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From our partners in the gospel - the Kimberley Christian Fellowship

Below: In the heart of the Kimberley Ps. Paul Cox of Yiyili Peoples Church (pictured right with Ps.'s Chris and Tony), waded out into the cool, clear water to baptise in the river. What a privilege to see God at work, growing His church in the top end of WA through faithful workers.



1 Chron. 16:29 ... Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

EDITORS NOTES

We are always on the lookout for good Artwork and AEF stories to share with our readers. If you or your Church has something that might be a blessing then please feel free to email it to aef@aef.org.au. We need high quality pics. Please make sure permissions are obtained first. NOTE: The AEF wants everyone to know that anyone attending the events we run might have photographs taken which may be used on the fb page or in the mag. etc. If you don't want us to use them please let us know.
Tony Riches

Please be aware:

This magazine may contain images of Indigenous people who have passed on to be with the Lord.



The new address for the head office is

P.O. Box 123 Kelmscott WA 6111.

The old postal address in VICTORIA will be closing soon so please send any correspondence to this new address. If you are in the East, please allow extra time for post arriving and for any return mail.



Congratulations on your doctorates!!...

to Rev. Ray and to Sharon Minniecon (above) At the recent NAITS graduation in Canada, as they were both awarded with an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity after their many years of service in the church and community!!



At Balga EAC WA - singing How great Thou art!

Pt. Augusta - NATIONAL AEF CONVENTION *IS ON AGAIN !!*

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER,

Hebrews 13:8



We have missed you and can't wait to see everyone again from the 31st Dec. 2022 to the 6th of Jan. 2023!

Covid stopped so many things and now we are free to meet together to worship, share and learn more of God's unfailing Word. BOOK YOUR own accommodation or flights early! See you there!!

Our Speaker, Bruce came to Christ aged 20 after years of trying to find himself through partying while at High School and University. A few years later he went to Bible College and became an Anglican Minister. His passion is to teach people the Word of God as well as evangelise. He and wife Cathey have three adult children. Bruce loves to spend time in or on the sea - fishing, surfing or ocean swimming.

The AEF of Aus. Inc.
welcomes everyone to the
National Convention



Pt. Augusta SA Central Oval
Sat.31st (dinner) to Fri.6th Jan. 2023

SPEAKER: REV. BRUCE CLARKE
SENIOR PS. - ST. MATTS MANLY
AND OTHER NATIONAL
ABORIGINAL SPEAKERS



"Trusting GOD in hard times" Heb 13:5-9

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Exciting - KIDS, YOUTH, WOMEN'S, and FAMILY Programs

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A joyful home-calling



the AEF would like to say express our sympathy for the loss of our friend and servant of Christ – Pastor Albert Knapp.

There are few people with a greater influence in this Country. He, along with sister Maxine at his side, spent his life reaching people who were wanting to find God, to know Him and to serve Him.

Our brother has been a greatly admired leader in this nation having served for most of his life in ministry connected with

the AEF. Along with his family, he was called by the AEF to Pastor in Melbourne in the late 1970's. He is still well remembered there.

Later he and sister Maxine and the kids were led of God to go back to WA, to Gnowangerup. After establishing the AEF Bible College of WA there, in full support of the AEF National leaders, it was soon moved to Perth. Brother Albert was also the Pastor of the Queens Park AEF Church at Sister Kates. After leaving there, he remained an AEF Pastor with a great impact.

Over the years he served on the committee of the AEF Federal Board. In recent years, he and Maxine continued in the service of the community as Chaplains with the AEFYS, supporting families through the grief and loss of funerals as well encouraging many over the phone. His defining role was undoubtedly his untiring efforts as the Principal, where he helped many to move people into Christ's service. This was a great work and we are still blessed by it.

Pastor Knapp will have a lasting legacy as a true man of God, a faithful preacher of His Word, a visionary, a good example with his work ethic, a loving husband and father, a humble servant who has now entered his reward prepared for him with the Saviour he loved. He was a very well known and loved servant of the King he now sits beside.



