

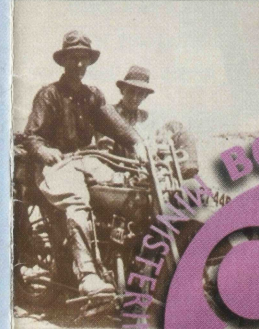
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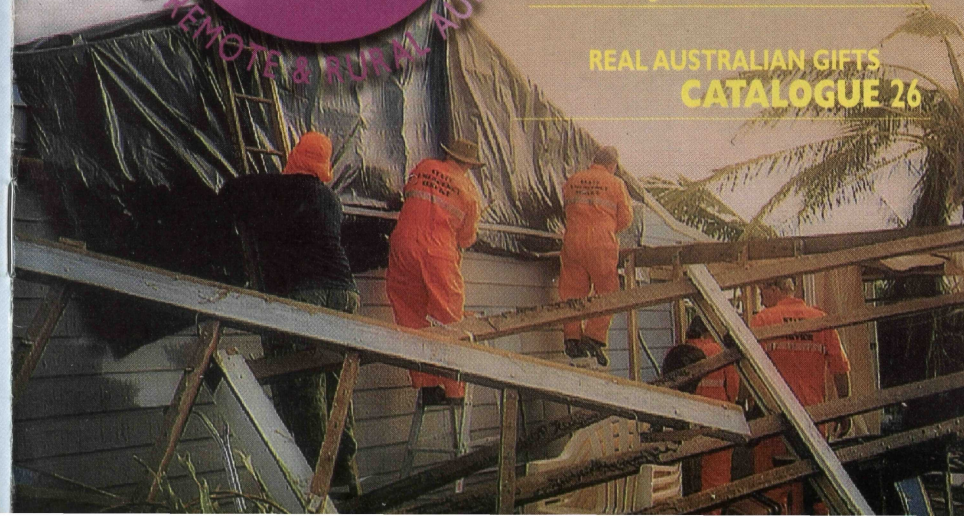
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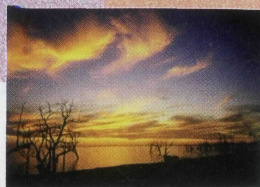
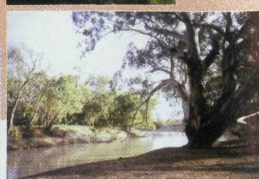
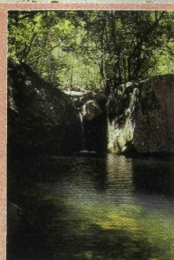
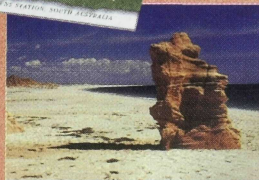
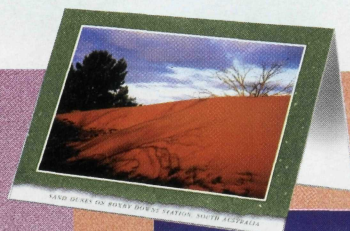
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Sunset calm over the beach at Broome.

Fred Harvey and the motorbike in better weather!

Emergency repair work after devastating cyclone Vance howled through the Exmouth region in 1999.



A SEVEN YEAR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

**Rev Peter Blundell, who has served
at Blackwater and until recently at
Winton reflects on some of his personal
spiritual issues in outback ministry.
Peter and Jeanette are now at the parish
of Crookwell NSW.**

In mid summer, on a humid 41-degree
day in 1992, Jeannette and I arrived in
Blackwater. I'm sure most curates long for
their first parish and when they get it, they
'land' as green as ever, wondering what
will lie ahead. I was no different.

We did know that we were arriving in a
difficult situation. Therefore while we cer-

tainly felt excitement, there was also a
feeling of "Lord, Help!" As we look back
now over seven years with BCA in central
Queensland, there were many other times
when we prayed "Lord, help!", and some-
times just, "Help!"

So how did we find God's help? How did
we keep in touch with God? Is one's spir-
itual walk any different in the outback
from what it might be in your average city
or country parish?

There are some differences. There are
opportunities to see a side of God you
would otherwise miss. On the other hand

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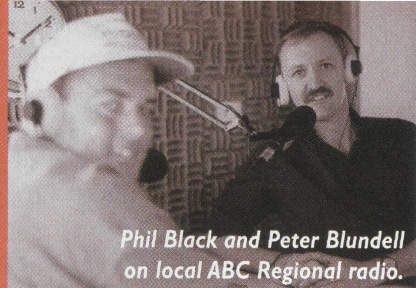
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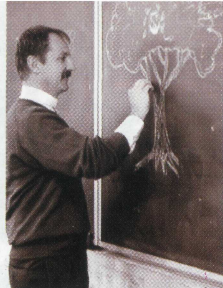
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Phil Black and Peter Blundell
on local ABC Regional radio.



people are nominally Christian. However it seems, like everything else in the outback, that God is distant.

at times it's harder to see God.

On the positive side one gets an appreciation of the "Almightiness" of God in a place like Winton. We are surrounded by rugged beauty in an uncompromising climate. From certain vantage points you can see huge distances across the Mitchell Plains and Channel country. In summer God displays some of his power with spectacular light shows as the tropical thunderstorms roll across the weather beaten country at night. God truly is the 'Ancient of days'.

God's people are scattered sparsely across this land. I continue to rejoice at people's faith, alive and well with little contact with the church. These folk who live a long way from town relate directly to God, who is greater than the land they live in. To realize that God works in His own way when the church is not there is a humbling thought. Yet we know He does choose to work primarily through the church.

The other side of the spiritual journey is not so much negative by contrast but a challenge and at times a struggle, involving a growing and moulding process.

At times it has been hard to see God at work. The rampant materialism of mining towns like Blackwater makes cities look relatively religious. In outback-pastoral areas it is not so much an irreligious outlook but one where the majority of

In less isolated places, we take for granted that our spiritual nourishment comes from a kaleidoscope of sources. For clergy this includes spending time with friends and other clergy as well as private devotions and reading.

In Winton the BCA priest is solo. The nearest clergy of any denomination are about 200km away. How does one compensate for the lack of such important Christian fellowship? There are times when you find a parishioner whose maturity of faith can be an encouragement, but often they are nowhere to be found when their fellowship is most needed.

In this context one learns to appreciate "the little things of God". Being able to see these "little things" requires reflection on the events of everyday life and this has been very important over these seven years.

Reflection also involves assessing oneself in the presence of God. So I ask myself how is it going? How am I spiritually? How am I as leader, preacher, husband, father, citizen, and so on? It is easy to measure ourselves in a group of like-minded people but its harder to take an honest look at yourself on your own. However I have found God in the outback continuing to highlight what He wants to work on in my life.

So the journey continues...

PETER BLUNDELL—Winton



THE STRUGGLE OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Rev Les and Mrs Jenny Gaulton moved to Leinster WA in October 1992 with their four children. The parish covers an area of 470,000 sq. kms with sheep stations and mining communities.

This has to be the most difficult part of ministry with BCA. Not that BCA is the problem or that we do not receive fantastic encouragement and prayer from BCA and its supporters. No, the difficulty comes from the locations where BCA has people working. In our situation BCA is working here because no one else is, which means, basically, we are on our own. It is hard to be a one man or one woman band. Unlike many parish situations where clergy can draw on a pool of lay people to do various things, here we have to do it ourselves and that becomes very draining particularly when you see little fruit for all the effort.

Another aspect is the sheer loneliness of the situation. Away from home for a good part of each week with long hours of driving with no one to talk to and nothing to do but think or pray. Then there is the constant tiredness and regular discouragement as someone else leaves town. Or someone comes along and criticises your ministry because there are not signs and wonders.

