

Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship of Australia Inc.



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and more...



Above: The AEF Federal Council meeting seen here with the Town Council and CEO of Cherbourg Qld.

Ps. 57:10 For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

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.



Home calling of Alan McWilliams

Mr. Mac., as he was affectionately known, was a great man of God and a great friend to the AEF of Australia. He was what we would think of as the model missionary – Committed, Caring, Joyful and always Friendly as he went faithfully about the ministry of the Gospel. He lived out his relationship with the Lord for all to see. He had time for people from all walks of life and they had time for him.

We will be forever grateful for his support of the AEF of Aus. If he had not welcomed us to Umeewarra to host the Conventions, particularly in the early years, the National Fellowship of Aboriginal people would still not be what it is today. Through his welcome our Conventions were a blessed and memorable time for generations of believers. He demonstrated Christian patience as we grew through the various challenges to having a national gathering with people from many tribes and tongues and church backgrounds.

He will always be remembered for his joy, his humility and his sense of humour. He was a peace-maker, a faithful witness, a hard working labourer, a father figure, a role model, a friend and a brother. Through our grief of loss we celebrate his home-calling. He has entered the joy set before him and reunited with his wife and loved ones gone before.

May God bless his Umeewarra family and his many friends.



from the Chair...

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with so much and in so many ways.

Phil.1:6 He who has begun a good work in you shall complete it till the day of Christ.

Greetings from our family and the Cherbourg Church to all the brethren who faithfully serve Him on a daily basis despite the enormous pressures we face in our nation. Let us continue to uphold one another through these difficult times by praying and taking the time to encourage someone whether by phone or other social media. And to the brothers and sisters, please remember that you're not alone, for many can testify to the words of Paul, "...all have forsaken me, but the Lord stood with me" 2 Tim 4:16-17. With travel limitations its been quite difficult to fellowship and get around our people, but I continue to use social media encouraging people across the nation. Thank God for opening the doors to our local radio where we share the gospel weekly to many listeners locally and interstate. Want to listen in? Radio Garden Cherbourg radio.garden/visit/cherbourg/EbnAIuv7 Sun. 11:30AM



Please pray for our Port Augusta convention which is not to far away that God will provide for our every need and the many who will be travelling, we are also thankful to God for securing Dr. Bill Newman as our main speaker for the convention 2022.

Thanks to everyone for your support in various ways for the AEF ministry. May God give you strength as you travel and serve, and a Godly wisdom as you lead and share Christ wherever God leads; and finally our God will supply your every need as you serve Him.

Gods richest blessings to you all. Brother Max Conlon.

Below: Worimi Wuburay Elders Olympic team with AEFYS Chaplains, Neville and Lorraine Lilley taking an active role at Pt. Stephens NSW.





Some happy snaps of
the gatherings at
Perth over Easter.

***HE IS RISEN
INDEED!!***

Where would we be
without the Lord?



NSW ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP FAMILY CAMP

UNITY IN THE Gospel

**GILGANDRA SHOWGROUND
1 - 4 OCTOBER 2021**

Fellowship of God's People

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

WHEN: October Long Weekend, 1-4 October 2021
Starting Friday 7:00pm finishing Lunchtime Monday

SPEAKER: Revd. Simon Gillham
Deputy Principal Moore College, Sydney NSW

THEME: Coming Ready or Not.

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

INCLUDING A CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM



FURTHER INFORMATION

Enquires about Camping and Accommodation
Lois Towney, Mobile 0427 786 296

General Information or AEF State Council
Joanne Woodrow, Mobile 0401 325 610
NSW Secretary



Neville Naden, Mobile 0408 999 197
nedann@westnet.com.au

Accommodation Information



Gilgandra Showground has ample areas for camping, caravans and mobile homes. The cost of camping at the Showground is \$15 a night per camp, regardless of family size.

The money collected for camping goes to the Gilgandra Show Society.



There are Motels in town if you prefer.

Direct Deposit AEF State Council



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

Bank Details: BSB 082-594 Account Number 33-743-0807



MON

*** Remember us O Lord!**

Covid Safety for our churches, communities and programs.

- * for New support for the Family and Yth. Services as giving has been in decline. We need a new generation of praying givers.
- * 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.
- * Neville & Kathy Naden as they travel and minister all over Australia.
- * that God will raise up a new generation of committed servant leaders.
- *The high incarceration rates of our young people will change.
- *Strong marriages and families as our testimony is seen and tested.



