

The background of the cover is a photograph of a brick wall. A teal-colored wooden door is on the left, and a window with a white frame is on the right. The wall and window are covered in vibrant red ivy leaves. The title 'Australia District News' is written in large white letters across the top. A small white cross icon with radiating lines is positioned to the right of the word 'Australia'.

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From the Desk of District

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I sincerely hope that you enjoyed the Easter period which came upon us relatively early this year. Easter most often falls in April, although it was earlier (on 23 March) in 2008 and will be early again (25 March) in 2035.

In February this year the full force of cyclone Winston visited some of our brethren in Fiji. According to the authorities this was the most powerful cyclone to have ever been recorded in the Pacific region. Thankfully none of our brethren were seriously injured, but in many cases all the homes, belongings and gardens in their communities were totally destroyed. Our senior ministers in Fiji visited all congregations and members as soon as possible after the cyclone passed and assistance was arranged for their communities. Apostle Williams, who cares for Fiji as part of his area of responsibility, made a visit to many of these affected communities and we continue to monitor and address the needs of these communities.

Our New Apostolic Charity 'NACare', whilst still in its infancy, is now fully functional. Donations can be made via the NACare website www.nacare.org.au or the New Apostolic Church website www.newapostolic.org.au. All donations made to it in Australia (over \$2.00) are tax deductible for Australian taxpayers. Through the generous donation of time and expertise of some of our members, the NACare website will soon be supported by a number of businesses throughout Australia with extensive and diverse product ranges. These generous businesses will be donating a percentage of their sales to NACare on an ongoing basis. The NACare website will soon contain more information.

As Easter is early this year, so naturally is the celebration of Pentecost. This is a very important event in the Christian calendar as it signifies the birth of the Christian church. We read in the Catechism of the New Apostolic

Back: District Apostle Helper Dzur, District Apostle Helper Sobottka, District Apostle Hebeisen, District Apostle Ehrich
Front: District Apostle Andersen, Chief Apostle Schneider, District Apostle Woll, District Apostle Helper Devaraj



Apostle Andersen

Church: 'The first historical manifestation of the church of Christ was on Pentecost, with the outpouring of Holy Spirit. Apostle Peter preached in the power of the Holy Spirit and the first congregation came into being' (6.2.2). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon mankind continues to be provided by God even in the present time through the Sacrament of Holy Sealing carried out by the authority placed in the Apostle ministry. Thus the significance of Pentecost is not only historical but very much a celebration of current evidence of the presence of God's grace.

Preparations for the hosting of the International District Apostles' Meeting 2016 in Perth, Western Australia in October are well under way. This great event will also include a divine service conducted by our Chief Apostle who will be accompanied by all active District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers throughout the world. This service will take place in the Perth Concert Hall on Sunday,

23 October 2016. All are welcome to attend this event and choristers and musicians from throughout our district are encouraged to participate. Our brethren in Perth are arranging many opportunities for all visitors to experience Western Australian hospitality during their time in the region. The organizing team there will communicate further details of the opportunities they plan to offer to all congregations as time progresses.

I wish you a blessed Pentecost as the southern hemisphere part of our district enters the season of autumn and the northern hemisphere part of our district enters their spring season.

With loving greetings,



Andrew H. Andersen

Apostles meet in Cambodia

Last November our Chief Apostle conducted a meeting of all Asian Apostles in Cambodia. For this special occasion he also invited the Apostles from our district.

Accompanying him was District Apostle Andersen (Australia), District Apostle Ehrich (South Germany), District Apostle Hebeisen (Philippines) and District Apostle Woll (Canada) as well as the Apostles from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Thailand.

Cambodia is a very religious country with 95% of the population practicing Theravada Buddhism. Even so, there are some 200 New Apostolic congregations in this historic part of Asia.

The Chief Apostle conducted a divine service in our central church in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia on Sunday 22 November. During that service nine Apostles, two from Cambodia, two from Pakistan and five from India, were placed into retirement. He also ordained two Apostles for Cambodia and three for Pakistan.





District Apostle Service in Geelong, Victoria

On Sunday, 14 February 2016 District Apostle Andersen conducted a sub-district service in our Geelong, Victoria church.

In the presence of Apostle Lodewick, District Elder Barker and the Rectors of our Victorian congregations, District Evangelist Trevor Hearn was placed into retirement due to ongoing health issues. At the time of his retirement he had served in ministry for over 44 years having received the sub-deacon ministry for the Geelong congregation at the age of 16. Over 26 of those years he served as District Evangelist in Victoria.

Evangelist Eugene Volkwyn was ordained as District Evangelist in that service and he will now assist District Elder Barker in the work in Tasmania and Victoria. Additionally, Priest Bradley Hearn was commissioned as Rector for Geelong.





Visit to the Apostolic Church of Queensland

On Saturday, 3 October 2015 the Apostolic Church of Queensland celebrated 125 years in the Bundaberg region of Queensland, Australia. The church commenced activities serving the district in 1890.