Yet it has been times when I have just not wanted to do something but have done it from a sense of duty that God has honoured and blessed the ministry.

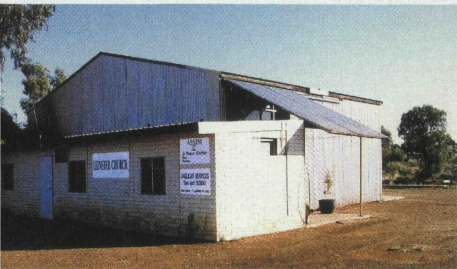
There is a station property not far from us, which is on the track between two other stations. On previous visits the reception has been very perfunctory, polite but 'why are you bothering us' reception. It is easier just to bypass this station and go on to the next where the reception is more cordial. On one occasion, as I was about to pass the turnoff to this station, I felt compelled to 'do the right thing' and I begrudgingly turned down the track. On arriving at the station,



The Gaulton family, Leinster

I was greeted by the station owner in a state of deep depression. They had spent 30 years lovingly caring for this property to pass it on to their children who had just informed them that they did not want it and that it should be sold. I was able to offer spiritual help and guidance and provide a listening ear at their time of need. Because of God's perfect timing I was able to develop a close relationship that had never been possible before.

Jenny writes;



Above: Leinster Church.
At right, St Francis of Assisi Wall hanging.



I am thankful that God understands our humanness, that we don't always succeed, that we are not always on top of it, and at times we try to do things on our own. I am glad He is holding on to me.

I am also thankful for the many BCA supporters who write to us. Their words of encouragement always arrive at the right time and for the many who pray for us. I know that it is their prayers that have enabled me to do God's work when I haven't felt like it or I have been down. I am thankful too for the many opportunities to share the Gospel.

It is interesting, that when only one woman turns up at craft and I think 'why bother' that is when I am asked questions about God. I've been able to talk to a number of women and tell them about the free gift of God in Jesus Christ. God is in control but it is easy to forget that.

Running two children's groups a week by myself is no easy task. Most of the time I love it, the other times —well! It is encouraging to be asked questions about Jesus and what it really means to have Him as a friend.

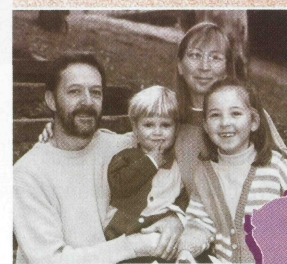
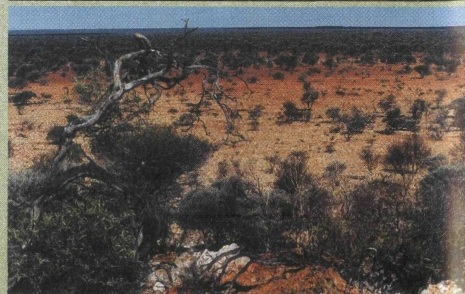
I am no 'super Christian'. I have my failings and my doubts. I cried the other day as our children's plane took off to take

them back to school and I wanted to leave. At those times I hate living here, but God eventually calms me down and once again, I am content.

God, in the midst of my struggles, depression, disobedience or being so excited I can't sleep or being content or whatever, God is there. Although I've failed Him so many times, it's His purposes that are being worked out and He is using me to achieve them.

LES AND JENNY GAULTON—*Leinster*

Roadside wildflowers, Leonora. Below, "Mulla"—a property on the N E Goldfields of WA.



PRAYER AND ISOLATION



On the Saturday before Palm Sunday it has become a tradition amongst the Christian Churches of Ceduna to march through the main street singing Christian songs and waving palm leaves with a person dressed in a purple robe riding a pony. I thought such an event was a good idea, until I was asked to ride the pony.

I didn't mind getting dressed up in a purple robe, as it was probably the closest I'd ever get to wear purple. I was also assured that the pony was broken in. But I was a little 'startled', when the Aboriginal Lutheran Pastor told me that the pony was just the start for there was a crucifixion to follow!

The march went well for it gave opportunity for the wider community to see who we were as Christians and how we interacted with each other. Such occasions are particularly important in a rural setting such as Ceduna.

In Ceduna there are similarities with city ministries. We obviously share the same heart and vision to reach those around us with the Gospel, and we obviously face the same opposition to that. Yet one of the differences that separate our parishes however centres on the environment that God has placed us in. Much of my ministry focuses upon

circumstances surrounding our remoteness.

This may include for example talking with and praying for families who have a family member who needs to be flown off to an Adelaide hospital because of specialist care. Such ministry occasions involve dealing with the separation from family and home. Also I'm often asked to assist travellers who have run into difficulties. Some having understandable reasons—others not quite.

I remember helping an elderly Victorian woman who was travelling through Ceduna with her husband, when her husband became ill, and subsequently died. The ministry with others involved arranging for the woman to fly her husband's body home, as well as getting the vehicle and caravan on a truck back home. After a two night stay in Ceduna, we were then able to arrange the return flight for this dear woman.

The issues of isolation can also impact on local families as they struggle with sending their children off to a boarding school, Uni or to pursue a career. Or as work opportunities disappear, saying goodbye to their family and friends. There are also those who come to Ceduna still trying to resolve spiritual issues of separation.

Kev and Deb Mison came to Ceduna after losing almost everything in the Katherine Floods of 1998. They not only lost most of their possessions, but also were moved to Ceduna not long after the



Kev and Deb Mison's unit in the Katherine floods of 1998

flood. This meant dealing with the loss of their home, life-style and friends and missing out on the recovery and healing process with fellow flood victims. While they were thankful about leaving all the devastation behind they were sad to say goodbye to their church family.

Little did they know they would find a spiritual home in Ceduna where they would feel a part of a church family again. Kev and Deb said at their house blessing: "We didn't think we'd ever find another bunch of churchgoers as nice as the ones at Katherine, but we were wrong."

As we have faced the pastoral and spiritual issues of isolation in this very beautiful and vibrant town, God has allowed the church to grow in an amazing way. The key to our strong growth is of course varied, but significantly stems back to prayer. The congregation of Ceduna has grown to where it is today (more than doubled since 1997) because of its strong commitment to prayer.

I also know from the many letters I receive that people are praying for us and I thank you for that commitment. Your prayers are being answered and I invite you to come and see.

We received a letter from the Anglican Parish of Greenacre NSW, who not only assured us that they were praying for us but also asked for prayer as they minister in their city environment. We later discovered that we have prayed for one another at the exact time on the same night.

I ask you to support us in prayer for our new parish pastoral workers, our soon to be established Café-Church, the restructuring of our home groups and our mission to reach those around usand to give someone else a go on next year's pony.

TOM BEEVER—Ceduna

*Music group at Sunday morning worship, Ceduna.
Children's Christmas play, Ceduna.
Service on the beach at Smoky Bay.*



COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR



HOPE AND HOLDING ON

Hope can only be renewed by the power of that which we hold onto.

When the Rev Fred Harvey, the first missionary at Wilcannia, gripped his motor bike with bleeding hands on a lonely road to Menindee (Dec 20 1920), it was the Living Christ that he held onto.

The stories in this issue consider the spiritual challenges in the lives of BCA workers. Judith Nichols says in her recent Mission Australia Address; "When a congregation disappears virtually overnight, it is difficult for the minister not to feel depressed. In his head he may know it is not his fault but the empty seats confront his heart." In her paper she describes the significant social difficulties of ministry in remote areas but she also raises the spiritual difficulties inherent in BCA work. (Send for your copy through the enclosed catalogue).

Spiritual challenges are found among

the destroyed homes in Exmouth or in the many good byes experienced in Broome or in the long distance travels of Leinster and Winton. Gospel ministers, no matter how capable, must also deal with the matters of their own heart.

