has come with some Filipino residents in town opening up their homes to countrymen from the ships (75% of seamen from the Philippines.)

The Ross's efforts to use historic Holy Trinity Church in Roebourne (leading up to Centenary celebrations this year) have been appreciated, and they're praying to be able to re-establish a congregation there. They have enrolled in a course to learn the local Aboriginal language to assist them in contact with people they meet in the community, and in the Aboriginal Church with whom they share in worship at times during the year.

Pannawonica is having wonderful answers to prayer at present. From a very depressed and dispirited town of less than 500 people, with practically no congregation left, it has revived with an influx of new employees and young families (population up to 1000 by the end

of the year.) Among the increase are Christians and enquirers, and new interest from among old residents. There is a morning Bible study with up to 8 women, a monthly Sunday family service, and an evening Home Group which started in October.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Sir,

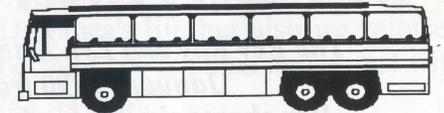
On behalf of my Year 3 Scripture Group at North Dubbo Public School, I enclose a small donation of \$10 given by the children. This follows a unit of work we did on the Bush Church Aid Society's work.

We pray that God will bless you all in your efforts to bring the Good News of God's love to outback families.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs) E. Ann Olsen

Yr 3 Scripture Teacher, DUBBO

## COACH TOURS FOR 1995



### NSW 75TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

A seven day tour departing Sydney 24 March for Port Macquarie, Casino, Bonalbo, Glen Innes, Lightning Ridge, Walgett Dubbo and returning to Sydney 30 March.

### THE REAL AUSTRALIAN TOUR

A twenty seven day tour which takes in northern NSW, Western Queensland, The Northern Territory, the Kimberleys, Tanami Desert, Alice Springs and Uluru, Coober Pedy, Tarcoola and Roxby Downs. Broken Hill and Wilcannia. The tour leaves Sydney 25 April and returns 21 May.

### QLD/NORTHERN NSW TOUR

A sixteen day tour departs Tamworth 7 August and returns 22 August.

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Ring (02) 2625017 or send for further details to

BCA, Level 7, 37 York St, Sydney 2000

### BCA VIDEO - "Nowhere is too Remote for God"

Available now from your local BCA Office. This video captures the challenge of rural and remote ministry in Broken Hill and Wilcannia Parish.

The video can be used in small groups, among friends for prayer, a box holder gathering, passed on to your parish council or mission committee, used during a prayer breakfast, or even for school scripture classes or Sunday school events. Free hire or make a donation to keep it in your church or home video collection.

### STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

The Society has agreed to support the West Coast Parish in Tasmania. The Rev. David and Mrs. Trudy Sharman, who live in Queenstown, also have responsibility for Tullah, Rosebery, Zeehan and Strahan. The Society's support is a decreasing "grant-in-aid" commitment for three years.

# OPPORTUNITY AT HEDLAND

*The Rev Ray and Lyn Arthur came to South Hedland in January 1990 from Gunnedah NSW.*

*Ray shares similar kinds of struggles in preaching the gospel that any parish might have, yet it is set against the backdrop of wide blue skies and vast scrubby plains of the Pilbara in WA.*

To be a minister in the Parish of Port Hedland brings many opportunities. You are known wherever you go - at the Indoor Cricket club, the Hardware store, on school committees. A stroll through either of our shopping centres can be fruitful for contacts and parish visitation. Perhaps the greatest opportunities for outreach, however, come in the form of baptism and funeral interviews, and to visitors passing through.

Many visitors to our church have commented on hearing the Bible so strongly used as the basis for our everyday lives. "You seem to know God personally" was a comment. Other people have come to town for short stays, become Christians or have been strongly challenged, and then moved on. Ben became a Christian and is at present visiting again and is now in his second year of a



Moore College external course. Godfrey and Maria came to stay for 3 months. Recently married, they felt a desire to include God in their marriage but could only envisage Him as a sort of mystical experience. After realising that they too could know Him personally, they returned to Perth to look for a church where they will be able to learn more about knowing God themselves.

