

Epping SDA Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter. This week I have reverted to the old format since I couldn't get it to Stephanie on time. Back to the Future next week. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this edition. If you have any news or photos to share, please send them to:

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This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website: <http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

This Sabbath @ Epping

This week's service will be taken by **Pastor Daniel Chong**, who is the Pastor of the Chinese Church in Strathfield. **Eva** is the Elder in charge. The offering is for **Adventist World Radio**.

Last Sabbath @ Epping

Our service last week was taken by **Maree Worker**. Arthur was the elder on, and he provides this summary:

*"Maree Worker preached an inspiring sermon on the Fall of Satan based on **Ezekiel 28:12a-17a**. The sermon highlighted God's love and justice. It also highlighted Satan's determination to destroy as many of God's people as he can because he has already lost the war against God. Maree finished by reading a poem which she was inspired to write, it is reproduced in full below:*

There was a party held in hell, on the day that Jesus died

There was laughter and merriment, the devil did preside
They joked of all the things they'd done to cause this day to come
At last they had won the fight they had overcome the Son

So many told their stories of fights that they had fought
The souls they had destroyed in just the way they had been taught.
Now they tasted the joy of victory, the spoils were all theirs
It had been worth all the work, the blood, the sweat, the tears

Then suddenly a word rang out, they could not believe their ears...

He's alive!!

The Son of God has beaten death, He's risen, and He's gone
They say the stones been rolled away, it's clear that He has won
He's alive and He has paid the price all the sins now have no worth
The Son of God, the Son of Man, the Saviour of the earth

The devil leapt up from his seat, his leadership to show
"He may have won," he said to them "but we will not let go,
We'll take as many down with us as we can lead away
A pact I make before you now, He *will* regret this day."

"He may believe that He has won, He may believe He's right
I tell you now that while I'm here I'll continue in this fight
Every soul that we can win is one less He can claim
Let's take them down, let's take them out, this is now a game!"

"It's not over till it's over, this is my word to you
Death may not defeat Him, but I'll break His heart in two
He say's they're all His children, each one precious in His eyes
That kind of sappy nonsense is the sort that I despise"

"Let's do the battle justice, let's make a new game plan
The rules have changed but I am still the ruler over man
I will not give up that easy, I will not let go the fight
Let's give 'em heaps, let's shake 'em down, and let's begin tonight!"

So the devil and his angels set forth for battle strong.
For each soul would need to choose on whose side they would belong
No longer for supremacy was this duel to be fought
Instead it was a numbers game, who's won, who's lost, who's bought

And still the war is raging, even to this day we see
The souls who are choosing on which side they want to be
And now there is one question, on whose side do you belong?
Are you seeking to love Jesus are you trying to be strong?

Are you spending time in prayer each day, are you listening to his voice
It really is that simple you just have to make a choice
To the devil you're a number to the Lord you are His child
So choose the Lord above all else, let's get that devil riled!!

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Inaugural Youth Meeting – Friday 27th February

*Epping Church's Youth Group held their inaugural Friday Night Meeting last Friday evening at Christian's and Matthew's home. The meeting was led by Josh Woods, with the turnout and involvement excellent. These Friday evenings are planned for every second week with the next meeting to be held on **Friday 14th March**. More details in the next newsletter.*



Pathfinder and Adventurer News

1. Pathfinder Camp – March 6-8. Yellow Rock

The next Pathfinder event will be the weekend camp at Yellowrock Budgewoi to be held **THIS WEEKEND** from Friday March 6 to Sunday March 8. This is the first camp for the year, and I can already here the excited voices of both the Pathfinders and Parents.

From Henry:

As you know, we have a scheduled camp at Yellow Rock, Budgewoi. This is a private property belonging to the Longs and your camping is a privilege.

There are toilet blocks and hot showers to be shared with the local residents (like spiders, frogs and other creatures) and please respect their right to live.

We will try to have a campfire if there is no fire ban. The basic rules for a campfire are you don't play near the fire. If you are cooking something on the fire and you have a stick with a hot end, it stays in the fire. Only appointed people are to manage the fire. You can put wood in but can't take it out.

There may be rain and you must be prepared for it. However the forecast is generally OK weather.

<http://www.weatherzone.com.au/local/local.jsp?lt=aploc&lc=1303>

You need to bring clothes you can do sport in and joggers or hikers. The program involves doing several modules and writing up the sheets. You will need your own pen.

Each of you must bring two items that will occupy at least 5-7 minutes of activity on sat night campfire. It can be a story, game, jokes (very clean and funny), songs, etc.

