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- To encourage the believers in Israel in whatever way we can.
- To facilitate and be involved in evangelism and discipleship of Jewish people.
- To pray for Israel.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come together and search the Scriptures



First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this December 2018 edition of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine.

I trust this will reach you before Christmas, so that my sincere wishes – for you and your family to have a wonderful and worshipful Christmas & New-Year holiday period – will not be late. These wishes also come from all the people associated with this magazine’s production.

I sincerely hope its pages will bring you useful information about Christian activities in NSW and beyond, and will stimulate you to further serve the Lord where He has placed you, with the gifts He has given you.

How blessed we are, if we daily pause to reflect on God’s mercy and love directed towards us, day after day!


It’s true that many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering persecution of various kinds today, perhaps even at an increasing level. This has been the case since the Christian Church began at Pentecost as we read in

Acts, and subsequent history books. But, even this persecution turns out to be a blessing to the Church in the longer term as Christians learn to trust God more and bow to His will.

I sense that persecution is increasing more and more in Australian society, at many levels, and we too will discover it is a blessing as long as we respond in faith and by Godly means.

We must live out the life Jesus taught us, and He gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us in that obedience. We must show Mercy (see page 16), we must forgive (Luke 6:37, 11:4), turn the other cheek (Luke 6:29), and show forth the character of Jesus Christ in all we say and do (Eph 5:1, 2).

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

(Col 3:17, NIV) 

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

If you attend a NSW assembly, or you work with any associated Christian Brethren 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 the Editor at PO Box 20, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715, or better still, e-mailed to:

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

Also, please email your wording for **Notices** or **Coming Events** to be included on the NSW Christian Brethren website to:-

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

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The last CCCAust(NSW) Coordinating Conference (CC) was held on Thursday, 1st November. The Minutes of that meeting will be issued shortly by the Secretary, Brad Scott.

Meanwhile the monthly "Helping Churches" email was circulated to CCCAust (NSW) affiliated churches and assemblies on 30th Nov. It contained several important news items, including the sad fact that the warehouse used by the Hands & Feet organisation was burgled in the last week of November. The thieves damaged the office door and stole two of the trucks and have taken keys to all the other vehicles.

One truck was later involved in an accident and rolled over. The trucks that were stolen were the two new trucks that we just obtained. They also went through our other Toyota van and dam-

aged Paul's truck (one of our driver's vehicle) that was parked on site. Please pray for Brad and the volunteers as they grapple with on-going inconveniences and costs in the coming weeks.

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In accordance with advice from the Attorney General's Office, CCCAust applied to change the Name under which we marry couples.

On the 28th October, they received confirmation that our Name has been changed on the Marriage Register at the last Proclamation.

Thus from the 27th November all Marriage Applications and Certificates need to be identified under the Name "Christian Community Churches of Australia". CCCAust now fully complies with all requirements the AG's Office has for registration as a "denomination" which can marry couples.

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BURWOOD OFFICIAL OPENING

Stewards Foundation is pleased to host an opening ceremony for our new Burwood offices on 7th February 2019 at 29 George Street, Burwood, beginning at 7pm. There will be a ceremony and a tour of the building. We would be delighted if at least one representative from every Sydney church (and any others who may be in Sydney at this time) could attend and join with us in celebrating God's goodness and provision of this new building as we look forward to how the LORD will progress the gospel as a result.

Please RSVP to Grace by Friday 18th January 2019. Email: Grace@stewardsfoundation.com.au



Please submit any news items, letters, adverts or short articles for the February 2019 magazine on, or before, 18th January.

Meetings & Events

(Note: for **the latest details** please be sure to check on these two web pages:-

<http://www.cb-nsw.org.au/events>

www.cccaustnsw.com/events

2019:

- 7 Feb **Opening** of new Burwood Offices & the Coordinating Conference; 7.30pm.
- 9 Feb **Awake to Israel** meeting; Epping Gospel Chapel; 2.30pm.
- 16 Feb **'Pathfinders'** at West Pennant Hills CC; 7pm start; 'God is at work in our community'.
- 23-24 Feb **Franklin Graham** crusade meetings in Sydney.
- 9 Mar **Awake to Israel** meeting; Epping Gospel Chapel; 2.30pm.
- 29-30 Mar **Men's Conference - 'Build 2019'** at Lutanda Toukley. Stephen McQuoid will be the keynote speaker. More details soon.
- 13 Apr **Awake to Israel** meeting; Epping Gospel Chapel; 2.30pm.
- 21 Apr **Easter Sunday.**
- 2 May **Coordinating Conference** at Burwood; 7.30pm
- 4 May **THRIVE** Conference at Burwood.
- 11 May **Awake to Israel** meeting; Epping Gospel Chapel; 2.30pm.



Praying for NSW Assemblies

mainly compiled by Bradley Scott

Please take some time-out every week to pray for our churches, assemblies and para-assembly ministries and the work of God in our nation.

General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Church family as we seek to make our Lord known in our communities.
- ☆ 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. May people see Christ in us.
- ☆ Pray that we as churches will not forget that even as society changes, we have a sovereign Lord who is in control and we as His people are still taking the Good News of Jesus to a world of people who haven't heard this wonderful news.
- ☆ Pray that our church elders will have wisdom as they lead our local churches.
- ☆ Praise for the recent rain in central NSW, and continued prayer for the farmers and those still affected by the drought in Australia.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para-church ministries as they lead and provide vision for these ministries. Where applicable, may we see the Boards of these organisations support and provide services that help connect

churches to the community and to share Christ with them.

NW NSW Community Church

Pray for the church leadership: Isaac Gordon, Leo Strahan, Paul Strahan

Praise:

- ☆ There is great fellowship in Brewarrina Women's Bible Study Wednesday evenings.
- ☆ A new couple, Joel & Mink have come to help in the ministry at Moree.
- ☆ To benefit the work of Hands & Feet in Moree, two houses side by side have been purchased to centralize the work of ministry in Moree.

