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## FROM THE Editor



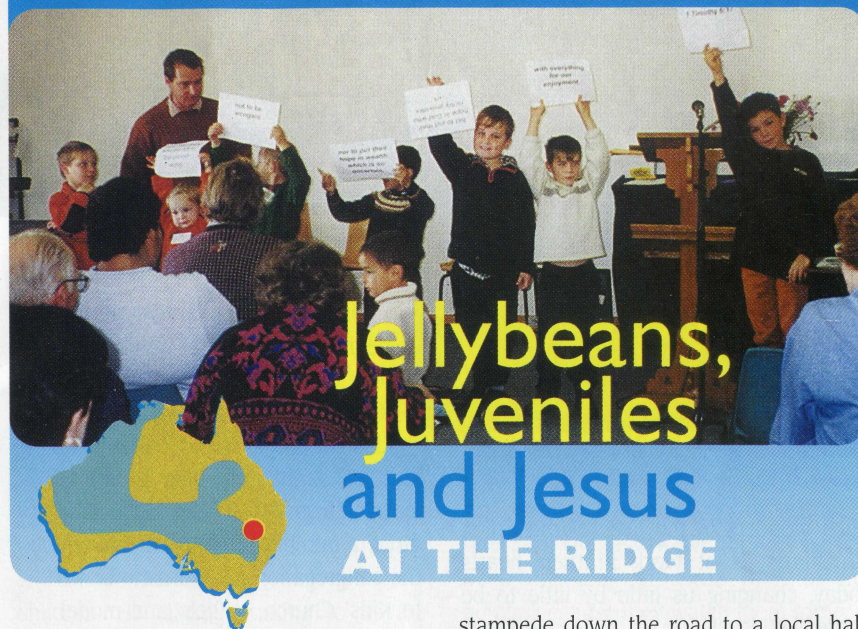
It is wonderful to read the field staff reports regarding children's ministry across Australia.

Even though you shall read about the sadness of what has occurred in regard to our two remaining hostels, be encouraged by the depth of ministry that abounds through our field staff. Your gifts towards children's educational work carried out by the field staff will attract tax deductibility.

Thinking about children's ministry, and as Christmas time approaches, I am reminded of the passage from Luke 2:4-7, "So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

This advent season make sure we make room for the Lord Jesus who came down from heaven to take on human flesh as an infant. Ponder the incomprehensible thought of the Lord of all becoming a dependant infant, putting himself at the mercy of Mary and Joseph. The long expected Davidic King came to rest in a feed trough! It is interesting that there is no mention of a stable or animals but simply that the inn had no room for them.

... From the Editor continues on page 2



## Jellybeans, Juveniles and Jesus AT THE RIDGE

**"Dear God, please help my Dad not to be so cranky in the morning..."**

**"Dear Lord, please help our new baby to be a boy, because boys are the best and my little sister is sooo annoying!"**

It's Sunday morning and the kids at Lightning Ridge Community Church are enjoying leading the prayers at our special term Family Service. It's wonderful for the adults to see the enthusiasm as they all rush to have their turn talking to God (except perhaps if you happen to be the aforementioned cranky Dad!). The adults have also absorbed quite a number of Scripture verses as the kids memorise a new one each month (Pastor's Secret: jellybeans for those who know their stuff).

On normal Sundays though, the kids

stampede down the road to a local hall for Kids' Church. This is a somewhat uproarious time of fun and learning, which the kids seem to enjoy, and from which the leaders seem to recover reasonably quickly with a cuppa and debrief over morning tea after church. This year we've had between 15 and 25 kids, aged 3 to 12, in two separate groups.

Following Scripture Union's 'New Salt' syllabus, we explore one theme for four or five weeks at a time. This year, for example, the kids have learnt about God rescuing His people from Egypt, and discovered how God sent Jesus to save them too. We've also examined a number of Christians from the book of Acts, and seen how the Holy Spirit changed their lives. It was eye-opening for the kids to realise that the same Spirit who worked

Front cover photographs: Top—Mt Strezlecki from across the bay, Furneaux Islands.  
Inset—"Sonbeamers' 2000 at Furneaux Islands School, Whitemark.





Above: The Church Music Group playing at the annual Opal Festival in July.



The Maude family: Rick and Danielle (plus bulge!), Raewyn, Dylan, Rohan and Jaryd.

such wonders in the lives of these first Christians, is at work in their hearts today, changing us little by little to be more like Jesus!

The kids love doing hands-on activities to aid their learning and the church becomes liberally decorated with their artwork (plus leftover glue and glitter). They also love rowdy games (especially those involving balloons bursting, balls flying and running at supersonic speeds), thankfully our sunny climate at the Ridge is conducive to using the yard outside the hall (although we do sometimes wonder what the neighbours think of all the hullabaloo!).

Do you recognise this Lord Jesus as your Lord? Will you make room for his Lordship in your life as you think of his first coming to tabernacle among us? Shall he continue to find 'room' in your life as you ponder his coming again?

May your Christmas be one of great rejoicing as you pray 'Come Lord Jesus.'

