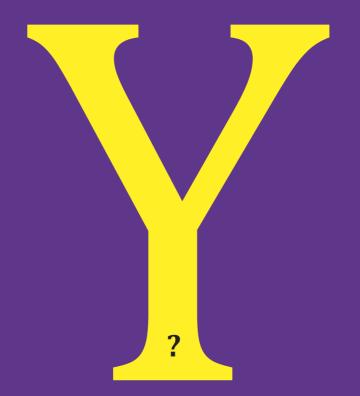


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First Glance

By Colin Winrow, Editor.

Dear Readers,

Welcome to this August 2022 edition of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine.

Thank you for continuing to receive and read this magazine. Of course you can't really know what effort goes into providing it for you, but thankfully we regularly receive thanks from readers for an "item here and an item there". This is a welcome encouragement, but I can't ever remember any comments about the front cover.

Yet it's that page which often causes me the most strife and head-scratching until just hours before the magazine is sent to the Printer!

So this month you have a stylised version of a question many of us have been asking ourselves in the last couple of years — why? It's shortened to 'Y' and it represents much of our recent life experiences Y Y Y Y, we ask!

However I was delighted to be reminded in our Quiet Time last week that Jesus prayed for His Disciples and then for All Believers (John 17:20-26^{NIV})

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"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those **who will believe in me** through



their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that **the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.**"

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies & Churches

If you attend a CCCAust(NSW) Inc church or assembly, or you work with any associated Christian ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section – so we can inform and encourage people in all our assemblies and churches.

Short items (even if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to this magazine at PO Box 20, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715, or better still, emailed to:

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

The most recent Coordinating Conference was held at 7.30pm on 18th August at the Burwood site and on Zoom. Full details of the Agenda and the meeting outcomes can be obtained from the Secretary, Glenn Baigent, via email:-

glenn@cccaustnsw.com

Some highlights included a Ministry Profile via video from the pastor of City Reach Church in Tuggeranong (ACT), and the admission of a new church into the CCCAust network, namely Northern Beaches Church in Manly Vale. Also three new Marriage Celebrants were introduced and accepted. These are James Dawson (Anchor Church), Chadd Hafer (Kings Park CC) and Efeso Fenoti (Praise Recipients Church).

The Principal of ACCS, Len Smith, gave an encouraging update on the college's ministry. There are over 300 students at present, including 120 in Africa. Much of the teaching is being done online, and this has resulted in resources becoming available online for our churches to freely use.

Gavin Mork mentioned that CCCAust NSW is keen to work side by side with churches to see Christ known. One way to do this is by resourcing churches to preach and proclaim the good news of Jesus. Earlier this year SMBC (Sydney Missionary and Bible College) held a one day preaching enrichment seminar. Malcolm Gill and Sam Chan presented sessions on issues like how to approach topical sermon preparation and pastoral issues in sermon preparation and delivery. CCCAust(NSW) has paid for all our churches to be able to access this preaching resource. Gavin will send a link to all church leaders very soon to enable free access to the video sessions.

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A quick glance through the CCCAust Handbook for this year (2022) shows that over 25 listed churches in ACT and NSW declare they have fewer than thirty (30) people in regular attendance each Sunday. Contrast that with the 12 who have **over 100** in regular attendance! I'm reasonably sure the small groups would love to see people from other assemblies visit them on Sundays, especially from the larger assemblies, which wouldn't be massively affected by their absence for one week. This would be a great encouragement to them. Meanwhile can the rest of us please pray fervently to the Lord for revival and growth in our movement! \succ

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As we know, the Hands & Feet Community Services organisation provides practical help in times of need for the poor, vulnerable, widows, orphans and people with disabilities. All their food distribution is done from our local churches - giving them vital contact with local people, most of whom are not Christians or regular church attendees. Most of the goods from suppliers are stored at the H&F warehouse in Sydney, NSW, and then distributed to our local churches. The volume of goods stored is growing year by year, and H&F is now urgently looking for a competent warehouse manager to be employed on a permanent, full-time basis. They also need volunteer IT help to streamline and secure their IT systems. If you know someone, or want to help out, contact Bradley Scott (0400 260 077) or:-

brad@handsandfeet.com.au

Meetings & Events

Please note that because of the ongoing uncertainties caused by COVID-19, any dates published in this section may be subject to change, even at short notice.

If in doubt, contact the organisers or view the website of any event(s) you are interested in below.

(Note: for **the latest details** of the Events listed below, please check on the organisations' websites.)

September 2022:

9th–11th **Camp Sam** at CCC Hawkesbury. Camp Sam(uel) is a Christian camp for young adults with intellectual and/ or developmental disabilities. It aims to provide such young adults with a fun, activity-filled weekend. Enquiries: 1300 75 72 76.

- 11th–17th **Marriage Week.** Visit the website for more information and resources:– marriageweekaustralia.org
- 23rd **Spring Fashion Parade** of Ladies Summer Clothes in the Community Room at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook. Commencing 10am with morning tea – entry donation \$5pp. Clothes available to purchase on the day. Phone Mavis on 0402 107 724 or Beth on 0467 483 490 to check if this Event is going ahead.

October:

 Hands & Feet Fund Raising Dinner & Event, 7pm to
10.30pm at Club Central, 2 Crofts Ave, Hurstville, NSW.
Join in the fun of a live auction, live music, and hear about what's coming as H&F continues to grow and help more people.

Please submit any news items, letters, adverts or short articles for the October 2022 magazine on, or before, 16th September.



News from some Commended Workers





Colin & Mavis Winrow 1/9 Julia Close Cherrybrook NSW 2126

17 August 2022

Greetings in our Saviour's Name.

It has been a long time since we 'checked in' with you (the readers of AO magazine) and it's good to bring you up-to-date with some of our comings and goings.