Prayer:

- ☆ For new interns for next year.
- ☆ For the last term of the year for Sunday School.
- ☆ Eileen Gordon (Isaac's wife) needs surgery on her knee. Pray for relief from pain.

Oatley Gospel Chapel

Pray for the church leadership: Lionel Sardar, Bruce Towill

Praise:

- ☆ For the combined monthly Sunday evening gatherings with some of the Allawah Community Church members



which have been very encouraging.

- ☆ For the 62 women who attended the Coffee & Cake afternoon tea at OGC to encourage Missionaries Marie Miller and Gillian Lawrence as they shared their experiences.

Prayer:

- ☆ For younger families to join our fellowship to assist with activities.
- ☆ For the smooth relocation of Allawah Care in partnership with Hands & Feet to Oatley in 2019 and its focus on helping more people in our community.

One Community Church

Pray for the church leadership:

Enosa Manu, Tom Meredith, Tasi Misi, Toa Vito

Prayer:

- ☆ Pray for the church as they reach out to their community.

Orange Christian Assembly

Pray for the church leadership:

Dr Arthur Gilmour, Wayne McCarthy.

Praise:

- ☆ We acknowledge the grace of the Lord in allowing us to be involved in SRE at Cargo, and to continue an outreach Sunday School. We had 40 present at the end of year presentation

night where the 10 children shared the story of Joseph.

Prayer:

- ☆ One of our members is exercised to extend mentoring services to vulnerable school children in Orange.
- ☆ The assembly is small (<10) but we are seeking to know whether we can facilitate this service in collaboration with Hands and Feet.

Hands and Feet

Brad Scott writes "Please pray for H&F."

"We had a break in last night (29 November) at the warehouse. The thieves damaged our office door and stole two of our trucks and have taken keys to all our vehicles.

"One truck was later involved in an accident and rolled over. The trucks that were stolen were the two new trucks – just obtained. The thieves also went through our other Toyota van and damaged Paul's truck (one of our driver's vehicle) that was parked on site. Fortunately the big truck was not on site.

"The Pantech that was rolled has significant damage to the cool room and it is probably to be written off. It is sitting in a holding yard at Mt Druitt waiting for the police to go over it.

"The Toyota refrigerated van is still missing but hopefully it will be found in good condition and not burnt out somewhere.

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“There is one set of CCTV cameras on site which filmed the thieves but they were wearing masks and are unidentifiable.

“The thieves also broke into our neighbour’s unit and stole nappies, eight (8) pallets of them, and then used

the H & F vehicles as transport.

“Please pray for wisdom as we work with the police to try and identify those responsible, and also for us to be able to continue to collect and deliver food to the churches we supply who help people in need in their communities.”



Hands & Feet Fundraising Dinner

by Bradley Scott

Hands & Feet (H & F) had its annual Fund raiser on Thursday, 18th October, at Club Central in Hurstville. It was a wonderful night, full of food and friendship, when we heard about the incredible work that’s being done by the different parts of Hands & Feet.

Paul & Erin and their team in Moree, as they work with the indigenous communities to positively impact lives through programs such as tutoring. The tutoring program has given Indigenous kids in Moree the chance catch up to their fellow students and also to be encouraged to continue their schooling past year 12 and into tertiary education. We also heard from Titilia, our warehouse manager, about the amazing work that is happening through our City Care and Community Care Programs. These provide people in need with food but, more importantly, they are used to build relationships with people from all walks of life and connect them to Christians who are able to share Christ’s love with them.

We heard from Marilyn, a passionate volunteer, about the work in Myanmar through the Christian-run orphanage and school, where we were given the

opportunity to sponsor children that are facing tough and unfortunate circumstances. Those attending the Dinner have helped to sponsor 9 children from Myanmar.

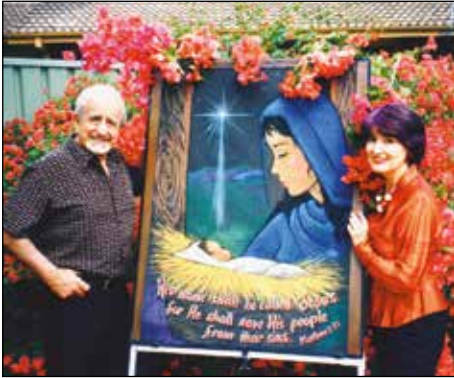
A lot of the work that H & F does might seem disconnected from the Gospel, but we are about so much more than the food and services we share with those in need. We understand that the real need is not food or education or shelter. The real need, that each person has, is to be connected back to God. Hands & Feet uses our services and programs to help make that happen.

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU for their support to everyone who gave generously on the night and to those that support us but were unable to make it to the dinner. We also want to thank God for His awesome and constant provision, every time our team gets together we can see how God has worked in this ministry.

If you were unable to come to the fund raiser but you would still like to support the work of H & F, please visit the link below:-

<https://handsandfeet.com.au/get-involved/donate/>





George & Rita Galieh
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5th November

Dear Friends,

Jesus' last words to us were to share the Gospel with everyone. Be encouraged! There are so many ways you can do this today. And you're never too old or too young. Yet always using courtesy and kindness.

Ask yourself 'what are my strong points'? Then develop them. Don't focus on your weaknesses! The Lord can help you overcome them, even though it may be a daily battle. We often ask ourselves, 'should we still be doing this'? Yet as long as doors remain open, we'll walk (maybe hobble) through them.

We are preparing to join Somchai Soonthorntrasuk in Nov / Dec for another ministry tour to **Thailand**. Could it be our last opportunity? Would you ask the Lord to grant us wisdom, stamina, and enthusiasm?