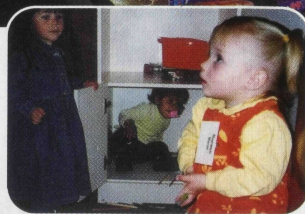
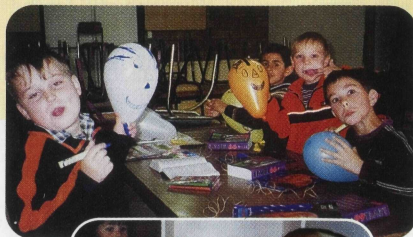
PAUL—Editor

One dilemma we had at the beginning of the year was that all four of our Kids' Church leaders are young mums, and most of our kids are boys. So to ensure the kids realise that following Jesus and learning from His Bible is not 'just for girls', a number of young men from the congregation take turns to come to Kids' Church, to help and model Christ to the kids.

Kids' ministry is hard work sometimes, but Jesus is working in our kids' hearts, and they will play a vital role in bringing their own growing generation to Christ. Praise God!

**DANIELLE MAUDE**—Lightning Ridge

Below: Kids' Church with the boys "smiling" for the camera! And at bottom: "Crèche Capers".



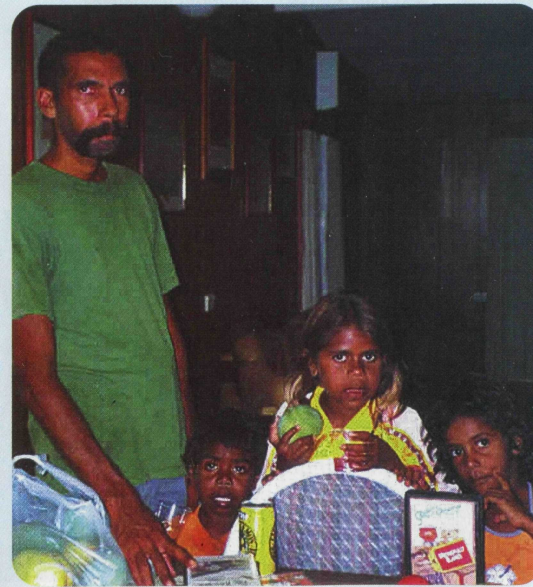
## Gospeling Kids IN KUNUNURRA

Since we arrived in 1998, we have been trying to start up a "Kids" programme of some sort. In the meantime we have a kids' work going on that we hadn't really taken into account.

We have been lending videos to the children and families from the Uniting, Baptist and Assemblies of God churches.

What is really interesting is the way Michael from the AOG church has used the videos. Michael is a young aboriginal man, very enthusiastic for the gospel, who often looks after other people's children. He started coming to us for Christian videos to show them. He'd have the videos for about a month before he changed them. Finally I asked why he

Michael Beeby looking after the children.



needed a month to look at three videos.

He not only showed them to the kids who gathered around him but had started taking the videos to outlying communities. He showed them to anyone that he could convince to watch them and others who wanted to hear about God. It took about a month to cover the circuit. Over three years with Michael sometimes requesting a favourite to be repeated, he has now borrowed about eighty-two different titles. For the last twelve months he has been including an extra one for the adults, because they watch them too!

Recently another aboriginal man, Joseph, a friend of Michael's, asked if he could borrow videos too. He has an enthusiastic audience at Amanabiji Station just over the NT border. He didn't tell us himself, but we learned that he was sent to this station as a pastor to the aboriginal community there, and he is using the videos in his work.

So while we've been busy agonising over the Sunday School that was so slow to start, and the Kids' Club that hasn't anyone to run it, our videos have started a work independently of us and it seems like it's going strong!

**DENISE ROTHWELL**

—Kununurra



# God Supplies A SAXOPHONE

The Luke family have been members of the Roxby Downs Christian Community Church for 13 years and are regular BCA supporters.

Paul Luke (aged 10) had a great dream to one day be able to play a saxophone. His music teacher suggested that he should learn the clarinet first, because it was easier and smaller. He had only been having clarinet lessons for 9 weeks when he was confident to join the church band to make eight members. That first day he played "He is Lord".

God's timing is truly remarkable. On this same day we received a letter from BCA informing us that a saxophone was available if we could make some use of it. With great excitement a return letter was written and posted that same day, with a



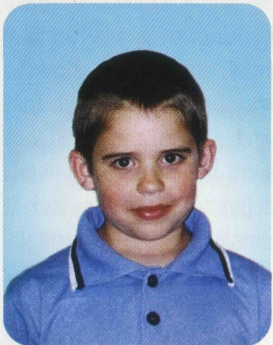
cheque enclosed to help cover the freight.

A very special thank you to BCA and to the person who gave this instrument. Through this gift, they have helped to fulfil a young boy's dream and his first love of music: "To one day play the saxophone".

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen". Philippians 4: 19-20 NIV*

**AVRIL LUKE**—Parishioner, Roxby Downs

## MY DAD IS AN ANGLICAN MINISTER



**M**y Dad is an Anglican Minister.

He loves his job,

He won't ever quit.

I like being his son,

Because he teaches me

To be like him.

I'm going to be an Anglican Minister too,

When I grow up.

I love my Dad

And his job.

By **DANIEL HEALY**



# Ministry to Children IN THE MURCHISON

Children's ministry is not our highest priority in the Parish, but it's certainly in the top 3, as we are currently the only Christian organisation in the region which provides Gospel ministry to children in the towns of Yalgoo, Mt Magnet, Cue and Meekatharra.

