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## A greater vision

**Dr John Cox**  
President, Avondale College

As I view the names of former students in the Homecoming honour years, I am impressed with the enormous contribution Avondale College graduates have made to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and to the community. Some have made a strong public impact; others radiate a quieter spirituality that touches people's lives in ways no less significant. The Lord has empowered the work and influence of so many.

The vision that inspired the students of the past lives on today as Avondale pursues its mission to offer quality education in the context of a Seventh-day Adventist worldview, values, faith and lifestyle. This mission equips young adults for service to church and community.

Welcome back to Avondale. May your vision enlarge and brighten as past and present meet in fellowship and inspiration this weekend.

## Sharing the journey and the vision

**Pastor Roger Nixon**  
President, Avondale College Alumni Association

I received a surprise phone call one evening in mid-1959 from the then dean of men at Avondale College, Pastor Des Hills. He encouraged me to continue my training for God's service. The nature of the phone call made it clear God was speaking and opening another door.

The "must dos" fell into place. A little more cash reserve, some academic preparation, one small mortgaged home on the market and, finally, a long and draining journey to Morisset in New South Wales.

Turning off Freemans Drive into Central Road in Cooranbong, my wife, Elva, and I quickly took in the old Avondale Memorial Seventh-day Adventist church and, over the road, the Avondale Retirement Village. The water tower flanked by staff houses stood further

down the road. Prize-winning Jersey cows chewed the cud in the paddocks beyond. We were on campus in moments, wandering through the newish Ellen G White Memorial Building wondering what the world of academia held in store.

I have no regrets hanging up my carpenter's belt, selling and going. Avondale, I discovered, is where young adults find direction, meaning and purpose. It is a doorway through which an increasing number of students enter, a key to connecting to the needs of humanity. Few exit without experiencing change.

Homecoming is your opportunity to reconnect with Avondale, to reminisce with former classmates. Make the most of this time. I trust the sharing of golden memories enriches your journey.

# Program

Friday, August 29

## Registration

9.30 am-7.30 pm, College Church

## Avondale College Alumni Association Alumni Lecture:

**Pastor David Currie (1955, 1973, 1997)**

11 am-12 pm, Watson Hall Lecture Theatre

## Book Fair

11 am-2 pm, College Hall

## Avondale College Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

12-12.45 pm, Watson Hall Lecture Theatre

## Avondale College Alumni Association Luncheon:

**Pastor David and Gaya (Wilton) Currie (1955)**

12.45-2.30 pm, College Hall

## Tour: Lake Macquarie campus

2.30-3.15 pm, Bethel Hall

## Vespers

7.30-9 pm, College Church

## Saturday, August 30

### Sabbath school

9.20-10.30 am, College Church

### Worship service: Pastor Malcolm Allen (1958)

11 am-12.30 pm, College Church

### Class reunions

2.30 pm

### Concert: Hymns and Songs of Praise

7-9 pm, College Church

## Sunday, August 31

### Golf classic

7.30 am-12 pm, Toronto Country Club (Main Road, Kilaben Bay)

### Book fair

9 am-12 pm, College Hall

### Sanitarium Health Food Company brunch

9.30-11 am, College Hall

### Avondale Today

Avondale College logo and corporate image display

11 am-1 pm, Avondale Library

### Free access to sporting facilities

9.30 am-1 pm, Chan Shun Auditorium, FitLife Health Club and tennis courts

### Note:

“Sunnyside” will open on Friday (10 am-4 pm), Saturday (2-4 pm) and Sunday (10 am-4 pm).

Visit the *Signs of the Times* ministry booth, sign up for *Signs* and you will receive a free book valued at \$15 (conditions apply). *Signs* for life—abundant now, and eternal.

Reminisce  
Worship  
Relax

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# Avondale College Alumni Association Alumni Lecture

Dedicated to Dr Allan Lindsay  
Watson Hall Lecture Theatre  
Friday, August 29, 2008, 11 am-12 pm

Introduction		Pastor Roger Nixon President Avondale College Alumni Association
Prayer		Pastor Desmond Hills Committee member Avondale College Alumni Association
Life sketch (Dr Allan Lindsay)		Dr Ray Roennfeldt Dean Faculty of Theology Avondale College
Introduction of speaker		Joan Patrick Former editor <i>Reflections</i> Avondale College Alumni Association
Lecture	“Highlights of public evangelism during the last century in the South Pacific”	Pastor David Currie Evangelist, author and former church administrator
Response and benediction		Dr Murray House Senior lecturer Faculty of Theology Avondale College



# Avondale College Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

Watson Hall Lecture Theatre  
Friday, August 29, 2008, 12-12.45 pm

Welcome	Pastor Roger Nixon President Avondale College Alumni Association
Prayer	Pastor Len Tolhurst Committee member Avondale College Alumni Association
Report	Lorin Bradford Director of advancement Avondale College
Report	Roger Nixon
Elections	Dr John Cox President Avondale College

Avondale College Alumni Association Committee members and status as follows:

Roger Nixon	Not standing for re-election (N)
Brian Faull	N
Shirley Hankinson	Standing for re-election (S)
Des Hills	S
Allan Lindsay	S
Lyn Medhurst	N
Eleanor Scale	N
Len Tolhurst	S

Conclusion	Roger Nixon
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# Avondale College Alumni Association Luncheon

College Hall  
Friday, August 29, 2008, 12.45-2.30 pm

Welcome	Pastor Roger Nixon President Avondale College Alumni Association
Grace	
Luncheon	
Introduction of speaker	Roger Nixon
Speech	Pastor David (1955, 1973, 1997) and Gaya (Wilton) Currie (1955)

## Floral decoration

Sallyanne (Briden) Dehn (1979, 1981) is the designer of the Homecoming floral decoration. The class of 1958, which is leading the worship service, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The colour, gold, which is representative of this anniversary, is portrayed in the five candles. These make a strong statement in the arrangement, which represents celebration. The use and colour of the fabric and flowers expands on this theme. We are celebrating not only a time and a place but also one of the colours in the new Avondale College logo. With the flame of the Holy Spirit giving us light and showing us the way, we pray we will all walk in the way of our Lord and God. Amen.

# Vespers

College Church  
Friday, August 29, 2008, 7.30-9 pm

### We come . . .

*with joy* "Trumpet Fanfare" Kingsley Wood (1978),  
Bevan Craig (1993, 1995, 1997),  
and Cameron Rogers (current), trumpet  
Sharlene Guest, piano

*with acceptance* Dr John Cox  
President  
Avondale College

*to praise in song* "Power In the Blood" (1978) Linelle Cassie (1989), piano  
"Majesty" (1983) Gavin Hughes (1988), drums  
Leighton Heise (2001), bass  
Janette (Lucas) Bernoth (1978),  
Debra (Bailey) Clarke (1983),  
Rod Cassie (1988),  
Susan Redman (1998) and  
Craig Vanas (1998), leaders

*to meditate* Rachel (Meintjes) Bentley (1998)

### We celebrate . . .

*in memoriam* Visual tribute Leigh Rice (1983)

*in memories* Vignettes from 1978 and 1983 Glen King (1978)  
Phil Knight (1983)

*with appreciation* David King (1978) and Graeme Fitzclarence (1983), recipients  
Max Mulligan (1978) and Leigh Rice, presenters  
Brenton Stacey, reader

*in memories* Vignettes from 1988 and 1998  
Kristina (Thompson) Mazzaferri (1998)

*with appreciation* Kimberly Houliston (1988) and Elia Crevar (1998), recipients  
Rod Cassie and Brenton Howie (1998), presenters  
Brenton Stacey, reader

