

Epping SDA Church Newsletter

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We're back! Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter after a bit of a hiatus. Thank you to everyone that helped contribute to the flow of information for Epping Church while the newsletter was offline. Now that we are back there is a lot to catch up on. Some of the news may be a few weeks old now, but a few of you may have not caught up, so I've included these events in this edition. Time to sit back

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

This Sabbath @ Epping

Our speaker this week is **Pastor Michael Worker**, with **Greg** as the elder in charge. The offering will be for our **Local Church Budget**. Epping Church Band will be leading out in the worship service.

We are expecting quite a few Visitors this Sabbath, so please **BRING EXTRA FOOD**

Adventurer Investiture

It may seem a distant memory but the Adventurer Investiture was held on the 28th June. Congratulations to all Adventurers for their wonderful achievement and to Sharon Gardner, and Cherie for their tremendous leadership. The Investiture was presided over by **Norman Tew**.







Sports Night – July 19th

We had a great turnout for our July Sports night and thanks to Kenn for the following pictures. The competitive spirit was really evident! From my perspective it seemed competitiveness was directly proportional to age. The younger ones amongst us obviously have nothing to prove. Out next Sports Night is scheduled for the 20th September at the Dural Recreation Centre.





Pathfinder Camp: Pindar: 16th – 17th August

From Henry:

“Thanks to everyone who came on the camp and had a really good time exploring the area and learning about Aboriginal culture.

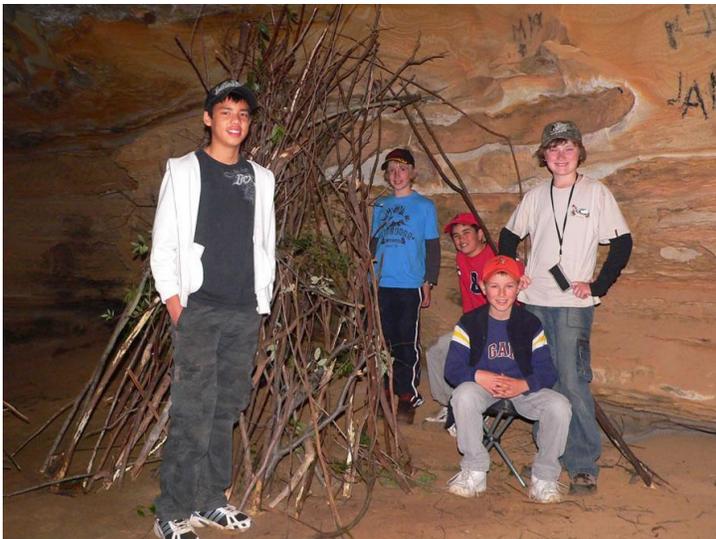
Special thanks to Belinda and Meagan for their part in sharing their knowledge about Aboriginal life and in helping get everyone there and back safely.

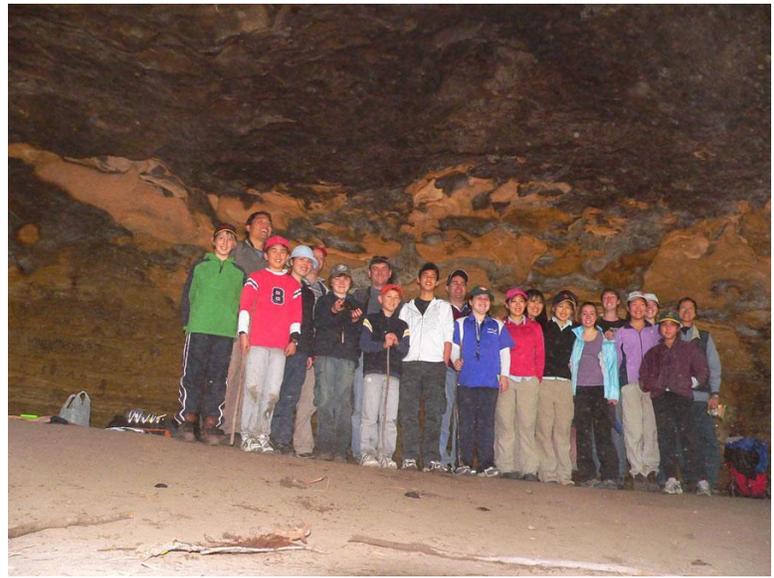
All of the Pathfinders who went did their part in making the whole camp a success. Brave ones did it without any tents. It was cold but not too bad. The cave actually was quite a good weather shelter complete with water fall curtain to keep the area temperate”

All of you did really well with the activities and we left our craftsmanship to subsequent travellers as would the Aborigines many years ago.