As we have such a great responsibility and opportunity to the children of the area, I appointed Mellita to be the coordinator of children's ministry in the Parish. Mellita coordinates Religious Instruction Seminars once per term to all primary aged students at Yalgoo, Mt Magnet and Cue Primary Schools. The children call her the "Hallelujah Lady". Mellita is also trying to get us accepted into Sandstone and Meekatharra Schools.

But children's ministry doesn't end in the schools. Everywhere there is a church service, Mellita coordinates and/or runs a Sunday School. Imagine preparing a

Mount Magnet District High School  
—Years 2-3 children at work.

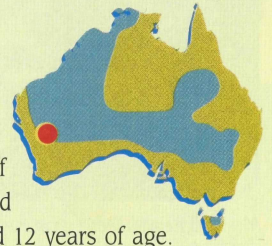
teaching programme for a small class of children aged between 1 and 12 years of age.

No mean feat. Thankfully in Meekatharra, one of our parishioners, Christy, has currently taken on the role of teaching.

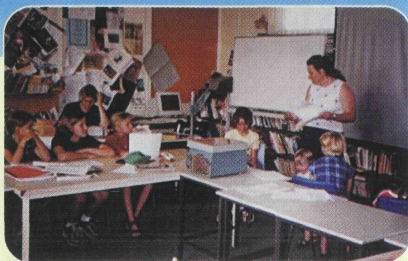
In Mt Magnet the school principal asked us to become their school chaplain in a voluntary capacity. Mellita and I take it in turns to spend Thursday afternoons with students and staff. After 18 months as chaplain we have now been accepted by most of the teaching staff, and the role is still unfolding.

Finally, again in Mt Magnet, we run Kids' Clubs, either after school or during the holidays. In August we were blessed to have David and Rhonda Stockbridge from Aerial Missions conduct after-school Kids' Clubs in both Meekatharra and Mt Magnet. It's wonderful when other Christians present the Gospel to the children and back up what Mellita has been teaching.

So that's what we do, but there is the potential for much more ministry to children in the Parish. In Yalgoo we can have up to 15 children come along to Sunday School, where Mellita teaches the children outside the church, on a small section of concrete in the heat or the cold. We would







Melitta Bate with Year 4-5 students at Mt Magnet District High School.

like to start a "Kids' Church" in Yalgoo, where the children are not relegated to the varying conditions of the weather.

And in Yalgoo with a population of 80, it would not be unreasonable to expect 25 children to attend, as there are simply no organised activities for children outside school hours.

The fact is we have plenty of opportunities to run relevant programmes in all of our towns. But already we are overloaded, so would you please join with us in praying for more labourers for God's harvest amongst children here in the Murchison.

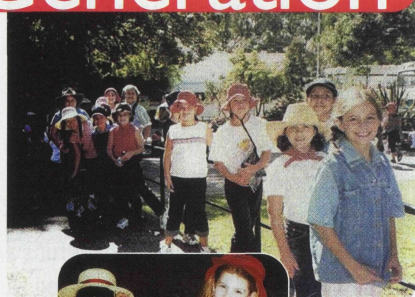
**ALLAN BATE**—Mt Magnet/Murchison

## Our Next Generation OF SUPPORTERS

It is encouraging to know that children are becoming aware of BCA through Sunday Schools and schools. The girls at Danebank Anglican School for Girls in Sydney are encouraged to think about mission and support four mission groups each year. In the early part of the year they support BCA and, as they have done over the past couple of years, they held a sausage sizzle to raise money and awareness of the Society.

A link with the Maude's in Lightning Ridge had already been established and the girls from class 2L write to and pray regularly for them. Obviously the girls were very keen to meet the family when they visited the school—so keen in fact they sat through Rick's talk and presentation for 45 minutes! Now that's interest from a group of 7 year olds.

It is to be hoped that other schools will become involved with mission and increase their awareness of mission within their own country through the work of BCA—after all they are our next generation of supporters who will see the gospel spread and the ministry continue in the 2050s!



Lining up...



...for sausage sizzles at Danbank School.



## Youth Ministry ON KING ISLAND

On reading the book "No Guts, No Glory" I have come to believe more strongly than ever, that building up this small group is one of the most important things I can do as a pastor.

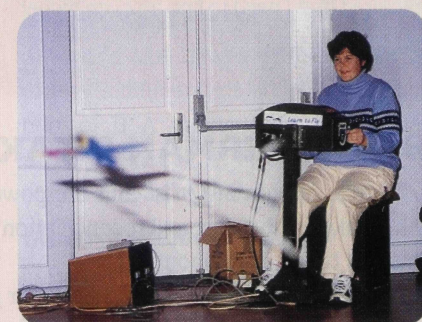
I have therefore begun new directions for our inter-church youth group called ICY. The year started with three boys and I struggled that first term preparing activities that failed due to a lack of numbers.

The main objective is to reach the youth with the truth of the gospel, praying that the seeds of faith may be planted in their hearts. Over the last 6 months I have been going through a major prayer and re-think about what I am trying to attain through the youth ministry on King Island.

Through prayer I have separated two main needs for local youth ministry.

- 1) Overcome opposition to 'the church' and Christianity.
- 2) Provide an opportunity to build faith in the lives of those wanting to know Christ or deepen their faith.

