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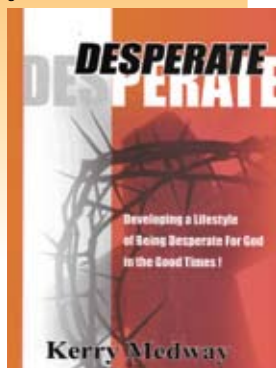
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## BCA Prayer

*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.*

**What a great "Bad Aussee" picture you have here of me taken recently in Austria. A bad Australian indeed! It caused me to reflect that we all need to be reminded, that even though we do our best to serve the Lord and to please Him who died for us, we are, however, not 'good'.**

That is why the Lord himself says in both Luke (18:19) and Mark's gospels (Mark 10:18): "Why do you call me good?"....."Only God is truly good." You would think that if we read this twice it would be doubly reinforced that we are not good. Yet when you see the sign in the picture, do you think, "Hang on a bit - we Aussies are not really bad are we?"

But the apostle Paul thinks differently when in Romans 3 (from the New Living Bible translation): "10As the Scriptures say, "No one is good--not even one.

11No one has real understanding; no one is seeking God.

12All have turned away from God; all have gone wrong. No one does good, not even one."

It is only when we see ourselves as we truly are that we can then see and realise the great grace of our Lord and God. What love is this that

our God and Father would rescue us from being condemned? And that the Son should "give Himself for us"? What generosity is displayed? And to think He did this for me?

Many Aussies across Australia recognise their need of being rescued through a BCA ministry. Loads of supporters make themselves more aware of this by taking a BCA tour. Read in this issue of the plans to celebrate the years of touring by visiting every BCA position in 2006. Read also of the wonderful support BCA Nomads and Co-workers are in helping in this process of making Aussies aware of their 'badness'.

It is good to see that I am a "Bad Aussie" in need of rescuing. And to know that this rescue is to the praise of the Lord who has saved me!

Have you been rescued, you "Bad Aussie"? ■



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# The Final Chapter

**The dismantling of the Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital at Cook, (RA Winter 2005), was not only the final episode in BCA's 60 year Transline ministry, it also severed one of the last tangible links with what the late Bishop Tom Jones, MBE, (Organising Missioner 1935-58), regarded as "the Jewel in the Crown" of BCA's medical ministry, the Flying Medical Service (FMS).**

Today's BCA supporters may not realise that for 30 years the Ceduna based BCA FMS was an integral part of the Australia-wide flying doctor network. In addition to its six BCA bush hospitals, staffed by trained and dedicated nurses and served by its own flying doctors, it



**BCA Radio Officer George Cameron "on the air" at the FMS base station, VKB Ceduna.**

embraced a pharmaceutical service, a radio base station and communications network, a Radio School for isolated children, and a dental service.

The building of the Cook hospital in 1937 to provide for railway workers on the lonely 2,000kms of line between Port Augusta and Kalgoorlie, was an extension

of the hospital work BCA had begun on the remote west coast of South Australia in 1928. It was barely possible for the nearest doctor, Ceduna's Dr Roy Gibson, to regularly cover the enormous distance to Cook by car over the Nullarbor Plain's stony tracks.

The Australian Aerial Medical Service (later the Flying Doctor Service of Australia), founded by the Rev'd John Flynn nine years earlier was light years from today's superbly equipped Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). Some of its bases were little more than a primitive radio station, contracting their flying to a local air service. But its new base at Broken Hill had its own DH-83 Fox Moth, and one had also been ordered for Dr Clyde Fenton in the Northern Territory.

Able to carry a stretcher patient as well as two or three passengers, a similar aircraft certainly seemed the answer to Dr Gibson's Nullarbor problems. So why not a BCA Fox Moth? The BCA Council took this bold decision, and the Society's own Fox Moth, was delivered in 1938 and signalled the start of a BCA flying ministry that would expand over 30 years.



**Macarthur ("Mac") Job, former BCA Flying Medical Service pilot**



**A familiar sight on scheduled "Doctor's Days" at Cook in the 1950s – the BCA Dragon parked at the rear of the hospital.**

After the war, the Fox was supplemented by a twin-engine ex-RAAF DH-84 Dragon, and a second pilot was recruited. As well as servicing other remote BCA bush hospitals at Penong, Tarcoola, Wudinna and later Coober Pedy, the network grew to include the AIM hospital at Oodnadatta, numerous station properties, opal mining camps and Aboriginal communities. A Percival Proctor aircraft replaced the Fox, and later the Dragon was replaced by a high performance Lockheed 12, which carried the name S.J. Kirkby. Later again, the service acquired two Cessna 210s, and finally a Beechcraft Baron.

By late 1967, it was evident to the BCA Council that the pioneering work begun in 1938 had been achieved. The Port Augusta Base of the RFDS was now equipped with modern medical aircraft able to take

responsibility for the area BCA had served for so long. It was therefore resolved that the whole FMS network should be transferred to the RFDS.