You should also bring something you can cook on the campfire. It is not supposed to be a full meal, just something that you can share with others who might want a taste. Suggestions: marshmallows, damper, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pizza, popcorn, etc.

Friday traffic is usually very busy on the freeway to Central Coast, so don't rush unnecessarily.

The cost is \$5 per person per night.

Following are directions to Budgewoi/Yellow rock; map is attached.

A draft program is also found below

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Directions to Budgewoi

1. You need to get on the freeway to Central Coast (F3). Most people get on from Pennant Hills Road and take the Freeway exit around Normanhurst.
2. Continue on this freeway for about 75 kms.
3. When you see the exit for Toukley (Sparks Road), the Budgewoi exit is next. It is called the (Motorway) Link Road and it is the ONLY Budgewoi/ Doyalson exit.
4. After exiting, it will be about 9 kms and you will see a right turn at lights to Budgewoi; turn right here.
5. Continue on this road for about 2 or 3 kms, when you get to the roundabout, turn left onto Walu Avenue
6. Continue until Ulana Ave and turn right.
7. Turn left on Woolana Avenue, which will turn right at the end onto Lilo Avenue.
8. Turn left on to Kalele Avenue.
9. At the end, turn left onto Macleay Drive. You should also see a symbol or sign for a Caravan Park. Macleay Drive makes two right turns and then a half left turn.
- 10 Immediately after the left turn, there will be a gate with a small "Yellow Rock" sign on the fence to the left of the opening. The gate is not closed.
11. Drive in about 100 m to the left.

Draft Program for the Camp

Friday

- 6-7 pm set up camp have dinner.
- 7 pm+ Campfire (hope it stays dry)

Saturday

- 6-7 am Early morning fitness run
- 7-8 am Breakfast
- 8-10 am modules by teens; write ups by PFs
- 10-12 worship
- 12-1:30 lunch
- 1:30-6 walk/hike then to the beach for evening
- 6-7:30 Dinner
- 7:30 + games, campfire: each to contribute item.

Sunday

- 6-7 am Early morning fitness run
- 7-8 am Breakfast
- 8-10 am leftover modules and collect write ups of modules
- 11 am break camp, and thanks for the great time.



Inspire 09- Created for Community

April 30-May 3, 2009 at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong.

Thanks to Michael for the following information on Inspire09:

Inspire09 brings you ideas, insights, worship and presentations focused on building community. This year we have in excess of forty workshops with thirty presenters from around Australia and New Zealand. The development of meaningful relationships, where every member carries a significant sense of belonging, is central to what it means to be the Church. This intensive training weekend is designed to inspire our local church members to reach their communities in a meaningful and successful way for Jesus Christ.

Music will be provided by the Epping Band.

Application forms can be downloaded from

www.inspire09.gscadventist.org.au

*This website also details a full list of workshops and presenters, and well as a brief bio and a summary of their subject. For more information, see the event organizer, **Pr Michael Worker.***

The keynote speaker, **Anton Van Wyk**, from New Zealand has the following to say about Community:

"It is doubtful that we can know ourselves apart from community. It is an important part of the Creator's design of life. Nothing is to exist in isolation. Each part of the cosmos has meaning - shaped by its context and relationships. Social researcher Margaret Wheatley reminds us that the instinct of community is everywhere in life. Community is life and living. It is His Story. Christianity that does not start with the individual does not start. Christianity that stops with the individual, stops.

During Inspire09 we will endeavour to tell the STORY of coming together as a group of individuals and:

- *Learning to communicate honestly with each other*
- *Letting relationships go deeper than the masks of composure*
- *Developing significant commitment to rejoicing together, mourning together, delighting in each other and making others' conditions my own.*
- *Focusing on what goes on in the heart of the wider community for the common good and happiness of all"*

Postcard from Fiji (from the Stuarts)

G'day. Just a little email to bring you up to date on our movements – which hopefully have stopped for a few years! **We left Honiara (Solomon Islands) in early December** and spent the rest of December and all of January in Australia waiting for Dale's work visa for Fiji. In that time, we did heaps including visiting Lisa and her family, go to "Mission Institute", take a trip from Mt Isa to Adelaide then Brisbane and back to Mt Isa, shop and LOTS of relaxing/unwinding. While in Sydney at Mission Institute we learned that the visa was approved and our passports went over to Fiji with a friend. Once they were stamped, they were sent back to us. We picked them up in Cairns.

