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# GREAT EXPECTATIONS

A few years ago I went to the Avalon Air Show in Victoria. It was a massive affair with acres of military equipment and planes and thousands of people, and it was awesome! What made it so good? Did I see every aircraft there that I wanted to? No. Did I enjoy the hefty entry fee and navigating through the hordes of people? No. Did I get a ride in a fighter jet, or even get to sit in one? No. Did I like being on my feet for hours on end in the hot sun? No.

So what made it so good? Let me tell you: I went with a great expectation that I was going to have an enjoyable day out. I was intent on getting the most out of the event and so didn't focus on the shortcomings of the experience. That same attitude, one of great expectation, has created many memorable experiences for me at places and events around this country and beyond, and also at home with family.

So why don't I always have that same great expectation when going to meet with my church family? You see, sometimes I focus on the faults rather than bringing an attitude of positive expectancy. Put another way, I focus on what I can get rather than what I can give. I might notice that the songs are not all to my taste, or that the Sabbath School teacher just read from the lesson book, or that so and so was playing on his phone the whole time, or that the preacher was hard to follow, or that you-know-who was cold to me in her reply or that the sermon went past 12pm!

I have a friend who gets so excited when the Sabbath comes around and eager for what she is going to get out of church. She drives to church thrilled that she is meeting with God, enthusiastic to praise Him, expectant that she will hear "My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him."

Psalm 62:5

something that will speak to her and a keenness to encourage, and be encouraged by the other members.

Perhaps my mindset needs a little tweaking. Perhaps my expectations need to be a little greater and a lot less self-focused. That way my church experience, my Big Camp experience and all other corporate worship opportunities will take on a new vibrancy. Like the Air Show, each one of these occasions can be a really enjoyable day out.

#### Prayer

Lord, please raise my thinking and my focus, so that I may have great expectations when I gather with others to worship You!

"My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him." Psalm 62:5

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#### **ADRA**

Zano Thorpe and her husband Dennis were frustrated in the days following TC Debbie. They had spoken to multiple agencies and people about getting help to cut down some trees that had blown over on their property, but no one came. So Dennis went to work himself, but struggled due to the immense task. Then, an ADRA volunteer called up and offered help to clear the mess. Zano and Dennis were ecstatic when the ADRA team showed up, and quickly went to work clearing the debris. After a few hours of hard yakka, the volunteers sat down to a refreshing cold drink from Zano and chatted about the cyclone, life since the cyclone and general chit chat. Not long after the team left, Zano sent a message saying "Hi ADRA team, thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for helping us out today. Your team was just fabulous and my husband was so thankful about it. Please stop by next time you are passing by. God bless all of you and thank



you once again!"

ADRA finished Phase II of the response on the 28th of April and is now heading into Phase III of the response which will focus on Psycho-social support for those worst affected by the cyclone.

#### **BIG CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CAMP KITCHEN**

Not only are you catered for spiritually, we also cater for your physical needs too. This year back by popular demand is Big J 's Catering. They will bring you tasty meals and convenience food from The Camp Kitchen. Meal tickets for Sabbath lunch cost \$13 and must be pre-purchased.

Visit the camp kitchen or check out the camp information booklet for more details.

#### ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

Spend time browsing through the Adventist Book Centre to purchase Bibles, quality Christian books, DVD's and music as well as vegetarian food products and juices. Be sure to take the opportunity to grab a bargain at the Sunday Book Sale where



hot new titles and never-to-berepeated prices are the norm! And remember to call in to the store regularly for great deals on books, Bibles, DVD's, children's



# Church News

#### **ALICE SPRINGS**

#### TRIBUTE FOR MARCIA



On the 18th of January this year our church mourned the loss of one of our very own in a tragic motor vehicle accident. Marcia Hremeviuc, 66, long time Alice Springs SDA Church member and

Australian aviation pioneer, was travelling with her partner John Morris, 73, who also was seriously injured. Both worked for the Department of Infrastructure and were on their way to Simpsons Gap to check the road conditions following the rains, as part of Mr Morris' role as an engineer. The accident also claimed the life of 17-year old boy.