He heard his welcome home ..."*Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.*" *Matt. 25:23*

Heaven has gained a godly gentleman! From the AEF to Ashley, Joy and Jasmine, also to the grandkids and all the family, we continue in prayer for you in the days ahead. Please join us in prayer for sister Maxine as she is in need of care now.

Chaplains news! — from Pastor Dennis Jetta in WA's South West

The Lord has been wonderful as He continually blesses us as we journey with Him.

As you all know over the last twelve months my wife Wilma has been in Bethanie Fields because of her Dementia. She do not have pain any more from her long term Arthritis. " Praise The Lord"! The Christian organisation she's with have looked after Wilma very well. She still remembers her family and has not forgotten about our Lord Jesus Christ "Praise God" because she been preaching the things of the Lord to the staff members and she is always praying for them too!

I am still with the Bunbury Aboriginal Christian Fellowship. Ps. Greg Little has not been well lately so I preach there a lot. People want me to go and pray for them and for their homes, I also get a lot of people just ringing me up just to talk with me about their issues...especially from people who have known the Lord but have slipped back. Then there is the young people who want to know about the Lord and that is the joy that we get from these one who come to know Jesus as Saviour.

Prayer liftout



...’m still ministering with many funerals and assist them as a lot of our Aboriginal people are dying because the effects of the drugs and alcohol are having on them.

I’m letting them know that the Lord Jesus is there for them to help them in everything, they just need to ask Him. We would therefore ask that you would continue to keep us in prayer, because it’s pretty tough when you’re also a family member.

Continue to Pray that God will intervene and do a convicting work by the Power of His Holy Spirit in the lives of all of our people and that He will draw them all unto Him.



MON

*** Remember us O Lord!**

Covid Safety for our churches, communities and elders.

* Max Conlon, the Chairman of AEF and his wife Tracey as they continue in the service of the Lord in Cherbourg Qld and also in many places. Pray for Tracey's ongoing health struggles.

*For peace and comfort for John and Dot Caton and family as Dot's health continues to decline.

*The Knapp family as they go through the grief of losing their father while sister Maxine remains in much needed care.

* For our Volunteer Sally Burton who help's admin.

*Our 20+ AEF Ministers have been called on to help people cope through another difficult year. Refresh them Lord. Send them rest for their souls.

*For the peace of Israel and peace in Ukraine



TUES

*** Revive us O Lord!**

*2023 Convention IS ON at Pt. AUGUSTA!!
Preaching with Impact to transform lives. May the sharing in it be a blessing.

*The AEF NSW family camp for the long weekend in October, the committee and speaker, Rev. Simon Gillham.

*Strong marriages and families.

* Suicides are an ongoing concern. The statistics are not in decline. Pray for the hope found in the gospel that it reaches with hope.

* The grieving and the lost. The hurting and the hopeless. Send them the hope of the Gospel.

* For the churches that are currently without a Pastor. Send labourers into the harvest. Please God - raise up a new generation of committed servant leaders .

* For backsliders to return to the Lord Jesus with their whole hearts.



WED

*** Lead us O Lord!**

*Praise God for the Bush Church Aid partnership with AEF for the furtherance of the gospel. Some BCA staff are also members of AEF.

*Neville and Kathie Naden as they travel, visiting BCA staff and others serving in the harvest field.

* WA Chaplains- Ps. Denis Jetta, Ps. Gerald and Jackie Eades in the Perth

* NSW Chaplains Denis and Maureen Atkinson at Cummeragunja.

Neville and Lorraine Lilley, John and Dot Caton as they all serve in the Port Stephens area.

Ps. Ossie and Robbie Cruse – Eden. Much of their work is by phone, email and FB.

* The faithful Women's ministries. The National ladies and Eastern ladies committees as they serve God throughout the year.