Sincerely in Christ,
George & Rita

OUR ITINERARY:-

- Nov 16 – Arrive & pack Gospels and tracts
- Nov 17 – Sathorn Presbyterian Church
- Nov 18 – Thonburi Chinese Church
- Nov 20 – Travel north to Chiang Mai Province
- Nov 21-28 – Ministry in schools, churches, and other outreaches to be advised
- Nov 29-30 – Returning to Bangkok
- Dec 1 – Travel to Chanthaburi Province.
- Dec 2 – Nounwan Village Church
- Dec 3 – Return to Bangkok
- Dec 4-5 Work on correspondence courses
- Dec 6 – Travel South
- Dec 7 – A break at Juniper Tree Christian resort
- Dec 8 – Ruam Jit Church 7pm
- Dec 9 – Thavee Pon Sripachan Church
- Dec 11 – Leave Suvarnabhumi airport
- Dec 12 – Arrive back in Sydney
- Dec 18 – Blaxland Brethren Seniors Group
- Dec 23 – Culburra Baptist Christmas service.

Up front or behind the scenes, prayer is what keeps us going and going.

So at all times, trusting prayer in our Father's help is what keeps His children going. What a blessing!

We have the best news to share and feel privileged to tell of Jesus' love to people of all ages & situations.

Whether on radio, at schools, prisons, dinners, churches, or universities our Jesus never fails nor forsakes us.
(Heb. 13:5)

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Please remember us in your prayers as we share the Good News. We really appreciate your participation with us!

George & Rita Galieh,
PO Box 101, Moorebank, NSW, 1875

“We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for all of you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel.” (Phil.1:3)



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5 November (extracts)

End of Year Dinner

Last Friday marked the end of classes for our students. We celebrated with a costume party with a «Disney» theme. Pirates and Star Wars were popular, although some got «Tangled».

At the dinner we had a student from each of our groups: Notre Dame, International Students and Local USYD students share about their experiences this year. One who shared comes from a large Communist country. She said she'd been involved in Power to Change on campus but had dropped out to focus on her studies. But she continued to struggle and became depressed. She went to see a counsellor. Then, one night as she was considering dropping out of university and moving home, she received a text

from Ash, the leader of our international student movement. It simply asked how she was going. She said, “It came at the perfect moment.” She told Ash about her depression and struggles with her studies. Ash prayed with her and encouraged her to pray. She prayed for the first time ever and, that night, had the best sleep she'd had for months. Since then she has been coming to Power to Change activities regularly. At the dinner she encouraged everyone to offer to pray for their friends as they are going through difficult times.

Summersalt Northern Beaches

From December 1 to 15 I'll be part of the team reaching out to youth and young adults on Sydney's northern beaches. This insulated community has one of the lowest church attendances of any community in Australia. For the next few weeks I'll be preparing the training I'll be running, raising the funds to cover the cost of the summer project, and coordinating with the other leaders.

Please pray for Geoff's preparation, for the Lord's provision, and for Liz and the kids while Geoff is away for two weeks.

Students' Exams

Please pray for our students doing their exams now, that they would rely on God to deal with the stress.

Chaplaincy

There have been some issues about relocating the chaplaincy at the University of Sydney. Geoff has been engaged in trying to determine a better outcome. Please pray for wisdom in dealing with the university administration. ➤

Family News

Katrise has had an incredible few weeks. She is the only Year 7 selected for her school musical. She was one of three Year 7 students competing in the school-wide public speaking event. She has been nominated for middle school captain. She passed her ballet exam with flying colours. And is achieving academically! Philip has just started his assessments for Year 12, his last year of high school. He is continuing to practice his driving.

16 November (extracts)

How Many Nicks?

While preparing for exams, our new Sydney Uni student leaders gathered for dinner on the top of the Queen Mary Building (student accommodation near campus). The view of the city skyline is spectacular, and their vision and enthusiasm for promoting the gospel on campus is contagious. Please pray for Tobie, Eva, Josiah and Daniella as they lead the team.

Meanwhile, I've been showing two new team members around our campuses. Nick Varady and Bridie Fallon have been serving at Macquarie Uni this year but are joining our team at Sydney Uni and the Uni of Notre Dame next year. We've experienced so much growth at the Uni of Notre Dame that I've asked both Nick and Bridie to spend part of each week on that campus next year. I showed them various buildings, the cafe and where we meet for small groups and discipleship. As we walked around we ran into another Nick.

Those of you who have been following these updates will remember that Nick

Larkin is one of our student leaders at Notre Dame. Yet as I was showing Nick Varady around the campus we ran into a 3rd Nick. Nick Davis is a 1st year student who has been in our small groups this year. I haven't had the capacity to meet up with him regularly but he did Year 13 at Youthworks College last year and has a heart for mission on campus. As I introduced Nick Varady to Nick Davis, Nick D introduced us to his classmate, Lara.

They both then proceeded to tell us that Lara had just given her life to Christ and had gone to church for the first time last Sunday. Apparently Nick D and another student, Brodie, had been reaching out to Lara this semester. Nick gave Lara a copy of "The Case for Christ" and then "Essential Jesus" by John Dickson, at the end of which she decided she believed the story of Jesus (esp. about His resurrection) and must become a Christian. So we are rejoicing in another "spiritual birthday"!

To Orange and Back

Last Saturday I joined Bill Hodgson leading training in disciple-making with the ministers and leaders of Anglican churches in the Diocese of Bathurst. We drove the 3½ hours west over the mountains and stayed overnight with the minister in Orange before driving back Saturday night.

We trained almost 70 people from the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst in the principles of disciple making. According to Wikipedia, "the diocese has 33 parishes covering about a third of the state of New South Wales. Major towns in the diocese >12



include Bourke, Cobar, Cowra, Forbes, Mudgee, Parkes and Wellington.”