BCA celebrates 80 years, marking the faithfulness of godly men and women who were prepared to live and share the gospel, sustained by the power of Christ. It is this ongoing spiritual endeavour in a changing Australian landscape that will engage BCA into the millennium.

After 11 years in the Northern Territory and in Sydney with BCA, Kerry and I commence ministry at Kings Cross in the Parish of East Sydney. Our journey continues as we too learn that Christ holds onto us and enables us to do His work even through our struggles.

In the hope of Christ

GREG THOMPSON



HOPE on the HORIZON

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THE FRED HARVEY

The Rev Fred Harvey, born 1888, was the first BCA Missioner at Wilcannia, NSW, going there with his wife and 15 months old daughter in July 1920. He came from Victoria where he had been a stipendiary reader in Gippsland, and Bendigo areas, and then trained at Moore Theological College from 1911 to 1913. He showed a common sense grasp of theology and knew the spiritual needs of ordinary people.

During the 1914-18 War and despite health problems he became an Army Chaplain, following which he had brief parish experience in Sydney and as a CMS Deputationist.

Again, despite his health limitations, he volunteered in 1920 to serve with BCA in an Outback area stretching from Tibooburra to Menindee in Western NSW.

As you read Fred Harvey's letters, you see the absolute loyalty to his Master, Jesus Christ and to the people of the West. He had a sense of urgency to proclaim the Gospel and a commitment to provide a Christian Hostel for Children, for which he and his wife were house parents in addition to his normal outback parish duties. He wanted to see a Mail Bag Sunday School set up. In his letters there is adventure, hardship and the perils of travelling on a bone shaking motor cycle with accidents on lonely tracks.

Finally the letters tell a living and stark story of BCA's beginnings under God's hand, an example and challenge to us all. In 1922, Fred Harvey, broken in health but not spirit, commenced a ministry in the

Parish of Kyabram in Victoria. Yet in giving of his best there, he had to desist from work and after some months of rest, finally died in 1924 and was buried from St. Andrew's Summer Hill in Sydney.

CLEM KIRKBY—BCA Archivist

THE LETTERS

Wilcannia
15th September 1920.

Dear Mr Kirkby,

Experience crowds upon me! Last Saturday I started for White Cliffs on the motor, and a mile past the Victoria Hotel I ran into wet country so had to take to the bush to avoid bogs on the road this side of Bunker Creek. Bush riding is not my specialty apparently for I ran into a tree and bent the fork of the bike but fortunately did myself no harm...

Travelling here is hard at present. My adventures would fill two volumes.



LETTERS

Ever since I came here we have had wet week-ends and while this is good for the country it is no good to me for I seemed to spend days and nights digging motors out of bogs. In wet weather this country is the most treacherous I have ever seen. I have been through a good part of Gippsland and North East Victoria in wet weather but those districts are good in the wet compared with the "Never Never".



We hope to start the Hostel in a fortnights time with two girls from Weinteriga. I have offered to take a girl from Youldoo for nothing. Evans, of the Cliffs, tells me she is a good pupil aged 13 years and has had only 3 months schooling. Her people are ambitious for her but have suffered in the drought. We will give her a chance, so I have written to her mother to that effect.

The church must do something in the way of providing competent music teachers for these hostels. How about a Bush Sisterhood taking the three vows of Grit, Grace and Gumption. We must wake up. Meetings in the Town Hall, Sydney are no good **WE MUST WORK**. Some of the girls in our Church Secondary Schools must be

appealed to for help. Many surely would give a year or two to this work. If our Church Schools don't fire them with zeal for God's work it is time they handed the work over to the State. This idea of a Bush Sisterhood is worth thinking about.

31 October 1920

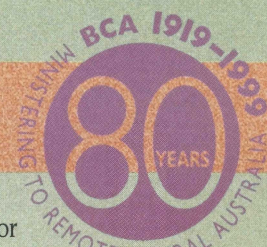
We want a Sisterhood that is Australian and smells of the gum leaves, and as typically Australian as our "Diggers" were. Nurses and teachers yet all in a Sisterhood working together for God and Australia. Draw out the right plan, and give them a decent uniform and I think you will catch the imagination of our Australian Christian girls.

7th December 1920.

When I reached Menindee my hands were blistered and bleeding from hanging on to the controls. It had the effect of putting a more urgent note into my preaching, for when one has to endure hardness like this to get to a preaching centre it makes one feel that the game would not be worth it unless one had a Living Christ to preach.

3rd September 1921.

I have just returned from a long trip on the motor cycle out beyond White Cliffs visiting a number of selectors there. Travelling was pretty strenuous work—in one place I took two hours to cover three



miles on account of the boggy nature of the country after the rain. While staying at White Cliffs I met a doctor who was travelling with an A.M.P. Insurance agent and they had just returned from a trip to Tibooburra. This doctor told me that the people of Tibooburra and Milparinka are very anxious for a medical man to come and live amongst them. The idea comes to me that here the B.C.A. could help. Do you think it would be possible to procure a Christian doctor and place him at Tibooburra... Surely we have some young Christian doctor who would be willing to serve God in such a way in this needy portion of the State. What do you think of this?

Travelling seems to have taken up a lot of my time lately and I am tired. I shall stay at home for a while, there is so much to do just now.

I am trying to start a patrol of Boy Scouts in Wilcannia. It is possible that such a movement may help to keep me in definite touch with a number of the boys who have strayed from Sunday School.

4th October 1921.

This pocket handkerchief parish of mine is beginning to get me down. I don't want to alarm you but I am beginning to realise that motor cycling out here is too strenuous for me. The climate suits me admirably but I get very knocked out after long trips and the doctor put the cap

on me last week when he told me that I must ride the bike no more.

Now please don't think I am tired of my job I am not. I would rather work here than anywhere else I know and that's a fact.

Now what do you think about things. I wish you were here to talk it over. Wilcannia and Harvey have doubtless caused more anxiety to the B.C.A.S. than all other operations put together. But I have tried hard yet the conviction has been growing on me for some time, though I tried to put it from me, that I could not do this job much longer.

This parish wants a man of strong physique, athletic, single, not too youthful, plenty of courage and with all this, evangelistic zeal and God's Holy Spirit. A tall order you say—yes—well it's a tall job.

Don't talk about this please. I don't like people to think I'm a cripple. Wait till the time comes for us to talk. I hope you get me in all this. I'm not dying yet. I can still struggle round on my feet. I get no asthma. I simply get knocked out after my big trips. The doctor says I'll go away one day and not come back any more. Perhaps he's a pessimist. I hope so. Just at this minute I could run a mile. But after a 100 miles or more on the bike you wouldn't buy me for old clothes.

Kind regards
I am yours faithfully
Fred Harvey



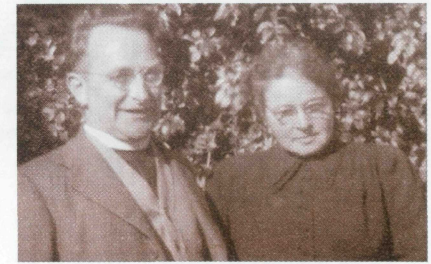
DEAR EDITOR

I have been reading the latest Real Australian, which arrived today and it mentioned being the 80th birthday which prompted me to write.

Bishop Chambers and Mr Kirkby in England recruited my father, **Bill Fleming** in 1924 at the same time as Tom Jones senior. They were to travel out together and go into Ridley College for theological training but my father was delayed by illness. On arrival however, my father was sent to Cann River to work as a lay man with Deaconess Reece when he arrived in August or September, 1925.