When you get a chance, see some more pics at:

<http://pf1.hmtung.com/pindarcamp>





Epping Church Picnic – Sunday 31st August 2008

From Arthur:

“Here is a short video of the Church picnic on Sunday, despite the rain overnight we enjoyed a rain-free day and some really fun games. We also met the new member of the Go family, Sophie the King Charles Cavalier puppy”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeuERHWAhE8>

Pathfinder News – Meeting this Sabbath

From Henry:

*“We will be finishing off the Prelog training module for our **Expedition**. The expedition is to be held **September 26-28 at Newnes NSW**. This is a 3 hour drive from Sydney.*

For those attending you should bring your application and money for the Expedition by the 6th September. Parents, please make sure you check the application so that all the appropriate signatures are in the right places.

You must also let me know if you need any camping gear as well so we can sort out who you will tent with. It will be cold as it's mostly in the mountains. However there are some very interesting things to see and experience.

There are 3 groups levels you can choose from in the Intermediate Category:

Group 2: No previous expedition before and you will hike about 10 kms on Sunday with a day pack

Group 4: Some expedition before and you will also hike about 10 km but with full pack on Sunday.

Group 6: Advanced hikers will carry their full pack for about 16 kms on Sunday.

All Pathfinders going will break up into their group levels. I have suggested that we all be in the Intermediate levels of 2, 4 and 6. If there are any Pathfinders that really must be in Super Challenge, we'll have to make some arrangement or persuade them to be within our groupings.

We will have each group decide their tenting and cooking arrangements and work out the grid references for their route and bearings. Group leaders will be chosen.

All the gear will be handed out and allocated. I think that will take up the rest of the time of the meeting”

Postcard from Tasmania – with love from Bruce and Elaine

Dear Epping Church Family,

This year is certainly flying by and you might think we have forgotten you. But we definitely haven't .. and thoroughly enjoy keeping up with your activities and events – thank you Arthur, Henry and Alvin for keeping us up-to-date. You all have a special place in our hearts. We have a constant reminder of you with the special church family rock you gave us. We also appreciate very much the cheque that arrived by mail to use towards a data projector or laptop – this was a very kind and thoughtful SURPRISE as we loved “the rock” and church family photo that you gave us.

Where do we begin? We certainly have had a very busy year with settling in to our house and the three churches, but appreciate having an assistant pastor.

Our first activity on arriving in Tassie was Elaine's Dad's 80th birthday – we made this a special event by borrowing a 1937,38 hotted up car which Dad thoroughly enjoyed which drove him from place to place relating to his personal life story.

After a short break (in which we ate many kilos of crisp, juicy cherries, we came up to Launceston to find a place to live and the busyness hasn't stopped. We still haven't totally

settled in yet, but have been involved with many church activities. Still haven't got any pictures hanging up yet but hope to do so soon. Your two pictures Helen that you painted, and the group photo are special to us.

Over Easter, we had to fly up to Albury for the 160th Anniversary reunion of the Grosse family arriving in Australia. A thanksgiving service was held in the Walla Walla Lutheran church (where my Dad and Grandfather used to attend). This was organised by my Lutheran minister cousin and he invited Dad and myself to participate in the service.

You may remember the outdoor service at Parramatta Park and I showed you a rock (among others) from Ebenezer, SA to illustrate that memorials help us remember special events and leadings from God. I have included a photo of my Dad, brother and sister in the second church made out of stone from my Grandad's property - note the Ebenezer reminder!. The book "Great Grosse Blessings" (family history) was also launched.

We also visited the Orange Grove merino property nearby that my Grandfather had owned. The owners kindly allowed us to wander around the homestead, the farm and visit the orchard, some fruit trees that Grandad had planted are still remaining from 60 years ago when they left.