I had a great conversation with a lay leader from Trundle, a community of 200 people about 2 hours further west of Orange. There were discussions around how to connect with drought-stricken farmers, and what to do if the church is populated by people in their 80’s. I was reminded of the “Rural Ministry” elective I did while studying at Denver Seminary.

Birthdays!

Philip celebrated his 17th birthday last Wednesday. Liz celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

Please encourage any HSC students coming to one of my campuses next year to consider connecting to Power to Change online at:

Sydney Uni:

facebook.com/powertochangUSYD/

Uni of Notre Dame

facebook.com/powertochangBroadway/

Thanks again for praying for us!

In His grace,

Geoff & Liz

Doug & Jenny McNaught

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14 November
2018

Dear bothers and sisters,

Thanks, again for your support, prayers, fellowship and



love over the last month or so. We appreciate everything that you do for us.

Jenny has had a difficult time over the last few months. One of the ladies she cares for had a heart attack while she was with Jenny, visiting the Vet, and was taken to hospital. Jenny is the designated carer for that lady who had been living alone with four cats in her home and Jenny became responsible for the care of the cats. She was visiting the house every second day to care for them. Things were made much harder when one of the cats was taken to the Vet and had to be euthanised. There are still three cats living in the house and Jenny has arranged for them to be caught and boarded for a while, until the entire situation is resolved. This has been an emotionally trying period for Jenny and has been made more difficult as it happened during her busiest time of the year, when she supervises the HSC exams at Our Lady of Mercy College in North Parramatta.

As well as that, we have been caring for some grandchildren.

We had quite a busy month in October, going up to the Blue Mountains and travelling around Sydney. This month has been much easier with a few weeks off. We have been able to relax a bit while Jenny had been doing so much for her friend.

Football training has started again. Every year the teams start preparing themselves for the next season during the off season. This year the team has changed its name from Parramatta Two Blues to Western Sydney Two Blues. ➤

There has been a large turnover of the coaching staff as well. The General Manager is still the same as last year.

At last the council has started to rebuild the stadium and upgrade the ground where we have been playing.

The teams didn't play at their home ground last season but no work was done on the stadium during the year. Council has now closed the ground and the teams have to train at nearby Granville Park. With a new head coach everything will be different but there are many players from last year who are still with the club.

Thanks again for your support, in every way during the last year.

Much love,

Jenny and Doug

Ken & Daphne Harding
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November 2018

To All Our Praying Friends,

Its high time that we brought you up to date with our activities through the pages of Outreach magazine.

Firstly we do trust that you all have the assurance of the Saviour's love, peace and salvation that He came to provide through His coming, death and resurrection 2000 years ago. For Christmas would be meaningless without that awareness of His redeeming grace.

Daphne and I have been so aware of the prayers and support of the Lord's people as we have continued to serve Him these past few years. Our ministry falls into four main categories:

Firstly, pastoral hospitality and entertainment, both in our village at Ingenia Stoney Creek and within Riverstone Community Church.

Secondly, our wider teaching and preaching both at our home church and further afield. Daphne through KYB and occasional ladies meetings and Ken in a wider Bible teaching ministry in NSW and Interstate. Thirdly, we are both involved in assisting in the ministry of GLO, Daphne in CAPS (Ladies Auxiliary) and ministry to workers/staff and students. While Ken has a regular administrative role, sharing in staff devotions and is on the GLO National Committee. We both join in the regular monthly Prayer Suppers and we have just had a very encouraging time at GLO Expo and at Family and Friends at Wollongong where well over a hundred from all over Australia and many overseas countries joined in three days of Bible Teaching (Andrew Cowell) and a great array of mission information, challenge and great fellowship.

In recent years I have found it difficult to take up the many invitations for overseas ministry owing to health issues making it inadvisable to fly but we have a prayer and support ministry to a number of workers in Africa (such as Malawi and Egypt) and India, Philippines etc. However, we can still drive and because of downsizing were able to get a more suitable vehicle for the longer trips (a Subaru Outback) which has been a blessing. This year so far we have been to WA and QLD as well as several NSW country areas.

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We took two months to visit WA – calling into Dubbo and Adelaide en route. While I did not intend speaking a lot in WA yet I soon found myself speaking 8 times, plus twice en route. One of our reasons for this trip was to visit Ken's expanding family – over 40 of whom were at a reunion on Easter Saturday – and to introduce a book that I had written on my Father's life. This was well accepted and some who remembered Dad, who died 54 years ago, were very keen to get a copy.

We visited several of the WA Assemblies and caught up with many old and new friends. At Lynwood – our main commending assembly 40 years ago – where I spoke, Swan where we have many old friends, Victoria Park where my Father was well known and loved, and Duncraig where we caught up with many dear friends such as Alan Mears, David Smith and Tom and Anna D'Andrea – long-time GLO workers in Italy and Albania. We visited relatives and friends in Albany and Esperance on the way home ... but this is becoming another book!

After returning from WA we had booked to visit Bundaberg to speak at the Ann Street Conference (3 times). That was a precious time of fellowship. In addition we visited with ex-missionaries, Christian workers, Parents of missionaries, old contacts and relatives (as far away as Rockhampton) and spent an evening with dear friends who are seeking to establish a new assembly in their area.

We are sometimes asked about our support: No, we are not on any support list by our own choice; rather we choose to trust God for our needs over and above the pension. Assemblies and the Lord's people where we minister are very generous and we find that nearly half of our ministry expenses are met by these dear friends and our God is faithful as we trust Him. Recently, we were seriously short of funds for the workers we support but we went ahead anyway. Within 48 hours gifts came in for almost the exact amount of that shortfall. God is no man's debtor. So we go on serving as able and trusting as we have done for the last 55 years since I first went to Emmaus Bible School in Epping, NSW.