He was given a motor cycle and pointed in the direction of Cann River, down the then unmade Princes Highway. At Cann River he lived in a tent as did the deaconess and the nurse and travelled about on motor bike or on horseback. One of the residents found he was a good horseman and would lend him a horse. It meant that he could travel through the forest more easily as well as go out to Point Hicks lighthouse along the beach at low tide. On one occasion he went to visit a parishioner who lived in a timber camp. He blazed his way through the forest much to her amazement at his foolhardiness.

A wayside bible story with a picture roll.



Rev Bill Fleming with his wife Sallie

ness. The lady insisted that he should phone through when he got home, otherwise they would send out a search party.

Services were held in bush schoolhouses and often outside under the trees. Whilst there my father helped to clear the land where the church now stands in Cann River. The parish stretched right through to Mallacoota and Genoa and up and down the Cann Valley, a beautiful and rugged area of Victoria which always fascinated my father throughout his life. Dad took bush funerals, for working life in timber camps was hard and medical help was often far away, although BCA did have a bush nurse at Cann River.

After nearly eighteen months at Cann River my father started at Ridley College, completing the course in two years instead of three. After curacy at North Fitzroy, he was sent to Werrimull, west of Mildura. He applied for permission to marry, the bishop at first objecting, but changed his mind when he learned that my parents had been engaged for over eight years and that my mother was still in England.

It was a drought year and my mother had to contend with dust storms and heat, having just arrived from damp Lancashire in England. A room had been added to



Top: Crossing the Cann River
Centre: Service at Cann River, 1925
Above: BCA van in the area, 1926.

their house, and a tap from the tank had been put at the sink in the kitchen—a real luxury. On the day it was to be blessed by Bishop James there was a terrible dust storm. The bishop put his arm around my mother and told her not to worry and a friendship that lasted until he died was formed.

The drought broke just before they left Werrimull early in 1931 and my mother never forgot the greening of the country

so quickly after the rain. She had great faith that the Lord would provide for all our needs.

They moved to Mitcham a Melbourne suburb where my father served for about seven years before he became Victorian BCA Secretary. I remember going with him to the office, a small room off the Chapter House, which was later made into a kitchen. My brother and I were often taken by our parents when Dad went on deputation work around Melbourne. I can remember him making glass slides for use in the magic lantern.

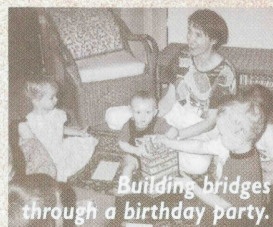
My father joined the army in 1940, and was taken prisoner of war in Singapore. He was on the Burma Railway and at war's end was in Japan near Nagasaki.

During the war I well remember mum getting a phone call or a letter from Tom Jones asking if she could please meet the train from Sydney or elsewhere, to look after a nurse en route to Cook or Ceduna or a missionary and family. Tom would tell them to look lost by the gate and Mum would find them.

Returning at the end of the war on their wedding anniversary in 1945, my father went to the Melbourne parish of Bentleigh and then St Columb's Hawthorn and was again on the Council of BCA, a position he held until his death in 1968. He attended a meeting in Sydney just days before this. The then Organising Missioner said that he had had the longest association with the Society of any one at that time.

I hope this story of guts and faith and a great love story may be of interest.

MARGARET WHEATLAND—Forest Hill, Vic.



LEARNING TO SAY GOODBYE

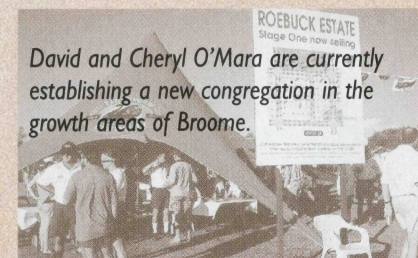
I thought I was reasonably well prepared for the inevitability of a very mobile population, in the place where we serve, but there is nothing that can dull the pain of saying goodbye to people with whom you have had meaningful encounters.

The thing I found most puzzling is the "disappearance" of two people. One man made enthusiastic gestures about being involved at church and Bible study group. He visited, rang often, ate with us, arranged through us a subscription to a Christian magazine, then left—with no goodbye, no sorry even to the man who'd fulfilled his order for a pair of sandals to be made.

The second man came to 'Christianity Explained' and discovered he wasn't a Christian. Nevertheless he did decide by the end of the course that he would rather go to heaven than hell. From this time on he spent several months coming every Monday morning for Bible study and prayer. He brought his children for meals. We really looked forward to his coming and enjoyed his company. By the end of the year he had lost his job (the off-peak season) and we knew he had financial problems. One Monday morning he didn't turn up. This seemed amazing since he had been most punctual and reliable. We checked where he lived to make sure he hadn't had an accident. But he had moved on.

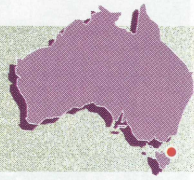
I often think of him and wonder what he is doing. I also wonder why he never said goodbye and why I was denied the opportunity of saying goodbye to him, and saying how much we enjoyed the time we had with him.

As we reflected on the difficulties and disappointments of living in a transient place the Lord taught us some new things. God is not transient. People move, including us who are His servants, but our God stays around and has been working often quietly in many people's lives and situations for years. We have also been learning that our God is sovereign over where people live and for how long they stay in a place. The other wonderful truth is that new people regularly move into Broome and this gives us new opportunities to bring people Christ's love. This truth has called for a new attitude in us to take the opportunities as they arise even if they are short. The disappointments are real but we have a heavenly Father who cares about people and looks after them and continues to care for them wherever they go.



David and Cheryl O'Mara are currently establishing a new congregation in the growth areas of Broome.

ISLAND CHALLENGES



We sat in the Flinders Island airport lounge watching, as the wild storm swept along the runway and hail battered the roof and windows. "Does anyone want to go up in this?" remarked the pilot, to a chorus of "no's".

Gillian waited for half an hour until the weather cleared and took off, only to catch the storm, north of the Island. As the plane rocked and bumped, fell and shot up in the air again, in what seemed to be total darkness, she kept her mind on the Lord and managed to remain calm until she landed in Traralgon. The next leg to Essendon was yet again a flight through a violent storm.

On another occasion, after we had had a scary flight home through heavy cloud, our Church Warden, Arthur, showed us through the air navigation facility building near the airport and explained the unique beacon signal system in this mountainous terrain. It was very comforting to know that the pilots of our safe, reliable, 9 seat aircraft had complete knowledge of their position at all times and in all weather.

As we cope with the storms of life on this faith journey here, we have great confidence in our beacon, the Word of God and the Lord who honours His Word.

In most places in Australia you can drive to wherever you fancy. However 'Island life' is different, for there is no convenient road out. Much of the life here centres on the airport, as it is critical to the wellbeing of the community. On our last flight to Launceston, the reasons for passengers flying included visiting a specialist and a dentist, shopping, a meeting, visiting mum, and spending time with a child at school. Flight travel is an expensive but the only option for people to lead normal lives. This dependency on flights off the Island results in a lot of loneliness for those who can't afford to fly very often and those fearful of flying.

Like all remote situations, Flinders Island, despite its friendliness and incredible beauty, throws up a number of spiritual challenges. We miss the regular fellowship of other clergy and their wives and opportunities to pray and communi-

cate together. We find maintaining a regular, active prayer life difficult at times. Isolation can impinge upon your awareness of self and God. It can be relaxing, restoring and quietening, and a drinking in of God's creation and its awesome beauty so prevalent here. It can also overwhelm, swallowing you up so that you feel exhausted and thirsting for family and friendship beyond the horizon. We praise God for cheap evening phone rates.

Certain activities are crucial for us. These are our regular fellowship time with the Catholic Sister each Friday morning, the study-discussion groups, times of parish fellowship in worship and social gathering and attempts to keep up with theological and devotional reading. Our spiritual life is both enhanced and challenged by being God's people in the wider community, enjoying the diversity and wonder of other people at play and work, being free by God's grace to enjoy just being you, and 'to sit where others sit'.