An invitation to share in this occasion was sent to all community groups including the New Apostolic congregations in the region. District Apostle Andersen accepted the invitation and, accompanied by Apostle Williams, several District Ministers and many local congregation members, joined with the ministers and members of the Apostolic Church of Queensland in their special Thanksgiving Service.

The leader of the Apostolic Church of Queensland (Northern District), Apostle Cliff (Clifford) Flor, led the special service which was under the theme out of Psalm 84: "How

amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.... O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." (KJV). This text was also used at the dedication of their first church building in Bundaberg in 1896.

A special hymn was composed for the occasion titled "Let us praise and adore" which was sung to the tune of a Sankey hymn.

The Thanksgiving Service was followed by community fellowship and a wonderful lunch provided for all by the local members. Several community leaders were also present in support of this occasion.

Many of the Bundaberg community's

foundation members provided their personal experiences and gave all an insight into the churches' development in the district and reminisced on what has been achieved by the blessing of God. A commemorative cake was presented which was cut by the oldest and youngest (baby) members of the community.

District Apostle Andersen, on behalf of the New Apostolic Church (Australia District), congratulated Apostle Flor and the Bundaberg community in reaching this great milestone in the district and thanked all for the invitation and a joy-filled day.

To finish off the formalities of the day a variety concert was presented by the local Bundaberg community, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.





Foundation Camp, Victoria

The Foundation Youth of Victoria invited the confirmands of 2016 for a weekend with Apostle Lodewick and Youth Leaders. This took place over the weekend of 27 and 28 February in Foster, located around two hours south-east of Melbourne, where we have a congregation.

Saturday's activities included a series of four workshops: "The Wedding Garment"; a moment with Apostle Lodewick: goal setting; and team building. After dinner, everyone involved settled into their cabins at a local caravan park and participated in an evening of fellowship.

Sunday brought with it an early rise for breakfast. This was followed by a Youth Service conducted by Apostle Lodewick. A fellowship lunch was offered afterwards, and then began the journey back home.

It was a blessed occasion for all involved, with the main focus on building solid relationships with the confirmands as they transition into the ranks of the youth.







Sunday School activities

The end of 2015 brought with it a display of talents by the Sunday School children as they presented various items at the annual Sunday School breakups. After an extended break, the children have now recommenced their lessons. Sunday School services have taken place in various congregations, and those tasked with teaching the children have also participated in seminars in certain areas. Here is a selection of photos to highlight the activities of the children and teachers.

1. Sunday School breakup in Croydon (Vic)
- 2-3. Santa arrived in Papua New Guinea for the Sunday School breakup in Rainbow
- 4-6. Sunday School Service and fellowship in Rivervale (WA)
7. Seminar in W2 subdistrict (WA)
8. Presentation for teachers and parents in V2 sub-district (Vic)
9. Sunday School breakup in Redcliffe (Qld)
10. Sunday School children in Buranda (Qld) sang at the conclusion of the service
11. Sunday School service and presentation in Ascot Park (SA)
12. Combined Sunday School breakup in Ascot Park (SA)





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Around the Congregations

1. Visit to Gosford (NSW) congregation by Bishop Green
2. Windsor (Qld) congregation celebrated their 80th anniversary
3. Father's Day in Croydon (Vic)
4. Pr Lawson Jackson was placed into retirement in Seven Hills (NSW)
5. Bishop Green visited Nowra (NSW) congregation
6. Seminar for SE Qld confirmands in Silkstone (Qld)
7. Apostle Lodewick spent time with the youth in South Australia during their "Reachout" event. Over the weekend they put together care packages which they then delivered to those in need.
8. Divine service in Wollongong (NSW)
9. Pr Franz Hertaeg of Maidstone (Vic) was placed into retirement
- 10-13. The congregations of South Australia held a community day under the theme "In the Community, for the Community". Over 150 locals browsed the various stalls which offered books, clothes and food while enjoying Christmas carols performed by the choir throughout the day. Children enjoyed the jumping castle and face painting. Funds raised were donated to the local hospital for their volunteer program.



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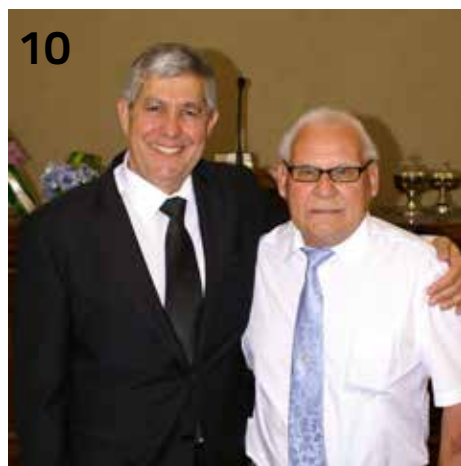


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Celebrations:

1. Holy Sealing of Luca Polanco in Seven Hills (NSW)
2. Sis Brenda Barendse of Gosford (NSW) celebrated her 75th birthday
3. Br John Cameron of Croydon (Vic) celebrated his 92nd birthday
4. Sis Jeanette Els of New Lynn (NZ) celebrated her 75th birthday
5. Pr (ir) Robert Marshall of Buranda (Qld) celebrated his 80th birthday
6. Sis Margaret Schulte of Bundaberg (Qld) celebrated her 80th birthday
7. Dcn (ir) Gerald & Sis Dorothea O' Connor from Geelong (Vic) received Golden Wedding blessings
8. Br Reinhold & Sis Janene Schaefer of Hahndorf (SA) received Golden Wedding blessings
9. Holy Baptism of Nina Garland in Ascot Park (SA)
10. Holy Sealing of Br Johann Schmolmuller † in Croydon (Vic). He has since passed away.
11. Holy Baptism of Taylor Attard in Croydon (Vic)
12. Holy Sealing of Levi Chan in Seven Hills (NSW)
13. Br Robert & Sis Laurel Balding of Buranda (Qld) received Ruby Wedding blessings
14. Ev Kevin & Sis Erica Malan of Box Hill (Vic) received Ruby Wedding blessings
15. Pr Glenn & Sis Candy DeLisen of Scoresby (Vic) received Silver Wedding blessings
16. Pr Brian & Sis Elizabeth Hearn of Werribee (Vic) received Ruby Wedding blessings
17. Holy Sealing of Jamie Kogler of Croydon (Vic)
18. Holy Baptism of Carlos Carelse of Hallam (Vic)
19. Holy Sealing of Celine Gedult and Sis Qiaoqian Yang in Werribee (Vic)
20. Br Aaron Burns & Sis Taryn Triegaardt received engagement blessings in Gosford (NSW)
21. Holy Sealing of Xavier Balding in Buranda (Qld)
22. Br Gavin Vangelatos & Sis Melissa Barendse received engagement blessings in Gosford (NSW)
23. Br Zane & Sis Bernice Leibrandt of Maidstone (Vic) received Silver Wedding blessings

For your Information

Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016
3: Buenos Aires, Argentina	8: Stockholm, Sweden	12: Metz-Grigy, France
10: Bogota, Columbia	15: Frankfurt, Germany	19: Hannover, Germany
	22: Tama, Japan	26: Chisinau, Moldova
	29: Taejon, Korea	

District Apostle Andersen's schedule:

Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016
3: Mackay, Qld	1: Auckland, NZ	5: North Ipswich, Qld
10: Redcliffe, Qld	8: Morayfield, Qld	12: Townsville / Cairns, Qld
17: Perth, WA	15: Buranda, Qld	19: Darwin, NT
24: Coffs Harbour, NSW	22: Tama, Japan	26: Papua New Guinea
	29: Taejon, Korea	

Upcoming Events:

Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016
23-25: Qld / NSW Youth Convention	5: Ascension	18-19: Fijian NACYAC
	10: Mother's Day	
	15: Pentecost	

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Pr Ron Goss	Confirmation	Priest	Toowoomba, Qld
Pr Freddy Mollentze	Confirmation	Priest	Karratha, WA
Dcn Terence Seale	Confirmation	Deacon	Orewa, NZ
Pr Gary Scholl	Confirmation	Priest	North Ipswich, Qld
Pr Franz Hertaeg	Retirement		Maidstone, Vic
D/Ev Trevor Hearn	Retirement		V1 / V2
Ev Eugene Volkwyn	Ordination	District Evangelist	V1 / V2
Pr Bradley Hearn	Commission	Rector	Geelong, Vic
Pr Lawson Jackson	Retirement		Seven Hills, NSW
Dcn Emery Mutela	Ordination	Priest	Albury, NSW
Pr Freddy Mollentze	Commission	Rector	Karratha, WA
Pr Joerg Ziegler	Confirmation	Priest	Beverly Hills, NSW
Dcn Derek Bowers	Confirmation	Deacon	Beverly Hills, NSW
Br Ryan Bosshart	Ordination	Deacon	Gladstone, Qld
Dcn Craig Fortune	Confirmation	Deacon	Howick, NZ
Br Michele Mattiuzzi	Ordination	Deacon	Beverly Hills, NSW
Pr Kevin Rayson	Retirement		Elizabeth, SA

In Memoriam:

Sis Isolde Hofmann of Christchurch (NZ)	† 9/12/15
Br Paul Hirzel (Jnr) of Paihia (NZ)	† 14/12/15
Br Leslie Klass of Maryborough (Qld)	† 31/12/15
Pr (ir) Kenneth Abrahams of Hackham West (SA)	† 1/1/16
Baby Andrew Smith of Hamilton (NZ)	† 9/1/16
Sis Helene Gerber of Canberra (ACT)	† 22/1/16
Br Craig Harper of Geelong (Vic)	† 12/2/16
Dcn (ir) Norman Higgin of Windsor (Qld)	† 9/3/16
Br Johann Schmolmuller of Croydon (Vic)	† 17/3/16