Life has been very busy over the past months and thankfully we have both kept fairly well, although Colin has recently been diagnosed with glaucoma in the left eye and now has to put eye drops in both eyes each night. The eye specialist says it's been caught at an early stage, so that is reassuring.

This Assemblies Outreach Magazine continues to give Colin many hours of work but this is part of his service for the Lord and so he tackles it with enthusiasm and commitment. He is of course always eager to get any contributions for the magazine, no matter how small or big!!

At Waitara Gospel Chapel we carry on each week with quite low numbers at present, but we all enjoy such good fellowship together. We would love some younger families to join us, so if you are thinking of moving into the Hornsby area, please look us up and join us for worship, Bible teaching and fellowship.

We continue to be very involved with

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Christian Literature Outreach (CLO) ministry from 'The Barn' in Dural (see also page 27). The amount of literature that goes out to the prisons every month is quite incredible and we continue pray that God will use this in the future, as He has done in the past, to change the lives of many of the inmates and bring them to the Saviour. It is always such a joy to us when we get testimonies about the joy that comes when an inmate's life is totally changed by the Lord. It makes us even more eager to carry on the work. Since we last reported Noel Arnold has joined our team of workers and it is such a joy to have him with us. I know most of you would have a long personal 'Prayer List' but could I please ask for prayer for our fellow workers, mostly retired 'seniors':-Karen and David Gillies (founders), Jennifer & Philip Thorp, Noel Arnold, Penny & Gary Bowden and Veronica & Mike Kells. We also have some casual helpers as well – Nic Morrison and Martin Higgs We are so grateful for each team member.

We are also continually thankful to the Lord for the home He has provided for us at Elouera Gardens, and for our wonderful family. We have so much to be thankful for and we give our Lord the glory. Thank you each one for your continued support and prayers and we earnestly ask that you continue to uphold us.

God bless and encourage you all. Much love in our Lord, Mavis & Colin

News from some Commended Workers (cont'd from p 6)



Aaron & Shelly Daniel 6 Talavera Close Raymond Terrace NSW 2324

12 August 2022 Dear Friends.

Last e-news I asked you to pray with Shelly and I as we face a significant challenge regarding our finances, trusting God to provide our shortfall of \$750 per week in order to continue ministering this year with AFCI.

This is an update for your continued prayers and praise.

First, we praise God for those who have responded and those who are faithfully praying with us. We truly appreciate you and your faith is so encouraging. Please continue to pray as we trust God to meet the remainder of our weekly need.

Second, please help us connect with families... ... You may or may not know, Shelly and I have been registered breeders with DogsNSW for over 5 years, known as:

KINGDOMCAVS - bringing the Kingdom to the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel world and funds to Kingdom ministry.

In light of our financial needs, several

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months ago we took the necessary steps to reduced our non-essential expenses as a family and significantly reduced my wages. At the same time we prayed about other means to supplement our income.

We praise God for answered prayers and the arrival of an abundance of Kingdomcav puppies last month. However, this provision has come at a time when the demand for canine companions has crashed, dramatically slowing enquiries and significantly reducing the value of puppies.

Please pray for God to connect us with families who are looking for a pedigree Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and for sensitivity in our pricing.

Please also pass on our details to anyone you know who may be interested - KINGDOMCAVS.

Please continue to pray also for our ministry team as we respond to the growing interest in EvangelismSHIFT across Australia, Shelly and I as we disciple believers in Jesus, and for our children as they navigate early adulthood.

EvangelismSHIFT co-facilitator Andrew Cowell is assisting us train leaders from Journey Church Sydney, and Masterclasses are taking place at Raymond Terrace Community Church - mentoring elders in Jesus' four approaches to evangelism and the implementation of training for maturing believers.

If you are able to partner with us in mobilising everyday Christians to live as witnesses please call AFCI today on 1300 723 993.

Thank you for sharing Life with us!

Let us consider the following Bible passage; Mark chapter 6, verses 1 to 6:-

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home."

He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Consider two challenging questions about the verses we just read above:

1. Why do you think that Mark included this story about the unbelief of the folk from Jesus' "hometown" and among His "own people" and in His "own household"?

2. Who are His hometown folk and family today?

If you are a disciple of Jesus, you are part of His family. Mark included the account above from our Lord's ministry to speak to His family and to warn them (i.e. warn you and I) of a great danger — the "stubbornness of their unbelief." This warning is about a specific kind of "stubbornness" and "unbelief."

Over the centuries of church history, disciples of Jesus have often thought they knew what they could expect from Him. Many times they ended up under-expecting!

They came up with theologies that limited His power and presence. They stopped believing that He could, or would, do great things through them. In the process, I believe **they limited** what Jesus could do for them, with them, and through them because of the "stubbornness of their unbelief."

Surely Mark included this episode from the life of Jesus to speak to this kind of loss of expectation, this "stubbornness" of "unbelief" in the people of his day. The gospel of Mark in our Bibles warns us about this same "unbelief" in our day too.

In the book of Acts, we can read about Jesus' disciples and what the Holy Spirit did for them, with them, and through them. You (We?) may be tempted to believe that the kind of things you see in the book of Acts could never happen in our time.

Shouldn't we be aware that any such lack of expectation still limits the power Jesus can release into our lives and the lives of those we love, just as His relatives' lack of expectation did in His hometown?

Surely the power of the Gospel to reach lost people in every place in every age is still present through the work of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, the "stubbornness" of "unbelief" Jesus confronted in His hometown also happens in our day. This lack of expectation surely leads to frustration in God with His family — His modernday "hometown" and His "own people" and "household." This "stubbornness" of "unbelief" surely prevents Him from doing "great works" for them, among them, and through them.