In 1968, the honour of the final BCA flight to deliver the remaining aircraft to the RFDS fell to the about-to-retire Allan Chadwick, the senior pilot of the FMS from its inception. The following year, the aviation industry awarded Allan the Oswald Watt Gold Medal for "the most notable contribution to aviation", and in 1970 his contribution to the people of outback South Australia was recognised with an MBE.

Most of those involved in the operation of BCA's Flying Medical Service are no longer with us, but their past contribution to a unique BCA ministry should not be forgotten. ■

## MAC JOB

**The Lockheed 12, VH-FMS, – the first of three successive BCA aircraft with this registration -- now carried by an aircraft of the RFDS's South Australian Section.**



## Celebrating five years of Nomads

In the year 2000, Max & Jan Boyley approached BCA with an idea to help outback travellers get closer to BCA Field Staff and contribute to the Lord's work in remote areas. On an around Australia trip the previous year, they had both spent time helping out at BCA supported parishes from Menindee to Karratha, and felt that they had been able to contribute to the ministry in these areas in some small way.

The BCA Nomads, as they have become known, are self-supporting travellers, who have the opportunity to use their skills (be it cleaning, painting, sewing or helping with children's ministry) as part of their travels, to support and assist BCA staff.

Max and Jan maintain an ongoing register of ministry help or maintenance projects that need undertaking in various Field locations. These needs are matched to the skills of BCA Nomads, who have indicated they are travelling to a particular area in the near future. Every assignment is, therefore, coordinated to suit the Nomads' skills and time available.

Ray and Elizabeth Hoyle of South Australia became BCA Nomads No. 1 in July 2000. In the past 5 years, over 100 Nomads have gone out under the BCA banner to support the Lord's work.

We are now praying about extending



the ministry and assistance the Nomads can offer to take in parishes other than those supported by BCA. For further information on BCA Nomads, contact your Regional Officer or Email: [nomads@bushchurchaid.com.au](mailto:nomads@bushchurchaid.com.au)

## Nomads visit Kununurra

**We were privileged to serve the Lord as Nomads on our recent seven-week trip to Kununurra to see our daughter Natalie, husband Jim and our beautiful grandson Jesse Watson (Co-workers to Ron and Robyne Johnson).**

George worked alongside Jim on the storeroom connected to the rectory. They turned it into a modern bedroom with its own bathroom, including a new floor, shower, toilet, laundry tub, washing machine, air conditioner and painting. There was an open verandah connected to the room, which is now steel framed and enclosed it to make an outside sitting area. This new facility

will provide a sustainable income for the Parish in a town where accommodation is very hard to come by, along with the pastoral opportunities it will bring.

Robyn was able to help out with housework, cooking and looking after Jesse, leaving Natalie free to work on the computer and leading the Church services whilst the Johnsons were away.

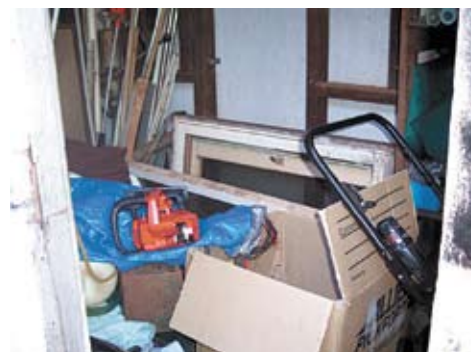
It was not all work. Saturdays were fishing days and we caught some nice barramundi. We also enjoyed great fellowship with our church family at Kununurra and George played his Sax at three services.

We are looking forward to seeing them again in September. ■

**ROBYN AND GEORGE SIMPSON**



**Before (below) and after..**



## Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society

10am Thursday 15th September, 2005  
Boardroom, Level 7,  
37 York Street, Sydney

**The purpose of this meeting is to amend the Constitution of the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia to allow for the appointment of up to three Patrons in place of the current single appointment.**

**For further details contact Jenny or Robyn on 02 9262 5017**

## 2006 TOUR CALENDAR BCA AND FANTASTIC AUSSIE TOURS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS

We aim to visit, as a celebration, every BCA centre of ministry in 2006.

**Easter in Lightning Ridge**—ex Sydney  
**Outback Queensland and Central Australia**—ex Adelaide 21/6/06 - 11/7/06  
**Kangaroo Island**—ex Adelaide  
**North West Coast of Western Australia**—ex Perth (tentative 27/7/06 – 17/8/06)  
**Banjo Paterson**—Winton and Lightning Ridge—ex Darwin  
**Tasmania**—ex Sydney or Launceston  
**Croajingolong and Mogo**—ex Sydney  
**Outback NSW**—ex Sydney  
**Youth Safari Tour** planned—ex Sydney

**Contact your Regional Office**

# Nomads visit Mogo



**Mogo is located about 10km south of Batemans Bay on the Princes Highway and was a gold mining boom town in the 1850's, later a saw-milling centre, and is now a village of about 500 people with tourism as its major focus.**

The Boomerang Meeting Place is a new centre that sits on a 2.4 hectare site overlooking Mogo village. The property fronts onto Church Street, and over the years has had at least two churches on it, the last of these lost by fire some years ago. A large white wooden cross overlooks the junction of Princes Highway and Church Street and a smaller cross marks a small cemetery where 10 children are believed to be buried.