TUES

*** Revive us O Lord!**

- *Pt. Augusta SA 2022 Convention. Safe travels and open access for families. Preaching with Impact to transform lives.
- * for the churches that are currently without a Pastor.
- * The faithful Women's ministries across the country. Also the National ladies and Eastern ladies committees as they seek, discern and serve God's plan throughout the upcoming year.
- *Our 20+ AEF Ministers have been called on to help people cope through this difficult year.
- * The grieving and the lost. The hurting and the hopeless. Send them the hope of the Gospel.
- *Domestic Violence to end across the country.
- * Pray for revival.



WED

*** Lead us O Lord!**

- * For Christian witness for workers who serve God across the country. May the Spirit move through the words they share.
- * Suicide rates, particularly for young Aboriginal men as the statistics are frightening.
- * AEF State Councils as they try to plan activities for the Aboriginal Christian community.
- *AEF NSW—training in Ministry at Dubbo with Phil Wheeler. This August.
- *The family camp in October and wisdom for the committee as they organise the two above events.
- *A new hunger for studying and the gospel in the face of growing unbelief. Gods' Word will equip followers of Jesus and be committed to the work of ministry.



THUR

*** Sustain us O Lord!**

* for financial support and other resources needed to run the many exciting programs.

* Praise for our kind supporters and prayer warriors that uphold us and the work across Australia.

* NSW – Chaplains, Neville and Lorraine Lilley, John and Dot Caton as they do serve in the Port Stephens area. Neville is recovering at home after some time in hospital. Ps. Ossie and Robbie Cruse are in Eden where he also Pastors the church. Much of their work is by phone and email right now. Pray for good health and strength for them all.

* For trained counsellors for Aboriginal children and adults..

* For Local Churches everywhere. That the Name of Jesus Christ be honoured faithfully.



FRI

*** Teach us O Lord!**

*Strength and encouragement for the small numbers of Christians meeting and witnessing across the country.

* Ps. Tony and Francine Riches at the National Head Office in Melbourne. They have many seeking advice and support by phone and email from all over Australia. *The evil of Crystal meth and Ice be fought back against. For the children in these affected families.

* SCIYP Indigenous Youth Chaplaincy to get much needed support. Focusing on Youth suicide and Christian hope is the priority at this time.

*Colemans and Haywards leading church in Adelaide.

* Bimbadeen Inc. has moved from Cootamundra and will be seeking God for other training now.



SAT

*** Guide us O Lord!**

* Pray for our faithful widows who have been tireless witnesses to the grace of our Lord Jesus.

* WA Chaplains- Ps. Dennis and his wife Wilma Jetta, Ps. Albert and Maxine Knapp . Ps. Gerald and Jackie Eades in the Perth area in their phone and Fb music ministry. Maxine has not been in good health.

* Pray for the health of our leaders and their families and Covid safety.

* **New 1st Nations Ministry training plans.** Ask God for wisdom and grace as Dennis Taylors works to establish this program to help people in their walk with our Lord and prepare for His service.

Other

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Happy times sharing a meal after the service. Rev Nev. Naden was the main speaker. People came to share in the blessings from as far away as NSW.

Fellowship dinner at Cherbourg Church Easter Convention.

Prayer liftout

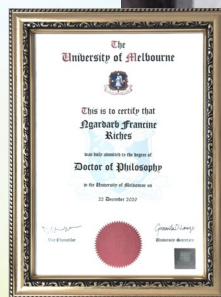
Pictured below at the previous Masters Ceremony.

The AEF Congratulates Dr. Francine Ngardarb Riches

for completing a Phd. in Philosophy. Her work as an Art Therapist has been a blessing to many and the AEF Eastern area Ladies have been a part of a 'train the trainer' with hers and Keren Masters input to help people with grief and life's many complex issues.

She has been a speaker at Ladies events all over Australia and spends a lot of time counselling people over the phone. Francine helps husband, Tony, in the office of the AEF and is a deaconess in the Melbourne Indigenous Church Fellowship.

Her amazing art is a testimony of God's grace and His creation. Email friches1@hotmail.com





2021 saw a return to the EASTER Gatherings and Conventions which are always such a big encouragement. Cherbourg and Perth held them again this year.

Members of the AEF and others in WA ran a program which was a great blessing to the many people who came to worship and fellowship together around the cross.

Ps. Dennis Taylor writes: A number of Christian folk came together, mainly from Balga Evangelical Aboriginal Church, to organise an Easter event at the Baptist Church in Bellevue, Perth. We all had 2020 Covid cancelled. Speakers included, Pastor Leon Hayward; Pastor Dennis Taylor and Pastor Jarred Dimer being the main speaker. Others served as leaders. Locals joined with those who travelled from as far as Kalgoorlie and the Wheatbelt region of WA. The atmosphere was spiritually encompassing as the love of the Lord was felt by all who attended. One said, "everyone at the meetings were so happy".