Marcia did not leave any Next of Kin and considered the Alice Springs church and its members as her family. Our church family is poorer for the loss of Marcia's death, she is missed greatly, but we will remember her for the beautiful and gentle person that

#### **ALICE SPRINGS**

#### STORM CO



In April, 12 STORM Co volunteers left Brisbane to join 10 Alice Springs volunteers for a super charged two weeks of team building, community outreach, local connecting with other churches and community groups and STORM Co outreach training. The fortnight kicked off with team building activities at the iconic desert location of Uluru, where the team participated in watching the sunset over the rock, sunrise walks, camel rides, Olga's walk and indigenous culture. Arriving in Alice Springs, all team members bunkered down at the Alice Springs church to begin the planning and preparation for the activities ahead. The STORM Co team ran many service activities that deeply impacted many of our young people through relationships developed between team members and the community over the two-week visit.

#### CAIRNS NORTHERN BEACHES

#### REACHING THE COMMUNITY



On Saturday night of May 6th, the Cairns Northern Beaches SDA Group (the newest addition to the Northern Australian Conference's sisterhood of churches) held their first official evangelistic social: "The Big Ping Pong Night!"

Church members took the opportunity to invite their friends, neighbors and schoolmates to a fun night of relaxed fellowship. After a brief prayer, the competition began with everyone getting involved and taking the opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

On Sabbath, May 13th, it was a very nice day for the children and mums of the new Cairns Northern Beaches SDA group.



After the intimate worship service and a pot luck lunch, Amanda Jerrard organised the children to make 100 little Mother's Day gift packets for the mums in the community around the hall where the church meets. Although a little scared at first, the kids soon gained confidence knocking on the doors in the area and giving the families their little packet of Mother's Day love. The homes were very receptive and thankful for the gifts, some of them opening up about themselves or their family's' need for God. Our church members were then able to direct them to where the Northern Beaches Church meets to learn more about His love. Praise God for our faithful families and church planting team in North Cairns!

#### **EDMONTON**

#### **NEW LAND**

Edmonton Church is excited to now be the proud owners of a beautiful plot of land in Edmonton which God has appointed for the glorification of His Name in this community. The church believe they have seen God's hand and know He will continue to lead them each step of the way.

A few of the Edmonton Church members are having a picnic lunch once a month at a park in the middle of Gordonvale.



Gordonvale is the Edmonton Church area of evangelistic focus this year where they will be running a "Try Jesus" program later this year and the picnic lunches are one way of spending time in the area near where the meeting will be.

#### **MOSSMAN**

#### HARVEST SERVICE



What a blessing the evening of May 7 was for the Mossman Seventh-day Adventist Church and the community of Mossman as the Minister's Association of the Douglas Shire invited the Adventist Church to host the combined churches Harvest Festival. The Mossmanites worked ever so hard to get the building decorated and ready, with a special harvest altar down

At 6.30pm Pr. Daniel called for the assembled members of the Christian Churches in Mossman to make their way to the front and place their gift of produce on the altar while singing "Father, I adore Thee". One of the local aboriginal elders then performed

a hymn in Kuku Yalanji language. Adventist member, Ray Pearce read a stirring acknowledgement of traditional owners as country and the service began.

Hymn singing was led by the local Anglican minister, prayers and testimonies of God's providence were shared by Pentecostal groups and there was a Scripture reading by the Uniting minister. Pr. Daniel was then able to share a short message on the theme of grace: God's grace is a free gift which is accepted by faith, and in love response to Him we desire to bring offerings before Him, including the offerings of our life, our love and our obedience to His commandments. One of the leaders of the Mossman Gorge Church then led out in the Lord's prayer.

Afterward the congregation gathered in the youth hall for a fellowship supper and auction of the produce. The night was a big success, raising \$600 in total towards ADRA's Tropical Cyclone Debbie Response Fund.