*through praise* "Shine Jesus Shine" (1988)  
"Potter's Hand" (1998)

### We worship . . .

*through exaltation* "Percussion' Rhymes With 'Concussion'" Elia Crevar

*through praise* "I Give You My Heart"

*through meditation* Elia Crevar



**Class of 1958  
—celebrating 50 years**

# Sabbath school

College Church  
Saturday, August 30, 2008, 9.20-10.30 am

Prelude

Praise and worship

David Clark, organ  
Barbara (Winter) Fisher (1968), piano  
Steve Sleight (1979), trumpet  
Murray (1967) and  
Pam (Binning) Oliver (1968), leaders

Welcome

Pam Oliver

Prayer

Neville Tosen (1968)

Praise and worship

“Be Thou My Vision”

Lynn (Rofe) Howell (1968)

Citations

Beryl (Johnson) Stocken (1938), Percy Holmes (1948),  
Elwin Ferris (1958) and Robyn Priestley (1968), recipients  
Elsie (Stockdale) Brooks (1938), Rex Cobbin (1948),  
Alan White (1957, 1958) and Pam Oliver, presenters  
Brenton Stacey and Lyle Davis (1948), readers

Offering

“Thanks Be To God”

Vernon Wood (1968) and  
Rodney Cooke (1968), saxophone  
Cheryl Cooke (1957, 1967), piano  
Lyell Heise (1969), organ

Service focus

Barbara Fisher

Lesson study

“A Pillar of Mission: The Apostle Peter”

Gilbert Valentine (1968)

Congregational singing

“Lift High the Cross”

Benediction

Gilbert Valentine

Postlude

*Signs of the Times* promotion

# Outstanding Alumni Award

## Brian Townend



Brian Townend was born in Wellington, New Zealand, on November 6, 1927. He received his primary and secondary education at public schools in Lower Hutt and in 1946 began the intermediate teacher training course at then New Zealand Missionary College. Brian transferred to Avondale College in 1947 to study the theological normal course, graduating in 1948.

A call to serve as sole teacher at the Royal Oak Seventh-day Adventist School in Auckland followed. The president of the church in North New Zealand described the nine-grade school as the most difficult in the region. However, Brian ran an evangelistic program and helped lead several students—one of who became a church administrator—to Christ.

Brian married Daphne Wishart in 1950. The couple accepted a call to serve as evangelists in Auckland, but a short-term emergency at the New Zealand Missionary College saw both transfer to Longburn where Brian taught maths, science and some English for the year. The following year, Brian and Daphne relocated to Stratford to help run an evangelistic program for a small company of Adventists in Stratford. They would move again in 1952 when Brian accepted a call to serve as sole teacher at the Lower Hutt Adventist Primary School.

Then, a change, Fulton College in Fiji, and the first of an almost 20-year association with the church in the Pacific islands. Brian taught Form 1 and 2 students in the college's Secondary School Department. Seven years later, he would be teaching Forms 3, 4 and 5. Brian returned to Fulton as librarian in 1965 after a four years as principal at the Vatuvonu Boarding School. He would also teach English, history and geography and qualify as a member of the New Zealand Library Association.

The Townends returned to Avondale in 1968—Brian

served as librarian and as a staff member in the Education Department. Five years later, Brian

accepted a call as primary school supervisor for the church's then Trans-Tasman Union Conference. His brief? To develop a more creative Adventist-oriented curriculum, something a little closer to the New Zealand model. In 1972, there were 21 schools to supervise. By 1977, that had increased to 28.

A two-year stint as head of primary teacher training at Fulton followed in 1978. In 1980, as a sponsored student, Brian completed his Masters of Arts at Pacific Union College (Napa Valley, California, USA). Although offered employment at the college, Brian and Daphne returned to Australia with 47 cartons of books for the yet-to-be completed Pacific Adventist College (PAC). From 1981 to 1982, and from Avondale, Brian developed a library for PAC. In 1983, he took 16,000 books to Papua New Guinea and, during that year, completed the library.

Brian served as librarian at Avondale for eight years until his retirement in 1993. He is a recipient of the Medallion of Merit, awarded by the Education Department of the church's South Pacific Division to acknowledge outstanding work in Adventist education.

Brian and Daphne have continued to give of their time, providing volunteer library services in 18 church institutions in Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. Brian is a former editor of the *Cooranbong Gazette* and continues to serve as its reporter. He also operates the in-house television channel for the Avondale Retirement Village.

The Avondale College Alumni Association honours Brian Townend for his selfless service to the Adventist Church, for his outstanding contribution to Adventist education and for his dedication to lifelong learning.



# Worship service

College Church

Saturday, August 30, 2008, 11 am-12.30 pm

Prelude	“Overture from the Royal Fireworks”—G F Handel	Avondale Orchestra Dr Robb Dennis, conductor
Call to worship	“Down by the Riverside”—arr Hogan	Avondale Singers Robb Dennis, conductor
Welcome		Dr John Cox President Avondale College
Congregational singing	“How Great Thou Art” “Great is Thy Faithfulness”	Robb Dennis, leader Valmae Hill, piano David Clark, organ Avondale Orchestra and Avondale Singers
Offering		Dr Bruce Manners Senior minister College Church
Offertory	“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”—arr Downing	Jenny Nixon, violin David Clark, organ John Truscott, piano
Prayer		Ross Willis (1958) and Lois Willis
Item	“Prayer of the Children”—Bestor	The Promise Robb Dennis, conductor
Outstanding Alumni Award		Pastor Roger Nixon President Avondale College Alumni Association
Outstanding Alumni Award presentation		Brian Townend (1948), recipient Roger Nixon, presenter
Scripture reading	Psalms 37:22-25	Harry and Helen Halliday (both 1958)
Item	“Witness”—Halloran	The Promise
Sermon	“Going for Gold”	Malcolm Allen (1958)
Item	“It Is Well With My Soul”—arr McDonald	Avondale Singers
Benediction		Jo Lee (1958)
Choral benediction	“The Irish Blessing”	The Promise
Postlude	“La Rejouissance from The Royal Fireworks music”—G F Handel	Avondale Orchestra