In a small close knit community, everything is known, observed, commented on and digested. The Islanders have a contented generational resistance to the gospel. This has emerged from past hurts, scandals, unbelief, peer group pressures and apathy. There is little antagonism as the church is seen to have its rightful place, but it accompanies an attitude of 'don't get too close'.

Our constant prayer is that God would continue to be active, calling out those whom He would save and using the vulnerable witness of the small local congregations, so well known to those who are indifferent.

We are members of the Sports Club (bowls and golf). Gillian is a member of the C.W.A., the quilting group and the Hospital Auxiliary that recently held a successful 'Great Bed Race' involving 14 community teams. Geoff has been elected to the Flinders Island Council. He is also involved in a number of committees crucial to forging the future of the Islands. The greatest challenge that we face is the integration of many facets of Island life with worship, justice, politics, community life and family, and living life faithfully to Christ.

This year the church community is having some special outreach celebrations and events including a Pentecost Service involving all the churches, the services of the Tractor and Plough, the Fleece and the Fleet and the first mission of a Scripture Union team to the High School.

When we flew back from our last family visit, the day was cloudless and calm. The first sight of the mountainous islands, set in a shimmering sea conveyed a sense of welcome, beckoning us home. As we swept in over the sea to land on the runway, we thanked God for the opportunity to serve him in this unique place.

GEOFF AND GILL BRANS GROVE

—Flinders Island



Service of the Fleet involving all the churches in the community.



Sunbeamers Club at school.

PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

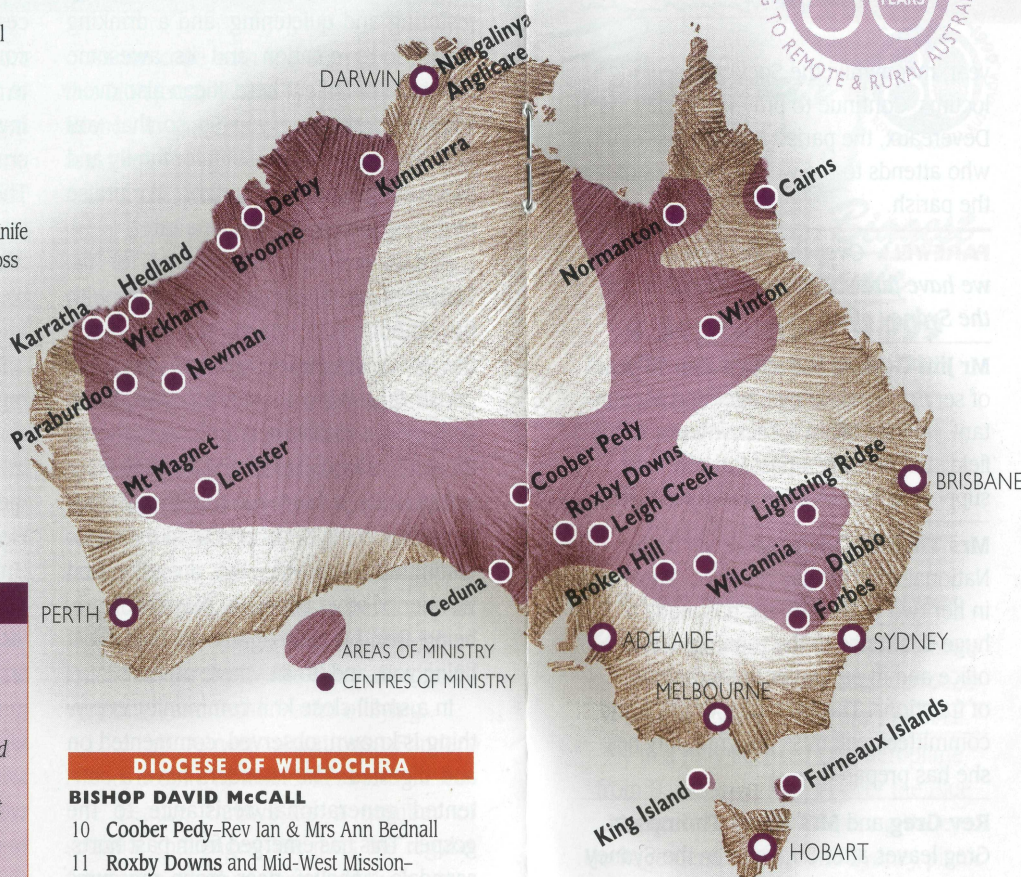
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PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

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THE BCA PRAYER

Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in isolated and remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society.

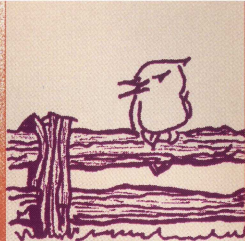
Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known.

Grant that, through the ministry of Word and Sacraments, through caring service and by support for young people, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed and accepted by the people of our land.

We ask these things through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you'd like more details for prayer,
send for our free quarterly prayer notes.

POST & RAILS



FAREWELL We farewell **Rev Peter** and **Mrs Jeanette Blundell** from **Winton**. Peter has accepted the Parish of Crookwell in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Peter and Jeanette first served in Blackwater commencing in 1992. They moved to Winton about 3 years ago and during this time endeavoured to consolidate the work started by Geoff and Gill Bransgrove. Winton will celebrate 100 years of Christian ministry this year, Peter and Jeanette's time in Winton has been a significant witness to the living power of the gospel. Peter and Jeanette will feature in the associate section of our Prayer Notes over the next 12 months.

WELCOME to the **Rev Joe** and **Mrs Jeanette Sullivan** to the parish of **Paraburdoo/Tom Price**. Joe and Edith have just completed 9 years in the parish of Whitfords Diocese of Perth, however they are not new to the North West. Before the call to ministry Joe was a power station shift supervisor for Robe River Iron at Wickham, and Jeanette was a teacher. Under the ministry and leadership of Angus and Anne McDonald in the 80's they were prepared for ministry. They have three adult children Ronald, Catherine and Jillian.

UPDATE ON KING ISLAND At the time of printing, the Society is in conversation with a couple to take up the challenge of the King Island ministry. It is anticipated that a placement will be made late in the

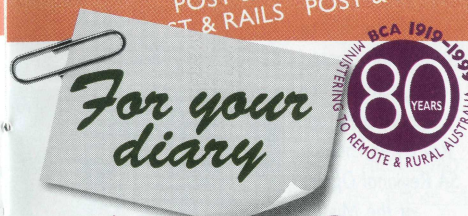
year, meanwhile the Society is seeking locums. Continue to pray for Shirley Devereaux, the parish Pastoral Assistant, who attends to the weekly routines of the parish.

FAREWELL Over the past few weeks we have farewelled three people from the Sydney offices—

Mr Jim Gosbee has retired after 13 years of service as office manager and accountant. Jim has taken a keen interest in the field staff offering a pastoral care and support as he has gone about his tasks.

Mrs Thelma Doyle, secretary to the National Director has resigned. Thelma in her two years with us, has made a huge difference to the running of the office and in particular the arranging of functions. The Executive Council and committees will miss the great lunches she has prepared.

Rev Greg and **Mrs Kerry Thompson**. Greg leaves after 5½ years in the Sydney office and over 5 years in the Parish of Sanderson with BCA. Just recently Greg has been in charge of the national publicity unit, editing "The Real Australian", and developing the communications, bequest program and merchandising activities. He had served previously as the Regional Officer for New South Wales and ACT. Greg and Kerry will move to the Parish of St John's Darlinghurst, Diocese of Sydney in July.