The Centre includes a conference room for regional and local meetings, a lecture/craft room and a training workshop where young people will learn wood turning and other manual arts. Some landscaping has been undertaken and more is planned. It is hoped to build a separate chapel on the site, but in the meantime, the conference room will serve as a place of worship on

Sundays. Future plans also include some on-site residential accommodation.

As novice BCA Nomads we visited the "Meeting Place" for two weeks in April. We set up "camp" in a caravan park at one of the many beautiful beaches within a few kilometres of Mogo.

Most of our time was spent wielding paint brushes and rollers and enjoying good fellowship while the carpenters installed veranda rails, builders' rubble was carted away, and finishing touches were applied. It was great to attend the first-ever church service in the conference room before we left.

The driving force behind the creation of the centre is Tom Slockee and his wife Muriel. We were blown away by their vision, commitment and capacity for hard work. Memory of their warm welcome, kindness and hospitality during our brief stay, will be with us for a long time. We look forward to a return visit when the Centre is fully operational. ■

**COLIN AND PAT ASHER**

# Celebrating 85 years of ministry

**Approximately 120 people gathered on 17 April at St John's Anglican Cathedral in Brisbane to celebrate 85 years of ministry by The Bush Church Aid Society to people in outback and remote places across Australia. The Archbishop of Brisbane, Philip Aspinall, congratulated BCA on its continuing years of ministry. Brian Roberts spoke of BCA's ministry in the past as well as looking to its future in the light of the changing demographics of Australia.**

A finger food tea on the lawn preceded the 2005 annual meeting, which took place in the Cathedral. Brian again addressed the meeting and illustrated his talk with a visual

presentation and statistics that were of interest to all those present.

We rejoice in all that God has done through the dedicated men and women who have served with BCA during the past 85 years, and for all the work that He will continue to guide us to do in the future. ■

**RUTH BLACKBURN**





We arrived in Newman on Saturday as the sun was setting wishing to get into place quickly. We groaned as we saw a man on our slab, thinking, 'he will try to tell us how to park here' but to our wonderful surprise he helped move a very heavy cement block out of the way and greeted us with "It will be great to have neighbours again." What a welcome to Newman!

Sunday morning we set off for church. We introduced ourselves and sat with a visitor in need that day. The visitor had had a hard life and lived on the street since he was 12. We discovered he had slept that night in the cold under a large mine truck outside the Visitor Centre. God prompted us to take him to organise a warmer venue for the night. We collected his gear and took him to the caravan park. We provided him with a cake of soap and the opportunity to clean up, set up a tent and invited him to lunch. He hadn't eaten for a couple of days and

we hadn't shopped since Ceduna. We had almost run out of food. What could we feed this man that would fill him? Thanks to rice and a small packet of frozen vegetables and some meat we all had a hearty meal with some left over. Then came tea! (Woolworths was closed until Monday) Again we looked in the cupboard and we had eggs and a small amount of bread for dry toast (no margarine left). We washed it down with Ian's famous coffee. Monday breakfast we all had to be happy with coffee. This man had a lift organised on the Monday to take him to his place of work on a nearby property (100km away). He was collected and said he will call when next in town. Who knows how the Lord may use our kindness to His glory? ■

### "NEALS ON WHEELS" IAN & JUDY

**How to do justice to an extraordinary journey undertaken by 16 BCA supporters and highlight the special aspects of this eleven-day outback tour of western NSW is a challenge. Every day had precious memories for each of us.**

We started from Sydney with our coach driver, John Cronshaw (Buspa), whose love for the Lord and his remarkable outback knowledge and commitment to the families located in these isolated areas, was always before us.

We had the benefit of a spacious coach (loads of leg room) and every comfort. Our hostess, Robyn Williams, was on her first tour and she looked after our every need including lunches, morning and afternoon teas as well as the 'lolly round' up and down the coach.

Another special feature was being with other Christians, who were passionate about BCA, and sharing the Scriptures John read daily and praying for the journey ahead.

Meeting with the BCA Field Staff first in Lightning Ridge and then Hillston was unforgettable. In both places we had the whole family join our coach and guide us around their towns and areas of ministry.