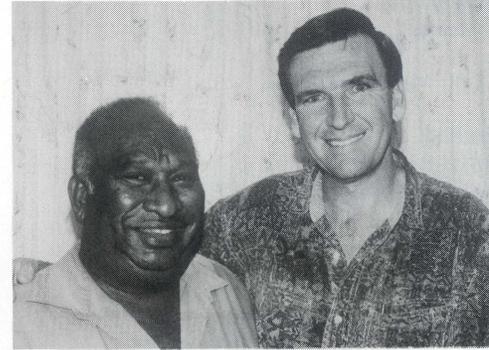
Funerals are often strained times when we're not sure how much can be said to a grieving non-Christian family. Earlier this year however we experienced a rather unforgettable funeral for Dorothea.

Dorothea and her husband Dixie were members of our Port Hedland congregation for over 20 years. They first met Christ as children in the Torres Strait Islands and were a lovely, gentle, joyous Christian

couple. Dorothea contracted bone cancer and died in July this year. I spent many hours with her and Dixie reassuring them of Dorothea's place waiting for her in heaven and

Dixie ensured that the funeral was not only a time of rejoicing for Dorothea's life but also we rejoiced because she is home and at rest with her Saviour.

The photo of Dixie (on the page opposite) reveals him as a lonely man in the wilderness. For those in grief and loss all people are similar. The real difference with the Christian is his or her assurance that Jesus never leaves us alone and that through Him we are on track to our eternal home with our eternal Father and Lord. Read more about this in John 14.



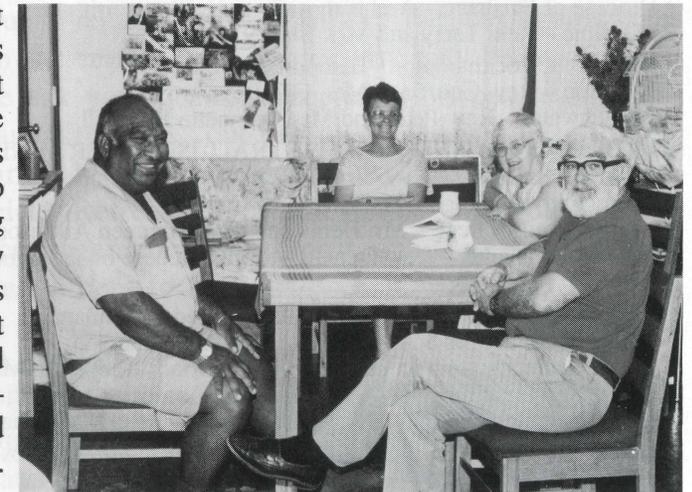
*Dixie and Ray Arthur*

that she could look forward to meeting her Saviour there. She went to meet Him with no fear. Her only request was that her funeral be a time when friends and family would hear the gospel of Jesus. Torres Strait Islander traditions ensure that there would be plenty of opportunity for that. The family came from all over Australia and gathered in the house for the last week of Dorothea's life on earth. I spent most of my time there in these last weeks and was often able to explain to a sorrowing relative why Dorothea's death was not something that Dorothea feared and how she could actually be looking forward to meeting God.

Thanks for your part in helping us in God's work of sharing the gospel of Jesus with people like Dixie and Dorothea.