The final meeting saw a little over a hundred people attend to enjoy wonderful fellowship with the good Lord winning the hearts of 4 new converts and one person re-dedicated their life to Christ. Praise the Lord!

The AEF of Aus. Inc.

welcomes everyone to the



National Convention

Pt. Augusta SA Central Oval

Sat.1 (dinner) to Fri. 7 Jan. 2022

SPEAKER - BILL NEWMAN

INTERNATIONAL EVANGELIST

AND OTHER NATIONAL
ABORIGINAL SPEAKERS

"Confession or Profession?" Matt 7:20-21

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

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Pastors Minute Ps. Tony Riches



Covid-19 vs. 2021 – *It seems to me like we skipped a year. 2020 kept us apart in ways we had not imagined. Especially, if you were in Melbourne like me.*

Who would have thought that churches could not meet? Home fellowship/Bible study which we have taken for granted, was taken away. For sure, it's been different and difficult. I pray that you are all going well.

Have you thought about Peter—he was someone appointed for leadership, hand picked by Jesus to become a great man in God's Church which Christ laid down his life for. Peter— The fisherman with the big mouth and some big ideas that were not even close to his Teachers'. He wanted to have a tent built at the site where he saw the Lord transfigured. He told Jesus off as He told the Apostles that He was going to die. "May it never be"!! he said. The Lord saw him step out of the boat and, at the last stages of His time on earth, he stepped out of His company. He fell asleep in the garden, cut off some poor fella's ear, cursed and swore, denied he even knew the Lord; when he thought it was over, he took off fishing. You could almost think that he blew it badly.

Luke 22:31-34 Jesus revealed the unseen spiritual battle going on - "satan has sought permission to sift you (all of you) like wheat."

*Dear leader—You can be sure that satan has your name and he has been bringing it up to the Lord to work on your downfall. (See Job 1- 2) Think about it! Has your life been unnaturally difficult? You are in the war zone. Your old enemy is using well worn strategies to ruin you, your family and your ministry. Here's the GOOD NEWS—Jesus said—**'but I have prayed for you'**... what a comfort, certainty and security to hear that! He sees and cares! Peter fell. Without the Holy Spirit, so would we.*

.."that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." The Lord met with him personally and reassured him of his Holy calling. He then did what the Lord sent him to do. So can we, by His grace and mercy. Peter left us these blessings below.

1 Peter 1:5 ..kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1st Nations Ministry Training

A new committee has been formed, headed up by Principal, Ps. Dennis Taylor (right: with Mrs. Valda Taylor) to launch an exciting Bible and Ministry training program throughout Australia.



A 3 phase roll-out of training courses is beginning, which will move toward face to face, in-house College lectures at a Capital city within 2-3 years!

Recognising and building on experience gained from previous training entities which performed admirably over a period of 30-40 years producing a number of Pastors, teachers and evangelists; namely the Bible College in WA and Bimbadeen, we will provide Bible training with a renewed and fresh focus!

Workbooks, Digital, online, live and pre-recorded presentations of training courses via Zoom, Youtube will be available soon as part of the first phase. PLEASE PRAY for: equipment, course materials, volunteers, venue/s, supporters, committed students!

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

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

Post: 24 Curedale Street, Beaconsfield WA 6162 Mob: 0481 065 771

Account—Bible College BSB 083004 Acc: 935705831

***Acts 17:11 ... they received the word with all readiness,
and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.***

SCIYP Solid Chaplaincy Indig. Youth Program

Sadly there have been many people finding life too hard and not worth fighting for in 2020 and for many this grief has carried into 2021. NOW more than ever the support and compassion of Christian people is needed in our communities. ***Our scheduled outreach training and workshops in WA have been postponed until later.*** It is so important that people needing to talk through their issues are being heard. Where you can—Reach out—pray for/with people to get through this time of uncertainty. They need you.

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

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Above: Cherbourg Church Easter Convention

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aef.org.au/audio-video/

Watch Us On
YouTube

PROGRAMS—2021 is beginning to see us open 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 anything we do.

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 worthwhile programs.

*Consider fortnightly **online** support*

MEMBERSHIPS ONLINE

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.....

please add in the bank Reference: Your name (or your church's) and write: MEM (for member) so we will know that it's for you.

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