Please continue to pray for the Mossman Church as we endeavor to make positive relationships with the community in Douglas

#### **ALICE SPRINGS**

#### PATHFINDERS ANZAC PARADE

The Alice Springs Pathfinder Club made an impression amongst the local community with their cracking marching skills during this years' ANZAC Parade on the 26th April. The community recognised the annual representation from the military, police, NT Emergency Services, local school and clubs during the march from the Town Council lawns up to the top of ANZAC Hill, but who were these new comers in their green and white uniforms no one had seen before? Where have you come from? What does your club do? Who taught those kids how to march? Are you the Latter Day Saints? Many questions were fielded throughout the course of the morning ceremony. Alice Springs Pathfinder Club Director, Donni Fuamatu and his team, wife



Vicki Fuamatu, Stacey Aunei and Shynia Opetaia Russell, felt this was a unique occasion to make a presence in the Alice Springs community. The team produced information flyers promoting the Alice Springs Pathfinder Club that were also handed out throughout the ANZAC Day March.

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	7:00 - 7:45 am Family Worship	9:30-10:30 am Program 1	11:00am - 12:00 pm Program 2	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Afternoon Workshops	5:30 pm Open/Closing Sabbath	7:15 - 8:45 pm Evening Program
23 June Friday		THE EN	THE END according	g to Jesus	Riverside Adventist Christian School	Opening Program Ranko Stefanovic
24 June Sabbath	Curtis Hall	Sabbath School	Mission Divine Service Program Troy Fitzgerald	3:30pm Baptism in the Big Tent	Carlisle Adventist Christian college	Movie Screening
25 June Sunday	7:00 - 8:00 Fun Run 8:00 Sanitarium Breakfast	9:15 - 10:00 Sanitarium Promo	10:15 - 11:00am ABC Book Hour	11:00am - 4:00pm Family Fun Day		Troy Fitzgerald Central Eyes
26 June Monday	Curtis Hal	.Dr Allan Lindsey	Troy Fitzgerald Know Ifs, Ands, or Buts About It"How the little words of the Bible make the biggest difference in your life	<ul> <li>Sabbath SChool - Curtis Hall</li> <li>LE - Eunice Winship</li> <li>Health - Gration</li> <li>ADRA</li> <li>Faith FM - Michael Engelbrecht</li> </ul>	Troy Fitzgerald	Troy Fitzgerald No Drama in the End
27 June Tuesday	Ray Moaga	.Dr Allan Lindsey.	Troy Fitzgerald Know Ifs, Ands, or Buts About It"How the little words of the Bible make the biggest difference in your life	<ul> <li>Sabbath SChool - Curtis Hall</li> <li>LE - Eunice Winship</li> <li>Health - Gration</li> <li>ADRA</li> </ul>		Troy Fitzgerald The Deneration Endures
28 June Wednesday	Curtis Hal	.Dr Allan Lindsey.	Troy Fitzgerald Know Ifs, Ands, or Buts About It"How the little words of the Bible make the biggest difference in your life	<ul> <li>Sabbath SChool - Curtis Hall</li> <li>LE - Eunice Winship</li> <li>Health - Gration</li> <li>ADRA</li> </ul>	Dr Allan Lindsey	Troy Fitzgerald Being Wise
29 June Thursday	Curtis Hal	.Dr Allan Lindsey	Troy Fitzgerald Know Ifs, Ands, or Buts About It"How the little words of the Bible make the biggest difference in your life.	<ul> <li>Sabbath SChool - Curtis Hall</li> <li>LE - Eunice Winship</li> <li>ADRA - Ben Kerry</li> <li>Better Disciples - Glenn Townend</li> </ul>	Curtis Hall	Troy Fitzgerald Going the Extra Way
30 June Friday	Sam Leonor	.Dr Allan Lindsey	Kindy & Troy Fitzgerald Primary	Preparation for Sabbath	Cairns Adventist College	Troy Fitzgerald Missed Taken Identity
1 July Sabbath	Curtis Hal	Sabbath School	Divine Service Troy Fitzgerald	3:00pm Ordination in the Big Tent	4:30pm Variety Concert & Closing Sabbath	Wrap Up

