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MINITORIAL

My father loves collecting things and, aside from vintage cars and motorbikes, old locks, slide rules and a host of other things, he has a 25 foot shipping container full of dozens of old radios. All shapes, sizes and colours, some wood, some Bakelite, some plastic. But the prize pieces in his collection are half a dozen old phonographs, complete with ornate trumpets and piles of old cylinders in their cardboard containers. They really are beautiful pieces of old technology, the first machines on which sound could be recorded and reproduced.

But the world of sound continued to evolve and next came the thick, Bakelite 78rpm records, and then the 33rpm vinyl records (and let's not forget the 45rpm singles!). Then 8-track made its debut but lost out to cassette tapes, which was the era I came into this world in. And then came CD's, which were replaced with iPods, which were replaced with streaming apps and now you can easily and cheaply access any music you want electronically. The days of cylinders, records, tapes and CD's are for collectors.

The same evolution is happening in the church space, as society keeps changing and the practices and approaches we used decades or a century ago have lost their relevance in our communities. Some congregations are still in the gramophone age, insisting that is the only valid way of reproducing the Gospel music we play. Others are staggered through the record, CD and iPod ages, faithfully operating week by week on those platforms, not realising their communities have moved on.

The Coronavirus pandemic has shocked us all into the reality that we can't rely on a specific platform (in our case, the building and its associated service formats) in order to DO church. We always knew a time was coming when this would be the case but Covid-19 has given us a glimpse into the future. Instead the lockdown has reinforced the central truth that whatever circumstances confront us, we can still BE the church.

As restrictions ease we have an opportunity to reconsider how we want our congregational life to look in the future. Above all I think it would need to honour God and be relevant to the community. It may be a good time to take those cherished Gospel recordings on cylinders, records, tapes, CD's or whatever era of history your congregational culture has been tied to and reformat the timeless soundtracks to a medium that is accessible and engaging to our communities. What does that look like? It will be different in different places but I know God will guide us as we seek to reproduce the sweet music of the Gospel for this generation.



Darren Slade

President

Northern Australian Conference

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

A great way to share God's love is through giving. There are many gifts we can share with others, the gift of work, gift of friendship, gift of money, gift of learning, gift of family, gifts of laughter, gifts of kindness and the gift of love. See how you can give this week. Why not print out a 'Little House of Blessing Offering Box' from the discipleship.org website under the Children and Family section. There are a few colours to choose from and they are a great way to collect offering for the 13th Sabbath as well.

This week's memory text is: But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)



FULL TIME POSITIONS VACANT

CARLISLE ADVENTIST EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



Full Time – Kindergarten Teacher

Seventh-day Adventist Schools (Northern Australia) Limited (Approved Provider) is seeking to employ a qualified and experienced Early Childhood Teacher at Carlisle Adventist Early Learning Centre in Mackay, QLD. The role is a 12-month fixed-term, full-time position implementing and teaching the Kindergarten program. Applicants must have, or be actively working towards, a Bachelor of Education Early Childhood.

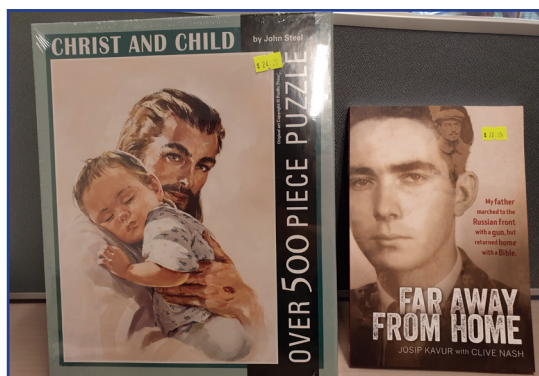
Full Time – Assistant Educator

Seventh-day Adventist Schools (Northern Australia) Limited (Approved Provider) is seeking to employ a qualified and experienced Assistant Educator at Carlisle Adventist Early Learning Centre in Mackay, QLD.

For further information and CV submission, contact Karen Petrie, Project Officer - Early Childhood on email at karenpetrie@adventist.org.au. Applications close on 25 th May 2020.



ABC Christian Books



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NAC Women's Ministry Director

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MAREEBA ZOOM BAPTISM

Norma Donahue, is a student from Mamarapha College and loving lady who has a heart for Jesus and a passion to see family and friends experience Jesus. Norma moved back to Mareeba from Brisbane once Covid-19 affected the country. Baptism was a decision Norma made a while ago, but as challenges arose, it postponed this celebration. Norma's life truly does testify of God's work and God's teaching, transforming and healing her life. Norma is diagnosed with cancer, and hearing that news, she made the decision to change her lifestyle to a biblically healthy lifestyle. Her doctors could not believe the results and advised her to "keep doing whatever it is you are doing", and today she praises God for His healing and guidance. With the country at a halt/lockdown, Norma saw this as an opportunity to let nothing get in the way of her baptismal marriage with Jesus Christ. On the 9th of May, Norma Donahue was baptised at the Mareeba SDA Church. With restrictions limiting the gathering of her baptism, the Mareeba Ministry Team were able to prepare and make available to Norma's family, friends, pastors from WA, SA, Canberra, Sydney, and Brisbane, and students from Mamarapha College to tune in via Zoom. Praise God that Norma's baptism was a witnessing opportunity to her family and friends with more than 20 "screens" linked in live. In closing, Pr Sean and Pr Eddie laid hands on Norma in commission to share the good news of Jesus to others and to continue to live in hope and faith of His soon return.



1. How is COVID19 impacting you?

2. What do you miss?

We would love to hear from you. Please email Elizabeth Suavai at ElizabethSuavai@adventist.org.au your feedback to be published in the next Top News Lite.



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May 22- 23

FRIDAY EVENING — FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Strand B

Northern Territory: 6:00pm Queensland: 6:30pm

SABBATH MORNING — FAMILY PROGRAM

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Northern Territory: 9:00am Queensland: 9:30am

SABBATH AFTERNOON — MISSION PROGRAM

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Northern Territory: 3:00pm Queensland: 3:30pm

CHURCH@HOME OPTIONS

Options for returning to God:



eGiving App. Set up a schedule on pay day.



eGiving website. Set up a schedule on pay day.



Transfer funds to Local Church bank account.



B Pay. Get details from eGiving website.



Send a cheque to Local Church Treasurer.



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Cash collection as directed by the local church leadership.