Departure from Cairns was in mid February. Our flights were the awful ones – all night long (**Cairns – Brisbane – Nadi – Suva**). We settled into a transit flat for the first week and Dale spent some time with the IT fellow he was replacing. They went over the setup and got a lot of things working again. One of our friends here took me out shopping to the markets and helped to reacquaint me with the places to shop and bus transport here. We also spent a lot of time trying to get our furniture and goods released from customs. In the end, quarantine sprayed our container and it was finally released.

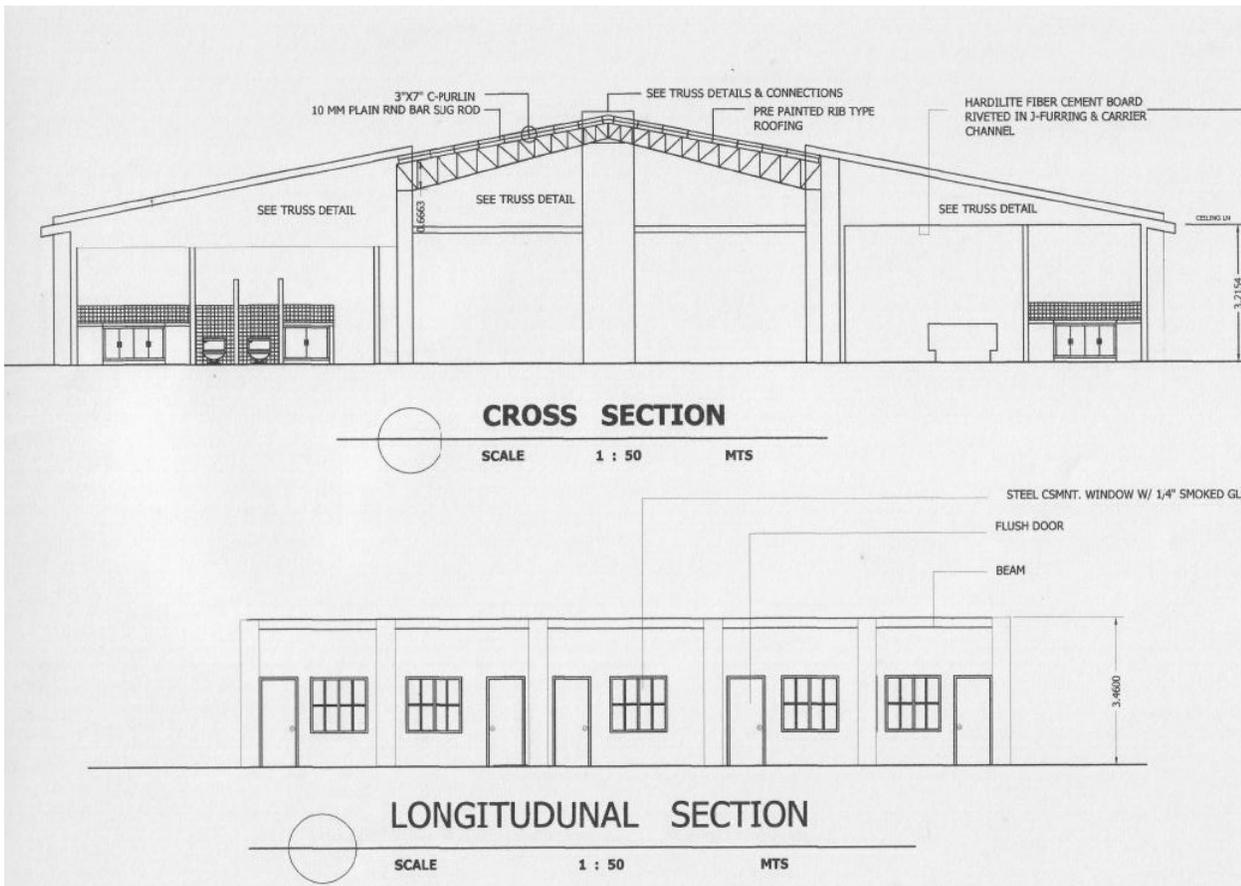
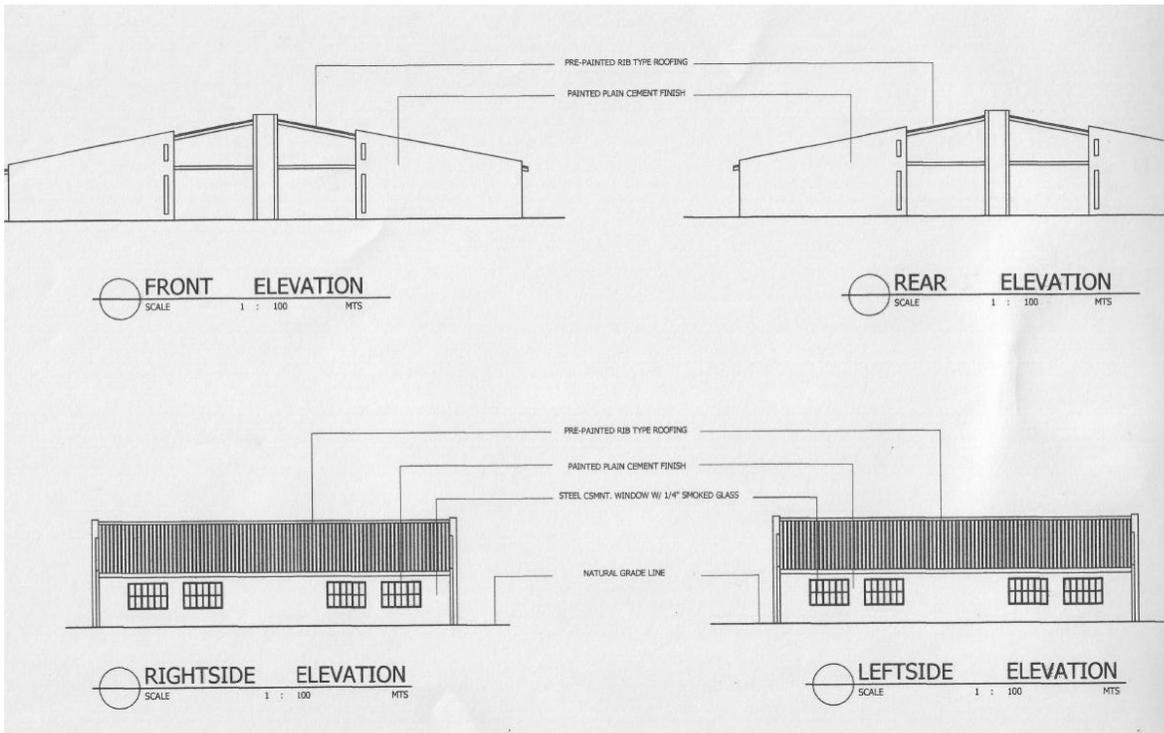
When the container was delivered, customs was present to inspect our ride-on mower. We suspect that they were hoping it was a flash one so they could make us pay lots of duty. Too bad for them. Our ride on mower looks as if it came off the ark and is only worth \$250 AUD so they lucked out. They will still charge us duty, but hopefully it won't be too much. After seeing that, the man left and that was it. It took 5 of us about 3 hours to unload the container and put all the boxes in the house...we had a lot more stuff when we moved to Honiara.