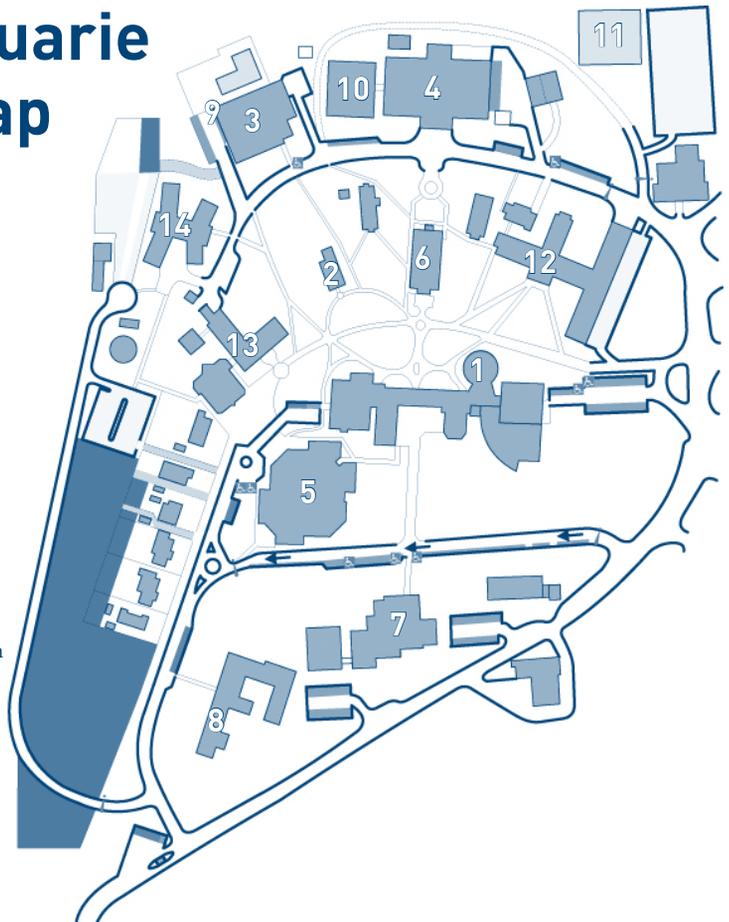
# Class hosts and reunion venues

Honour year	Class host	Guest	Reunion venue
1938	Elsie Brooks	Dr John Cox, president, Avondale College	Family Room College Church
1948	Lyle Davis Dot Cottier	John Cox	Family Room College Church
1958	Richard Milne Tricia Sutcliffe	John Cox	Activities Centre Avondale Retirement Village 22 Alton Road, Cooranbong
1968	John Hammond Carolyn Mitchell Max Pengilly	John Cox	Fellowship Hall Avondale Memorial Church 584-586 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong
1978	Glen King Jan Bernoth	Brenton Stacey, public relations officer, Avondale College	College Hall
1983	Phil Knight Annette Lamplough	Brenton Stacey	Room N2 Faculty of Nursing and Health
1988	Rod Cassie Marie Lawrence	Lorin Braford, director of advancement,	Common Staff Room Bethel Hall
1998	Brendon Wotherspoon	Lorin Braford	Teen Room College Church

## Lake Macquarie campus map

### Key

1. Avondale Library
2. Bethel Hall
3. Cafeteria
4. Chan Shun Auditorium
5. College Church
6. College Hall
7. Education Hall
8. Faculty of Nursing and Health
9. FitLife Health Club
10. Jim Hanson Fitness Centre
11. Tennis Court
12. Watson Hall
13. Andre Hall
14. Ella Boyd Hall



# Concert

## Hymns and Songs of Praise

College Church  
Saturday, 30 August, 2008, 7-9 pm

Congregation, orchestra, choirs

**“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”**  
**“And Can It Be”**  
**“All The Earth”**  
**“This Is My Father’s World”**

Salvation Army Sydney Staff Songsters

**“How Can I Keep From Singing”**  
Words and music: Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman and Ed Cash  
Arrangement: Richard Kingsmore

**“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”**  
Words: Latin 12th century; German: Paul Gerhardt  
Music: Hans Leo Hassler  
Arrangement: Jay Rouse

**“Give Me Jesus”**  
Traditional spiritual  
Arrangement: Robert Sterling

Congregation, orchestra, choirs

**“To God Be The Glory”**  
**“Ancient Words”**

Salvation Army Sydney Staff Songsters

**“I Surrender All”**  
Words: J W VanDeVenter  
Music: W S Weedon

**“Praise You”**  
Words and music: Elizabeth Goodine  
Arrangement: Carol Cymbala

Salvation Army Sydney Staff Songsters  
Avondale College Contemporary Choir

**“Still”**  
Words and music: Reuben Morgan  
Arrangement: David T Clydesdale

Avondale College Contemporary Choir

**“O Happy Day”**  
Words: Phillip Doddridge  
Music: Edwin Hawkins

Freewill offering

Congregation, orchestra, choirs

**“Everything Within Me/Fairest Lord Jesus”**  
**“Amazing Grace”**  
**“Our Great Saviour”**  
**“This Kingdom”**

Salvation Army Sydney Staff Songsters

**“How Great Thou Art”**  
Words and music: Stuart K Hine  
Arrangement: Jay Rouse and Camp Kirkland



# Roll Call

## 1938

Ada Douglas  
Arthur Schofield  
Athol Piper  
Beira Jones  
Beryl Johanson  
Clifford Murchison  
Corrina Fletcher  
Daphne Burns  
Donelda McConnochie  
Dorothy Searles  
Edward Rosendahl  
Elsie Stockdale  
Eve Watters  
Francis Basham  
George Maywald  
Glynne Foster  
Hal Windeyer  
Harold Jones  
Harry Worboys  
Hope Hungerford  
John Cernik  
John Mitchell  
Lester Lock  
Mareta Cozens  
Melva Bathgate  
Neville Grace  
Oliver Ferris  
Pearl Deering  
Ruth Cleeve  
Stanley Chowla  
Stewart Wallace  
Val Mobbs  
Walter Simmonds  
William Hay  
Wilma Johanson  
Winifred Flanigan

## 1948

Anne Eggan  
Arthur Duffy  
Betty Hunt  
Brian Townend  
Bronte Sinclair  
Cecil Toepfer  
Cyril Mitchell  
Daphne Small

Deidre Ganter  
Donald Bourne  
Donald Crombie  
Donald Mitchell  
Dorothy Cottier  
Douglas Gillis  
Earle Rogers  
Edward Brownie  
Edward Newman  
Edwin Totenhofer  
Elva Bade  
Elwyn Raethel  
Emily Thomson  
Frank Gifford  
Frank Watts  
Graham Litster  
Harold Irvine  
Harold Roberts  
Heather Morris  
Joan Mitchell  
John Duffy  
John Salmond  
Joseph Dawson  
Joyce Stanton  
Letty Barritt  
Lois Sluggett  
Lyle Davis  
Margaret Miller  
Mary Riepon  
Mavis Goold  
Mervyn Blyde  
Milton Head  
Myrtle Sutherland  
Nina Lambert  
Norma Steele  
Percy Holmes  
Ray Walsh  
Rex Cobbin  
Robert Bower  
Roma Macleay  
Ronald Eager  
Thelma March  
William Beveridge

## 1958

Bert Gibbs  
Betty Wragg  
Brian Keitley  
Carol Hick  
Cedric Ward  
Connie Petersen

Coral Leach  
Coralie Paxton  
Corrie Kensen  
Daphne Clifton  
Daphne Davis  
David Lamb  
Dawne Satchell  
Dennis Boyd  
Derek Reye  
Desmond Ford  
Donelda Behrens  
Doreen Fox  
Dorothy Eason  
Dulcie Keen  
Edward Ho  
Ellen Lu  
Enid Hill  
Fay Marchant  
Frances Brennan  
George Wong  
Glenn Nixon  
Glenys Roberts  
Graham Allen  
Grahame Henley  
Gwenyth Davis  
Helen Choveaux  
Helen Fogarty  
Helen Gardner  
Helen Smith  
Hulman Sinaga  
Hung Shen Pui  
Ian Heggie  
Immanuel Napitupulu  
Ingeborg Meixnor  
Jan Hutauruk  
Jillian Wallace  
Jo Gray  
Joan Woodhouse  
Joy Harth  
Joy Knight  
Joy Portbury  
Judy Allum  
Judy Gisler  
Keith Clouten  
Lenel Moulds  
Lorna Burgess  
Mairi Marks  
Marcia Searle  
Margaret Fairfoul  
Margaret Hoffman  
Margaret Pascoe

Margaret Pascol  
Marie Krauss  
Mary Shelton  
Mary Wark  
Maureen Stewart  
Mavis MacFarlance  
Olga Hill  
Oliver Dudley  
Pat Burgess  
Pat Hansford  
Pat Malt  
Philomene Hsu  
Rennie Hayes  
Rex Barriball  
Richard Milne  
Robert Fairfoul  
Ron Thomas  
Rosalie Judd  
Rudolf Saya  
Shirley Rippingale  
Shirley Watt  
Siupelli Lolie  
Stan Strahan  
Wanda Besenyei  
Warren Bailey  
Wendy Harris  
Yvette Parker  
Yvonne Crew  
Zena Hawken