In May, was another special event when I visited Dad for his 90th birthday at Alstonville. He is still keeping well, but a little frustrated with the local policewoman who is trying to take his driving license from him but he can still drive quite OK.

Tasmania still has bonfire night in May and it is a tradition of the Launceston church to have a fundraiser and bonfire evening outdoors – it was a good night but quite chilly as you can see Bruce rugged up in the photo.

Another social event in Launceston was hiring two buses and being ferried between snacks at a home, main meal at a restaurant followed by sweets at another home and hot drinks back at the church hall. It was a great type of fellowship evening that you guys might like to try out some time. (Photo of us at the restaurant).

It looked like a great weekend you pathfinders had at Pindar cave – what a beautiful place and a unique experience. You seemed to have had a great time and we really enjoyed looking at the photos. We also really enjoyed the video of the "year review" pathfinder activities – it was great to re-live some of the special times with you. We have a pathfinder club in Launceston, who are also active with outdoor activities but some of the camps through the winter are indoors. One of the outdoor camps was at a beautiful spot on the beach at Bridport – you would all enjoy that area.

Another event was the Deloraine church 40th anniversary of their building in April, and in my visiting around I heard that Pr Malcolm Allen was involved with the building and he and Val kindly came down and relived the memories as the guest speaker. It was a happy time for many people to come back and catch up again.

It is really great that you are supporting each other as a church family through your various ups and downs, particularly at the times of sadness and illness and we have remembered you in our prayers. It is great to hear of the progress of Sue, Carlene, Fern and Aileen, but also sad to hear the losses of family members of Abel and Channing. Stephen's Dad (Ivan), Bob, Sue and Ken, we continue to pray that you continue to feel God's love and care. It was great to see that Luna celebrated her 70th birthday and is keeping well – happy 70th Luna.

We are surprised at how long the pleasantness of Autumn lasted but now see the snow on the mountain ranges around us (there is a ski field at Ben Lomond with 3 or 4 ski lifts running) and feel the chill of winter. We are surprised however, it is not as bad as we expected – we are having lovely sunny days (cold nights) – but we have probably only had 6 very cold winter days. When we arrived, the locals said “layers” are the answer, so we are making use of our thermals. Members at Deloraine have showed us pictures of snow thickly covering the whole town 18 years ago. Tasmanians are saying however that the weather is warming up and we have met many mainlanders who have moved down here enjoying the weather. In saying that however, last week some of the roads on the west coast and plateau country were closed with snow and the main highway to Hobart was blocked for hours with accidents caused by people slipping on the black ice (the ice was 4mm thick on the bitumen).

We haven't had much chance to take any breaks and see “the beauties of Tassie”, but recently we spent a day at Cradle Mountain with a cloudless blue sky as you will note in the pictures. We thought those who did the Overland might like to see a couple of pictures of snow on Cradle. The rangers said it was much whiter the week previously, but tourists are not allowed to drive in when the whole area is covered. We thoroughly enjoyed our little taste of the outdoors and stayed overnight at PARADISE – as you will see by the photos, a real place in the valley before Mt Roland.

The parents of the Principal at Aore are Launcestoneans and have just returned from a visit there and were showing us some pictures at lunch last Sabbath. We are pretty sure there was a picture of Belinda with the Mountain view school storm co visit. The parents said you all did a wonderful job – hope you enjoyed it. The visit by Dale and Gloria was also much appreciated.

This Saturday night Elaine has her 40th high school reunion anniversary at Huonville, south of Hobart. There have been two previous reunions, but Elaine was told that she has no excuse for not being at this one.

Abel and Rita, we have seen your wedding photos that were taken in Launceston all those years ago and Mon Reid sends her love to you and is waiting on us to give her your address. We are sure she would love to see a recent photo of you and the boys.

In closing we really miss you, but we have so many happy memories of working with you. "One day" we will put the photos we have taken of your beautiful children on a disk and send it to you. We trust that Jesus is very close to each one of you and that you Stephanie, Cassandra, Annali and Shannon are enjoying your new walk with Jesus.

Our love, our thoughts and our prayers continue for you. When the cold winds blow from the South in Sydney, just remember it comes with lots of warm hugs and love from us.

