

# Blackwood Church of Christ

## *The Weekly Messenger*

29th March 2009

*Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God*

### **Knights of the Round Table**

Saturday 4th of April at 7:30am in the back hall the Blokes' Brekkie Knights will gather for bacon and eggs, feasting and some jocularly. Join in a round table discussion, as all Knights do, and look at the issues of recycling and conservation. No words, lances or horses allowed in the church, but there is ample barnage nearby. Be there, kind Sirs.

### **Coming Soon to a Screen Near You**

Mark is almost ready to launch the new Blackwood Church of Christ website. A sneak peek says it is very good indeed and a wonderful place for our ministry to expand. A pack of chips and a coke for effort.

### **CPR is Not the Latest in Oven Cleaners**

Expressions of interest are sought for a basic first aid course to be run in May. The plan is to run this course in the evenings to cater for those who work during the day. This four hour course will cover CPR for those doing their annual refresher for the senior certificate. Don't be caught out when someone collapses near you, this small course may one day help save someone's life. Please call the church with your expression of interest as soon as possible.

### **Mathew Flinders Loved the Place**

This annual trip to the Flinders Ranges (Parachilna Gorge) is to undertake the systematic removal of Oleander bushes from our threatened native environment. There are two trips. Monday 27th April to Friday 8th of May and a second trip in September. Not only do some good in our world but enjoy the wonderful camaraderie and good food, all in some of the most amazing surroundings on Earth. Contact Greg Ratcliff, Charlie Shears, Murray Marker or Trevor Brettig if you want a trip of a lifetime.

### **Kairos - A Short Course to a Long Life**

From the 20th to the 23rd of April Kairos short course #9 will take place. Graham Thomas and Don Hemer are our team so take the journey with these wonderful gentlemen. You can become involved with this course in many different ways, by showing support in prayer, writing letters, making biscuits or monetary donations (tax deductible). You can even just attend the closing ceremony on the 23rd. Please contact Graham or Don for all details, and whether you want to attend the course or just work in the support group.

### **A Few \$ Keep Light Burning**

Donate to Beacon and help those who are really struggling at this time. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. All cash donation must go directly to CareWorks and be earmarked, or clearly marked for Beacon Emergency Relief. These funds will then be passed on to the Beacon fund and then onto people in desperate need.

### **News From Edda**

There exist many opportunities for people to people mission, and it is a marvellous way to gain experience in the work of mission in the world today. Individuals and church groups are encouraged to get involved in mission during these increasingly hard times. Some mission projects you can assist in are:

- i) Volunteers to help in the Vanuatu education and schools program. A few weeks, or preferably a year's stay.
- ii) How about joining a People to People partnership team going to India later this year?
- iii) Help establish the Gandep Training camp centre in Papua New Guinea. Trained people are always welcomed here.

For more information please do not hesitate in contacting Val Zerna at [val@gmp.org.au](mailto:val@gmp.org.au)

Today's Reading Brought to You By:  
The letter 'A'  
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### **Not Far Now - Book a Place Today**

Get to this event and enjoy the simple power of people. Convention 2009 will be held Monday 11th May to Saturday 16th May. Mark this year's convention in your diaries now. These get together are always informative, proactive, and dare I say it, fun.

### **Plants, Cakes and Sausages = ?**

On Saturday 4th of April at 8:30am come along to the church and partake in food and green thumb encouragement as the church raises much needed funds for this year's Fregon trip. So if you are wanting to donate the cakes or plants, call June Will on 8270 6072. Let us make this fundraiser as successful as the one we had when raising money for our new piano.

### **A Word From Mark Butler**

A sincere thanks to the elders and administration team at Blackwood Church of Christ. Thank you for your generous donation to the Conference of Churches of Christ in SA and NT.

**Brenton and Karen Rawlings** are looking for temporary accommodation while their house is being built at Aldinga Beach. Call them on 0403 078 745 if you can help.

### **Childsafe Audit and Training Dates**

Saturday 4th of April 9am - 12:30pm, State COC office, 171 Main North Road Nailsworth, facilitated by Gavin Jones and Mark Riessen. Saturday 18th of April 9am - 12:30pm, Blackwood Church of Christ, facilitated by Mark Riessen.

### **News in Brief (not underpants)**

Messenger deadline has been extended to those who can email robert@altair-australia.com their news items no later than Thursday noon. Non-emailed news must be in Robert's message box by Wednesday noon.

### **From the Wise Old One**

These are actual typos from ecclesiastic notice sheets:

1. A men's choir is starting in two weeks. If you are a man and you like to sin in the shower, consider joining in with other men!
2. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
3. Scouts are saving cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children. (*Oh dear, who was the proof reader on that one. ed.*)

### **Blokes' Breakfast**

1st Saturday of the month at 7:30am

### **Sunday Roast**

1st Sunday of the month after the Church service

### **Coffee 'n' Chat**

1st Tuesday of the month from 10:30am at Cafe Primo

### **Women in Prayer**

1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm

### **Sewing Group**

3rd Tuesday of the month from 9am

### **Friendship Centre**

Every Wednesday during school term from 1pm

### **Bookworms**

Last Friday of the month from 1:30pm

### **Movie, Choc Tops and a Good Cause**

This wonderful film will be screened at Wallis Mitcham Cinema on the 25th of March at 7:00pm as a Vietnam Fundraiser. See a movie, have some fun with popcorn, fruchocs and choc tops while supporting a mighty good cause. Please get tickets from Judy or Graham Thomas. Get them quick as well so this can be a big boost to the work these wonderful people are helping to achieve in this country. Tickets are \$14

### **Chocky Eggs and Bilbies - low cal of course**

This tradition started about 40 years ago so come and be part of the fun and enjoy a relaxed Easter break with friends.

Goolwa oval Thursday 9th - Monday 13th April. You will need to be self sufficient (tents, vans, food). Expected camping cost is approx \$50.00. Further enquiries to Greg Ratcliff 8270 2894. We will be enjoying a shared evening meal of chicken & salads on Saturday at 6pm - everyone is welcome, so if you're not camping come for the day & stay for dinner. Cost \$4.00 for adults, \$15.00 for a family. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Let Elisa Haynes know if you are coming down to assist us with catering (8278 7510).

### **On the Web and Not a Spider in Sight**

The church website has been comprehensively updated with past and present newsletters, rosters, current events, all documentation including police check forms, application forms, values statements and the church constitution. Other AGM related documents will be available shortly. There is a new 'members page' in the top right of the website where most of this is found. It is password protected. Check out [www.blackwoodcc.org.au](http://www.blackwoodcc.org.au) and leave your comments if you want to make suggestions or just let us know how much you like it.