## 1968

Alan Rosendahl  
Alastair MacGillivray  
Alda Aboltins  
Alec Ward  
Alice Nkungula  
Barbara Winter  
Bernard Brinsmead  
Beverley Benham  
Beverley Mitchell  
Brian McCleary  
Brian Smith  
Carol Dickins  
Carolyn Craig  
Carolyn Gaye Hansford  
Carolyn Hill  
Carolyn James  
Cheryl Hodgkinson  
Christine Petersen  
Colleen Osman  
Darryl Kum Yuen



David Blanch  
 David Heise  
 David Webster  
 Desmond Hale  
 Dian White  
 Diana Bermingham  
 Dianne Rabjones  
 Donald Gray  
 Dudley House  
 Elizabeth Rose  
 Eva Davey  
 Faye Bussau  
 Garrie Williams  
 Gilbert Valentine  
 Glenda Wright  
 Gordon Hammond  
 Grace Mitchell  
 Graham Barnett  
 Gregory Hinze  
 Harley Stanton  
 Heather Buton  
 Janice Priestly  
 Jeanette Allum  
 Jeanette Scholes  
 Jennifer Douglas  
 John Gate  
 John Golding  
 John Hammond  
 Joy Grinham  
 Julie Dowling  
 Julie Edmunds  
 Kay Kranz  
 Kwee Juan Chai  
 Kyrill Bland  
 Leone Begg  
 Lindsay McHugh  
 Lorna Martin  
 Margaret Armstrong  
 Margaret Green  
 Margaret Cooke  
 Marilyn Fowler  
 Matthew Steele  
 Maurice Ashton  
 Maxwell Pengilley  
 Merrilyn Crabtree  
 Neil Dawson  
 Nerice Tucker  
 Nerida White  
 Neville Tosen  
 Noel Shipard  
 Nyuk Chiew Vivian Yap

Owen Cowley  
 Pamela Binning  
 Pamelynne Gray  
 Peter Sawyer  
 Raymond Blackburn  
 Raymond Newman  
 Rex Durand  
 Rhonda Wickes  
 Richard Stone  
 Robert Marshall  
 Robert Porter  
 Robin Rofe  
 Robyn French  
 Robyn Grieve  
 Rodney Cooke  
 Rosanne Thomson  
 Roy Hollingsworth  
 Shirley Josephs  
 Stanley Marks  
 Sue Pringle  
 Tommy Nkungula  
 Ualesi Jerome  
 Vernon Wood  
 Vivian Hill  
 Wanda Schmidt  
 Wendy Palmer  
 Wendy Ward  
 Wilfred Pinchin  
 William Chapman  
 William Zytник  
 Winsome Abbott

## 1978

Alan Johnson  
 Allan Dennis  
 Allen Cummings  
 Alwyn Rix  
 Andrew Luzuk  
 Andrew Vidler  
 Ann Harker  
 Anne Meaney  
 Anne-Marie Parrett  
 Anthony Grills  
 Anthony Martin  
 Anthony Williams  
 Barbara Parkins  
 Beth Fischer  
 Brian Rilstone  
 Bronwyn Custance  
 Bronwyn Gwynne  
 Bruce Davey

Bruce Hamilton  
 Bryan Bridger  
 Carolyn Brown  
 Cary Smith  
 Cheryl Clarke  
 Christine Boyd  
 Colleen Wilkes  
 Connie Hankinson  
 Coral Patrick  
 Craig Hulls  
 David Carleton  
 David King  
 David Sandercock  
 Dawn Crocker  
 Debra Mitchell  
 Delwyn Litster  
 Dene Rowling  
 Denis Walsh  
 Denise Munro  
 Desiree Sleight  
 Diane Styles  
 Dianne Turner  
 Don Gehlberg  
 Errol Papin  
 Frank Genoves  
 Frank Greeman  
 Gale Wright  
 Garry Ford  
 Gary Cobbin  
 Geoffrey Bull  
 Glen Reed  
 Glendyn King  
 Graeme Barker  
 Graeme Christian  
 Graham Clark  
 Gregory Slater  
 Gwenda Newman  
 Heather Raethel  
 Heather Woodhouse  
 Helen Literacki  
 Helen Thornton  
 Hildegard Stegani  
 Howard West  
 Ian Blackburne  
 Ian Redman  
 Jadranka Kriksic  
 Janette Lucas  
 Jasmine Lambert  
 Jasmine Whyte  
 Jeanette Dever  
 Jeffrey Bullas

Jeffrey McKergow  
 Jennifer Bond  
 Jennifer Cappe  
 Jennifer Jones  
 Jennifer Trood  
 Joanne Hofmeier  
 Joel Alexis  
 Joelle Darko  
 John Griggs  
 John Wilkinson  
 Jonathan Eliot  
 Joseph Roberts  
 Josephine Awde  
 Joy Burns  
 Judy Wilson  
 Julie Aitken  
 Julie Hart  
 Julie King  
 Justin Barham  
 Karen Price  
 Kate Pearson  
 Kathie Miller  
 Kathyne Brown  
 Keith Wallace  
 Kerroyne Mason  
 Kerry Read  
 Kerryn Threlfo  
 Kim Roberts  
 Kinsley Wood  
 Lana Collins  
 Lauren Jeffs  
 Laurinda Plahn  
 Lawrence meintjes  
 Lazar Sretenovic  
 Leonie Hutchinson  
 Leslie Hardy  
 Leslie White  
 Lester Keegan  
 Lilian Matthews  
 Lincoln Steinhort  
 Linda Quine  
 Lindy Bagnall  
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 Lorraine Lynch  
 Lyndal Ferris  
 Margaret Jones  
 Margaret Muller  
 Margaret Pryce  
 Marilyn Dallwitz  
 Marilyn Edmunds  
 Marilyn Gibson



Mark Stevenson  
Maxwell Mulligan  
Merelyn Curnuck  
Michael Dye  
Michael Rigby  
Michelle Rabjones  
Michelle Thompson  
Milivoj Vujanov  
Narelle Akon  
Narisa Stanton  
Neil Radford  
Neil Wilson  
Merida Edwards  
Neva Taylor  
Neville Fedley  
Noel Fulwood  
Norrie Taylor  
Paul Biggs  
Paul Bogacs  
Paul Marks  
Peter Schaper  
Petra Milanovic  
Prudence Rofe  
Raymond Cross  
Raymond Lewis  
Reginald Litster  
Rexine Purse  
Rhonda Bradley  
Rhonda Hancock  
Robert Palmer  
Robert Randall  
Robyn Parry  
Robyn Wills  
Rodney Phillips  
Ronald Chapman  
Rosalea Quine  
Rosemary Wells  
Ross MacErlich  
Ruth Doble  
Ruth Teare  
Sandra Bartlett  
Sandra Knight  
Sasha Djordjevic  
Sharon Bateman  
Sharon Dayhew  
Sharon Nobbs  
Sharyn Barker  
Sioe Sie  
Stephen Baronian  
Stephen Chambers  
Stephen Garret

Stephen Pitt  
Stephen Robinson  
Stephen Taylor  
Steve Cuthbert  
Sue-Ellen Jones  
Susan Dean  
Susan Howell  
Susan Yettie  
Terrence Goltz  
Terry Tindall  
Trevor Wilson  
Trudi Ricketts  
Warwick Sheffield  
Webber Roberts  
Wendy Ralph  
Wendy Rampton  
Wendy Robe

