

# Australia District News



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# From the Desk of District Apostle Andersen

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As children of God we have many opportunities that come with membership in the New Apostolic Church. Each one of us is a member of a congregation and as such we have the opportunity to contribute to God's work through our active participation in that congregation. It is a joy for many of us to engage in the cleaning and care of the church building or preparing the hired venue for divine services, whichever the case may be. Contributing one's talents to the choir or musical effort or to teaching the children in Sunday School is also a joy to be able to do.

Another aspect of membership of the congregation is the entitlement to receive family visits from our ministers. These visits are designed to provide spiritual support for all the members of each family whether

young or not-so-young. It is the goal of each Rector to offer three such visits per year to each family. Naturally, every endeavour is made to accommodate the particular circumstances of each family as to the timing and location of these visits.

Family visits should not be regarded as social visits in that the minister comes to discuss spiritual and church matters which the family may wish to raise with him. He is available to answer questions and every family member can be assured of complete confidentiality of all matters discussed.

Your congregation Rector or his assistant ministers will normally approach each family with the offer of a family visit about three times per year but every member is

entitled to request a visit from their minister at any time. Visits can also be arranged to friends and others who may be in need of spiritual support even if they are not members of the church.

Every brother and sister is encouraged to embrace the opportunity of regular family visits and should never hesitate to ask their minister if they wish to have one.

We now step into the Easter period and await the joys of that festive season. After Easter, the confirmands make their vow to our Heavenly Father in the special Confirmation Services that are scheduled to take place between Easter and Pentecost. Much preparation is done to ensure that each confirmand understands the value of the Confirmation Blessing and also feels

welcome and comfortable in the ranks of the youth after their Confirmation. I ask all brothers and sisters to support our young people as they transition from Sunday School to the ranks of the youth.

I wish you a very blessed Easter period.

With loving greetings,

Andrew H. Andersen

# District Apostle visit to Hallam, Victoria

On Sunday 13 November 2016 the District Apostle conducted a divine service for all members in the V1 subdistrict. The service took place in the Hallam church. On this occasion he was accompanied by Apostle Lodewick.

During the service the District Apostle dispensed blessings on Evangelist (ret) George and Sister Nell Kogler on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

In addition, the rector of the Box Hill congregation, Evangelist Kevin Malan was placed into retirement and Priest Keith Riddle commissioned as rector for the congregation in his place.

At the conclusion of the divine service the congregation spent some moments of fellowship together with the District Apostle and Apostle.



# Apostle Lodewick visits Solomon Islands

Apostle Lodewick recently travelled to the Solomon Islands to visit the members there. He reports on his trip...

On arrival to the Solomon Islands it was evident that there had been, and still was, a lot of rain. The entire domestic and international airports were closed and all flights cancelled two days before my arrival. Nevertheless, with a few changes I could proceed to visit the various areas.

The ministers and congregations are moving forward and working through the challenges that face them. I experienced much joy with the seminars, baptisms, sealings and ordinations that took place.

The theme for the visit was the word we all received for the year 2017 from Philippians 4:20; "Glory be to God, our Father".



# Silver Jubilee in Kingston, Qld

During January and February 1971, the search began for a suitable hall in the Woodridge area in which to conduct Sunday School.

The Progress Association Hall was available to hire and Sunday School commenced in March 1971. Attendance on the first day of Sunday School was 11 guest children.

By 1976 Sunday School attendance had grown to 55 guest children and in 1979 services were conducted regularly on the first Sunday of every month and an

occasional afternoon guest service was soon added to the roster.

On the 9th of February 1986 Woodridge became an independent congregation holding services in the senior citizen hall and on 22nd December 1991, District Apostle Rosentreter dedicated a new church building, the now Kingston congregation.

Over the weekend of 10th and 11th December 2016 celebrations took place to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Kingston church. Saturday evening saw a

presentation on the past 25 years with current and previous members attending to reminisce. This was then followed by a musical concert performed by the orchestra, children's choir and orchestra, the youth choir and the choir and newly formed praise band of the congregation.

On Sunday morning, the congregations of Buranda and Silkstone were invited to join Kingston in a special celebration divine service which was conducted by Apostle Trevor Williams. After the service, all enjoyed a fellowship lunch.