**Ray Arthur**

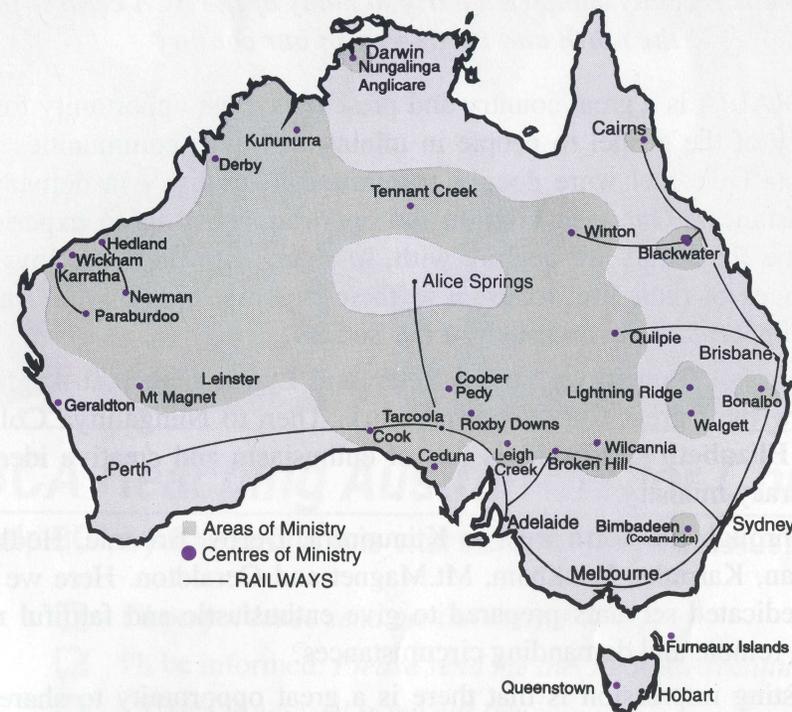
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# PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

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- **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.
  - 8 Wickham – Archdeacon Bill and Mrs. Jocelyn Ross.
  - 9 Tom Price/Paraburdoo – Rev. Brian and Mrs. Joy Harding.
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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 all 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).

## A GREAT COUNTRY AND OPPORTUNITY

*Rev Dr Vic Roberts, BCA Federal Chairman and his wife Mrs Delle Roberts recently completed a trip to many of the BCA centres in the north and north-west of our country*

AUSTRALIA is a great country and presents a great opportunity for the ministry of the gospel to people in mining and bush communities. The BCA staff we met were deeply committed to ministry in demanding circumstances. Our visit brought the opportunity for us to experience what the field staff are dealing with, to share with them the joys and challenges of their life, to listen to their expertise in the work and to bring support to them on behalf of the Society.

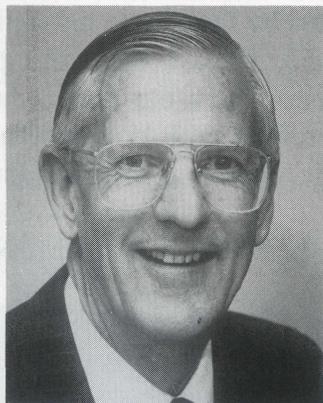
Beginning in Darwin we visited Peter and Lynne Fisher at Anglicare and saw their great Christ centred work. Then to Nungalinya College where Elizabeth Caldwell is full of enthusiasm and creative ideas in her literacy ministry.

Then through the north-west to Kununurra, Derby, Broome, Hedland, Newman, Karratha, Wickham, Mt.Magnet and Geraldton. Here we met with dedicated servants prepared to give enthusiastic and faithful ministry in remote and demanding circumstances.

Our lasting impression is that there is a great opportunity to share the gospel of Christ to remote people. The challenge is for us to pray and give as never before, so that we can take up every opportunity.

We also returned with a greater understanding of the vast difference between the people of "bush Australia" who are small in number and are scattered over vast distances and the mining towns. Such differences require the right people to face these diverse ministry situations.

BCA with its long history and work in these areas is well-placed to continue to take up the task of gospel ministry in remote Australia. Let us all be equal to the task, and seize the opportunity in Christ's name.



**Victor Roberts**  
BCA Federal Chairman



## BCA Reaching Australians for Christ

I'll help BCA by supporting this vital ministry to remote Australians

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