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Adele Fwendolyn Free  
Adrian John Glemming  
Allan John Patterson  
Alvin Berthold Schick  
Anil Kumar Patel  
Annette Hojwaniuk  
Annette Lorraine Hulls  
Ann-Marie Head  
Ashley David Granger  
Astar Alexis  
Barbara Anne Buckley  
Bradley Richard Kemp  
Brendon Scott Carter  
Calvin William O'Brien  
Carol Lee Eager  
Carolyn Jean Lee Mills  
Catherine Mary Read  
Cheryl Margaret Todd  
Chris Dyson  
Christine Ann Mitchell  
Chrys Daryl Martin  
Colin Andrew Lees  
Colin Wayne Wilson  
Daniel Jan Koziol  
Daren Mark Pearce  
David Edgar Blagden  
David Robert Symes  
Debbie Jay Thorpe  
Debbie Michelle Keitley  
Debra Crushla Afa  
Debra Leigh Bailey  
Deidre Bronwyn Hough

Delys Aileen Knapp  
Denise Joy Fitzclarence  
Dennis George Clifford  
Donald Kingston Hosken  
Dragan Mladjen  
Elizabeth Jane Till  
Eric Alexander Jelfs  
Eric Henry Winter  
Esther Roberts  
Fary John Thomson  
Genia Lea Porter  
George Neville McKenzie  
Glenda Ruth Piez  
Graeme Allan Brown  
Graeme Lindsay Fitzclarence  
Hank Karel Louwen  
Harmen Fabriek  
Heather Nerise Hughes  
Hilary Jane Hamilton  
Ian Campbell Hill  
Ian Francis Bauer  
Irene Deborah Simpson  
Irmawati Azali  
Jacqueline Lee  
Jacqueline Margaret Skinner  
Janelle Lee Brice  
Janelle Rae Beaumont  
Jennifer Adele Lawson  
Jennifer Ann Will  
Jennifer Elaine Batten  
Jennifer Maree Pascoe  
Joanne Kaye Gould  
Joanne Margaret Peters  
John Anthony Wigglesworth  
John Brian Ladlow  
John Victor Bailey  
John Douglas Hutton  
John Kenneth Norris  
John Neil Andrews  
John Raymond Dabson  
Judith Anne Milne  
Julie May Jakupec  
June Marcia Honey  
Karen Anne Walker  
Karen Elizabeth Madgwick  
Karen Gray  
Kaylene Anne Lawson  
Kenneth Darrell Robinson  
Kerrie Anne Boddey  
Kerrie Elizabeth Binns  
Kerry Lyn Adams

Kim Brown  
Kymmarrie Fae Price  
Lea-Anne Michelle Brighton  
Leeta Adell Barber  
Leigh Russell Rice  
Lerryn Ruth Paget  
Linda Laureen Judd  
Lionel Harold Smith  
Lisa Michelle Martlew  
Lorna Kay Mowbray  
Lorraine Anna Zanco  
Lorraine Ruth Goods  
Lyle Ivan Walters  
Lyndon Russell Webb  
Lynette Carlsen  
Lynnee Maree Wilson  
Maarten Luke Stohr  
Marilyn Judith Craig  
Marion Ruth Halliday  
Marvin Charles Waldrip  
Melinda Joy Jackson  
Michael David Dabson  
Michael Graham Weerts  
Michelle Annette Pryce  
Michelle Patrice Honan  
Michelle Robyn Wright  
Milan Jakupec  
Monique Fleur Smith  
Neil Raymond Marks  
Nelda Maree Wadd  
Neone Okesene  
Patricia Ann Heinicke  
Paul Meredith Rankin  
Peter James Hodgkin  
Peter William Nightingale  
Phillip John Brown  
Phillip William Knight  
Rachel Irene Valderemao  
Raymond Edward Stanley  
Robert Andrew Rinsma  
Robyn Ann Cockburn  
Robyn Michelle Williams  
Rosalie Dawn Summersell  
Rosemary Robinson  
Russell Gordon Duncan  
Russell John Wold  
Sally Joan Toepfer  
Sandra mae Hagen  
Sandra mae Hale  
Sandra Robyn Ferguson  
Sarita Jay Tarrant



Saula Suasua Rau  
Scott Douglas Riggins  
Sharlene Joy Vysma  
Sharon Elsmerna Tolhurst  
Sharon Joy O'Hara  
Sharon Maree Lang  
Sharon Maree Moon  
Sheryn Francis Pahl  
Stephanie Elizabeth Vernon  
Stephen David Atkinson  
Susan Irene Axthelm  
Susan Jane Andrews  
Suzanne Mary Powell  
Tania Ingrid Mattner  
Trudy Delvena Fatnowna  
Ula Elizabeth Williams  
Wayne Everingham  
Wendy Amanda Stanton  
Yasuki Miyamoto

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Adrian Gareth Saunders  
Adrielle Joy Britten  
Adrienne Joan Baldwin  
Alanna Kathleen Perry  
Alison Ruth Greenwell  
Allison Ann Kenny  
Allyson Elizabeth Allen  
Aloma Joy Anderson  
Althea Raewyn Currie  
Andrea Janelle Hughes  
Andrea Maree Cranstoun  
Andrew Douglas Randall  
Andrew James Potts  
Andrew Paul Jacob  
Andrew Sidney Grand  
Anggela Jane Webster  
Anthony Wayne Knight  
Ashley Nand Prasad  
Belinda Ann Matheson  
Bernice Claire Brewer  
Bradley John Edwards  
Brendon Francis Hancock  
Brian Kevin Beaden  
Brian Neville Tink  
Brian Young-Gab Je  
Bronwyn Elizabeth Koncz  
Bruce Alexander Stuart  
Carolyn May Halliday  
Caryl Anne Fischer  
Cathie Melinda Powell

Christine Elizabeth Ball  
Christine Roseanne Roberts  
Christopher Mark Robinson  
Christopher Ron Bellette  
Clive Patrick  
Colin Frederick Reeve  
Colleen Maree Blair  
Connie Kew  
Connie Yuen- Ching Yau  
Craig Wardell Keven  
Dael Parsons  
Dale Martin Jung  
Danilo Jeftic  
Darrel Norman Schick  
Darryl Graham Scale  
Darryl John Bullas  
Daryl Burns Hubber  
David Dean Rogers  
David Douglas Edgar  
David Robert Geelan  
David Robert Potter  
Dean Brent McFaull  
Deanne Bevlyn Fowler  
Debbie Louise Hooper  
Deborah Anne Hilton  
Deborah Lea Hartsorn  
Deidre Michelle Williams  
Denise Kylie-Anne Bobongie  
Desley Rae Howard  
Desmond Lloyd Englert  
Dianne Maree Richards  
Dianne Patricia Nicholson  
Doedie Ann Kosmeier  
Donna-Maree Lloyd  
Edward John Winfield  
Eileen Joy Pettman  
Elizabeth Frances Small  
Elizabeth Helen Hodge  
Elizabeth Iwan Sandra Ivey  
Elizabeth Kane Baskin  
Elizabeth Louise Hagen  
Felicity Jane Heath  
Fiona Sally Jevtovic  
Francis William Saunders  
Gabrielle Ann Selent  
Gary Charles Roberts  
Gavin Lloyd Hughes  
Goeffrey Francis Donovan  
Giuseppe Enrico Croci  
Glenda Pang  
Gordon Mijatovic