# Youth Convention in Ballarat, Vic



Youth groups from Albury (NSW), Wodonga (Vic) and South Australia gathered together during the weekend of 11th-13th March for a youth camp in Ballarat. The main objective of the camp was for the youth to form friendships and to enjoy moments of fellowship together.

The weekend began on Saturday with lunch and a welcome from District Elder Barker, followed by a seminar - "Face to Face" - where Sister Sabrina Kohler spoke about faith combined with a lot of interaction by the youth. The youth were then given time to explore and engage in archery and bush golf before dinner. The evening comprised of another workshop conducted by two youth members on the topic "The Bible", which involved bible facts and an interactive quiz.

Sunday morning arrived with sunshine after light showers making a delightful setting for an outdoor service in the bushland. This divine service was conducted by Apostle Lodewick with a text from Joshua 6:20. The service was followed by lunch, continued fellowship and activities, and another seminar held by Deacon Timothy Gosewinkel using the topic "Self Improvement".

Monday morning was greeted with bacon and eggs prepared by several youth, followed by the packing up process, thanks, a prayer and goodbye hugs. Many friendships were formed and strengthened by the youth, making the weekend a huge success.



## NACare update

NACare now has a huge range of merchandise available for purchase, sporting the NACare logo. Choose from phone cases, water bottles, bags, keyrings - even a NACare shower curtain!. Visit the NACare website at [www.nacare.org.au](http://www.nacare.org.au) and click on Merchandise to view the full range of products.



# Sunday School Activities:

The end of 2016 saw many congregations host their annual Sunday school breakups. At the commencement of 2017, Sunday school services have taken place. Below is a selection of photos of these and other events, highlighting the activities of the children in our district.

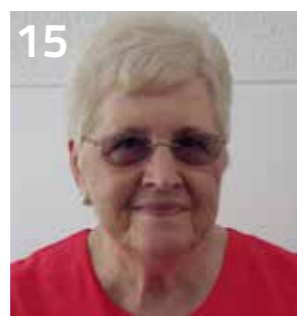
1. Sunday School breakup in Hallam (Vic)
2. Bundaberg (Qld) Sunday School breakup
3. Children sing in Ashmore (Qld) during a District Apostle service
4. Sunday School service in North Ipswich (Qld)
5. Altar decorations in North Ipswich (Qld) for the Sunday School service
6. Ascot Park (SA) Sunday School breakup
7. Samoa Sunday School children present a number of musical items
8. Sunday School service in Morayfield (Qld)
9. Sunday School children in Solomon Islands visited the local hospital to bring Christmas presents to sick children
10. Sunday School breakup in Maryborough (Qld)
11. Sunday School breakup in White River (Solomon Islands)



## Around the Congregations:

1. End of year brunch in Beverly Hills (NSW)
2. Drury (NZ) congregation travelled to Taupo for a weekend of fellowship and a divine service in Taupo congregation
3. Seniors end of year fellowship in Auckland (NZ)
4. Nowra (NSW) congregation
5. Ministers and wives service in Buranda (Qld), attended by all District Ministers in the Australia district
6. A copy of the Pacific Islands CD "One" was given to the local radio station in the Marshall Islands
7. Divine service in Pohnpei (Micronesia)
8. Wollongong (NSW) congregation
9. Sunday school planning in Pohnpei (Micronesia)
10. Ordination of Deacon Julian Sickinger in Buranda (Qld)
11. Ordination in Long Island (Marshall Islands)