Australia's Biggest Bush Picnic

4 September 1999

(The date is closest to Wattle Day)

Join in the Australia wide celebrations by attending or organising a picnic for your own church on 4th September.

Contact BCA for details of a picnic near your area.

A BCA Picnic Pack is available—see the catalogue.

Commemorate the initiatives of the flying medical service

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Fly in a fully licensed DC3 aeroplane from Bankstown Airport over the Blue Mountains and the Megalong Valley Heritage Centre where the Sydney picnic will be held on 4th September.

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Cost is \$95 per person.

Book with Anabel in Sydney office.

Held between May and August

Join in the thanksgiving by coming along or organising a special evening in your area.

Contact your Regional Office.



BCA AUXILIARIES

For all of its existence, BCA has been supported by faithful Christian people who have felt the urge to pray for and give to the work of the Society. In the book, "These Ten Years" written by the Rev S.J. Kirkby, Organising Missioner, and published in 1930, the back page is entitled "A Personal Word to the Reader". He lists ways of supporting the Society's work, one of which says "arrange a Drawing-room Meeting or Gift Afternoon."

On the 25th March, 1931, a meeting was called to discuss the formation of an Auxiliary. The meeting elected Mrs D'Arcy Irvine as President, and the first meeting of the Auxiliary was held in Sydney on 13th April, 1931. That Auxiliary continues to meet each month to this day. Around Australia, there are many such Auxiliaries in existence. Each group has its own ways of helping, but fund raising is a major project. Many hold monthly meetings when plans are made for luncheons, dinners, street stalls, fashion parades, trading tables, rallies and catering. Some groups are called auxiliaries, some committees but whatever the name, the purpose is to spread the word about BCA, and give help with money raised. There is always room for new members to stand with and encourage those already working hard.

Contact your Regional Office for local details.

MINISTERING BCA 1919-1999
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN 80th CELEBRATIONS

FEBRUARY 27th 120 people attended a Progressive Dinner organised by the Western Area Deanery, raising \$1000.00.

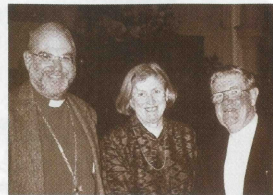
MARCH 13th Over 70 people attended a Supporters' Dinner at St. George's Magill. Mrs Margaret Kidney, President of the BCA Auxiliary provided a beautiful meal, with entertainment provided by trumpeter Ron Greer. Martin and Vivien Bleby, Ian Robertson, John Argall and Stan and Dorrie Hummerston shared some of their experiences while serving with BCA in past years. A sum of \$650.00 was raised.

APRIL 9th At St. Luke's Whitmore Square 65 people heard Mrs Judith Nichols present the Mission Australia Address. She shared the challenges faced by families, church and community in North West Australia and the opportunities for gospel ministry.

APRIL 11th The Annual General Meeting was held at St. Matthew's Kensington. There were 64 people present to hear how God had blessed our efforts in 1998 with over \$40,000 contributed by the region toward wider ministry by BCA. The guest speaker was Mrs Judith Nichols and elections were; National Council Representative: Mrs Aila Alderson; Regional Committee: Canon Ian Barlow, Rev Ian Robertson, Mrs Aila Alderson, Mrs Margaret Kidney, Miss Julie Johnson, Messrs Ken Langshaw (chairman), David Griffin, Brian Nankivell, Philip Kirkby.

At the Supporters' Dinner in March.

Archbishop
 Ian George,
 Mrs Judith Nichols
 (the Speaker) and
 Rev Owen Thomas,
 SA Regional Officer,
 at the Mission
 Australia Address
 in April.



Coming events in SA:

Choral Concert on July 11th;
BCA Picnic on September 24th;
Spring Open Garden Display in October.
For details please contact the SA office.

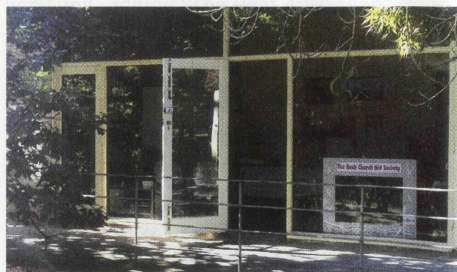
The Annual Rally and Luncheon

To be held this year in the
Bishop Barry Auditorium,
 51 Druitt Street, Sydney.

Wednesday,
25th August, 1999

Speaker
Rev Tom Williams
(Recently with BCA at Tennant Creek, NT)

*New premises for the Victorian/Tasmanian
 Regional Office in Heidelberg.*



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Can anyone identify the ladies in this photo or where they are please? It may be about 1930.

We are still pursuing the identity of the Church pictured in the last Real Australian.

We have recently received the photo albums and diary extracts of Rev S.G. Stewart who was BCA Missioner at Ceduna, 1930-33, and we thank the family for their gift to be preserved in the Archives. We would very much appreciate any other similar gifts relating to early BCA mission work.

CLEM KIRKBY—Archivist



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SILENCE IN THE WAKE OF VANCE

Rev Malcolm Reid reports on his work at Exmouth following the recent cyclone.

Sunday March 21st was the first time since our arrival in Port Hedland where the waves would have brought joy to a surfer's heart. But this and the long hours manning the phones over night in the SES Regional Headquarters did not prepare me for the devastation in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Vance.

We were the first local SES unit to arrive in Exmouth. I'd like to say we touched down but that would be incorrect since our plane came to a grinding halt as we bogged in the mud at Exmouth air strip. The 20 minute drive into the town was slow as every creek bed or low level crossing had become a torrent of water. The main street, still under water, resembled a swampland and not a main thoroughfare.

We were sent to the worst hit residential area of town. I will not forget that day walking past houses that were totally devastated. People can see the pictures of the devastation from Cyclone Tracey and many have seen the media images from Exmouth but it is different being there in person.

There was an eerie silence as we came upon house after house that had been 'totalled', concertinaed and ripped to pieces. The silence became deafening as we came upon steel girders bent like

liquorice, or massive boats thrown from their moorings like matchboxes. One local said he saw the cyclone in all fury suck all the pressure out of a house, which shrivelled before his eyes and then exploded from the pressure.

The silence struck me but so did the looks on people's faces. There were the smiles of the Aussie battlers who were grateful that their kids were still alive and for a helping hand. However with the smiles was the cold stony face of shock. Shock because people's entire livelihood had been lost and all that they had worked for was gone in a few short hours.

There were many stories of resilience and survival. The placing of a baby in a toolbox, the cowering of a mother and her family in a cupboard as the rest of the room was demolished. I am still astonished that there were no fatalities. The only injury I heard of was that of a man who had burnt his hand on a barbecue in the height of the storm!

There was great camaraderie in the community and with the SES unit as people worked together. But Exmouth will never be the same. One of my SES mates, who thought it was odd that a "padre" was on their roofing team, ribbed me that the churches had been damaged. It does make you reflect.

I thought on such 'acts of God' and their arbitrary nature. Why would such destruction visit one house and not the other? Why weren't the righteous delivered? The



wisdom of Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 helped me to consider these issues.

It tells us that we need to prepare for all possibilities in this world, that there are unchanging laws and that a person cannot always understand but must continue on with life. It assures us that God is the Maker, however mysterious the events of life.

In the face of suffering there is not always a quick and easy answer. In our own Australian way we get on with life and it doesn't help to get bogged down with unravelling the 'why?' question.

As we sheltered from the lessor winds of the following Cyclone Gwenda in Hedland, I don't have an answer as to why Exmouth was hit with a Category 5 and we a Category 2. But it's OK not to have the answer. We are called to just keep on living and telling people about what we do know, that Jesus died and rose to show us the sure hope of eternal life. Please remember the Rector at Exmouth Rev Rod Williams and his wife Hazel, as they continue to provide the care of Christ to the community.