On November 2nd we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and we can only say that the God who brought Daphne to WA to meet me 53 years ago has kept us both and our family by His grace – as our Jehovah Jireh and will do so until He calls us home.

As for our family; David is manager for Asia and Oceania, based in Singapore for his Company, Alison is a manager for the Sydney West area health services and Rachel is a piano teacher, concert pianist etc. All seem to be fulfilled in their work and church life. Our two granddaughters; Emma doing Vet. Science in Kansas State Uni, and Erin doing year 12 in Singapore, are both doing well also.

Our warmest greeting to all who read this and please remember us at the place where God invites us to come for mercy and grace to help in time of need.

Ken & Daphne



Colin & Mavis Winrow
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1 December 2018

To our dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Both Colin and I are very grateful to those who faithfully uphold us in prayer. We really value your prayer support.

We continue to be very happy here at Elouera Gardens and we are so thankful to the Lord for all His goodness and daily provision.

Waitara Gospel Chapel although being quite small in number continues to open its doors each Sunday. Our Sunday School now has 4 students and 2 much younger ones. Our Christmas Friendship Luncheon Meeting was held at the end of November and we were so thrilled with the wonderful Christmas programme and the number of guests who turned up – around 55.

Our work with LinC (Love in the Name of Christ) continues to give us plenty of work. We have also done many duties for "Tea at the Court House" in the past 6 months.

Working with Christian Literature Outreach – sending resource material to the Chaplains in the prisons so they can be used by the inmates – continues and we are encouraged by some of the letters we receive from the inmates. However, we do feel that there is quite a bit of opposition to our work and we would sincerely ask that you pray for this ministry – that the avenue for sending in these resources to the prisons will remain open

and that God's Word will continue to reach the hearts of those held in bondage.

Our commitment to NSWAEM is ongoing and our Greetings Cards are still available to any church who would like a supply for their congregation. If anyone is interested in obtaining supplies, please do not hesitate to call Mavis on 0402 107 724 who will explain the routine.

December is an exciting month for us. On the 6th December our eldest granddaughter will be married in Goulburn and we are very excited about this. Then on the 16th December we will leave for Traralgon in Victoria to spend Christmas with our daughter Tonya, son-in-law Thane and our two grand-children, Isaac (16) and Eli (14). We do not get to see them as much as we would like, so it is a very special treat to spend Christmas with them. We are also looking forward to a relaxing holiday.

Thank you for your love and care and ask that your prayers for us will be ongoing as we seek to continue in our service for the Lord.

Our prayer for each one of you is that Christmas will bring you its gifts of Peace, Joy and Love and that your New Year may be especially blessed.

*Many blessings,
Mavis & Colin*



Please submit any news items, letters, adverts or short articles for the February 2019 magazine on, or before, 18th January.

“For years I wondered why, of all the attributes of God, Jesus chose **mercy** for the fifth beatitude?

There is a logical progression to the beatitudes – they are not random statements. Nobody teaches, or makes a point, by way of random statements. Neither did Jesus.

Taken together, in order, they describe the character traits of a heart into which the kingdom of God has come. They are the Christian’s character reference. They are profound.

The heart that has been touched by God has been changed in its attitude to self. It creates *poverty of spirit* – not pride, self-love, or even self-confidence.

Why? Because God dwells in two places. He is the “*One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy....*” and His two dwelling places are, “*...the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit.*” (Isaiah 57:15).

The humble heart is God’s home.

“*Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*”

That heart then *mourns* as Jesus mourned – over the death of Lazarus; over the rebellion of Jerusalem; over sin. A realistic attitude to self quickly exposes our sinfulness and poverty.

It brings us to nothing and points us to repentance – hence,

“*they shall be comforted.*”

Repentance is the gateway to salvation. Comfort indeed!

Such a posture of humility and self-abrogation turns a person outside of

themselves. They look out and up, not within.

They say with the Psalmist, “*I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*” (Psalm 121:1)

In other words, they are *meek*. Humble, but strong. Humble because self is burned to ashes; strong because their strength is not their own. Their whole posture has changed forever. As they know more of self, so they look more to God alone.

And so, having moved through a progression of *poverty of spirit, mourning, and meekness*, Jesus has described the emptying; the breaking down; the bringing low of a person before God.

Martin Luther described it this way, “God made the universe out of nothing... and He brings us to nothing, because so long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us.”

That “something” begins with a change in appetite. A craving for *righteousness* that is outside of self; that is from God.

That appetite must be *filled*, and indeed it is filled. God sees it, and obliges.

The evidence of that filling comes with stunning character traits. It is shown in a person who is *merciful, pure in heart, and a peacemaker*.

Merciful. In that particular beatitude, Jesus is capturing something of the essence of God’s very nature. He is saying that we will be so filled full of ➤

that which comes from God that His character will begin to be displayed in our lives.

This will come true of us: *“Be holy, for I am holy.”* (1 Peter 1:16)

But within God’s holiness, there are so many attributes. Love, grace, kindness, goodness... Why mercy?

I think it’s because mercy is totally other-worldly.

I have never in all my life heard someone complimented for their merciful nature, or a comment crafted along the lines of, “that person is so merciful.”

Why?

Because it’s so foreign to our default frame of reference. We don’t naturally think of it.

Neither do we naturally model it.

When Jesus commanded us to *“be merciful, even as your Father is merciful,”* he said we would be *“sons of the Most High.”* (Luke 6:35-36)

In other words, we will bear the family likeness. As children of God, the DNA of our heavenly family has been planted in our hearts and it will show in our lives. The traits will be evident.

A supreme trait, which comes only from God Himself, is mercy.