## Celebrations:

1. Pr (ret) Martin Kenzler of Windsor (Qld) celebrated his 70th birthday
2. Sis Rebecca Muller of Henderson (NZ) celebrated her 80th birthday
3. Sis Ingrid Mallon of Croydon (Vic) celebrated her 85th birthday
4. Br Herbert Klempert of Gosford (NSW) celebrated his 75th birthday
5. Ev (ret) Neville Thompson of Beverly Hills (NSW) celebrated his 80th birthday
6. Holy Sealing of Isabel Pouru in Rainbow (PNG)
7. Holy Sealing of Aiden Coughlan in Scoresby (Vic)
8. Adoption of Sis Dat Nguyen in Springvale (Vic)
9. Holy Sealing in Long Island (Marshall Is)
10. Holy Sealing of Jack Edwards in Maryborough (Qld)
11. Sis Hildegard Babst of Croydon (Vic) celebrated her 90th birthday
12. District Elder Uwe & Sis Karin Hoffmann received Ruby wedding blessings in Morayfield (Qld)
13. Sis Lorna Latham of Gosford (NSW) celebrated her 70th birthday
14. Sis Maxine Welsh of Ascot Park (SA) celebrated her 75th birthday
15. Sis Val Neubauer of Bundaberg (Qld) celebrated her 75th birthday
16. Sis Coralie van Etten of Wollongong (NSW) celebrated her 70th birthday
17. Ev (ret) Hans Peter Hoppner of Springvale (Vic) celebrated his 70th birthday
18. Holy Baptism of Elizabeth-Jane Richen in Beckenham (WA)
19. Holy Baptism of Hunter Keir in Wollongong (NSW)
20. Holy Baptism of Daniel Masempela in Koondoola (WA)
21. Adoption of Sis Jeanette, Br Martin, and Jenay West in Tauranga (NZ)
22. Adoption of Br Gary Norman in Henderson (NZ)
23. Pr (ret) Jorge & Sis Amanda Campagno of Springvale (Vic) received Golden wedding blessings
24. Holy Baptism of Ariana Carstens in Maidstone (Vic)
25. Dcn (ret) Joe Cook of Nowra (NSW) celebrated his 80th birthday with the Wollongong congregation
26. Br Tyrel Bagus & Sis Celeste Stellenberg of Beckenham (WA) received engagement blessings in Durban (South Africa)
27. Sis Ena Morris celebrated her 94th birthday and Pr (ret) Peter Schmidt celebrated his 75th birthday. They are from the Ascot Park (SA) congregation
28. Holy Sealing of Isabella Sorby in Maryborough (Qld)
29. Pr Pablo & Sis Katrina Campagno of Springvale (Vic) received Silver wedding blessings
30. Holy Baptism of Hayden Stellenberg in Beckenham (WA)

# For your Information

## Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017
2: Buenos Aires, Argentina	14: Tilling, Phillipines	4: Vienna, Austria
9: Panama, Panama	21: Jakarta, Indonesia	11: Chicago, USA
14: Winterthur, Switzerland	28: Joachimsthal, Germany	18: Frankfurt, Germany
16: Marburg, Germany		25: Zambezi, Zambia

## In Memoriam:

Sis Elizabeth Roach of Toowoomba (Qld)	† 26 Sep 2016
Br Donald (Geoff) Bucknell of Croydon (Vic)	† 7 Oct 2016
Br Dino Contento of Kingston (Qld)	† 14 Dec 2016
Br Werner Barz of Kalgoorlie (WA)	† 30 Dec 2016
Br Norman Davis of New Lynn (NZ)	† 17 Jan 2017
Sis Cynthia Smith of Gosford (NSW)	† 5 Feb 2017
Sis Bertha Kenzler of Bundaberg (Qld)	† 15 Feb 2017
Sis Vera Budgen of Hobart (Tas)	† 21 Feb 2017
Sis Agnes Probst of Toowoomba (Qld)	† 10 Mar 2017

## District Apostle Andersen's schedule:

Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017
2: Mackay, Qld	7: Toowoomba, Qld	4: Vienna, Austria
9: Papua New Guinea	14: Tilling, Phillipines	25: Elizabeth, SA
14: Silkstone, Qld	21: Jakarta, Indonesia	
16: Kingston, Qld	28: Lane Cove, NSW	
23: Buranda, Qld		
30: Redcliffe, Qld		

## Upcoming Events:

Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017
2: NSW / ACT Youth Convention	14: Mother's Day	4: Pentecost
9: Palm Sunday	25: Ascension	11: Qld Youth Convention
14: Good Friday		25: 50th anniversary of Elizabeth (SA)
16: Easter Sunday		
30: NACYAC - Fiji		

## Ordinations / Retirements:

Name	Ordination/ Commission	Ministry	Congregation
Pr Russell Schulte	Retirement	-	Windsor, Qld
Pr Jacques Loubser	Ordination	Priest	Christchurch, NZ
Dcn Julian Sickinger	Ordination	Deacon	Buranda, Qld



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