The itinerary meant we had Sunday in Lightning Ridge and Hillston to share in the worship services. We were able

to meet the locals who make up these isolated outback congregations and shared a barbecue on Margaret's opal mine outside of Lightning Ridge. Seeing most of the countryside drought stricken, with no rain for five years, challenged us to pray for rain on the land.

Another great memory was sunset over Menindee Lakes where two women



share their connections with BCA, giving thanks to God for its ministry. Robyn heard how invaluable the BCA drought support 'feed drops' were first hand from a lady who had benefited from this work, and another who had knitted the 500<sup>th</sup> jumper for children in Tanzania through the Mission Aid Group.

Thank God for BCA and the privilege of sharing in its ministry by giving, praying and participating in this wonderful tour. ■

**BARBARA FOX**

## Evangelism has many faces and uses all sorts of opportunities that bring glory to God!

Kirrily Findlay is part of a Port Hedland Play Group and attends twice weekly with her two little boys, Magik (3) and Coban (1). Kirrily and other mums were invited by a member of the Hedland Anglican Parish to a weekly Bible Study at St. Matthew's Church while the little ones played in the hall.

Kirrily writes for Prayer Links:

"This is for anyone who may have witnessed my confirmation and it's equally for anyone who didn't. It's my story of how I came to make the decision to turn to Christ. There were things that I either saw, or that happened to me, or just words that stayed with me that got me to thinking there was maybe something in the world bigger than me, myself and I".

We were delighted to attend Randall and Kirrily's wedding in the Burswood Gardens, with Bill as the celebrant, followed by a reception on a beautiful paddle steamer.

Kirrily continues her story -

"Later, after the birth of Coban, Jeanette, a midwife, came in to the room and said: "You are blessed, you are so blessed "

Those words stayed with me and I kept tossing them around in my head. I felt I had a choice to believe something special was in me and



around me. I could have chosen to believe I just got lucky to find the right guy and I am blessed to have two beautiful, healthy children, but I took something special from it and I found myself drawing nearer and nearer to the conclusion that I have been given so much that is wonderful and amazing and all given by God."

Meantime, our Thursday Bible study continued, now with a Bible story and singing time for the children, teaching them well-loved songs and choruses prior to the Mums breaking off for their Bible study and Kirrily rarely missed coming. She was learning about Jesus.

Kirrily concluded her story -

"Juliet got me coming to Bible study where I enjoy learning about the Bible. Sally got me to ask God to come into my life, and a combination of all these things just all added up to my making the wonderful decision to be confirmed." ■

**BILL AND JOCELYN ROSS**

## Hoxton Park Anglican Church is a Sydney based BCA link church of the Hillston Parish. Over 9-12 April, a team of nine adults and nine children travelled out to stay in our homes and be involved in the life of our parish.

The team took part in Sunday services at Goolgowi and Hillston. This included drama, interviews, leading the prayers and leading Sunday school. After church we got to know the

team over a barbeque. Steve, one of the team, led our Monday night Bible study on Jesus' words "I will build my church" Matt 16:13-

20. In this passage Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ. We were reminded that the only way people could recognise Him, as Christ, is if He himself opens their eyes. It was especially encouraging for our small church to remember that ultimately the work here is in Jesus' hands.

Over the four days the team experienced what life in Hillston is like. They visited the cotton gin, a cotton farm and "Furlong" - the family farm of parishioners Albert and Joan Vagg (RA Winter 2005).

A highlight was the Holiday Kids' Fun Club attended by 35 local and the 9 visiting children. The theme was space and aliens, with the message that



Christians are aliens in the world because we are different and have Jesus as our King. This message was reinforced with games, making a robot, songs,

a Bible verse, and science experiments. Barbeque lunches created a very friendly atmosphere and many adults stayed to talk. The aim was to make people, who don't normally attend church, feel welcome and more receptive to invitations to church and other activities where they will hear the gospel message.

The trip was a great success. It gave the Hoxton Park people a taste of life and church in Hillston and Goolgowi, will enable them to pray for us in a more effective way and helped us reach out to our community with the love of Christ.

Plans are already underway for next year's trip. ■

**PHILIP SOUTHWELL**

**Over the years, BCA has faced many challenges and has made great thrusts forward in faith. One of them was in North West Australia and various "Real Australians" of the 1956-57 period tell the story.**

"During General Synod week it was revealed to BCA that in the west of Australia there is an area over ten

times bigger than Britain in which not one clergyman of our church is to be found"..... "For many years the Bishop has been working alone, doing his best to minister to the people living on the Murchison, Goldfields,

Wittenoom Gorge, Port Hedland, Marble Bar, Broome, Derby and Wyndham".... "Much development is taking place within the area and it seems that the only sphere which lags behind is that of Christian witness".... "As a result we have promised to do all in our power to rebuild the church in this vast area of nearly half a million square miles and this task will be one of the greatest challenges we have faced"..... "BCA has already received offers of service from two clergy, and Bill Rich goes to Mount



**Don Douglass and Family Camping on way to Port Hedland**

Magnet in the Murchison, and Don Douglass to Port Hedland in the far North West". Later in June 1957 we read, "The Bishop and the people are feeling that the church, which has been dormant for so long, is now stirring into active life."