The impulse to treat someone in a way that has no bearing on what they deserve or is in no way in response to what they have done is completely unnatural. In fact, that is *precisely* the thing that governs our behaviour towards others.

But it is totally natural to God. It is His nature.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his mercy toward those who fear him. (Psalm 103:10-11)

Other than Christ Himself, surely the finest example of mercy is Joseph.

His brothers would have left him for dead. They hated him without a just cause. They sold him to slave-traders with no regard for his life. At roughly 17 he was carried away into a foreign, oppressive, racist, inhumane regime. He would, naturally speaking, never again see anyone he ever knew or loved.

He faced years of slavery, a false accusation, was forgotten in prison... that’s a lot of time to think, to resent, and to develop a hard heart.

And then he met them. He came face to face with those who tried to destroy him.

If one reads the story of Joseph with empathy, it is nothing short of staggering to observe his dealings with his brothers.

He does not deal with them according to their sins or their iniquities.

Every move he makes is intended not to mete out what they deserve, but to serve their true highest and best interests.

His mercy is astounding!

In recent days, news broke of two shocking religious freedom cases in Australia.

White Magazine was hounded out of business after activists became >18

suspicious that they were yet to feature a same-sex wedding. Media coverage, physical threats, advertisers pulled out... The founders Luke and Carla have exited the industry. They have closed their very successful labour of love.

Photographer Jason Tey was sued after he disclosed a 'conflict of belief' to a lesbian client in case she wanted to take her business elsewhere. He did not refuse service – in fact, he offered to do the job despite his conflict. The conciliation conference failed, and he is now before the State Administrative Tribunal.

These cases cross a concerning threshold. They are not for overt actions which may be considered discriminatory. They are for two things previously deemed part of our inherent freedoms: in the case of White, for doing nothing. For their silence. In the case of Tey, for merely stating his beliefs. Nothing more than that.

The Apostle Paul warned us that a Romans chapter 1 society will crave nothing less than affirmation (Rom 1:32). They will not only seek to live their own way, but they will consider affirmation of their choices to be critically important.

And that is where we have arrived.

Anything short of overt celebration will not be tolerated. Even silence is not enough.

If scripture is correct, these kinds of cases (and there are others) are just the first fruits of the revenge we can expect

from some of those whose actions we cannot affirm and celebrate.

But notice a stark contrast.

Joseph suffered real and overt injustice at the hands of people serving wicked desires, but what did he do? He was merciful.

An activist, who suffers nothing, but discovers they are speaking with a person who can't wholly agree with them. What do they do? They exact painful retribution.

See how foreign mercy is to the human condition. See how mercy, in these times, will set apart those who are "*children of the Most High.*"

But we will never be merciful unless we start where Christ Himself started:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (Matt 5:3 to 7)

If we don't see ourselves as God sees us, and truly know how we have been showered in His great mercy, then we will not be witnesses to Christ in this crucial way.

Let's pray for mercy – that we may receive it from God and show it to others.

[The above article is from the Blog issued by Mr Martyn Iles, who is on the Board of the ACL (Australian Christian Lobby):-

www.acl.org.au



Franklin Graham

(extracts from the BGEA website)

Many readers would have heard by now that Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham) is coming to Australia in February 2019 to preach at a series of “crusade” meetings in our capital cities.

Next year is the 60th anniversary of the 1959 crusades which Billy Graham conducted here which bore very significant fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Franklin will begin in Perth on 9th February and conclude in Sydney on the 23rd and 24th, and we will soon be hearing more details of all these events from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) and our local church organisations.

It might be useful if we reviewed some historical facts about Franklin and BGEA and its main staff.

Franklin is the eldest son of Billy Graham, his famous evangelist father who was actually named William Franklin Graham Jr. when he was born November 7, 1918. He became an ordained Southern Baptist minister in the USA and became well known internationally in the late 1940s, as an American evangelist, and a prominent evangelical Christian figure. One of his biographers placed him “among the most influential Christian leaders” of the 20th century. In his life-time Billy wrote about 34 books, before he died at the age of 99 on February 21, 2018).

Wikipedia tells us that the BGEA organisation was founded in 1950 by Billy Graham in Minneapolis, during

his time in the region; it later moved to Charlotte, North Carolina.

The BGEA is a registered non-profit organization that exists to share the Christian Gospel through every effective means available. It has a variety of outreach ministries including internet evangelism, the Decision America Tour, The Billy Graham Channel on SiriusXM, “crusade-style” events in cities around the world, disaster response through the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team, television broadcasts, podcasts and audio programs, Decision magazine, and evangelism training.

The BGEA also includes the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove in Asheville, North Carolina, and the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In August 2018, six months after Graham’s death, the BGEA partnered with Sirius XM Holdings to create a permanent Billy Graham Channel featuring Graham’s past sermons. The organization was originally known for its radio program, The Hour of Decision, which was first broadcast in 1950 and continued for more than 60 years.

Franklin is now the President and CEO of the BGEA. Before he came into this role, he was the President of the Samaritan’s Purse humanitarian aid organisation since 1979.

Franklin made headlines in 2016 when he visited all 50 state capitals in the USA. More than 230,000 people >20

attended the 2016 tour meetings, according to the BGEA. Several times a year, Franklin Graham and his oldest son, Will Graham, preach at evangelistic crusade events in different parts of the world. The events are modelled after the crusades Billy Graham was known for holding, many of which were broadcast on national television.

The BGEA's internet evangelism ministry, **Search for Jesus**, was launched in 2011. The outreach is aimed at sharing the Christian Gospel with people around the world through websites in multiple languages. More than 50 million people have visited the websites since 2011, according to the BGEA.

The organization produces a new television special each month, which is broadcast on TV stations across the United States and posted online. The organization also publishes Decision magazine monthly.