Is Jesus saying to you and I today:-Please believe! Please expect more! Please read your Bibles to see that Almighty God — Father, Son, and Spirit — longs to do in our day the things He has done before. Don't let it be said in our day that the great I AM is limited "by the stubbornness of their unbelief."

In the verses re-printed above, Mark reported things that happened in Jesus' hometown, Nazareth. Notice that the people there were astonished at His teaching. They also knew about His miraculous powers. However, they couldn't see past their own familiarity with Him, His family, and what they thought they knew about Him. They refused to accept His teaching and miracles. Their lack of faith prevented them from experiencing all that Jesus would have wanted to bring to them and do among them.

Don't let your past experiences place limits on what you think Jesus can do for you, in you, and through you. Remember what the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus (Eph 3:20-21):

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask

or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

With this scripture in mind let us also pray as Habakkuk did many years ago (Hab 3:2):-

"LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."





A tribute to Ted Davis (9.12.1938 - 27.6.2022)



Ted grew up in a loving Christian home at Abbotsford until they had to move to Auburn when he was 12 years old. He attended Granville High School and after graduating he became an apprentice mechanic working at Hilsdon Motors at Parramatta before moving on to finish his apprenticeship with Jim Frizelle at Strathfield.

He also attended North Auburn Baptist Church until he attained his driver's license which then enabled him to return to Abbotsford Gospel Hall. He taught in the Sunday School there and helped in Boys Rally assisting the team in the organisation of camps at Woronora Youth Camp Site with his brother Phil, Robert Wright and Arnold Whitehouse. A great time was had by all, including activities such as swimming, boating, and fishing, but most of all devotions were a most important part of the daily activities which was a great outreach to those boys. The young people learnt much about the Lord. This work endured for over 20+ years.

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During that time, in 1961, Ted met Heather at a Camp; they fell in love, and on 12 September 1964 were married. In 1967 their daughter Tracey was born and in 1972 their son Brett was born. The family welding business with Phil was flourishing, but in 1973 when Ted was only 34, a bad accident in their workshop broke his pelvis, crushed part of his spine, and took months of rehab before he could work again. In fact it caused pain for the rest of Ted's life and needed multiple operations in the years ahead. With the help of pain killers each morning, and his deep faith in God, and his strong work ethic, Ted carried on life and work.

He was involved in Mobile Mission Maintenance for many years, with Tom Morsillo and Max Maddock and a great team who did much work in NSW helping with maintenance on churches, chapels etc. One building task was a job at Bourke working on a tin roof in 40 degree heat!! They really enjoyed the fellowship in every task they accomplished over 15 to 20 years. They formed lifetime friends over those years.

Ted was invited to join the work of Bethshean Nursing Home at Hurlstone Park in the early days, becoming Chairman of the Board prior to its amalgamation with Christian Brethren Community Services at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village at Cherrybrook. He dearly loved being involved in that work as he was a real people person. He especially loved >>

Supplied by Heather Davis

working alongside his brother Phil and friends Lil Fleming, Dr Vic Wilson, Ray Dupen, Ray Darnell & Graham Kindt. This work was then expanded to include a retirement village at Cardiff and another at Glenhaven.

Emmaus Correspondence School then became a real interest for Ted and he became a lesson marker. He really loved being involved with the students, both in the general community and those in the prisons. He spent many hours writing and encouraging his students to understand what the Word of God meant to each of them through the courses they were studying. One of his students wrote the following - "I first met Jesus as a troubled teenager and drug addict. I was at a rehab centre at Gosford. For months I struggled at the thought of a Saviour loving me, so I decided to keep an open mind and explore the Bible. Twenty years on I still struggle with the fear of failing Him but I feel God is still there with me when I need Him! I love studying God's Word. All I want to do is trust and follow God and I want Him to be my strength."

Ted responded to him – "Greetings to you dear friend. I have just finished marking your course on James and you have done very well. I just want to encourage you to run with endurance the race that is set before you, looking always to Jesus. Love, Ted." That particular student went on to do many courses. Praise the Lord for that.

One of Ted's favourite Bible verses was "Christ love compels us" 2 Cor. 5 -14,15. Through this time Ted was an Elder at Eastwood Assembly, then a member of West Pennant Hills Community Church and, more recently, a member of Riverstone Community Church.

Sadly, Ted endured about 16 weeks of severe pain and discomfort from cancer, before his death in hospital, but he is now enjoying the presence of the Lord and resting in His love.

Since his passing, many people have expressed their appreciation of Ted's compassion and generosity shown during his life. This was also stressed by those who spoke at the Memorial Service held for Ted at Riverstone Community Church on 8th July.

This Service was recorded and made available afterwards on the church website. It may still be available at:-

https://www.rivochurch.com/ or on the church's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=6JOND42XmV4&t=4996s

[Our sincere sympathy and condolences go to Ted's wife Heather and all their other family members, many of whom were at the Memorial Service. We too have been separated (temporarily) from a dear friend and brother in Christ.

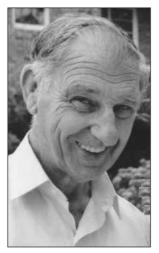
-the AO magazine editorial committee.]

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The Early History of Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village

By Yvonne Ross



As I'm typing this report, cum history, of the beginnings of this marvellous aged-care venue, where I now live, I'm struggling to come up with the approximate year when the imagination of Fred Sattler was first sparked to create a retirement village for our ageing Brethren Assembly population.

In 1948, as the Lutanda Pennant Hills project was getting off the ground, and FG (as he was known around the assemblies) realised the Children's Home wouldn't need the entire 24 acres which had been purchased for the purpose of relocating Lutanda.

That orphanage, being then run at Wentworth Falls, was in very old premises, parts of which had been condemned by the local council. FG envisaged developing an aged-care facility, just over the fence, on the corner of Victoria and Loftus Roads, which would then provide surrogate grandparents for the children, most of whom were either orphaned or deserted by one or both parents. The interaction between both generations would effectively keep the 'oldies' young!