Therefore, with the help of Peter Lambert, we started a project model aircraft activity using electric 'Round The Pole' flying. The activity is used to break down walls put up against 'Christians' by having church members teach the manual skills—a mentoring process. There is a short teaching session on the activity and then on how the subject relates to our whole being and God's response to that



Top: The boys prepare their models.

Centre: Peter Lambert, designer of the system, instructs would-be pilots.

Bottom: Monique Woodcock at the controls flying her Hurricane.





Two ICY kids with the Mayor for a flight in his Mini Mustang.

Other youth activities included below: Clowns, a Teddy and some of the children at The Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Bottom: The ICY crew came 2nd in the 'Titanic Race'.



These two groups now meet on alternate Friday nights. Please pray for wisdom in leading both groups. Yours in Christ,

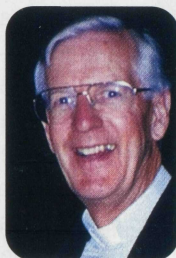
**RICHARD MINOL**—King Island

## BCA CHAIRMAN SPEAKS OUT ABOUT MISSION:

**G**od's mission in Christ and the power of his spirit was to make forgiveness and reconciliation possible. That is what mission today is all about.

If there is no passion in our hearts for Jesus, there will be no obedience in our lives. Passion for Jesus and a passion to make him known to others are the marks of the true disciple.

May we all rekindle the love in our hearts for our Lord and reignite the passion and excitement in our spirits to take the message of Christ to others."



Rev Dr Vic Roberts, Chairman, BCA

# Consecration AND CELEBRATION



From left: Mrs Lala Leftwich, Bp Clyde Wood, Bp James Leftwich, Bp Arthur Malcolm, ABp Ellison Pogo, Abp Peter Carnley and Bp George Tung Yep after the consecration of Bp James Leftwich at St Alban's, Yarrabah.

**O**n Sunday 16 September, a large crowd gathered at Yarrabah, near Cairns for the consecration of James Randolph Leftwich to Assistant Bishop of North Queensland and Bishop to the Indigenous people of Australia.

It was a great cross-cultural gathering of Christian people celebrating the joy of communion in Christ, and recognising the call of God on Jim to be a bishop in the Church of God. The humour of the preacher, Bishop George Tung Yep, the inspirational signing of the Aboriginal and Islander singers, the entertaining speeches of those congratulating James, together with the intermittent throb of didgeridoo and clapsticks all added to the enjoyment and occasion of the service.

Following the service a tropical meal was provided for everyone in the grounds of St Alban's church. The scene was almost perfect with a view over the ocean towards the Great Barrier Reef and tall mountain ranges providing an impressive backdrop.

Bishop Clyde Wood (North QLD and Acting Metropolitan) who presided, supported by Bishop Arthur Malcolm (retiring Assistant Bishop of North QLD), recently said, *"The Diocese of North Queensland thanks the Society for the marvellous support that has been given to the establishment of the St Luke's Ministry, which has really been a mighty success story in every area, apart from its being financially supporting. And that could certainly not have happened without the Society's support"*.

Jim and Lala have been most grateful for the faithful prayers and financial support of BCA during their ministry at St Luke's in Cairns. Please continue to pray for Jim as he serves in his new role.

**GRAEME HODGKINSON**





# Gospeling children on

## WHERE DO YOU START?



*Kids' Holiday Club, Whitemark.*

The dilemma is to begin a work with children where none of the standard structures exist. In our past experience it has always been relatively easy to establish work with children and youth. We have always had the contacts through the friends of our children as well as young families within the existing congregation and the opportunity for Religious Instruction lessons in the local school.

In the Parish of the Furneaux it is very different. There are no formal lessons of RI within the school. Our children (grown up now) have left home thus removing the 'built-in' connections and young families that join in worship are very scarce.

Geoff and Jill Bransgrove, our predecessors, through much persistence, were able to gain access to the school for half an hour over lunch each Monday and commenced 'Sonbeamers'. It is still going with fluctuating numbers depending on the day, the weather and other school activities. It is a great contact but inconsistent.

With this foundation where, how and what do we do?

We pray and ask for prayer.

We have both become members of the P&F where Bob has become the 'Public Officer'. We are on the canteen roster. We attend the special functions at the school. We volunteer our assistance at sports days. We use our 'secular' skills and interests when asked, such as Bob's love of archaeology and Sue's First Aid in the high school. Slowly but surely we are getting to know the children. There are moves afoot to put Christian books in the Library.

Last January we started a combined churches "Kids' Holiday Club" at Whitemark. It met for half a day a week. There were up to a dozen children with some older primary girls as junior leaders. Activities were in the church, rectory and grounds. The Sunday congregation began arriving early each week to see what had been added to the church decorations. We will do a repeat this January as well as one at Lady Barron.

Then there is the 'casual' contact. Such as 'lingering with intent' down the main street to be able to share a little with the kids who are 'hanging out'. Or 'soliciting' a couple of boys to teach me how to catch squid or taking some fishing. Or partnering the girls at the community dances, helping them to be junior belle or belle of the ball. Or it is Sue's contact with the accident prone children at the hospital. There was one very special occasion when

# Furneaux



Bob was invited to the school to speak to grade ones about being a minister. We shared lots of stories about family baptisms, weddings and funerals. They had lots of questions about Jesus.

We pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel in a meaningful and consistent way. To this end we covet and appreciate your prayers for the extension of this work.