Grace Wong  
Harry Hickson Neale  
Hayden Robert Scotter  
Heather Adele Calarco  
Ian James Baskin  
Ian Robert Mepstead  
Jacqueline Le Stokes  
James Nicholas Kross  
Jane Iris Darko  
Jane Lilly Fernandez  
Janene Heather Calvert  
Janiece Anne Humble  
Jean Patricia McMurtry  
Jeffery Ian Craig Stirling  
Jennifer Kaye Eager  
Joanne Lee Fua  
Joanne Maree Lawrence  
John Herbert Ludlow  
John Herbert Pocock  
Jonathan Samuel Fowler  
Joy Edna Stackelroth  
Joy Winnifred van der Klift  
Joyce Ann Valsames  
Julie Anne Pepper  
Julie Louise Kingston  
Julie Nanette Hortop  
Karina Watts  
Kathryn Ann Rieger  
Kathryn Anne Skinner  
Katrina Ann Franklin  
Katrina Miriam Smith  
Kee-Oi Leong  
Kenneth Wayne Love  
Keren Gaye Wilson  
Kerry Brian Richardson  
Kerryn Marie Wood  
Kimberly Dawn Houliston  
Kym Kaylene Usher  
Kym Maree McGillivray  
Laila Pedersen  
Laurel Jane Raethel  
Lawrence Ashley Meintjes  
Lawrence Edwin Taylor  
Leanne Alice Richter  
Leanne Margaret Wynne  
Leonie Maree Evans  
Lilian Anne Matthews  
Linda Meryl Carter  
Linda Zena Wright  
Lindy Joy Cooper  
Lisa-Maree Landall

Louise Francis  
Lyndel Mary McMurtry  
Lyndel Bruce Jones  
Maree Anne Hill  
Margaret Rose Josefski  
Marie Dawn Lawrence  
Marion Ethel Kilchester  
Maryjo Roberts  
Merina Jane Dudley  
Michele Batchelor  
Michelle Alice Ginn  
Michelle Ann Leach  
Michelle Fale Manderson  
Murray William Percival  
Naomi Manu  
Natalie Janelle Davey  
Neil Wayne Wake  
Nerida Rosli Gosling  
Neville Cassie  
Neville David Tosen  
Nicola Isabel Sheehy  
Olga Rosalind Ward  
Pamela Helen Taylor  
Paul Petulima Fuimaono  
Paul Roussos  
Peter Colin Clarke  
Peter Gordon Saunders  
Peter Kai-Cheung Chuk  
Peter William Nightingale  
Philip Boyd Stanton  
Phillip Van Der Klift  
Prapaipan Sridecharinkul  
Ranald Grant Urquhart  
Randall Julian Pieterse  
Rebecca Dorothy Rayner  
Rebecca Lai Fong Lau  
Reinhild Christa Steed  
Rhonda Jean Ridgeway  
Robert Alan Fisher  
Robert Andrew Rinsma  
Rodney Wayne Cassie  
Roger Andrew Ward  
Rohan Cains  
Rosalee Anne Nixon  
Rosemary Ashton  
Rowena Anne Reye  
Sheralee Anne Faull  
Sherryl Sebber  
Sid Nicholas  
Simon Dean Carter  
Stephanie Jane Rushton



Stephen James Morris  
 Stephen William Glover  
 Susan Jane Williamson  
 Tanya Maree Lawrence  
 Tanya Maree Wordsworth  
 Terri Denyce Studdeard  
 Thomas Patrick Ronan  
 Tina Anne Harris  
 Tina Wong  
 Tonia Robyn Crawford  
 Tony Dance  
 Trevor Norman Oliver  
 Vernita Gaye Goldring  
 Vipul Suresh Gandhi  
 Wade Richard Follent  
 Warren Mark Jackwitz  
 Wendy Jane Shuttleworth  
 Wilhelmus Cornelius De Groot  
 Willem Daniel Knopper  
 William Peter Truscott  
 William Robert Iro

## 1998

Adam James Edgar  
 Adam Kerryd Hess  
 Adrian Robert Gould  
 Alan Luke French  
 Amanda Rose Brunton  
 Andreas Manfred Krause  
 Andrew James Day  
 Angela Seymour Robertson  
 Angelina Maria Wright  
 Ann Price  
 Anna Jocelyn Uther  
 Anthony Lyndon Mead  
 Belinda Cox  
 Belinda Maree Hafey  
 Bianca Rosemarie Hughes  
 Brad Alan Renshaw  
 Bradley Laurence Green  
 Brendon James Carvill  
 Brenton John Howie  
 Bronwyn Lorraine Sweetman  
 Brooke Lesley Rosendahl  
 Brunilda Boxholli  
 Carmen Duella Booyens  
 Carolina Orellana  
 Carolyn Denise Nicholson  
 Casey Lee  
 Catherine Jane Hele

Cheryl Anne Carrasco  
 Chrispine Nyirongo  
 Christine Louise Pallas  
 Christopher Chrispine Phiri  
 Colin Bennett Tapping  
 Colleen Jeanette Kane  
 Conan Jerrad  
 Craig Vanas  
 Dana Sherilyn Johnson  
 Daniel Barry Hill  
 Daniel Brooks  
 Daniel Milenkov  
 David Brendan Josey  
 David Colin Edgren  
 David Herbert Thiele  
 Dawn Narelle Fenn  
 Deane Robert Fairfoul  
 Deidre Chapman  
 Donald Leslie Relihan  
 Donna Marie Jones  
 Elia Crevar  
 Elia Iosua Vaafusuaga  
 Elona Anne Dunne  
 Evan James Ellis  
 Fiona Jane Turnham  
 Gabriella Carmen  
 Copertino  
 Galdino Filippin  
 Gary Bazley  
 Glenn Douglas Hokin  
 Haylee Renae Rice  
 Hayley Fiona Potts  
 Hilda Annita House  
 Ian David Walton  
 Irene Halahala  
 Iris Faith Manuel  
 Irwin Brett Steyn  
 Jacey Doris Wegener  
 James Russell Toogood  
 Jason Scott Hinze  
 Jenny Sherene Wareham  
 Jeremy Paul Dunne  
 Jillian Jane Caswell  
 Jillian Margaret Sparks  
 Jo-Anne Chantelle Dalton  
 Joanne Darina Foots  
 Jodie Gail Gray  
 Jodie Lorraine Crow  
 Jodie-Leanne Hopkins  
 Jodine Mareka Stewart

Jody Paulette Drutman  
 John Kosmeier  
 Kataraina Toa  
 Kayleen Ann Jorgensen  
 Kelly Adele Stanley  
 Kelly Leanne Fischer  
 Kerrie Louise Whitson  
 Kevin John Tregenza  
 Kevin Michael Brown  
 Kristina Vivian Thompson  
 Kylie Fay Roberts  
 Kylie Jean Rickards  
 Lavinia Ortanu  
 Lawrence Shane Pearson  
 Lawrence Tanabose  
 Leanne Maree McCartney  
 Leonie Maree Towers  
 Letitia Anne Godfrey  
 Lex Andrew Goodchild  
 Linda Jane Thomson  
 Lindsey Stuart Wells  
 Lipeka Fuimaono  
 Luke Jordan Sommerfeld  
 Lynnette Roberts  
 Maria Nickolaevna Kosmeier  
 Marilyn Mary O'Keefe  
 Mark Andrew Raymer  
 Mark Anthony Campbell  
 Mark Meenyarrawal Goldsmith  
 Megan Elizabeth Maguire  
 Mei Ling Wong  
 Melinda Jane Mitchell  
 Melissa Gaye Hayes  
 Michael Chester Robertson  
 Michael Eric Jones  
 Mirika Peata Williams  
 Naomi Louise Arnold  
 Natalie Joy Camps  
 Nevila Mullai  
 Nicole Joanne Smedley  
 Nina Simone Plane  
 Pamela Collard-Glasspell  
 Patricia Anne Blanch  
 Paul Haldane Howes  
 Pauline Anne Katundu  
 Pauline Gabrielle Carr  
 Perofeta Joseph Afoa  
 Peter Allan Dabelstein  
 Philip Lindsay Laws  
 Phillip Ross Osmond