The North West Australia Diocese now has the greatest concentration of BCA Ministry.

In 2005, God has called BCA to make another great missionary thrust forward to fill needs and opportunities – Kangaroo Island (SA), Snake Valley, Axedale and Heathcote, Croajingolong area (VIC) and the

Midlands area (TAS). There are further opportunities if workers can be found.

We call our readers to be part of this great thrust forward. We ask for your prayers and support for those involved in arranging the moves, and for those called to fill the needs that through their ministries people's lives will be changed and will bring glory to God. See Matthew 9:38. ■

**CLEM KIRKBY**

**Earlier this year saw the formation of 'The Gospel Concreters'. It all started because the steps at the front of the Whitemark Church were steep and narrow and the path was starting to break up.**

Firstly the Lion's Club members dug and poured the footings for a ramp. Then cement bricks were made, laid and trimmed to the right angle by Tim and Bob Witten. Then "the team" came onto the scene and bent and welded the rails. Finally, the concrete was poured and the ramp was complete. Some months later "the team" dug and poured a wheelchair access to the Rectory from the ramp at the church. Then followed a ramp at the Catholic Church and another at the local showground.

All this work now provides wheelchair

and walker access to the buildings assisting mothers with prams and the disabled. Left over concrete was also put to good use with other paths and trim around the buildings.

It was at the showground that Ron came up with the name "The Gospel Concreters - who do the job at Heavenly rates!" But access to Heaven costs much more than this! At our Easter service we gave thanks and praise for "The Gospel Concreters" Arthur, Ron, David, Chris, Jim, Mick, and for Tim, Bob and members of the Lion's Club for providing the new access ramps. There were some at church who were better able to give thanks and praise for their ease of entry to church. ■

**BOB WITTEN**



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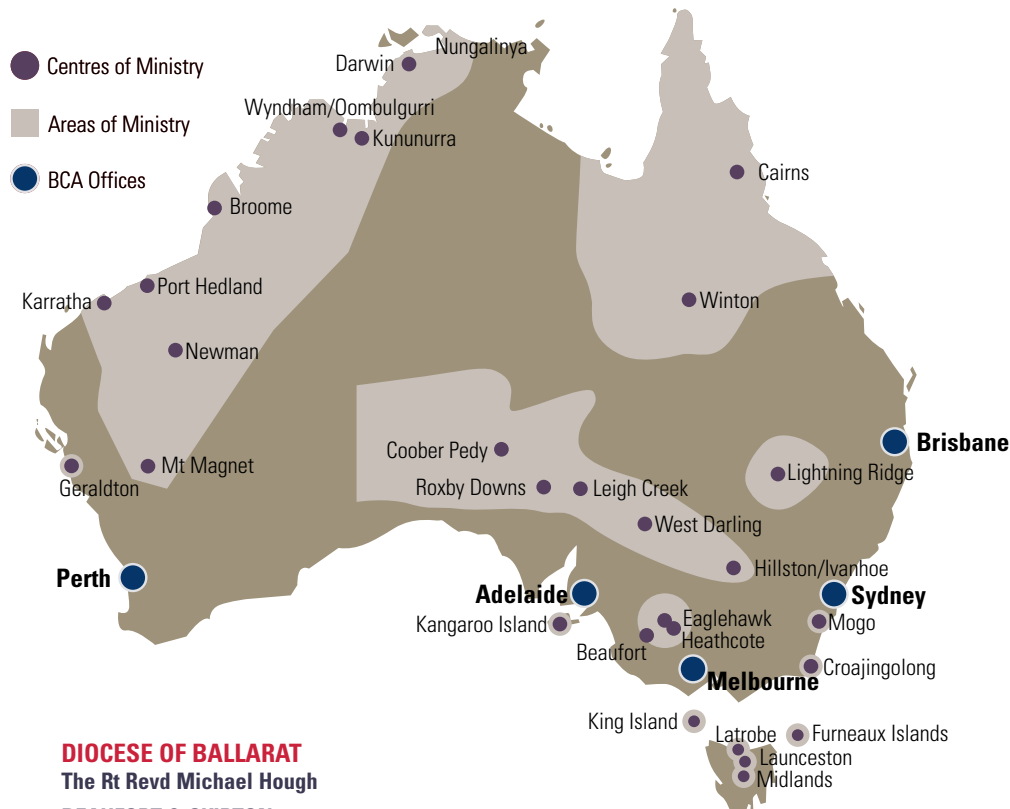
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# Peeking in the Maudes' Diary

**"What's a typical week in Lightning Ridge?" ask people who pray for God's work here. Well Rick's diary provides a little peek into the Maude household and their ministry immediately following their three-week break in south east Queensland.**



## **MONDAY 16/5**

Arrive home and sort through a mountain of mail, emails and a red-hot answering machine, whilst the family unpack. Rod and Cliff arrive with David Bussau for an evangelistic men's dinner. 25 attended and another step in encouraging the men to give their lives to Jesus.