Love Bruce and Elaine

Note from Editor: Pictures to follow in the next edition of this newsletter

Epping Church News: Upcoming Events

1. Youth Forum – 19th September, Friday 7:30pm - Epping Church Hall. More details next week

2. Sports Night – Saturday Evening 7-10pm Dural Recreation Centre 20th September

3. Progressive Tea – 25 October details to be announced

4. Emerging Band Practice – 13th September

5. Epping Church Camp – 8 November, 2008

Epping Church will be CLOSED this Sabbath

Epping Project – Philippines Orphanage

From Belle:

“The project involves fund raising largely from tax deductible donations to support the Orphanage in the Philippines. Our aim is twofold: 1) help the Orphanage 2) provide an avenue for our young people to build team spirit and experience a meaningful way in supporting a good cause.

For the more adventurous, we are also forming a plan to travel to the Philippines to visit the Orphanage in October 2009 including an Adventure Tour - details of airfare and tour cost will come later.

Some have asked why ICC and not ADRA? We continue to support ADRA. However, for a specific project like this one, ADRA is no longer able to accommodate tax deduction. International Children's Care (ICC) was founded and operated by Adventists and is recognised internationally. ICC-Australia is a registered Australian Charity - Reg No A0034270A.

I invite you to check out their website for additional information:

<http://www.iccaustralia.org.au/index.htm>

I have outlined the project in brief and if anyone is interested to make a tax deductible donation towards this project, I have enclosed the Credit Card Donation Form which you can fax to International Children's Care - Australia. The funds will be held in a special account specific to the Epping Project.

Thank you.”

Goal	\$50,000
Project	Orphanage in the Philippines – Mobile Clinic, Vocational Training Centre, Goat Bank
Target Group	Pathfinders, Youth, Parents
Date	October 2009
Who are involved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People making tax deductible donations • People finding others willing to donate • Group joining the Adventure Tour to visit the Orphanage in the Philippines <p><i>(Details of cost, itinerary, dates, etc later)</i></p>
How do you make a donation?	Credit card Phone (03) 5152-5774 Fax: (03) 8660-2967 By Fax: Use the attached Credit Card Form.
	Cheque International Children's Care Shop 7 Riviera Plaza BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875
	Direct deposit Commonwealth Bank BSB 063 532 AC 1033 5881 International Children's Care
How much should I give?	How big is your heart? Donation over \$2 is tax deductible. \$\$\$ Bigger the Better \$\$\$
ICC Website	http://www.iccaustralia.org.au/
ICC Australia Coordinator – Dean Beveridge	dbeveridge@iccaustralia.org.au
For more details contact	belletung@gmail.com Mobile: 0413 453055 Home: (02) 9671-2755
YOU are needed !!!	Get involved and be rewarded !!!
What is the reward?	A warm and fuzzy feeling that YOU made a difference !!!

EPPING PROJECT DONATION FORM

Send donation to	International Children's Care Shop 7 Riviera Plaza BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875
By Phone	(03) 5152-5774 <i>If sending donation by phone, please mention the Epping Project.</i>

By Fax	(03) 8660-2967 <i>Please fill out your details below.</i>
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT !!!

Prayer Requests:

Please remember the following members, and friends in your prayers

<i>Sue Wood</i>	<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>
<i>Carlene Bagnall</i>	<i>While she is continuing her recovery</i>
<i>Fleur Duke</i>	<i>For Restoration of her health</i>
<i>Aileen Manahan</i>	<i>For Restoration of her health</i>
<i>Ivan Baxter</i>	<i>Please continue to pray for Ivan as he has ongoing therapy</i>
<i>Bob McIntyre</i>	<i>Please pray for Bob and his family as he undergoes further therapy</i>
<i>Allan Ing</i>	<i>As Allan continues his rehabilitation</i>

Dates to put down in your diary

<i>September 6</i>	<i>Pathfinder Meeting</i>
<i>September 13</i>	<i>Emerging Band Practice</i>
<i>September 19- Friday evening</i>	<i>Youth Forum 7:30 pm</i>
<i>September 20</i>	<i>Sports Night</i>
<i>September 26-28</i>	<i>Pathfinder Expedition</i>
<i>October 25</i>	<i>Progressive tea</i>
<i>November 8</i>	<i>Church Camp. EPPING CHURCH CLOSED</i>

Thought for the Week:

This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life.

Psalm 119:50