MALCOLM REID—Hedland



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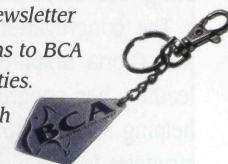
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KOORI ANGLICAN CHURCH, DUBBO

The Koori Anglican Church at Dubbo have used their church building to communicate the meaning of life with a Koori Christian perspective to the wider community. The whole of the outside of their church building is covered with a giant mural, which depicts creation, reconciliation and regeneration. The church's artist designed the mural and the congregation painted it.

So many in their town, both white and black are searching for meaning, purpose and direction. The mural gives the good news that the Creator has a purpose for the earth, working for a whole creation and has come with power and healing to bring reconciliation.

The congregation is ministered to by Rev Gloria Shipp. She is committed to leading her congregation in Christ and helping Koori people in their day to day struggles to move towards a life of peace and harmony. In order to do this the congregation has established a Koori

Anglicare committee. They have begun a vacation care program in a difficult neighbourhood, established an accommodation service for people from remote areas who have to come to the hospital and are planning a family support service for Aboriginal families who are experiencing trauma and crisis.

THE CREATOR SPIRIT BRINGS LIFE INTO BEING

The mural represents the Father Son and Holy Spirit, three in one and one in three, with all of us going forward together.

The left section communicates that by becoming one of us, the Creator Spirit through Jesus Christ frees us to affirm our past culture, including our deep connections with the land and our ancestors. When Jesus Christ died and rose, He sent his Spirit to fill the land and make all things new, including the people.

The creation story encompasses the symbols used of the Moon, Stars, Sun Plants, Animals, Hands Prints/Humans.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit are represented on the wall. At right: The panel representing Jesus viewed from inside.



DUBBO

JESUS THE SON

The centre section communicates the Cross representing Jesus and the wavy, radiating lines and dots show the movement of the Spirit. God the Father is reflected in the white circle radiating light from the centre of the cross.

The black and white hands show that through Christ we have the strength to be reconciled to each other and to the land.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The right section communicates that Jesus became the means by which God gives his Spirit to others. No one can come to the Father except through Jesus, and no one can receive God's Spirit except through Jesus.

The symbols used here are tongues of fire (Pentecost), Baptism with water, and the stream representing hope for the future and strength for the people.

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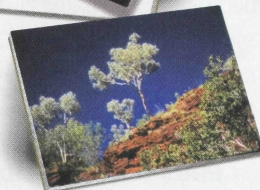
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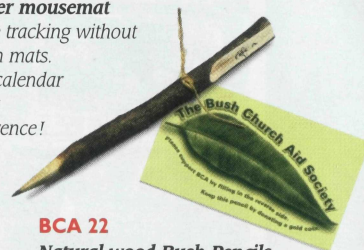


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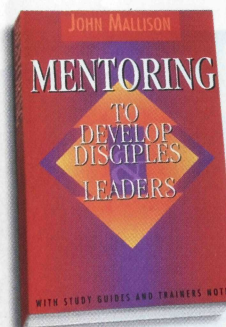
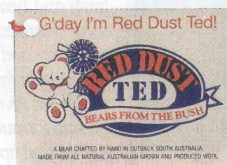
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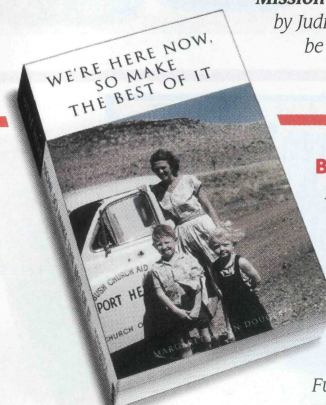
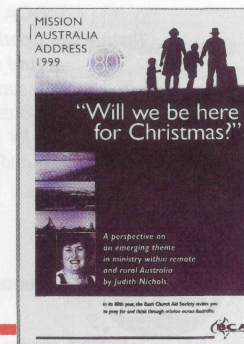


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"Mentoring—To Develop Disciples & Leaders" by John Mallison. With study guides and trainer's notes.

BCA 164

Mission Australia Address
by Judith Nichols—"Will we be here for Christmas?"



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BOOK—"WE'RE HERE NOW, SO MAKE THE BEST OF IT"
by Margaret Douglass

The life story of two ordinary people with whom God has done some extraordinary things—in the suburbs of Sydney, the POW camps of Germany, the outback of north-west Australia, Anglican ministry and Christian schooling. Full of pathos and the irony of living for a God whose thoughts are higher than ours.



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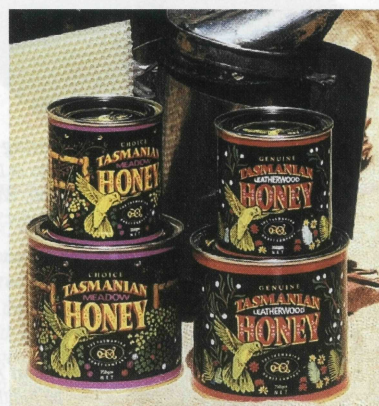
Tea Tree oil as a body or face wash is a natural antiseptic treatment leaving skin feeling invigorated, fresh and healthy. Tea Tree soap cleanses deep down, repairing and helping to protect skin from blemishes, while Ord River Tea Tree natural formulation creams, lotions and lip balm keep lips and dry skin soft,

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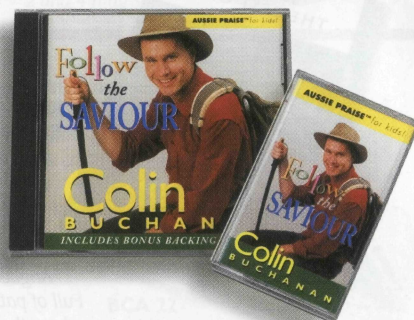
Tasmanian Leatherwood Honey and Meadow Honey

—gathered from the summer blossoms of the western coastal rainforests, it is renowned for its piquant aroma and lingering flavour.



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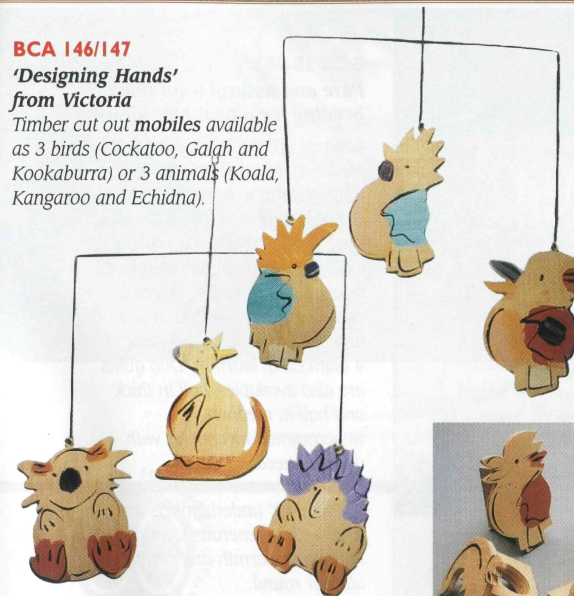
The third in the series from Colin Buchanan —“Aussie Praise for Kids” CD, cassette and music book available.



Product only available while stocks last.

BCA 146/147
'Designing Hands' from Victoria

Timber cut out mobiles available as 3 birds (Cockatoo, Galah and Kookaburra) or 3 animals (Koala, Kangaroo and Echidna).



BCA 145

Set of 6 novelty serviette holders cut out of timber from 'Designing Hands' in Victoria.

Set includes a Kookaburra, Koala, Echidna, Platypus, Galah and Cockatoo.