## **TUESDAY 17/5**

Visitors flew out and conducted a funeral before heading off for Clergy Conference in Coonabarabran. An encouraging time, David Hewetson spoke well and Danielle holds the fort and the school schedule is up and running.

## **FRIDAY 20/5**

Stowed the camping gear and start on

the list of odd jobs around the house.

## **SATURDAY 21/5**

Begin sermon for Sunday (not the best plan!), prepare for church and hold music practice. Rohan and Dylan disgusted that they're sick on the weekend, instead of getting time off schoolwork.

## **SUNDAY 22/5**

Preached on "What happens to those who've never heard about Jesus?" Judith, a hospital chaplain and BCA supporter, here on holidays gives her testimony. During the week she will run training for our two parish hospital visitors.

## **MONDAY 23/5**

Phone calls, emails, visitors.

## **TUESDAY 24/5**

Begin sermon on "Do good people go to heaven?" Start organising August Parish Camp. Hooray, the speaker's preparation is already well under way! Danielle prepares for tonight's women's meeting with visitors from Tamworth and Wee Waa who speak powerfully on forgiveness.

## **WEDNESDAY 25/5**

Visiting, Scripture preparation and SES training. Tired kids (and Mum) so school finishes early. Takeaway dinner.

## **THURSDAY 26/5**

Rick's birthday, get rumbled early in bed by excited kids bearing gifts. Scripture at the local Central School. Peter Langston arrives from Tamworth to run seminars on "Raising Boys" for teachers and parents (will take up Thursday



and Friday). Good encouragement for Christians and bridges are built with the wider community. Bible study.

## **SATURDAY 28/5**

Men's Breakfast. Peter gives his testimony on how God has cared for him through tough circumstances and living with Bipolar disorder. This has a powerful impact and touches a number of the blokes personally. Service preparation and band practice take up afternoon. Danielle prepares the coming week's school lessons and the kids present Dad with a homemade cake for his birthday. BCA bus tour arrives and the kids are delighted to see Buspa and have a new group of visitors to meet.

## **SUNDAY 29/5**

Church – a packed service with the bus tour and tourists. Exciting to see a newly moved local at church. A BBQ lunch, a tour of the Ridge in the BCA

tour bus and finish with a lovely dinner together at the motel. Buspa orders pink lemonade for the kids who are flying high on lollies and excitement.

## **MONDAY 30/5**

Raewyn and Ashlyn especially sad to see Buspa leave. I take time off and clean the shed. Parish prayer meeting. Another new person drops over and seems keen on coming to church – praise the Lord. Danielle drives the evening Bible study group to a friend's house 50km away so she can participate too. They're watching David Pawson's video series on the Christian response to Islam.

## **TUESDAY 31/5**

Prepare for Lay Preachers' Training Workshop this Saturday. Focus is on the authority of the Scriptures and the impact on our preaching. Prepare sermon, write fortnightly article for the newspaper and some visiting.

# Peeking in the Maudes' Diary

## WEDNESDAY 1/6

Preparation day for various ministries and finish with SES training. Danielle gets some sanity saving craft time once the kids are in bed.

## THURSDAY 2/6

4° outside so winter has arrived. The kids seem to remember past lessons well in Scripture this morning. Ann



Barclay and I teach K-6 together. Prepare tonight's Bible study (starting Job) and for the Outback Patrol people staying the night. Danielle has a day of phone calls and visitors, and the kids manage their schoolwork independently.

## FRIDAY 3/6

Day off – work on the TV cabinet I'm making and help the kids build their aviary. Kids finish their week's work, and cook a delicious three-course wedding anniversary dinner.

## SATURDAY 4/6

4.30am – head off to Lay Preachers' Workshop 400km away. Return for

church. Four BCA Nomads arrive for a fortnight and meet the family.

## SUNDAY 5/6

Begin a series on "Why God allows Suffering" – should get some discussion started over the coffee plungers after church!

Rick says, "I hope this gives you some insight into our life here. It's never boring, and God patiently continues to teach and grow us in all that comes our way. It's a wonderful privilege to know and serve Him!"

## RICK MAUDE

*Editor's Note: While the Maudes were on holiday the Rectory was broken into, a window smashed and a hole in the side of the house. Fortunately nothing of value was taken and Nomads with carpentry skills arrived the following weekend. God's timing is perfect!*

## AND FROM THE MAUDE BOYS

Jaryd, Dylan and Rohan have also provided their insights into the Maudes' ministry, including the support they receive from BCA supporters and their link parishes.