Phillipa Jane Amann  
 Rachel Jane Meintjes  
 Rachel Marie Angelopoulos  
 Rebecca Anne Johnson  
 Rebecca Jane Southon  
 Rebecca Joy Starr  
 Rebecca Mary Hedges  
 Rebekah Joy Patrick  
 Robert John Cook  
 Robyn Lea Vandertoorn  
 Rodney Maurice Woods  
 Rohan George Anderson  
 Rosalie Isobel McGrath  
 Roseanne Joy Hergenhan  
 Russell Willcocks  
 Ruth Helen Wiggins  
 Ruth Mastromihalis  
 Sally Melissa Truscott  
 Samuel Ruben Braga  
 Sara Ann Murray  
 Sarae Fleur Morey  
 Sarah Gaye Weedon  
 Sarah Lyn Redman  
 Scott David Ashmore  
 Sharon Gayle Coombs  
 Sharon Kate Dunstall  
 Shelisa Dale  
 Shelley Leanne Johns  
 Stephanie Louise Chapman  
 Steven Rajcany  
 Susan Joy Utting  
 Susan Lorraine Redman  
 Susan Michal Johnson  
 Susan Rhoda Lewis  
 Sylvia Elsie Ale  
 Tamara Gail Upton  
 Tania Louise McMahon  
 Tara Yvette Shelton  
 Tracey Kathleen Smith  
 Tracy Ann Cobbin  
 Tracy Joy Jackson  
 Trudy Joy Ninness  
 Wendy Bazley  
 Wendy Hazel Hergenhan  
 Wilfred Tatagu Liligeto  
 William King Williams

## Class of 1938

# Beryl Stocken

Beryl Stocken clearly remembers the wet weekend in Warburton, Victoria, 1934 when the then 17-year-old came of age. She and brother Keith stayed home while the rest of the family visited her terminally ill father in the Sydney Adventist Hospital. The constant rain caused flooding, and try as they might, Keith and Beryl could not protect all of the furniture in their grandmother's house, located on the banks of the Yarra River. They assessed the damage as the waters receded. She speaks of carrying sodden, dirty blankets up the hill to home to soak. "I'll never forget the feeling of utter helplessness."

Then, a telegram: her father—aged only 43—had died. "This was devastating," says Beryl. "I became angry and bitter."

She would come to accept her father's death a year later. "Looking back as a family, we see the impact this has had on our lives—binding us together and strengthening our reliance on our Heavenly Father."

This faith would be tested by more than 22 years of service with husband Syd in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Beryl's interest became training women in welfare work. In later years, Beryl's children and grandchildren urged her to become computer literate, which made it possible for her to produce PowerPoints of her and Syd's mission work. She eventually created a DVD called *The Voice in the Jungle*, depicting the use of finger operated gramophones in spreading the gospel to the illiterate in the early 1950s.

"It is a great privilege to represent the 1938 graduation class, of which the majority are now resting," says Beryl. "Our motto was 'Aflame for God.' I'm sure we all did our best with God's help to make this a part of our lives."

The class of 1938 honours Beryl Stocken for her faith in God and for her mission service.



## Class of 1948

# Percy Holmes

Percy Holmes always felt his calling was to be a minister. People were a priority for him. He enjoyed developing close relationships with them, encouraging them and bringing them to Christ.

His denominational service began in 1949, the year after he graduated as class president from Avondale. He spent three years in Lismore—two as the minister of the Seventh-day Adventist church there—before running missions in Sydney and on the Central Coast of New South Wales. Two significant events marked his early years in ministry—his marriage to Deirdre Ganter in 1950 and his ordination in 1952.

Percy would then serve for about 15 years as an evangelist, publishing director and mission president in the Solomon Islands. The death of his wife's father and the illness of his mother saw Percy return temporarily with his family to Australia in 1957. During this break, Percy helped run a mission in Rockhampton then

ministered in Brisbane. He returned to the islands in 1960.

On his permanent return to Australia, Percy ministered at Adventist churches in Warrnambool, Croydon and Lilydale, Warburton, Warragul, and Ballarat, Ararat and Wendouree, all in Victoria. He retired in 1989 but continued to minister, visiting all the missing members of churches on the Central Coast. He would also volunteer for a year on Lord Howe Island and as chaplain to off campus students at Avondale. A stroke in 2000 affected his speech, but his zeal for ministry continued as he continued to handbill around Cooranbong.

The class of 1948 honours Percy Holmes for his dedication to ministry and for his love of Jesus Christ, the "centre of our message."





## Class of 1958

# Elwin Ferris

Elwin Ferris could be a part Pacific islander.

Born to missionary parents, he spent the first 11 years of his life in Fiji and learned English only while on furlough in Australia.

He remembers being shipwrecked in Tonga when only 12 years of age. A once-in-a-year change in the sea current took Elwin and the seven others on board the *MV Endeavour* off course. The dinghy on the boat would take only four people, so the other four swam to a sand atoll two kilometres away. All eight were picked up by a passing sail boat 24 hours later. Elwin says his interest in engineering—he graduated from the building construction course at Avondale in 1958—grew from similar boating experiences with his father and from maintaining the boats his father used as a means of transportation.

Elwin would later serve as the manager for Western Highlands Timber in Papua New Guinea (1964-1968) and as director of the Adventist Development and

Relief Agency in the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Central Pacific Union Mission (1989-1996).

He has also constructed 62 churches, seven community centres, three clinics and three schools as a coordinator of fly'n'builds in the Pacific.

He says these mission trips not only encouraged his Australian and New Zealand friends to serve but also helped Pacific islanders achieve goals they would not have without help.

"I appreciate my missionary heritage and that God has enabled me to give just a little back to others," says Elwin. "May He continue to bless."

Elwin is now retired "but working harder than ever," recently sending six containers of supplies to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

The class of 1958 honours Elwin Ferris for his missionary spirit and for his service to the peoples of the Pacific islands.



## Class of 1968

# Robyn Priestley

Avondale College is Robyn Priestley's life, "and the place where I have been very contented," she says.

This satisfaction stems not from academic achievement—Robyn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and, with former lecturer Dr Noel Clapham's encouragement, completed all the remaining history subjects a year later—but from experiencing nurture in its broadest definition. "I doubt I would have survived as a timid 18-year-old in a large university."

Robyn's parents, in this case, knew best. Avondale or Sydney Adventist Hospital (the San), they said, but nursing seemed too daunting. "I wasn't against the idea," says Robyn, "but now it seems a strange way to determine a career."

Robyn's father served in the medical corps of the New Zealand Army during World War II and worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company. Her mother trained as a nurse at the San. Her sister also trained at

the San and is an infant intensive care nurse. "I've had wonderful, supportive parents whose complete love and acceptance has never been in doubt," she says.

Robyn's passion for ethical and social justice issues may have grown out of this upbringing and of her time at Avondale. It has certainly influenced some of the roles—including that of the first affirmative action officer "in the days when things like gender neutral language were still considered quaint and entertaining"—in which she has served. Robyn is currently a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and chair of the Academic Board.

"I heard someone say recently they wanted to be really alive until they died," says Robyn, "and that is definitely a sentiment which I echo."

The class of 1968 honours Robyn Priestley for reminding us through her study of history of the value of social responsibility.