The BGEA began an international evangelism project in 2002 called **My Hope**, in which local believers invite friends, neighbours and relatives to their homes to watch a national telecast featuring Billy or Franklin Graham, but translated into their language. BGEA claims that the project saw more than 9.8 million people "make decisions for Christ."

Billy Graham and his ministry were also instrumental in founding Christianity Today Magazine, the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, and the Internet Evangelism Coalition.

BGEA's Charlotte headquarters is the site of the Billy Graham Library, which was formally dedicated on May 31, 2007, with former U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H. W. Bush, and Bill Clinton in attendance. Former U.S. Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and sitting President Donald Trump visited the Billy Graham Library to pay their respects following Billy Graham's death. □

Wait on the Lord

Wait on the Lord, your Sun and Shield;
gaze, and He grows in glory far
beyond horizons; limits yield
to Him beyond the furthest star.

Wait. Upon you He lifts His face
as the sole object of His view;
so ever shall this tryst of grace
persist between your God and you.

In our frail state we let our mind
crawl to the self life's appetites.

These cannot satisfy, but blind
us to our Source of pure delights.

He brings us back in mercy free,
(our cries are smothered on His breast),
lifts from the slough of misery
and holds us to His heart of rest.

And as the endless ages run
this fellowship shall never cease,
full of the fruit our Saviour won
in undiminished joy and peace.

— W. Stanfield



Women's Mission Convention 2018

When He (Jesus) saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

(Matthew 9:36-38)

Our Lord Jesus Christ has a heart for the harvest. What about you?

'Hearts for the Harvest' was the theme of this year's NSW Women's Mission Convention held at Campbelltown Christian Community Church on Saturday, 23rd June. Women from across Sydney gathered to hear five missionary speakers share their hearts for the harvest.

First of all, Belinda Lamprecht shared the heart that God has given her for the unreached and the orphans of Africa. Based in South Africa, Belinda and her husband, Herman, support the work of Operation Mobilisation (OM) across Africa, a continent with over 1,000 unreached people groups. As well as this, Belinda and Herman have adopted and fostered orphaned children and are advocates for adoption in a country with 3 million orphans.

Leann Buckley has a heart to support the women of Nepal who are not valued but are treated as non-persons. Together with her husband Ian, she has been working in Nepal since 2015. Their vision is to set up an oasis for women and girls in Dhulikhel which



will include a coffee shop, bakery, beauty parlour and travel agency to give them jobs and skills. But the real vision is to see lives transformed from the inside out.

The keynote speaker was Lara Penrose who shared how having a heart for the harvest does not come naturally. After her husband Ben had an "overnight vision" that they should go to the Muslim world, it took over a year of prayer for God to gradually fill up her own heart. It was a two way process – she sought a heart for the harvest and God gave it.

Lara reminded us that the harvest belongs to the Lord. People sow but God makes it grow and then people have the privilege of partnering with >22



The five speakers (L-R) - Belinda, Merryn, Anna, Leann, and Lara.

God in the harvest. The three main ways we can partner with God in His harvest are to pray, to give and to go. We were encouraged to open our eyes and see that the harvest is there and it is ripe.

We then heard from Merryn Fawsett about her heart for her Muslim neighbours in the UK. Merryn's husband Tim worked with the Feast, a Christian charity in Birmingham, which brings Christian and Muslim high schoolers together to talk faith, make friends and change lives. Churches in Birmingham have also started baby clinics and English classes for socially isolated Muslim women. Merryn reminded us that God is bringing the harvest to our doorsteps.

Parila Qurbanpur was born into a Muslim family in Afghanistan. By video, she shared her testimony of coming to faith and the heart that she and her husband Farid have for sharing the good news with their people group.

They now live in Brisbane and are members of an OM team reaching out to Muslims in Australia.

Finally, Anna Southcott spoke of the heart for the harvest that both she and her husband Tim have had since they were young. They are currently preparing to go to Timor-Leste with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in January 2019, where Tim will be a pilot and Anna has potential opportunities to use her skills as a child and family health nurse. Anna shared that Timor-Leste is a poor country with many needs, the biggest of which is Jesus.

It was a joy and privilege to hear from our sisters who have a heart for the harvest and have been in the field. But we all have a role to play in God's harvest. Pray for a heart for the harvest. Pray for the Lord to raise up more workers. Pray for the Lord to give you a heart to support His workers in the field. And pray for the Lord to give you a heart to pray for the harvest. □

How will you make your Christmas meaningful this year?

I am so glad to be able to share with you all that God is doing through the resources of giving and prayer that people have invested in the ministry of AFCI this year, and to encourage them to keep on sowing into this ministry as we move forward with initiatives that are truly transforming the lives of lost people, believers and whole churches.

I love having the confidence to say to donors that their support of AFCI will result in real tangible fruit in people coming to faith in Christ, believers being activated as witnesses for Christ, and churches experiencing a real change in culture so that the people of the church know that they exist to live as witnesses for Jesus.

As you know, our primary ministry focus right now is on EvangelismSHIFT, our two-year journey with local churches to help them establish a witnessing culture.

I recently spoke with the senior pastor of a church halfway through the EvangelismSHIFT journey. I asked him if he was interested in being a Facilitator of EvangelismSHIFT in other churches as he continues his ministry. He immediately said, "Yes, I definitely am. As I've experienced EvangelismSHIFT I'm convinced that this is the only way to create an evangelistic culture in our churches."

As we approach gift-giving season, I hope you are thinking of what you may give to ministries that are effectively impacting our nation with the gospel.

A church leader attending one of our current EvangelismSHIFT seminars wrote this feedback: "*When the exciting opportunity to participate in the EvangelismShift journey came around late last year, I wasn't really sure what it was, nor did I have a* >24



EvangelismSHIFT

definitive perspective on how it would change me. However, God knew. And I can't thank Him enough.