### Jaryd writes:

*"BCA supports us with Nomads and people who come up and do missions with us. They sometimes do activities with us like rope-climbing, glass-painting and sand bottles.*

*BCA people also write us letters.*

*The girls at Danebank School wrote and told us God is watching over us and to keep doing His work. We get emails and books too.*

*My special people are Buspa, Rod and Judy, Jenny and Peter, and Mary. They have visited us and we spend time with them and go out to restaurants and have fun together. I don't think*



*we would have been able to know all of them if BCA wasn't there."*

### Dylan writes

*"Letters of encouragement are a great boost to me as a kid in the Outback. It is very hot and dry and staying up here is made easier by BCA's support. A letter telling us how people feel about the work that we are doing for Christ shows me that I'm actually making a difference.*

*I think it is great to have someone praying for us each day. We need people to also pray for youth ministry, which would be great. Prayer is the only thing that will get this to happen.*

*I find our link church missions very encouraging to me. Dave Parker came up in 2004 and 2005 around Easter and he is teaching me the guitar. We visited lots of our link churches when we were in Sydney last year.*

*BCA helps us to continue living in Lightning Ridge and to teach the community the Good News about Jesus."*

### Rohan writes

*"BCA provides a lot of help, support and enjoyment to me at Lightning Ridge. I love BCA bus tours coming because I like to talk to new people. It is good to have advice from different people, as well as new ideas. This sparks off new interests for me to explore. I also like to talk about Lightning Ridge, and my various interests. The church is full on these weekends. We get to go around in the bus and see the sights and act as tour guides for the visitors.*

*BCA Nomads and missions are a great help. They fix broken things, and teach us new skills. We can talk with them, play new games, and learn new things. They have insulated and lined our school verandah. There have been people like Graham who taught me about chemistry, and helped me test the various theories. Without BCA's monetary and prayer support we could not minister the Good News about Jesus to the people who live here in Lightning Ridge. ■*

## Farewell



**Stephen & Marion Gabbott.** CMS asked BCA and the Diocese of North West

Australia to release Stephen & Marion Gabbott from their role as BCA Field Staff in Broome. CMS have a necessity to fill an unexpected vacancy in the ministry in Bangkok. Thus we say a sad farewell to this very biblical couple after such a short time with the Society.



**David Hand** Regional Officer for SA/NT begins three months Long Service leave in

September prior to his retirement in December. The Society has benefited greatly from David's solid effort in promoting remote areas at every opportunity and he will be greatly missed.

## Welcome



**Rob Ferguson** joins the Society as Associate Priest in a new BCA area - the Parish of Beaufort & Skipton. Rob's ministry centres on the

communities of Snake Valley and Linton. Rob is married to Christine. He did two curacies in the Diocese of Melbourne and served as a school chaplain in Townsville before coming to the Ballarat Diocese.



**Ian & Nancy Cutlack** as Field Staff in a new BCA ministry area of the Parish of

Heathcote, also covering the Axedale community. Ian was ordained in 1982 in the Bendigo Diocese and has had a ministry across both city and rural areas serving most of his time within the Bendigo Diocese.

## Moving



**Mark & Sandy Evans** exercised a marvellous ministry up and down the vast tracks of the Leigh Creek area. They love the area and the people but have responded to the challenge to do an interim ministry on Kangaroo Island. The task is to seek a way forward with the Diocese and the Parish to turn the declining church around to reinvent itself into a viable expression of faith in the Lord.



**Bob & Sue Witten,** have moved from the Furneaux Islands to take on the Midlands Anglican Rural Community Development project within the Tasmanian Midlands. They have had a very rewarding ministry to the Islands developing strong friendships and connections for the good of the gospel. Bob's rural background and Sue's connection within the hospital endeared them to the Island.

## News



**Brian & Annie Fyffe** came to ministry in the West, from the West. Being

disciplined in the Leonora goldfields and then trained at Trinity College in Perth they returned to tell of Jesus in the North West at Newman. Their four year commitment to mission service will conclude at the end of this year. They have strived to always serve the Lord and ask for your prayers for the Lord to open up a new ministry position for them. Brian has a great love of the Lord and His Word, delighting to expound that Word to others.



**Richard & Jennifer Minol** will conclude their ministry on King Island at the end

of this year. Richard has exercised a very busy ministry, seeing over the past six years the rebuilding of a wonderfully practical church centre, refurbishing the rectory, and the building up of a growing congregation. They have identified well with the community in which they serve. They will be missed by many. Ask the Lord to show them where they are now to serve Him.

Kangaroo Island is a new area for BCA. A partnership has been formed between the Diocese of Adelaide, the

Parish and the Society to provide ministry on this remote island area to the south of Adelaide. There has been some decline of the church ministry on the Island and the Society has agreed to nurture and encourage the 3 congregations and to do a work of mission to reach people with the glorious gospel.