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*** Sustain us O Lord!**

- ** Pray for revival in our time!
- * Bless and Strengthen the small groups of Christians meeting and witnessing across the country.
- * Praise for our kind supporters and prayer warriors that uphold us and the work across Australia.
- * for the Grief, Loss and Trauma program which is planned to be rolled out Nationally. That it will help people in their lives and to find hope in Christ.
- * for financial and other resources needed to run our many vital programs.
- * SCIYP Indigenous Youth Chaplaincy -to get much needed support. Focusing on Youth suicide and Christian hope is the priority at this time. People call us often in distress
- * AEF State Councils as they try to plan activities as things are all open up.

*** Teach us O Lord!**

- *Ps. Tony and Francine Riches at the National Head Office which is now moved to Perth. That they may settle in. They have many seeking advice and support by phone and email from all over Aus.
- * Churches across the country and their leaders.
- * for our faithful widows who have been tireless witnesses to the grace of our Lord Jesus.
- * young people in need of direction. That they may find their all-in-all in Jesus.
- * Pray for our Aboriginal communities to be open for gospel witness as Covid restrictions ease.
- * For Christian witness for workers who serve God across the country. May Gods' Spirit move through the words they share.
- * Pray for Sunday School and youth programs across the country.

*** First Nations Ministry Training**

- * Ask God for wisdom and grace as Dennis Taylor works to establish this program to prepare for His service.
- * Urgent need of a volunteer bookkeeper/treasurer and support staff.
- * Praise God for Richard Handley who is volunteering with course material.
- * Our 1st Student Intake as the Course rolls out from July 2022!
- * FNMT NEEDS a Caravan to reach out into communities and remote locations & a vehicle to tow it.
- * For Dennis and Valda Taylor and the FNMT committee as this NEW ministry will need New Strength.
- * Thank God for all He is doing with this work!!

Other
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Ladies at the recent review workshops in Sydney



In May this year, Anglican Deaconess Ministries and AEF reconvened in Sydney to discuss and evaluate our experience of “Our Story: beyond Grief, Loss and Trauma” workshops. The Eastern AEF Ladies trainers, Aunty Jackie Eades (president), Art Expression facilitator; Aunty Dr. Francine Riches and content facilitator; Keren Masters gathered as Margo Leach helped facilitate our conversations throughout the day. We’re excited for our ongoing relationship with ADM and the continuation and expansion of this vital workshop program nationally.

Article and photos supplied by program Co-ordinator Larissa Minniecon (far right).



NSW ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP FAMILY CAMP

UNITY IN THE Gospel

GILGANDRA SHOWGROUND

4-7 OCTOBER 2019

Fellowship of God's

VENUE: Gilgandra Showgrounds
63-67 Oxley Hwy Gilgandra NSW 2827

WHEN: October Long Weekend
2-5 October 2020

SPEAKER: Rev'd Simon Gillham
*Head of Department of Mission at Moore College
Sydney NSW*

THEME: Unity in the Gospel,

COST: Registration \$10 individual, \$20 family
*Regarding accommodation and site fees see
information below*

INCLUDING A CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM

Gilgandra Showground has been chosen to host the first AEF NSW Family camp. It has ample areas for camping, caravans and mobile homes.

There are a number of motels in town if you prefer.

The cost of camping at the show ground is \$15 a night per camp, regardless of family size.

The money collected goes to the Gilgandra Show Society.

Your registration cost above is separate from the camping fees and goes to the AEF NSW committee to cover costs associated with running this event.



Rev'd Simon Gillham and his dear wife Marge



**FURTHER
INFORMATION**

**Enquires about Camping
and Accommodation**



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Pastors Minute Ps. Tony Riches

“Where could I go but to the Lord?”



These are the well loved words of a favourite song heard all across the country. Written by James B. Coats and recorded by Elvis in 1967, this song has been an encouragement to many people. I wonder if you could give yourself a few minutes to repeat the title to yourself a few times and let the words sink into your heart.