Well, the 'powers that be' of that time didn't have the same vision that FG had, which same 'lack of vision' played a big part in his subsequent endeavours for the Lord many times over. I was only nine years old when taken to 'tag along' to a conference 'on site' at Floss Street, Hurlstone Park, where a number of other eminent brethren met to discuss the possible purchase of a beautiful building to open a nursing home for Brethren christians needing aged-care. As a recognised assembly builder, FG had been invited to give his opinion about the suitability of the premises for the proposed project. His considered opinion was agreed to, the purchase went ahead, and the necessary alterations/ renovations also agreed to, and so the first Bethshean Nursing Home became established.

Some years later, in 1987, after the assemblies' Stewards Foundation had been established by another group of godly brethren, FG (a Stewards board member himself who actually held deposit certificate #1) was asked to build a small development of retirement units at Engadine, on the South side of Sydney. When completed it was happily named "Craiglea" after Gordon Craig (from, I think, Hurstville assembly) Chairman of Stewards, whose vision was to develop this happy little community and which vision FG supported wholeheartedly.

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Many years later, Stewards Foundation financed another similar development at Manly Vale, near the Sydney coast.

But my report is mainly about the Elouera Gardens Village, on the corner of Boundary and Kitchener Roads, Cherrybrook, approximately half a kilometre down the hill from FG's original vision on Loftus Road's corner.

A parcel of land came on the market and FG put a plan to the Stewards Board that it would be an ideal property to develop his original vision for this retirement village. It had been part of a very large rose farm. So, with the blessing and financial support of Stewards Foundation, the land was purchased and, almost before the ink was dry on the purchase agreement, the first plans were drawn up and in 1972 (50 years ago) the first of 12 units were under construction by FG and his workmen. He also had the foresight to ask the original owner for first offer of the next portion of adjacent land, when he was ready to put it on the market. For many years FG served on the village board, until internal conflict convinced him that it was time to resign.

I remember the first dear old ladies who moved in at the end of 1973 to quickly occupied the 12 units as they were completed. Mrs Florence Cook, Mrs Ward, Mrs Leivesley and her single sister Miss Farrah, Mrs Ella Wayne, and Mrs Griffiths, followed not long after by Miss Julie Seagrove, George and Win Churches, Charles and Gwen McGowan, Mrs Mollie Odell, Mr and



Mrs Marshall Murray, and others whose names escape my memory at this moment.

FG, his wife Elsie, my husband Alan and I, used to take the original six ladies to the little assembly at Dundas on Sundays. Then through the week Elsie and I would pick them up in our cars and take them to the 'Penno' banks and do their shopping as we did our own. We also took them to doctors' appointments etc when their families weren't available at the right time. FG was always on call to hang pictures or change light globes etc as needed. Somebody else took over the building programme soon after and so it grew like Topsy.

As the numbers increased, a 22 seater bus was purchased to take over the shopping trips, sometimes as far as Carlingford Court and Macquarie Centre. I took the required driving test to get my licence endorsed to drive it on a "not for payment basis". Depending on the season I used to take the "long routes" home to admire the spring blossoms, or the autumn trees, and to give the residents a glimpse of their wider surroundings. I'm not sure when it was decided to name the village >14

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Elouera Gardens because of our close proximity to the swathe of Elouera bushland across Kitchener Road.

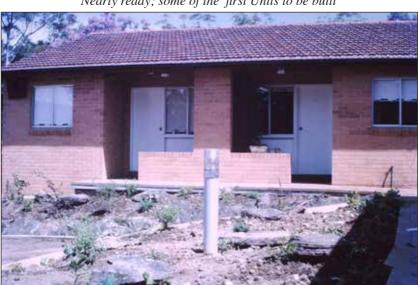
Before long it was decided to form a 'Ladies Auxiliary' and Elsie and I joined this group very early on. Around this time it was decided that a 'low-care' facility was needed to expand the work and cater for those in need of such care. Yurana Hostel was built and the first supervisors were Mr & Mrs Maurice Breen (I think from Melbourne) followed by Jean and Allan Rowe (from Epping assembly) then Bill and Mary Clark, and later again Pearl and Norm Pollyblank.

I applied for the job of 'kitchen hand' to serve and clean up after the lunch which was at that time cooked and delivered from the huge kitchen at Mowll Village not far away. The meals were delivered daily and stored in a

large cool-room, from where I had to take the trays and heat them in a large 'pie-oven' kind of warmer, serve the residents their midday meal and wash up/clean up before going home (half a kilometre) in time for my sons getting home from school.

The Ladies Auxiliary used to arrange outings of various kinds, and at the end of each year ran a very successful "fete/ fair day" to raise funds for the village.

In those days no one could simply start up a nursing home without initial exorbitant costs. However if one could transfer the licence from an existing nursing home facility one could bypass that costly outlay. As it happened, in God's timing, the Bethshean Nursing Home at Hurlstone Park had reached the full extent of its expansion capacity. Council height restrictions prevented building upwards and it had already



Nearly ready; some of the first Units to be built

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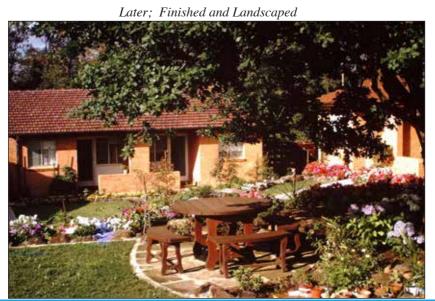
expanded outwards to the full extent of the block of land, and so it was deemed appropriate to build on the top corner of Kitchener Road, as an alternate accommodation to relocate Bethshean, thus completing the full requirement for such a Retirement Village. The original lead-light doors were salvaged from Hurlstone Park and re-installed to grace the entrance of the dear little chapel in the new Bethshean. How inspired!! How beautiful!!