**BOB AND SUE WITTEN**—Furneaux Islands

*Kids' Holiday Club, Whitemark.*



## MINISTRY TO CHILDREN IN Whitecliffs

Brian and Beverley Bell have been faithfully running 'Kids' Club' at Whitecliffs and Menindee as a great way to reach out to local children with the love of Christ. The children arrive straight from school for afternoon tea, games, some singing and then a Bible story.

The great encouragement for Brian and Beverley to persevere in this type of hard continual work, is when they see some of the week day children come on Sunday to hear about the Lord. The children are made more than welcome as you can see from this photo taken by previous Wilcannia BCA Field Staff, Phyllis and Bob Collie on their visit to Whitecliffs in August.

**BRIAN BELL**—Menindee

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please keep us informed so that BCA can

- maintain the accuracy of our records
- save unnecessary costs
- send only information which is relevant to you.

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# BCA Nomads

The BCA Nomads are people who are travelling in areas where BCA Field staff work. Nomads take off a few days or weeks to help out while they are in the area.

In its first full year of operation, the BCA Nomads has seen people painting, repairing, cataloguing and gardening throughout Australia. Some people have taken time from round Australia trips of many months duration, and one or two have made helping out the sole purpose of their travels.

All of them provide their own accommodation and meals, so that their work is completely a gift to God's workers in the area. If you can spend time in the Outback helping out in a very practical way, post or fax the attached coupon for more information.

## A SPECIAL NEED

The church in Broome has a need for someone with Architectural skills. There is a need to draw up building extensions to a house and a new building at the church.

If you can help, please send the coupon, write to, phone or email The BCA Nomads at the addresses on the coupon.

Thanks and blessings  
MAX BOYLEY

Graham and Rachael Middlewick (BCA Nomads in July) replacing broken pavers at Karratha.



For further information about The BCA Nomads, mail this form to:  
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# DOORS OF Opportunity

He was playing with a few other Aboriginal children. As I approached he engaged me in conversation.

"G'day mate. You work 'ere?"

"Yes, I do," I replied.

"How come then your hair is white?" he asked, pointing to my grey tonsure.

This brief encounter alerted me to the fact that my generation is as sparse as the hairs on my head in the Pilbara mining town of Wickham. Nevertheless, Beverley and I have enjoyed serving in the Diocese of NorthWest Australia for brief periods of six months in 2000 and ten weeks in 2001.

Our experiences have been both enriching and challenging. We have come to appreciate at first hand the tremendous financial and prayer support provided by the Bush Church Aid Society for those who work in the remote parts of Australia. We have been inspired by the

leadership of Bishop Tony and Mrs Judith Nichols together, with the clergy and their families who minister at considerable personal cost. We have been privileged to serve God's people in the Parish of Karratha/Dampier with Wickham and Pannawonica. Although few in number, they are keen to grow in Christian maturity and to see others brought into the Kingdom.

Do pray with us that God will raise up labourers for the harvest in NorthWest Australia: clergy to fill numerous current vacancies; retired clergy to serve as locums; self-supporting tentmakers to provide additional resources for congregations and BCA Nomads to encourage brothers and sisters in Christ.

*"The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few". (Matt 9:37)*

PETER & BEVERLEY KEMP

## Opportunities FOR MINISTRY

Raising the focus of the gospel at every occasion

Ken and Joy Barrett decided to use the occasion of their upcoming wedding anniversary to raise funds for gospel ministry. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an afternoon tea at Christ Church, Mandurah. More than 100 people from many parts of Australia came and were requested to make a donation to the Bush Church Aid Society in the place of the normal present. The result was that \$380 was contributed to the Society. "Well done good and faithful servant".





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- 4 Hedland—Archdeacon Bill & Mrs Jocelyn Ross
- 5 Karratha/Dampier—Rev Philip & Mrs Kathy Knife  
Rev Robert & Mrs Kaye Healy
- 6 Wickham—*locum*
- 7 Paraburdoo/Tom Price—Rev Joe & Mrs Jeanette Sullivan
- 8 Mt Magnet (Murchison)—Rev Allan & Mrs Mellita Bate
- 9 Leinster (NE Goldfields)—Rev Les & Mrs Jenny Gaulton



**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.

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**BISHOP JOHN HARROWER**

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- 17 Furneaux Islands—Rev Bob & Mrs Sue Witten
- 18 Longford/Evandale/Nile—Mr Steve & Mrs Nonie Wakeford  
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- 22 Darwin—Anglicare—Mr Peter & Mrs Lynne Fisher
- 23 Darwin—Anglicare  
—Nurse Practioner—*awaiting appointment*

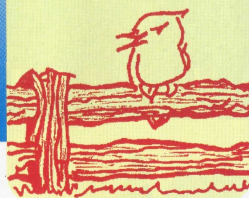
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- 30 Associate Prayer Partners





## Farewell



**Malcolm and Leanne Reid** and Alyssa, Jaryd and Xanthe, said their farewells to Newman in October, taking a

driving holiday via the Kimberley and the Territory back to Sydney. Malcolm ministered the gospel with a clear proclamation style in both Hedland and Newman completing a four year secondment to the Diocese of North West Australia. Malcolm was inducted into the Parish of Cambridge Park on 27th November.