## Class of 1978

# David King

David King blows his own trumpet, and so he should—he has an enviable record of accomplishments as an instrumentalist and conductor and is at the forefront of music education.

David studied trumpet and cornet at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and music education at Avondale College.

In 1982, as Australian cornet champion, he received a scholarship to study band musicianship at Salford College in Manchester, England, where he graduated with distinction in performance in 1985. In 2000, he completed his Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA), becoming the first recipient of a performance research doctorate awarded within the British higher education sector.

David has pursued a career as a cornet soloist winning the title North of England Solo Champion three times and remaining unbeaten on B<sup>b</sup> cornet at the British Open Solo Championships for five consecutive years.

Representing the United Kingdom, he won the International Brass Musician of the Year in 1992.

As a conductor, David has won the European Brass Band Championships 10 times, twice with Black Dyke Mills Band and eight times with the Yorkshire Building Society Band. In 2002, he directed the Massed Bands of the North West of England during the closing ceremony of the Manchester Commonwealth Games. In 2006, he became conductor in residence to Her Majesty's Band of the Coldstream Guards.

And working with German designer Thomas Lubitz, David has developed a new range of brass instruments for Yamaha called the Xeno Series. He is currently chair of music (performance) at the University of Salford.

The class of 1978 honours David King for his services to music.



## Class of 1983

# Graeme Fitzclarence

Sickness robbed Graeme Fitzclarence of a promising career as a tradesperson, so it is ironic the man who graduated from automotive engineering at Avondale College is now completing a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Western Australia.

Three years after graduating, Graeme returned to New South Wales to begin an apprenticeship as a spray painter—he would eventually win apprentice of the decade. Two years later, he opened his own businesses in Cooranbong. Graeme ran the business for five years before being diagnosed with idiopathic dilative cardiomyopathy. “I had to leave my trade and sell the businesses,” he says.

Graeme and his wife, Cherelle, and children Jared, Chrysten and Ethan travelled around Australia over the next year before settling temporarily back in Cooranbong—they moved to the Northern Territory a year later. The Katherine floods came in 1998. After the floods, Graeme suffered an acute chronic

heart failure. An intensive care unit transferred him to Royal Perth Hospital. A heart transplant followed in 2000. The Fitzclarences moved to Broome a year later. This marked the beginning of Graeme's career change. He enrolled at the then Northern Territory University, graduating in 2005 with a Bachelor of Nursing and working that and the next year as a nurse and medic at mines sites and in hospitals. The family moved back to Perth where Graeme continues to manage his family's property portfolio and to study.

Graeme has twice directly asked God for guidance and direction in his life. “I even gave Him an ultimatum,” he says. The good news? “He unequivocally answered both times. Awesome.”

The class of 1983 honours Graeme Fitzclarence for showing how faith in God helps overcome adversity.





## Class of 1988

# Kimberley Houlston

A God thing.

This is how Kimberley (Deed) Houlston describes her burgeoning family ministries career.

Kimberley has essentially worked with children in an educational capacity for the past 20 years, including more than five years at a school for students with behavioural difficulties and eight years as a support teacher for learning assistance at public schools in the Hunter region of New South Wales.

A precursor to this form of ministry may have been a trip to Emerald, Queensland, to help run a Vacation Bible School with other Avondale students. But the clear call came while editing a video for a church fundraiser in 2001. “After several hours of frustration, I stopped and said to God, “This is for you. It’s not working. What do you really want me to do?”” says Kimberley. “I walked out of the study and into the lounge room, picked up my guitar, sat down and wrote a song. It was though God had been waiting for

me to ask that question so He could begin to show me some of the plans He had for me.”

Kimberley has now written hundreds of songs, produced about a dozen CDs and DVDs, including a 13-part series that airs internationally on cable and satellite television, built a recording studio, developed websites and toured Fiji, New South Wales, Papua New Guinea and Queensland as director of the self-supporting Abide Family Ministries.

“We—[husband Robert and sons Trent and Taylor]—are committed to following where God leads,” says Kimberley. The family has experienced the good, bad and unexpected, “but if God has called you to do something,” says Kimberley, “He will give you the skills or the people to help you to do it.”

The class of 1988 honours Kimberley Houlston for sharing her faith with families worldwide through music and multimedia.



## Class of 1998

# Elia Crevar

This is the story of the life of Elia Crevar.

It begins on February 16, 1973, in Ontario, Canada, but scan forward to 1992, the year the Sydney Adventist College alumnus first attends Avondale. The teaching reputation of the college and a need to experience independence influence his decision.

Two thousand and four is also a significant year. Wife Melinda (nee McMahon—“none of this equal rights business”) agrees to marry Elia after essentially playing the heroine in a Hollywood movie-type proposal that included briefcase drops, mystery mobile phone plants, a boat ride, a man in a cloak . . . . The two married on May 30 and now have a mini fox terrier. They travelled recently to Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Visiting a reserve to wash and feed abused elephants served as one of the highlights of the trip. It also illustrates one of Elia’s other personality traits—that of

altruism, particularly toward young adults.

Elia began ministering to young adults in schools and on streets as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in northern New South Wales’ Mega-Life bus team in 1996. After graduating from Avondale in 1998, Elia served as high and primary school chaplain and taught religious studies at Central Coast Adventist School. He now serves as the school’s full-time high school chaplain.

And his interest in creative ministry continues in partnership with The Haven Adventist Church, where Elia served for two years as a youth volunteer.

One of Elia’s goals is to learn to swallow tablets in less than four minutes. Another is to continue ministering to young adults, “who continue to amaze and inspire me.”

The class of 1998 honours Elia Crevar for his creative ministry to young adults.

Money raised from the Alumni Heritage Walk helps to preserve and restore the historical features of Avondale's Lake Macquarie campus.

*Ann Stafford*



## Engrave your name in stone: preserve our heritage

The unveiling of a black marble plaque in the pathway outside Bethel Hall on August 28, 1999, marked the beginning of Avondale College's Alumni Heritage Walk. The walk honours students who have graduated, current and former staff members, former students and current and former members of the college council.

The first paver in the walk bears the name of Laura Kent, at 108, Avondale's oldest living alumni until her death earlier this year. At the launch of the walk, and in the presence of four family generations, Laura rose to her feet and in a strong, resonant voice gave testimony to the value of Avondale for her family and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The walk is a fundraising project of the Avondale College Alumni Association. A tax-deductible donation of \$175 for each paver provides at least \$100 for the association's Alumni Heritage Walk Trust Fund. The association uses the money in the fund to preserve

and restore the heritage features of Avondale's Lake Macquarie campus.

A paver in the walk measures 220 millimetres in length, 110 millimetres in width and 30 millimetres in height. It is etched with the given, family and maiden name (if applicable) of an Avondale alumni and the alumni's final year at the college.

A feature of the walk is its informality. The pavers are placed randomly rather than alphabetically or chronologically. However, the location of each paver is recorded in a bound register.

Contact the alumni association at Avondale College (see masthead for contact details) to add your name to the Alumni Heritage Walk and to preserve and restore the heritage of Avondale College. Avondale will engrave your name in stone and place a paver in this memorable pathway as a permanent reminder of your generous donation to your alma mater.

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Avondale Library and College Hall  
Sunday, August 31, 2008, 9.30 am-1 pm

7 am-12 pm  
*Toronto County Club*

Golf classic

9 am-12 pm  
*College Hall*

Book fair

9.30-11 am  
*College Hall*

Sanitarium Health Food Company brunch

11 am-1 pm  
*Avondale Library*

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## Also open

## Location (map reference)

Chan Shun Auditorium

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FitLife Health Club

(9)

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