Throughout the intervening years other buildings were added to this fast growing village, even purchasing private homes on the rear boundary of this property (in Julia Close), and these have subsequently been named after Assembly missionaries, like all the other unit blocks in the Village.

I might have a biased view of these premises, by reason of my long

involvement with them from the inception. However I do believe that God has placed His hand of blessing on the work. It is indeed "hallowed ground". I'm quite sure that even FG would not have imagined how vast his initial vision would become. To God goes all the Glory and Praise. However it is appropriate to acknowledge the vision of the man who stepped out in faith in his Mighty God. His name is Fred Sattler – my father.

It's rather ironic that the original Lutanda property was purchased by an independent developer who pulled down the old building and built (can you believe it) a retirement village!! They called it Lutanda Manor which was a nice and appropriate 'nod' to its original purpose, but somewhat weird that it was on the very land that FG first envisaged THIS retirement village!



Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:11

NSW WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER & SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP

It was in recognition of overseas missionaries as wanderers, living away from their homeland, and frequently finding themselves in difficult, painful circumstances, that the NSW Women's Missionary Prayer & Support Fellowship began, and continues. Priority is given to women's needs publicised in the AMT Global Prayer Matters, supplemented by information shared in private correspondence. Missionaries commended by NSW Assemblies are more intimately known so are remembered more frequently during our prayer times. Meeting with missionaries on furlough is an enjoyable highlight.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, from
February to December. Two home groups are available for anyone

interested, one at Cherrybrook, and one at South Hurstville. Tea and coffee are provided at 10am before a prayer session from 10.30am

to 12.30pm.

At Cherrybrook: in the home of Mavis Winrow, Elouera Gardens, 1/9 Julia Close, Cherrybrook.

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A report from Campbelltown CCC

By Michael Riethmuller

Campbelltown Christian Community Church (or C4), in South-Western Sydney has, like many churches, been challenged by the last 2 years. However, the Lockdowns in 2020 and 2021 proved to be an opportunity to extend the footprint of C4 in ways we did not foresee initially. This is often the way God works. We found that YouTube was useful for our Sunday Sermons during Lockdown, and we continue to upload each week's sermon even though we are operating normally again.

Our weekly Hands & Feet food distribution is an excellent way to make contact with the local community. It runs as a coffee shop style outreach. Currently 30 to 40 families a week are provided for, but it's always a challenge adequately providing for everyone. We are so thankful for the food truck that brings deliveries each Wednesday





morning from the Hands and Feet warehouse. Often, we also need to visit the local shops for extra provisions.

Our C4 members, as well as others, have been very generous. Now quite a few locals stay for coffee and a chat; some just take the hampers, but all are very appreciative. It's so encouraging to hear the buzz of conversation between locals and C4 members around cups of coffee and tea each Wednesday.

Some of these local contacts now attend our Sunday Morning service. This opens up a range of issues that require addressing, but it is a joy to have them with us. We particularly have been encouraged to ensure we preach the Gospel in all our sermons. We are currently considering offering a Christianity Explained course, or something similar.

Throughout 2021, we only had one elder. However, with God's guidance we now have 4 elders, each of whom brings specific abilities and attributes to the role. Our eldership is now Peter Bell, John Hills, Peter Hopkins, and Mike Riethmuller.

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The rains of 2022 have shown up practical issues with the church building, although it is generally in good condition. A number of leakage and drainage issues have been found to exist. However, it has been a blessing to have deacons who have practical abilities to help in these areas.

SRE has been delayed at various times over the last couple of years, with Covid being the main cause. Either it's lockdowns or school staff shortages restricting our lessons. Nevertheless, our faithful SRE teachers continue to present God's Word to students in local schools.

Praise:

- For positive signs from our Hands & Feet Ministry.
- For those who have stepped up to take on the role of elder.

Prayer

- Wisdom to know how and when to start Christianity Explained.
- That our eldership and deacons will be attuned to God's guidance in a changing world.
- For the spiritual and physical health of all our members.



Some of our team for the weekly food distribution



Items for Prayer [from CCCAust(NSW) affiliated churches]

— Editor

Please take some time-out **daily** to pray for these points and our Churches and para-Church ministries in general, and all the work of God in our nation.

Some General, on-going Prayer Points:

- > Pray that our churches can be salt and light in our changing world; that we can show the love of Christ through the way we interact with our neighbours, friends and family.
- > Pray that our churches will not forget that even though society changes, we have a sovereign Lord who is in control and we, His people, need to be taking the Good News of Jesus to a world of people who need this wonderful news.
- > Pray that our pastors and church elders will have wisdom as they lead our local churches, especially as we continue to recover from the disruptions caused by COVID -19 and face the 'normal' winter infections.
- > Pray for our urban and rural communities as they emerge from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated safety measures mandated by State and Federal governments. Also as they recover from the effects of natural disasters.
- > Pray for our Federal Government and all the elected MPs, that they will be honest, wise, compassionate, and careful in all their decisions, actions and utterances.