**Kelvin and Annette Hill** have shown a strong commitment to the Hostel students endeavouring to prepare them for life as well as reach their educational goals. They have maintained a full working arrangement even though numbers in recent terms have fallen away as the demand for school term hostels has decreased. The Hostel will not be open for students next year and as we go to print arrangements are in process for St John's Anglican Church and the Diocese of Bathurst to take over the property for education and ministry activities.



**Anne and Nick Tickner** have spent two years at BCA House Broken Hill and will finish at the end of the year.

They intend to settle in the Hill believing our Lord has something in store for them there. The Hostel will not be taking students next year as the numbers are too low. BCA is currently looking for alternate avenues to utilise the buildings. Nick and Anne have had great ministry opportunities to live out their faith in a family hostel context and have been greatly appreciated by the students and their families. They have been well supported in the task by Ron and Reta Elliott who have faithfully provided respite and time out for houseparents at the hostel for the past 20 or more years.

**Gloria and Eddie Shipp** have achieved much in the work of the Koori Fellowship in Dubbo over the four years they have

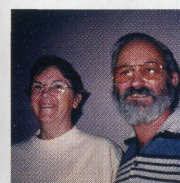


received BCA support. The arrangement came full term in October, but in order to ease the transition to restructure the Koori Fellowship along normal parish lines, the Society will continue its support for the final quarter of 2001. The initiative by the Diocese in its regionalisation program is seen as a positive step in

assuring acceptable ministry to the wider Koori network of the western region of the Diocese. The National Director said "This has been one of the longer term goals, which the Society was keen to see established as a result of its support of the Koori Fellowship in general and Gloria's ministry in particular."

There are plans to develop lay ministry with projected training of local congregational members at Nungalinga College (one of whom is Eddie) which will further extend the scope of the ministry beyond its present limitations.

It is fitting that this milestone has been reached within the term of the support partnership entered into just four years ago between the Diocese and the Society.



**Philip and Kathy Knife** have completed five years of a very demanding and diverse ministry in Karratha. They retire at the end of December

to Perth to live with and care for their daughter Sandy. In this last year or so they have had the added responsibility for Wickham and in line with their always gracious ways have taken on the extra without comment.

They have also in this last couple of years enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside colleagues in ministry Rob and Kay Healy who as assistants in the parish have shared the burden of the extra load whilst learning the finer points of parish ministry.



**Jim and Lala Leftwich** have moved on to wider responsibilities. Our congratulations on Jim's consecration

to Bishop. Recently Lala wrote saying in regard to BCA "it has been a loving family that Jim and I will always want to be part of." The Society counts it a privilege to have assisted in the development of indigenous ministry in north Queensland. We began at first by supporting Bp Arthur Malcolm with a small group meeting in a private home, through to the setting up of St Luke's, and now to the consecration of Jim. The final step in seeing the congregation take on ministry in ways appropriate under Jim's oversight was the deaconing of two local men.

## Welcome



**Steve and Nonie Wakeford** and their two children Benjamin and Enoch, are to work in Tasmania in a Ministry Training

arrangement with Geoff and Gill Bransgrove at Longford. Geoff and Gill were former BCA Field staffers at Winton and Furneaux Island. Steve is currently a stipendiary lay worker in the parish of Sadlier and shall commence at Longford early 2002.

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# 'Year of the Outback'

## Central Australian Coach Tour

9th—28th July, 2002

Departing and returning to Brisbane  
(or join between Tamworth  
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- Visit ● Broken Hill/Wilcannia  
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## NATHAN TASKER CONCERT

Friday evening - 19 April 2002

in the Chapter House,  
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# Plaque at Cook

The Bush Church Aid Society Council decided 18 months ago to erect a plaque in recognition of those who worked along the great Trans Australian railway line across the Nullarbor and in memory of Bishop Kirkby since the BKMH (Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital) was opened in 1937.

On the 3rd of October Clem Kirkby (youngest son of Bp Kirkby) and the Bishop of Willochra (Bp Garry Weatherill) unveiled the plaque pictured here.

The plaque and supportive stand were manufactured in Sydney and Urunga respectively. It was transported and erected at Cook in time for the arrival of the west bound Indian Pacific train by a four wheel drive group from the Thornleigh/Pennant Hills parish in Sydney.



Taking part in the unveiling of the plaque were Bp Garry Weatherill, Clem Kirkby, Jenny Holmes (Clem's daughter), Rev Bob George and Canon Brian Roberts.

The plaque was covered for the unveiling by a wall hanging made by the residents of Cook back in the mid 80s as part of the ministry of the hospital and its staff.

The brief service included historical comment, readings and prayers involving Clem Kirkby, Rev Bob George (previous BCA State Secretary SA with pastoral care oversight of the hospital staff), the National Director and Bp Garry Weatherill.

About 40 people attended the service from the Indian Pacific, as well as about 15 people from the TRAX 4WD group, one of whom had been a nurse at Cook for 3 months in the early 90s.

It was a long way to go, the transport arrangements were complex, but the sense of occasion was special and a very significant closure on the whole ministry along the line.

The Hospital building as with the other buildings in Cook are but a shadow, devoid of people and any sense of being. It was a timely reminder that it is to people that the gospel and Christ's ministry has relevance not buildings and places.