BCA 141-144

From 'Designing Hands' in Victoria—timber cut out free standing novelty picture frames. Choose from Koala, Cockatoo, Echidna and Kangaroo (not shown—we regret Galah is not available).

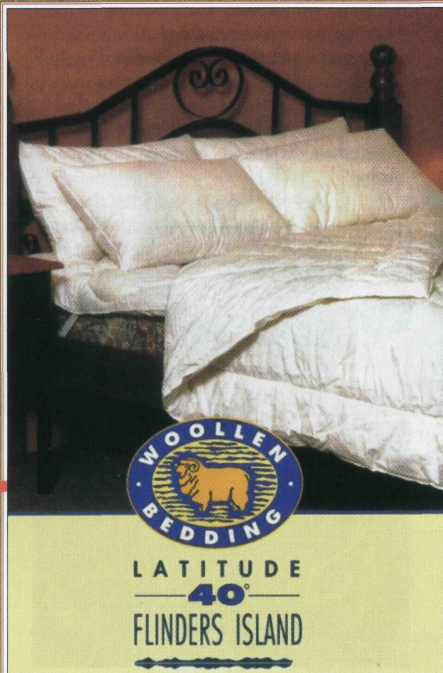
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BCA 153-157

Marquetry Matters—Northern NSW

Each map is individually designed and handcrafted from a selection of beautiful Australian timbers using the age-old techniques of marquetry—cutting and inlaying different colours and textures of timber to create each unique map. Larger size is available with coloured mounts—beige, dark blue (shown), green and terra.





BCA 38—53

Pure and natural wool filled bedding for a healthier lifestyle.

Latitude 40° quilts are filled with especially selected and processed pure, natural wool with its capacity to hold warmth or dissipate extra heat, inside 100% cotton covers. Quilts are made in two standard thicknesses—medium, which is equivalent to 2 blankets in warmth and thick, which is equivalent to 4 blankets in warmth. Duo quilts are also available—half in thick and half in medium to accommodate couples with different needs.

Latitude 40° underblankets are filled with a generous layer of wool to provide warmth and comfort all year round.

We regret that pillows are not available at this time.

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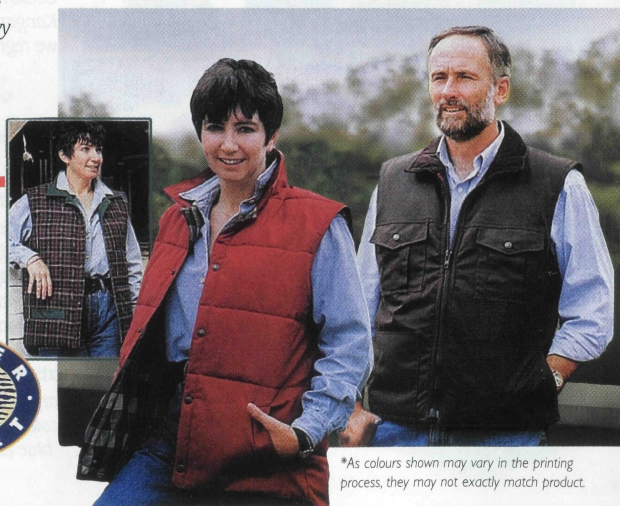
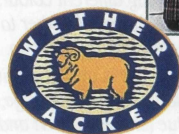
Wether Jackets combine the supreme qualities of pure, natural wool with treated 100% cotton.

The **Durapel Jacket** is wadded with wool, waterproof, reversible with a variety of tartan linings and is available in 3 colours—rust, navy or green.

Choice of mandarin or shirt collar. Suitable for men and women.



*RUST *NAVY *GREEN



*As colours shown may vary in the printing process, they may not exactly match product.

BCA 133

The **Oilskin Jacket** is wadded with wool, waterproof and suitable for men and women.



BCA 157

Dunnilli Art Tablecloth from Nungalinga, Northern Territory.

Size 180cm x 137cm medium. The design is called "Tuckerbox" and illustrates foods available at a billabong or water hole. The "wet season" feast includes Barramundi, Turtle and Magpie Geese. Can also be used as a wall hanging or sofa throw-over.

Proceeds from the sale of these tablecloths helps to support BCA's mission work and also the School of Textile Art at Nungalinga College, Darwin.

As these articles are hand made and each piece is unique, please allow for some variations in colour from those shown.



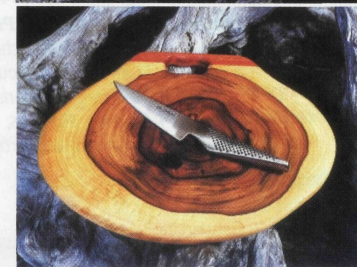
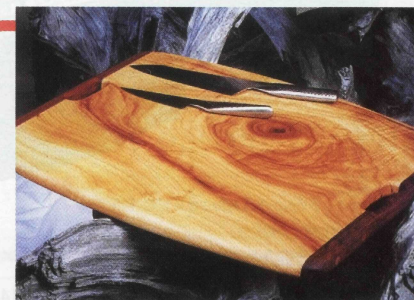
BCA 155/156

ECO Camphor Laurel Boards, from Northern New South Wales

Camphor Laurel (*Cinnamomum Camphora*) is a perfect timber for a food preparation cutting board.

Available in a two handled rectangular shape (approximate size 365mm x 285mm) or as a single handle oval cutting board. Both are handcrafted and oiled with grapeseed oil.

Please see inside the front cover of this issue for Greeting cards information.



BCA 158/159/160/161

Celebrate BCA's 80th Anniversary!

Commemorative Glass & Crystal with etched-look 80th Anniversary 'wattle' crest. 190ml wine glasses are available in sets of 2 and 6 glasses. Also available—Anniversary Rose vase and Anniversary Lead Crystal Trophy.

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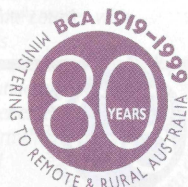
BCA 158/159

Didgeridoonas, Queensland

Large Cooler Bags filled with pure Australian Wool. Perfect for picnics, BYOs, parties or shopping.

Food and drinks remain icy cold for up to 24 hours when used with a freezer block and up to 6 hours without.

Available in brown Oilskin outer and liner with leather handles or in navy blue fabric with a tough plastic lining.



BCA 134-140

Australian Native Fauna in Pewter.

Available as keyrings—or add a chain for a pendant. From the Blue Mountains in NSW, the range comprises the Echidna, Kangaroo, Platypus, Koala, Wombat, Kookaburra and Crocodile.



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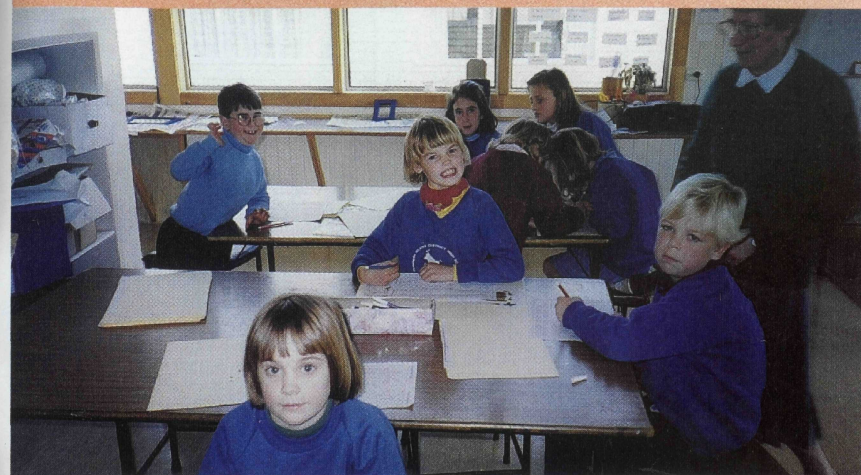
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