**Tracey & David Wolsley** will conclude as BCA supported people at Eaglehawk at the end

of the year. Tracey is a strong proclaimer of the Lord in both word and deed. This ability has enabled her to build many new and lasting relationships in Jesus. Her life of integrity demonstrates her love for the Lord and his people.

## Congratulations



**Philip & Sharon Lidbetter** on the safe arrival of a delightful little girl they have named Moriah.



**Joy Sandefur** being deaconed in Christ Church Cathedral, Darwin. This is a clear demonstration of the church's recognition of Joy's caring,

sensitive approach to her work among aboriginal communities. Her command of the Kriol language continues to grow.



**Irfon Griffiths** was ordained Priest at Christ Church, Longford by Bp John Harrower. It was an exciting first for BCA to

have a Co-Worker self-funded ordained to the ministry. This was a great encouragement to Irfon & Barbara in the hard work of regrowing small churches around Launceston.

## Vale



**Rev Roy Buckingham** Roy had trained at the Church Army Training College in London

between 1938-40 and for many years carried out a Church Army van ministry in New South Wales and Tasmania; later being deaconed and priested in the Anglican Church in Sydney. After this he became the Rector of St Paul's Redfern and Director of inner city group ministry until 1973 where he commenced a popular leadership with young people. It was in 1980 after 7 years as the Rector of St Paul's Lithgow that Roy was commissioned as BCA missionary in the parish of West Pilbara for four years, then spent another five years as the Rector of Kalbarri in the Diocese of North West Australia. The

few years prior to his retirement in 1992 he was the Honorary Assistant Priest of Holy Cross Cathedral and Chaplain of the Geraldton Regional Prison. Roy and his wife, May undertook many deputation opportunities for BCA after their move to Sydney.



## Stan Hummerston

Stan, along with his wife Dorrie, first came to BCA in 1958 as Hostel parents to 30 girls in Port Lincoln. Six years later they

were in Ceduna where Stan assumed the role of administrator of the Flying Medical Service of The Bush Church Aid Society; during this time he not only supervised the existing work but also helped organise the establishment of the first hospital in Coober Pedy. In 1968 Stan & Dorrie moved to Sydney to take on a newly created role of Administration Secretary in the BCA office. Two years later they moved to Geraldton where Stan accepted the task of administration of the largest land Diocese in the Anglican community in the world, retiring as Registrar of the Diocese of North West Australia in 1984.

In 1996 Stan was awarded a life membership to The Bush Church Aid Society and in 1984 received an OAM for his services to the bush.



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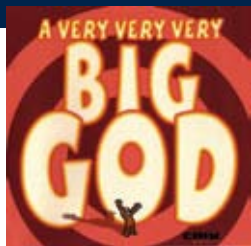
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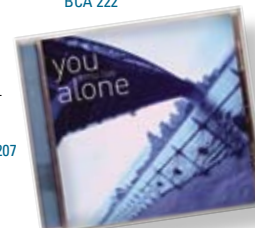
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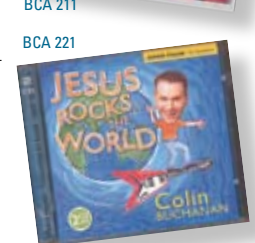
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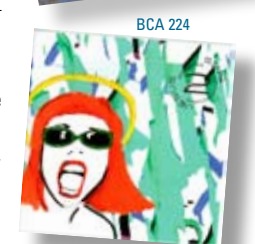
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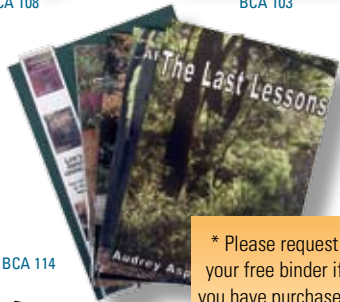
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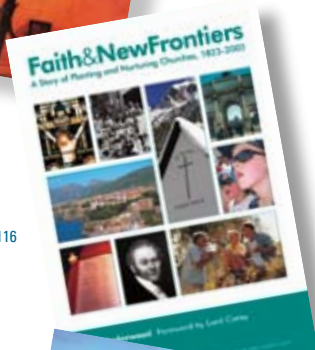
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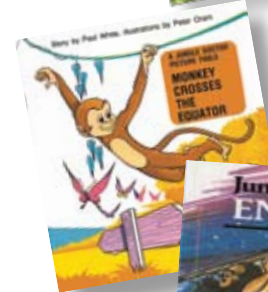
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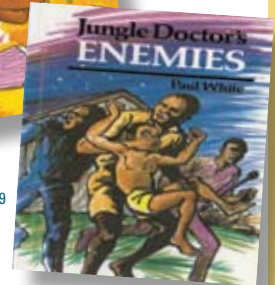
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