TIME	Friday 24 Jun	Sabbath 25 June	Sunday 26 June	Monday 27 June	Tuesday 28 June	Wednesday 29 June	Thursday 30 June	Friday 1 July	Sabbath 2 July
YOUTH 18+					Focus on Red	n Red			
FAMILY WORSHIP BIG TENT 7:00AM - 7:45AM		Curtis Hall	7:00am	Curtis Hall	Ray Moaga	Curtis Hall	Curtis Hall	Sam Leonor	Curtis Hall
DEVOTION & BREAKFAST 8:00AM - 9:30AM		Breakfast	Rossiter Park	Breakfast & Devotion	Breakfast & Devotion	Breakfast & Devotion	Day Out Magnetic Island	Breakfast & Devotion	Breakfast
		Sabbath School & Church 9:30 - 12:00	Sanitarium Break- fast 8:00am Family Fun Day	Workshop	10:00am - 1:00pm Community BBQ & Games	Workshop	7:45am - 4:00pm		Sabbath School & Church 9:30-12:00
NIGHT PROGRAM 7:15PM - 9:00PM	Sam Leonor	Games	Sam Leonor	Sam Leonor	Sam Leonor	Banquet Mexican Fiesta	Sam Leonor	Sam Leonor	Touch Football
YOUTH CAFE 9PM-10PM	РМ-10РМ			λ	Youth Cafe Will Be Open in the Back of the Youth Tent	he Back of the Youth 1	Fent		
HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 7 - 12	ADE 7 - 12				SuperHero	Hero			
BREAKFAST & DEVOTION 8:00am - 9:30		Breakfast 8:00 - 8:30 Sabbath School & Church 9:30-12pm	7am Fun Run Sanitarium Break-	Breakfast / Devotion Workshop	Breakfast /Devotion Workshop	Big Day Out Magnetic Island 7:45 am	Breakfast & Devotion & Service Project 7:30 - 1:00am	Breakfast & Devotion & Workshop	Breakfast 8:00 - 8:30 Sabbath School & Church 9:30-12pm
ACTIVITIES 1:30PM - 4:30PM		Big Tent	Family Fun Day	10 Pin Bowling	Launch Zone	- 4:00 pm	lce Skating	Indoor Sports	Big Tent
Night Program 7:15pm - 9:30pm	Ray Moaga	Games Night	Ray Moaga	Ray Moaga	Banquet Super Hero	Ray Moaga	Ray Moaga	Ray Moaga	Got Talent?
JUNIORS Grade 4 -	9.				4EVA STARTZ 2DAY!	TZ 2DAY!			
Morning Devo- Tion 9:00am -10:00am		9:30 Sabbath School	7am Fun Run	Morning Devotion	Morning Devotion	Morning Devotion'	Morning Devotion	Morning Devotion	9:30 Sabbath School
СRАFT 10:00АМ - 11:00АМ			Sanitarium	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	Craft	11:00 Church/Baptism
ACTIVITIES 1:00PM - 4:00PM		Big Tent	Family Fun Day	1:00 - 3:00 Sports at the Park	Northern Beaches Leisure Centre	Indoor Sports	12:30 - 3:30 Launch Zone	14	Big Tent
Night Program 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Warrick Sawyer	Movie	Warrick Sawyer	Warrick Sawyer	Warrick Sawyer	Tea What will be in Heaven	Warrick Sawyer	Warrick Sawyer	

## Primary - Miracles of Jesus

Primaries grade 1 to 3 this year will hear miracles Jesus performed through games and stories, crafts and activities. The first craft mon and Tuesday is a two day craft. Costing \$15 for early birds. Wednesday is a fun afternoon at Kerrin ten pin bowls and dodgem cars. Early bird cast \$22 to do everything the cost is \$35.00