- > Pray that leaders and officials in all our Government Departments will turn to God for wisdom on a daily basis, and choose to be guided by the Holy Spirit and the Word.
- > Pray for the churches, ministries and workers you read about in this magazine, and that more will share news and stories that will help fuel our prayers and faith.
- > Pray about all the matters raised at the recent Coordinating Conference held in Burwood and on Zoom (see page 4).
- > Pray for our small assemblies and churches that have fewer than 30 in regular attendance. How can we help and encourage them in practical ways?
- > Pray for Harry Kiujian on his 23rd mission trip to Armenia, and his small team of 9 people. God willing they will be back in September.
- > Pray for the ministry of CCC Camps. The Covid 'season' has severely hampered their normal activities. Now hiring staff for all three sites, Central Coast, Hawkesbury, and Blue Mountains. Also starting an Outdoor Leadership Training Program for 18 to 24 years old. Contact: zoe@ccccamps.org.au

A report from Lithgow Bible Church

by Kate Scott

After the restrictions and disruption of the past two years, 2022 has allowed us to get back to normal in terms of Sunday services and weekly programs. When we resumed face to face services in November 2021, some people were still hesitant to return to church, however now our attendance is back to pre-Covid, with extras! We continue to be thankful for the new families who have joined us and helped to build the Kids Church, as well as their willingness to serve in various ways.

As a church, our focus is now how we can further connect with and impact our local community. To be known as a church that is a "community of God's family where Christ's love and real life intersect". This is our vision and our way forward.

As a starting point, we are planning some more connect activities through the year. We had a Bonfire Night back in June, and we have planned a BBQ and Games afternoon as well as a Bush Dance for later in the year. The purpose of these events is to have something that church members can invite their friends to, so people can be introduced to the "community of God's family".

Our **mainly music** group, along with the many other mainly music groups around the country, had to suspend face to face sessions when restrictions came in. It is a weekly music and playtime program, for young families and it still continues to be our main area of outreach to the community. There have been some wonderful opportunities for >>





Our weekly music and playtime program



A report from Lithgow Bible Church (cont'd from p 20)



the mainly music team to show God's love in practical ways to families who have been experiencing hard times. Yet, we desire that these families will see past us and that they will seek the One who loves them and died for them. Each week as a team we pray that God will give us listening ears and hearts and that He will guide our conversations.

Prayer and Praise Points:

• Praise for opportunities that church members have had to share Jesus with their friends.

• Pray for our teen group who, with mentoring, will be teaching Kids Church in Term 3. Praise for their willingness to serve and be involved.

• Pray for our Elders as they lead the church and prayerfully seek God's provision for future leadership.



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YES !!

Jeremiah tells me that before I was even conceived, God knew me. He created me for His Glory and as His witness. He knew where I would live and for how many years. He even keeps count of the hairs on my head. He knows me intimately. "My uprisings and my down-sittings" He has engraved my name "on the palms of His hands" and He says **"My plans for you are good'!!**

> Well then, I am held tenderly and lovingly in "Jesus' caring and healing hands". Jesus is held securely in His Father's, **"God's almighty hands"** I am constantly supported below, because **"Underneath are the Everlasting Arms"**. I am also protected and **"Overshadowed by His Mighty Wings"**. Then I am wrapped up in **"His eternal love"**. He goes before me to show the way And he protects me from behind IS THERE A BETTER PLACE TO BE? I think not!!

Therefore, I can rest and trust Him for all that is ahead of me. I can confidently 'place all my cares on Him, for He cares for me'.

"Whatever will be, will be" - or will it?

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of his will.

(Ephesians 1:4,5)

On October 21st 1801 Nelson lay dying from a bullet wound. He was aboard the ship HMS Victory at Trafalgar. Captain Hardy stooped to say farewell to his friend. The sailors nearby thought they heard Nelson say "Kiss me Hardy'. But in the thunder of battle his words were indistinguishable to them. Almost certainly what he said was "Kismet, Hardy".

With his dying breath, Nelson expressed one of the great errors of mankind, that God works on a mechanical basis, not on a moral basis. We call this error "fatalism".

"Kismet" in Mohammedan doctrine, is "the arrangement of man's concerns as fore-ordained by Allah; fate or destiny". Most eastern religions have a similar belief. In Hinduism, sometimes no help will be offered to a drowning man, because it is believed to be his fate.

The Christian does not believe in "fate". He believes in Predestination.

God is in complete control, but he is not a prisoner in his own universe. He works His sovereign will through us. He made us responsible creatures, yet He is absolutely sovereign.

So when the Scripture says "the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" [James 5:16] we can believe it.

When it says "how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14) we need to act upon it.

Predestination is not an excuse for me to say "God has it all planned out. I can do nothing about it".

Rather, it provides the greatest incentive for living in the way God wants me to live.





"A new book from YFC" - an advert

by YFC staff

Readers of this magazine may remember a book review some months ago with the title "Lost Boys – Bring them home". The book was written by Cindy McGarvie, who is the National Director of Youth for Christ Australia. (Cindy was appointed in June 2015 and she also currently serves on the boards of Wycliffe Australia and Australian Institute of Family Counselling (AIFC).)

Well, Cindy has just released her new book called "The Next Revolution: Resisting the Cult of the Self" in which she explores the influences that have shaped society and crept into Christian thinking since the cultural revolutions of the '60s and '70s. It exposes the deceptions of self-worship and strips them back to their ugly foundations with clarity and wisdom.

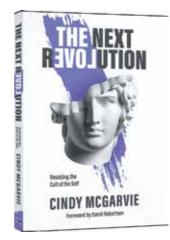
She notes that Christians were once known for their purity, selflessness and brotherly love but today there is often little discernible difference between those in the church and those in the world.

"But there is hope. Amid the chaos and disorder, the ancient path is illuminated, calling us to return to biblical truth and stand as a distinct counter culture—because when the church is most like the world, it is least relevant. Only a revolution will bring us back!"

As with her previous book, all proceeds from the sale of this book support the work of Youth for Christ Australia, which is – "raising up the next generation of evangelists and disciples".

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The book is also available in eBook format.

Visit the YFC bookstore at:-

https://store.yfc.org.au

to read more about the book or to buy copies.

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. — Hebrews 12:1 Kerry and I wish to pass on our thanks for the consistent prayerful support for us in the Lord's ministry at St. Clair/Erskine Park and with GLO Ministries.