The prayers in the service not only caught up the people who had served over the years but also all who had lived and worked along the line who are now in a different place. As far as Cook is concerned it is a memory, a place on a journey, an encounter, and hopefully an encounter with the living Christ. The Christ who enabled and sustained those who went to work and minister in difficult circumstances for this past 70 years.





# From the Archives



*Doreen Dykes (LHS)*  
Tommy with Dr Freda Gibson who operated and Sr Dowling who gave the anaesthetic—c Feb 1940.  
*Sr J. STMONS*

Whilst Tommy expressed some disgust at being treated by two women, it was the love and care given by the three women that brought both him and Iris through their ordeals to complete recovery.

That same love and care for today's indigenous people will now be continued by the BCA Nurse Practitioner at the new clinic in Darwin in conjunction with Anglicare NT.

**Will you be part of the Clinic work, supporting with your prayers and gifts, knowing that in addition to medical treatment being given, there will be an opportunity for a loving Christian witness to be shown?**

**CLEM KIRKBY**—Archivist

Dr R Gibson treating an Aboriginal patient in a shelter, far west coast of South Australia—c 1930–40s.



**M**ore than sixty years ago BCA was giving medical aid to Indigenous people as noted in *The Real Australian* of October 1939.

*'Eighteen months ago BCA established a hospital for Aborigines (sic) at the Lutheran Mission at Koonibba in South Australia.*

*The day the hospital was opened, a small aboriginal girl was admitted suffering from TB of the spine. BCA's Doctor Gibson said that if she was kept in bed for two years in steel splints and carefully nursed, she may walk again.*

*Our Sister Hitchcock now says that Iris, for that is her name, is walking after only eighteen months'.*

Again, *The Real Australian* of March 1940 records that at Cook, Tommy an Aboriginal man suffered an accident, necessitating amputation of one of his legs. He was operated on by Dr Freda Gibson with Sister Dowling giving the anaesthetic.

# BCA Houses BROKEN HILL AND FORBES

**A**s we go to print it is unlikely that we will be taking any students at either Broken Hill or Forbes Hostels in 2002.

The demand for this style of school term accommodation providing access to the school gate has decreased markedly over the past couple of years.

The BCA operations have needed heavy subsidising over the past years and the Executive Committee has decided that the time has come to move to different areas of ministry in western New South Wales.

During 2001 it is our understanding that only 86 children required school term hostel accommodation right across New South Wales. The few remaining students enrolled in BCA Houses in 2001 have now been able to make some alternate arrangements, clearing the way for the Society to exit this ministry which has served the people of New South Wales in these and other BCA Hostels since the 1920s.

Many of the children who would have needed hostel accommodation to access schools can now do so via information technology and the newly created access schools program. This is a winner for both families and children as family separation and all associated tensions have been greatly reduced.

The number of students from outlying areas now amounts to sufficient

clients for Allison House, the other Hostel in Broken Hill, to continue to operate at full capacity. The Society is seeking to assist any families not able to find a hostel place for their children by offering annex facilities to Allison House Board of Management. Developments for the future use of both buildings will be advised in upcoming issues of the *Real Australian* or on our website.

It is planned that a celebratory gathering for all past and present students, families, staff and friends of the Hostel network will be held in early December. Visit our website or phone the office for details.



**Celebrate 82 years of Hostel Ministry**

## AN INVITATION

to attend a special evening of thanksgiving and decommissioning of the Hostel by the Bishop of Riverina, The Rt Rev Bruce Clark

Friday 14 December 2001  
7.00pm—BCA House, Lane Street, Broken Hill  
A BBQ meal will follow

Please RSVP for catering purposes  
National Office 02 9262 5017



# BCA Ridley Mission TASMANIA



What's so remote about Tasmania? Well unlike most of our centres of ministry you cannot jump in the car and drive to the adjoining state or capital city! There is a tyranny of distance because of the water barrier of the Bass Strait. This can often be more of a symbol of isolation and remoteness than is felt in the middle of the Nullarbor Plain. In early September eleven students with lecturer Rev Adrian Lane from the Ridley College Evangelism class took part in a mission in the combined parish of Sandford and Brighton north of Hobart.

This was a great opportunity for the students to participate in ministry in a different context from what they would normally experience. The message is the same wherever we are (the Good News of the Lord Jesus), but the challenges and openings differ depending on culture, environment, history and geography of the area.

To plan an outdoor program for children in September in Tassie takes a deal of faith compared to a similar event in North West Australia at the same time. Through church services, evangelistic

dinners, after school kids' programs and community door-knocking the students were able to assist the people of the parish to reach out to the wider community with the message of God's love. Students visited over 300 residences at Seven Mile Beach, sharing the challenge of the Living Word and giving away more than 20 Bibles.

## MURRAY LAMONT

—Regional Officer, Victoria/Tasmania

**MADELEINE FORBES**—one of the team states, *"The parish dinner was coming to a close and by all accounts, a wonderful success. The challenge of sharing the reality of the risen saviour and Lord to others was having the courage to do so. The joy of sharing came when one of the waitresses wanted to know more, and enthusiastically stated she would start going to church. Praise God."*

**BRUCE OLIVER**—another member states *"This mission is a life time experience that is going to change my Christian perspectives and attitude towards evangelism... evangelism has to be one of our habits as a Christian"*.

# For Christmas...

BCA's special Christmas fare  
**"Mother Meg's" Christmas Cakes & Traditional Puddings.**  
The cakes and puddings can be ordered either by yourself or through the Box Secretary at your Church.