You may have been handling a lot of things in your life. If you have taken the daring step to be involved in ministry, you have become a prime target of the devil himself. You fit the top criteria for attack. By now you will know what it is to have seen his arrows coming at you from the front lines. My guess is you probably weren't expecting the knives in your back while you are shepherding the flock of God. How did they get there!? Surely, it could not be a Christian who would do that? Surely not a friend?... Sadly even people who seem to be friends and supporters of your life, family and ministry are sometimes working against you. This is not what you signed up for!! —Then we think of Jesus on the way to Calvary. As he was carrying the humiliating cross he knew that his closest friends would not be on the road with him. None to step out to speak against his executioners; None to rally to His support. They took off quick when Jesus was arrested and the unlawful trial came and went in a flash, just as He foretold. There is suffering and abandonment even with the faithful God. How do you put up with it? Where do you go?

*Where could I go, oh where could I go, Seeking a refuge for my soul?
Needing a friend to help me in the end, Where could I go but to the Lord?*

He hears and understands. Here's encouragement from the martyr Isaiah - Is. 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace who's mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. How can you trust Him if you don't even tell him your problems? Offload ALL your burdens to the One who went to Calvary for you.

*Prayer – Lord, I come to you and you alone for my strength today.
Help me see your plans and purposes for my life right now in Jesus Name.*

Please send in your testimony to share with us what trusting God means to you.

The AEF of Aus. celebrated the commissioning of Rev. Dennis Taylor and his wife Valda at the Balga Evangelical Aboriginal Church on Sun. 22nd May '22. BCA - Bush Church Aid supports them as field workers in fellowship with the Gospel. Rev.'s Greg Harris and Neville Naden lead proceedings as the Taylor's home church witnessed to this wonderful event.



Are you looking to have this training yourself, or in your Church?

Please contact: Principal Dennis Taylor— Email: dennista777@hotmail.com

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Account—Bible College BSB 083004 Acc: 935705831

SCIYP Solid Chaplaincy Indig. Youth Program

SCIYP is established to help people hear about a better way, a living hope, of Saviour who cares who is also the Judge who delivers. Please pray and support us as we continue dealing with people in crisis in Jesus Name. This past 2 years has seen Aboriginal Communities closed to visitors which has meant the regular trips to remote areas has been impossible. Now that Covid restrictions have eased the ministry trips will recommence. Covid has been very difficult but thankfully not so many lives were lost as predicted. Pray for open doors and resources to continue this work.

David F Kirk Memorial Scholarship Fund

Aboriginal people in training need your support. Would you be willing to help a student through this training period?

Your gift would be most appreciated and it can be sent to the

D. Kirk Memorial Scholarship Fund

PO Box 136

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Above: (from front cover) Three Gooniyandi ladies from the remote community of Yiyili; Lisa, Cynthia and Tracey, shed tears of joy as they publicly declared their new life in Jesus!

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Watch Us On



PROGRAMS—2023 looks like opening up to more great fellowship events. It has NEVER been easier to support the AEF. There are needs in many areas and we would be happy to give you more information on any ministry.

SUPPORT - There are a few ways to get involved.

- 1 - Direct transfer Bank to Bank. *Highly recommended!*
 - 2 - A Bank deposit of Cash/cheque into the main AEF account below. OR
 - 3 - Posting a cheque or money order to head office. see the address below.
- To be sure we respond please txt the details of the deposit to 0498611109 email a message to us:

aef@aef.org.au **PRAY** for the many people and the very important programs we run.

Consider fortnightly online support

Please indicate where you want your gift to go as we have several accounts.

- 1: For **General Support** AEF Inc. National Acc. BSB **082-810** Acc. **18449-5529**
- 2: AEF Family and Youth. **Services Inc.** (deductible gift recipient)
- 3 - David Kirk **Scholarship** fund
- 4 - Community **Chaplaincy** program
- 5 - SCIYP **Youth Chaplaincy** Program
- 6 - Jigamy farm **Youth Camp** Eden.
- 7 - **Other** please specify.....

Matt 7:14 ... narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.



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