The Lord is so faithful, and His provision is always a wonderful encouragement, and this is seen in the Lord's people and their care. At the St. Clair/Erskine Park Assembly, we have, like so many others, just had two very different years. We thank the Lord for the manner in which the assembly has reconnected well, with a strong desire and unity to serve the Lord. All our meetings continue now, though some changes have resulted due to the pandemic. The lifting of restrictions has also given the assembly great joy in being able to share together at a baptism, as the previous 2 baptisms were very small, witnessed events.

We have just completed our Holiday Club program for children. The number attending was not large, but the group was enthusiastic and, after almost a 3 year gap in running the Holiday Club, we are very thankful for the children who attended and the number of parents who were present at the club. We have a number of purposes for this program, naturally sharing the Gospel with all present is one. Another is offering an opportunity to provide some training and experience for teens and young adults in ministry with children and their families.

We have for many years had the freedom to run a chapel service at a local Catholic retirement village. The

numbers joining the monthly service have grown following the pandemic, which is encouraging. A few of the assembly, during the restrictions and inability to run the chapel service or visit, connected with some of the village residents, usually by phone and we thank the Lord one man has trusted the Lord as his Saviour. It is so clear to those who visit him the supernatural change in this man from when we first met and now.

One other change following the pandemic, has been the continued use of Zoom for our weekly prayer meeting. A consistent group gathers to pray and using Zoom allows some who couldn't normally join due to barriers of distance are free to share in prayer; such a vital part of the ministry.

Allan continues to volunteer with GLO usually two days per week and we thank the Lord for the assembly's willingness to give Allan freedom to do this. The pandemic certainly impacted various aspects of GLO's ministry over the past 2 years. Further, the moving of the CrossConnect Discipleship Training Centre in Tasmania coinciding with the pandemic, has made the process of renovating the Riverstone Administration and Training building a longer process due to delays caused by restrictions.

We thank the Lord for the Cross-Connect course restarting this year, operating online with students, in what we describe as face to face on-line training. (This means the student is not listening to recorded lessons, but is in >26

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a face to face situation with the trainer on-line. The need for this occurred as last year with the pandemic, there was uncertainty about open borders and freedom for travel within Australia or from overseas. So the CrossConnect team decided to operate this year online only.)

Next year we anticipate, Lord willing, there will be a mix of in-class students and students on-line as well. This means there will be some technical changes and complexities moving forward to meet this combined learning environment. Please pray for the Lord's guidance in meeting staff and students needs.

Kerry and I have had a number of pre-marriage sessions with two couples and also conducted a wedding this year which has been a special blessing for both of us to have a part in.

So, thank you everyone for your prayerful support.

God bless,

Allan & Kerry Driver.





Christian Literature Outreach (CLO) – for prisoners

by David Gillies

Dear Colin and NSWAEM,

Thank you for your continued generous giving. It is really appreciated. In fact where would we be without the bonds which tie, the fellowship and the encouragement we receive as we are on a 'wilderness journey' with those we enjoy such fellowship and, when possible, funding support.

CLO (Christian Literature Outreach) commenced nearly 25 years ago and now supplies Christian Resources monthly to the Chaplains in 140 Prisons and Juvenile Justice Centres in Australia, and bi-monthly in New Zealand. These resources are then distributed by the Chaplains to the Inmates in various ways.

As a charity, most of the work CLO does is only possible thanks to the generosity of our Partners who help support the work through regular prayer and donations. We know that God has big plans for each Inmate and a destiny that He desires them to fill. We are very grateful to every partner who supports this Outreach.

Our Vision is to reach out to as many hurting people "inside" as possible, with life-changing Resources so that they can discover God's will and purpose for their life and, with your help, we will be able to provide the ever increasing demand for:-

- Devotionals,
- Discovery Series booklets (over 100 titles),

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- Books fact, fiction, & music,
- Inspirational Booklets & Bookmarks,

- Christian Comics,
- CDs & DVDs many specific to those "doing time";
- Christian Newspapers, and
- Bible Correspondence Courses.

Please read this Testimony received recently:

'Dear Sir / Madam,

As a fellow Christian & reader of the excellent publication of 'Every Day with Jesus' please accept my gratitude on what is a wonderful blessing (that) you provide with this Christian Resource, thank you! I am always encouraged & guided by the biblical verses contained & commented on; finding & learning, hope & insight on my own personal walk with God, this deepens my relationship with Jesus'.

'In the meantime, please continue your Christian ministry which brings glory to our Lord & many believers'.

Please continue to partner with us in prayer and when able, any donations, would be gratefully appreciated. These can be made through the website: (see below) or via the Bank Account details we can supply.

Many thanks again, Regards, David Gillies

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Information Brochures are available.



Internet Corner

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As usual in this column, we mention Christian items on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer, smartphone, tablet or other device.

As mentioned in previous editions of this column there seems to be a growing amount of Christian material available to help us study the Bible; to help in worship; to teach the children; and to explore a range of issues impacting on Christians, the Church, and humanity in general. I hope you can find the time to explore some of the websites we mention, and these will no doubt refer you to others that you may also find useful.

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Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot-links' if you use the PDF version of this magazine. That version is available to subscribers to this magazine for \$3 extra per annum, or \$6 separately.

If you try out any of the following websites **please send me feedback** on your experience whilst using the specific website or product itself. With your permission, I may have room to pass on your thoughts to help our readers in future issues of *Assemblies Outreach* magazine, or via our website page:-

nswaem.org.au/Mag/overview.html

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https://www.youversion.church

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On the Life.Church Open Network you can explore about 80,000 Resources!