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**BCA 023**  
**Perpetual Calendar—Special price for Christmas 2001**

<b>BCA 230</b>	BCA Christmas Pack	\$66.00
<b>BCA 201</b>	450g Mother Meg's Christmas Cake	\$18.00
<b>BCA 202</b>	1kg Mother Meg's Christmas Cake	\$30.00
<b>BCA 203</b>	500g Christmas Pudding (cloth wrap)	\$18.00
<b>BCA 204</b>	1kg Christmas Pudding (cloth wrap)	\$30.00
<b>BCA 015</b>	Christmas cards (assorted pack of 12)	\$9.00
<b>SAVE—Order at least 3 packs and pay \$8.00 per pack</b>		
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<b>BCA 023</b>	Perpetual Calendar	\$10.00
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**ASSORTED CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
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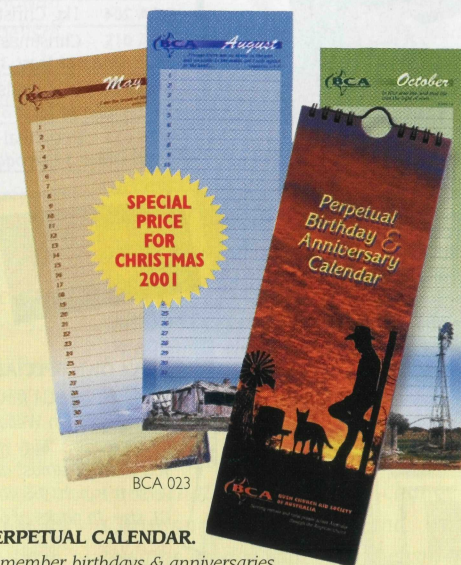
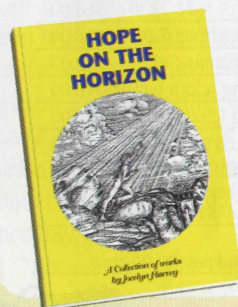
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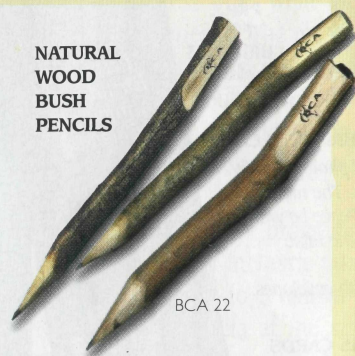
<b>BCA 18</b> Single pack of 5 Landscapes with envelopes	\$8.80
<b>BCA 19</b> Additional packs of Landscapes (each)	\$7.70
<b>BCA 20</b> Single pack of 5 Flowers & Fruit with envelopes	\$8.80
<b>BCA 21</b> Additional packs of Flowers & Fruit (each)	\$7.70
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**PERPETUAL CALENDAR.**

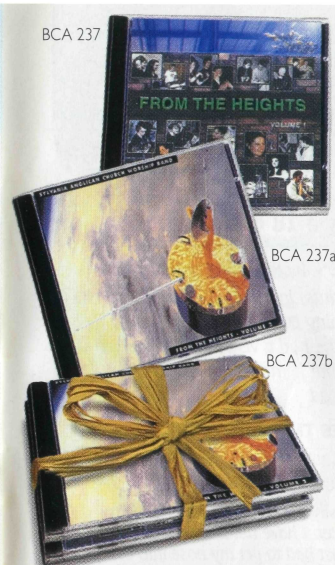
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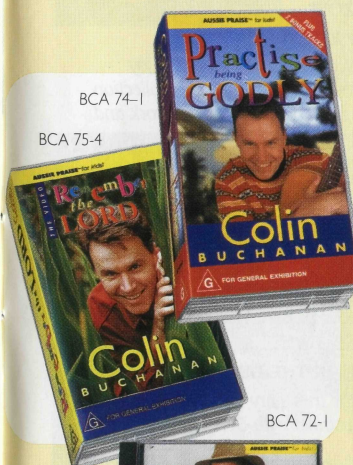
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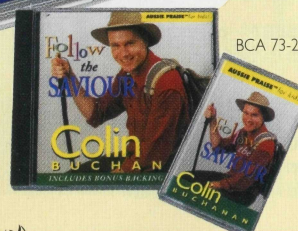
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The story of Jeanette's spiritual journey which started at 15 when she went on a camping trip with BCA to Coober Pedy. Whilst worshipping here she had a vision that answered the question in her heart—"What is the meaning of life?". Well written and easy to read.

### "BUSH PREACHER BITES THE DUST"

—an old BCA favourite by author **Kerry Medway**, who served with BCA in Coober Pedy.

"My husband chuckled his way through each chapter with frequent outbreaks of laughter. I have never seen him read a book so enthusiastically. I just had to get my nose into the book too, so next day whilst my hubby was at work, I laughed my way through 'Bush Preacher'.... a grateful housewife

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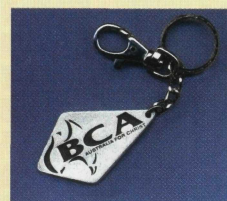
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### DUNNILLI ART TABLECLOTH

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### Reduced to clear.

To be discontinued after 15th December 2001.

<b>BCA 150</b>	Dunnilli Art Tablecloth	\$60.00
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