	Sabbath	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
9:30 - 11:30	Sabbath School	7am Fun Run	Calming the Storm	Paralytic & Four Friends	Healing the 10 Lepers	Raising Lazarus	Healing Soldiers Ear at Gethsemene	Sabbath School
	Church 11:00 - 12:00 Feeding the 5000	Breakfast Family Fun Day	Fruit Break	Frui <mark>t</mark> Break	Fruit Break E	Fruit Break	Big Tent Performance 10:30 - 11:00 Water Fight 11:00 - 11:30	Church 11:00 - 12:00 Cross and the Resurrection
2:00 - 3:15			Craft	Craft	Kirwin Bowling 1:00 - 4:00	Craft	Animal Farm	
6:30 - 7:00		Night Meeting	Night Meeting	Night Meeting	Night Meeting	6:00 Tea	Night Meeting	

# Kindy - The First Week

100		Morning Program	Afternoon Program
Sabbath		Gates open 9:15 – 10:45	NO AFTERNOON PROGRAM
Monday	2000	9:00 - 10:45	2:15 – 3:30 Wear clothes you can paint in
Tuesday	-	9:00 - 10:45	2:15 – 3:30 Science Fair
Wednesday	A	9:00 - 10:45	2:15 – 3:30 Wear clothes you can paint in
Thursday		9:00 – 10:45 Wear clothes you can paint in	2:15 – 3:30 Wear clothes you can paint in
Friday	91	8:45 – 11  Come early and get your face painted before we sing in the Big Tent	NO PROGRAM - Visit the Animal Farm outside the big tent
Sabbath	-	9:15 – 10:45	NO AFTERNOON PROGRAM

### What did God make today?

All 3 – 5 year olds Come and find out with singing and stories each morning from 9:30 – 10:25 with crafts and games in the extra time.

In the afternoon we have singing and stories from 2:15 – 2:40, followed by craft, games and other fun activities.

The cost for the week is \$10

Please bring a piece of fruit to share each morning

# Beginners - Faithful Noah Beginners 0 - 2 year olds grab your backpack and come journey through with Noah, searching, looking and hearing Jesus's creation. Singing, Craft, Stories, Touch and Feel Stations. Time: 9:30 – 10:30am Daily. (Except Sunday)

# Education

# GRADES 11\& 12 APPROVED

Praise God! Carlisle Adventist Christian College has been approved to add Year 11 and 12, starting next year! It has been a providential journey since 2011 when Dr David McClintock arrived as principal. Imagine David's "delight" (NOT) to immediately have to sit in a meeting to look at closing the high school section of the College! Praise God local Adventist businessmen underwrote the accumulated debt. These were the first doors God opened in a long list of opened doors. Praise God for dedicated church members who act and commit their God-given resources when the Holy Spirit prompts and Praise God for dedicated Adventist staff like David and Glenda McClintock who go where God leads!

Under David's leadership it did not take long to produce a surplus budget, clear accumulated debt and generate a healthy surplus. During his time student numbers grew, Adventist teachers answered God's call to staff the school and many improvements to facilities were achieved. David attended a Small School Conference in Brisbane in 2014 and caught a vision to add a senior school. Since that meeting it has been miraculous! Student numbers have doubled, many new buildings have



arrived and are planned to arrive. We are humbled by God's grace and His blessings and pray for extra faith to trust that He will supply the staff we need to run a senior school! Please keep our school in your prayers, especially for the committed Adventist staff God would have join the school next year!

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Recently Riverside Adventist Christian School students were involved in a local inter-school swimming carnival for Townsville schools with up to 150 students. At the end of the carnival the Riverside students, as our school representatives, had earned the maximum number of trophies for the day, which was three. Riverside's swimming stars won the award for most improved score, highest average points per enrolment, and third highest points in our division overall. We had many supportive parents in attendance and it was a wonderful afternoon of challenge, cooperation and team effort. Praise God we have the ability to represent him in various ways.



#### CAIRNS ADVENTIST COLLEGE

#### **ANZAC DAY**

Cairns Adventist College participated in the Gordonvale ANZAC day march this year. It has become a regular event for them to be a part of each year. This year Pr Daniel Matteo had the privilege of being asked to take the prayer at both the dawn service and the morning service.



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