It has taken about 4 days to get most of the stuff settled. The main bits were done in the first day or two but the office has taken time and we haven't set up the workshop yet. We've had to wash all our clothes, bedding, towels, etc and air out the mattresses and pillows. This is because of the fumigation spray that quarantine pumped into the container. It stinks and the smell permeated everything. This has been a huge job and taken 4 or 5 days to complete because of the rain showers every day. The clothesline and washer have been VERY busy.

Cars are very expensive here and we haven't found one to buy yet. We looked at bringing one in from Japan but the duty is too high so we'll keep looking for one locally. In the meantime we can walk and take the bus or a taxi. The bus fare from our house to town is 75 cents and a taxi is \$5. It is a 20 minute walk to work for Dale.

So we are settled in and slowly getting things organized and trying to get a routine going. It is much cooler here and we are enjoying the change. God bless and do keep in touch.

Love Gloria and Dale



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Epping Mission Project

Note: This donation is to support the ICC Happy Valley Elementary School building project, ICC Orphanage, Philippines.

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THANK YOU !!!

Prayer Requests:

Persons affected by the Victorian Bushfires and the Queensland Floods	<i>Please remember the many people affected by these natural disasters in your prayers</i>
Bob McIntyre	<i>Please remember Bob, Nerelle and Colleen in your prayers.</i>
Allan Ing	<i>Please continue to pray for Allan, Adelyn and their young family.</i>
Sue Wood	<i>It's great to hear that Sue is progressing well and I ask that you remember Sue, Ken and their family in your prayers.</i>
Ivan Baxter	<i>Ivan continues to have therapy for a haematological disorder. Please remember him in your prayers.</i>

Dates to Keep in your Diary:

March 6-8	<i>Pathfinder Camp at Yellow Rock</i>
April 30 – May 3	<i>Inspire09</i>
May 17	<i>Proposed Health Assessment - Eastwood Mall</i>

Photo of the Week

Thanks to Andy for sending in this week's photo:



Thought for the Week:

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7