There is a Bible App for Kids too; see:-

https://www.youversion.com/the-bibleapp-for-kids/

Finally, there is **The Church Online Platform** which is a free tool from Life.Church that allows you to create an engaging online service for your attenders.

Take your church online via:-

https://churchonlineplatform.com

There is a short video to help you (just over 8 minutes) here:-

https://churchonlineplatform.com/how-

it-works

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The Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) has created an App for doing some of their courses online. At present there are 37 courses in over 20 languages. Download the app from:

https://app.emmaus.study

The courses are marked online and are very user-friendly, so why not start today? A copy of the ESV Bible is included in the App.

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Marriage Week in Australia starts on Sunday, 11th September, and there is a website making resources available to churches:–

https://marriageweekaustralia.org

There are promotional videos and posters as well as Videos equipping Marriages, articles, Q&As, and sermon outlines.

Have you heard of the Story Together website? If not, here is a good place to start:-

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www.hellostorytogether.com

Story Together is basically a website we created where you can look at (and shop for) amazing resources for your **church, small group or community.**

And specifically, those resources are films or video series that use storytelling to get their message across. It's like buying a movie, or a series of movies (depending on what you choose), that have a unique teaching capacity and reach.

Story Together is a partnership between creative production companies like City On A Hill Studio based in Kentucky U.S.A, and others around the world who are passionate about crafting beautiful, story-based content, along with **Movies Change People** - an Australian based, globally active film distribution organisation operating since 2004. "We love to introduce audiences from all over the world, to engaging, rich content. Movies Change People are pleased to introduce you to the Story Together digital platform."

Crossway is another website making loads of resources available. They have Bibles, Books, Tracts, and Articles (both old and new). Explore and Download at:-

https://www.crossway.org

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If you have not yet read Power to Change's Impact Report 2022, it is available free online here:-

https://powertochange.org.au/ wp-content/uploads/2021/05/PTC-Impact-Report-2022-WEB-VER1.pdf

In the Lithgow church article (see page 20) it's mentioned that they use the **mainly music** group in Australia to interact with and reach out to young families. The website for this ministry is:-

https://mainlymusic.org

This site also includes material for **mainly play** and **mainly babies** groups. Link up with a local group already operating or start a new one.

One of the main speakers at the **IBCM8** international conference next year (2023) will be Nate Bramsen. The organisers have produced a 12 minute video to introduce him. It can be seen on YouTube at:-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ dMz0g9EYmg

There was a previous short video, made last year by IBCM, as the official announcement of the global conference IBCM8 to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from June 19 to 24, 2023.

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=FnyBoN02J2k

They will gather under the banner "For Christ's Love Compels us". The keynote speakers are Ramez Atallah (Egypt) and Nate Bramsen (USA).

The IBCM Network has its own website at:-

https://www.ibcm.net/

IBCM Network exists to serve the international Brethren community through:

- 1. Strengthening Leaders
- 2. Encouraging Churches
- 3. Facilitating Mission
- 4. Connecting & serving a worldwide community of:
 - 155 countries
 - 17,000 workers
 - 40,000 churches
 - 2.7 million people

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The **Vision Christian Media** organisation has a wide range of outlets which are detailed on its website:-

https://vision.org.au

These include Vision Christian Radio, and V180 Radio for young people. It also produces a lot of written material - both books and short articles.

Its online shop sells books, movies, music, items for kids & teens, gifts, Superbook, etc.

You may ask, as I did, "What is "**Superbook**?" It is a scripturally and historically accurate, Bible-based animation series created to teach children timeless moral truths and life lessons.

All around the world, children are growing in their faith through the captivating adventures of **two time-travelling children** and their **robot**.

It started in 1981. The Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) created a children's animated Bible series as part of an outreach to the nation of Japan. It soon became a big hit and changed its name to "Superbook."

By 1989, despite economic and political turmoil, Superbook began broadcasting in the Soviet Union with astounding results. When aired during prime-time on the Soviet National Channel, CBN received over 6 million letters from children, introducing an entire generation to the Bible.

From Japan and Russia, the original Superbook series went on to air around the world. More than 500 million people watched the series, 52 episodes were translated in 43 languages and broadcast in 106 countries.

Join the **Streaming Club** to watch any episode with your children or grandchildren; using a smart phone, tablet, computer or smart tv!!

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- To provide appropriate teaching for Christians.

Further information about the Mission can be obtained via the website:www.nswaem.org.au





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Elouera Gardens



Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre



Glenhaven Gardens



Carinya House

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Groves House

Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook NSW

Elouera Gardens comprises 75 independent living units with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units, surrounded by pleasant gardens. It offers a wide variety of styles and sizes of units and a supportive Christian community.

Lynden Grove

Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre, Cherrybrook NSW

Set in well established gardens, and with an enviable reputation for delivering a high standard of care, the 120 bed Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre provides high and low level care and special support for people living with dementia.

Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village, Glenhaven, NSW

Glenhaven Gardens offers modern and spacious 2 and 3 bedroom villas. The village comprises 24 airconditioned and private units, with either a garage or carport. All units are wheelchair accessible for those who need a little extra room to help with their mobility.

Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW

Carinya House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care support in a setting where residents enjoy the tranquil bushland setting and partake in a very full and stimulating recreational program. It includes a secure dementia support area and also offers ageing-in-place.

Lynden Grove Retirement Village, Cardiff Heights, NSW

Lynden Grove has 44 modern 2 and 3 bedroom villas. It has a semi-rural outlook with picturesque Mount Sugarloaf as a back drop. It is in a pleasant and quiet bushland setting, yet close to local shopping centres.

Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

Set on a ridge with panoramic views to the mountains, Groves House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care, dementia care and ageing-in-place to the people of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the surrounding districts.

For more information about any of our services please don't hesitate to call our Client Services Team on 02 9842 4111.

"Christ's love compels us " 2 Corinthians 5:14