EvangelismShift has not changed what I know so much as what I do with the knowledge and strength of God. A change to a more physical and visible ministry mindset means that the encounters I have during the everyday are met with a joyous conviction of having been sent into that encounter by God. Because of this, I am more intentional about the opportunities God gives to me as every single interaction has purpose.

And the added blessing is that this gift of EvangelismShift is a journey undertaken with others. The relationship between myself and those who've journeyed with me this year through EvangelismShift is one of such close unity. This opportunity has been a gift from God, all I had to do was take it. And I can't thank Him enough."

Several times he refers to EvangelismSHIFT as "a gift from God" that has changed his life and his witness for Christ. I want you to know that the impact on his life is also a gift from our donors, as their giving has partnered with God's purpose to activate him and hundreds of other church leaders this year as vibrant witnesses for him.

And this is not only happening here in Australia. We launched EvangelismSHIFT a couple of years

ago in the Philippines, where it is already spreading rapidly.

Next year we will be launching in three new nations—Fiji, USA and Canada — and we already have National Coordinators in each of those nations.

All of these initiatives need your prayers and financial support. You can really impact our nation (and our world) for Christ!

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Whenever a missionary on furlough is available, as many as possible from both groups meet at Eastwood Chapel, and after the prayer time continue fellowship at Page's Cafe (in Koorong Bookshop, West Ryde) over lunch. More information may be obtained from:-

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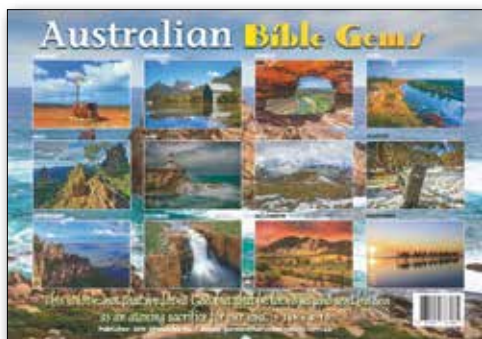


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 high, holy, you inhabit all eternity;
 no change is with you like the ocean tides.

O God, you looked upon us in the Son
 as the fair fruit of His redeeming love,
 predestined us ere ages had begun
 to be His glorious recompense above.

Why give such honour, Lord? Some merit ours?
 We were by nature worthless, deep within.
 It is your grace that in demerit flowers
 which laid upon your loved One all our sin.

You called us by your mercy, deep and wide,
 you brought us near, removed the awful rift;
 and soon, as Jesus' chosen, spotless bride
 we'll own this glory's ours as sovereign gift.

— W. Stanfield

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Here are more items on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer, smart-phone or other device.

Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot-links' in the PDF version of this magazine. They are also included as 'hot-links' on the NSW Christian Brethren website at this web-page:-

www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html

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On page 17 in this magazine **White magazine** is mentioned. Its website is still available online – despite no more issues of the magazine being published. You may find the owners' comments interesting on why they "closed up shop":-

www.whitemag.com

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As mentioned on page 19 Franklin Graham's team is coming to Australia in February 2019 to preach the Gospel in most of our largest cities. This is an opportunity for churches and individuals to help this campaign win more souls for Christ.

There is a specific website for the Graham tour:-

www.grahamtour.com.au

which has lots of details, videos, etc.

You can download helpful Resources, and find details of the Christian Life & Witness Course (3 hours) being offered by churches across

Australia. Completion of this course, and submission of an acceptable application, qualifies people to serve as Prayer Volunteers at the various events. More information about becoming a Volunteer and Registering Your Church is also available.

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According to an article on page six of the November edition of the *Eternity* newspaper, the organisation called ISCAST is a network of people, from students to distinguished academics, exploring the interface of science, technology, and Christian faith.

The patron of ISCAST is Professor Graeme Clark AC FAA FRS, the bionic ear pioneer. He says "Questions of faith and science are of great importance for people of all ages, and they are being extremely well addressed by ISCAST."

On its website you can read much interesting and fascinating information about a wide range of topics:

www.ISCAST.org

One can download resources and copies of the monthly magazine *ISCAST Digest*". You can also subscribe to the ISCAST email list to receive regular news of events, resources, and news.

Dr John Dickson, founding director, Centre for Public Christianity, is quoted as saying "Thinking seriously about science is important for all of life but especially important for those thinking about the bigger questions of our existence. No organisation in Australia does it better than ISCAST. Everything >30



from ISCAST is worth reading.”

ISCAST is an Australian organisation dedicated to exploring the interface between science and Christianity.

Many of its members are professional scientists, theologians, and philosophers, who have a commitment to the Christian faith.

ISCAST—the Institute for the Study of Christianity in an Age of Science and Technology—is the oldest and largest science and religion organisation in Australia, having been established under the ISCAST name in 1987. The early years were focused on promoting the message that science and the Christian faith need not be enemies. At that time the organisation was dominated largely by Protestant evangelicals who worked within the physical sciences.

Over the years the focus of ISCAST broadened to include social, political, medical and ecological sciences as well as specialists in technology, theology and philosophy. ISCAST’s membership also broadened to include both Roman Catholic and Protestant scientists, theologians and people from other fields. An effort is also being made to recruit younger people, women, and non-Caucasian scientists—all groups that were historically underrepresented.

ISCAST continues to be committed to the need for scientific and Christian thinking to be integrated into the daily lives of those Christians working within the various sciences, and in the lives of clergy, theologians and indeed all Christians, who find themselves

immersed in the modern technological world.

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Have you heard of CMA (Christian Ministry Advancement Ltd) which is a not-for-profit charity, seeking to help the Christian sector in Australia become more effective? If not, have a look at its website:—

www.cma.net.au

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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.

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 air-conditioned 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.