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Reflecting on Avondale ambassadors

The term, "reflections," has always confused me, not so much the meaning of the word, but rather its application.

Most of the definitions of the word refer to casting or giving back. I prefer the reference to thinking carefully, meditating on, especially in the context of the title of our magazine. It places an onus on us to take our role as Friends of Avondale seriously, to ask ourselves, What can I do to further the mission of this institution?

And I would encourage you to think of this support as more than just giving money (although Avondale welcomes donations and thanks those who choose to show their support in this way). I am learning, as I grow older, that time is precious.

A number of alumni choose or have chosen to volunteer as staff members – some lecture, some lead campus tours, some serve in administrative roles. However, not all of you are in a position to serve in this way. So, the following idea may suit.

Avondale is establishing an ambassador program in local Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Australia and New Zealand. The program, an initiative

of the Advancement Office, which is adopting a plan recommended by The President's Circle, will see Avondale representatives promoting the college in their local congregations.

Ministers receive much more information than they can share, so we will be searching for church members who not only have the time to communicate news about Avondale, but who also show enthusiasm for the college, a passion for promoting Christian education, and an interest in young adults. Is this you?

Avondale's future is looking bright. Our enrolment is the highest on record, the spiritual tone on campus is strong and having qualified as a Higher Education Provider, we can proceed with our application for university status. The journey will be an interesting one. Share it with us.

Brenton Stacey



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A Scottish Aboriginal with a passion for ministry

My Great Grandma Rosie was born at Palmer River in 1900. At the age of eight she was taken by the Aboriginal Protection Board to Mona Mona Seventh-day Adventist Mission. She was then sent from Cooktown to Cairns where she was kept in a prison cell until a policeman from Kuranda came to pick her up. She was kept in a cell again until the Seventh-day Adventist missionary came from Mona Mona Mission to collect her.

My Great Granddad Harry Grogan was a drover from Croydon. I am told he was a lovely and stable person. He used to go to Mona Mona Mission (near Kuranda) for holidays and he wanted to marry Rosie Palmer, who was then 14 years old. But he needed permission from the Aboriginal Protection Board who said that Rosie was too young. Harry worked as a policeman on Mona Mona. Eventually Rosie and Harry got married on 8 May 1921. Rosie was then 19 years old.

Harry and Rosie had nine children who were taken from them when the children were about eight years old. One of them was my grandfather, my mother's father. The children were placed in the mission dormitories. They were only allowed to see their parents one day a week on Sundays for lunch for two or three hours. When the children were at church, they were not allowed to wave at their parents. If they did they were grounded and their next week's lunch session with their parents was forfeited. This was the Aboriginal Protection Board's attempt for a better life for Aboriginal People.

When my Grandfather Finley and his siblings were old enough, about

nineteen years of age, they had to apply through the Superintendent of the mission to the Aboriginal Protection Board in Brisbane for permission to leave the mission for good. If successful they were free to go, but they were not really free. The Aboriginal Protection Board still controlled every aspect of an Aboriginal's life, even what they could buy and what they could do with their money.

My mum worked as a cook on a cattle station called Minamoka, where she fell in love with a Scottish ringer who had left Scotland at the age of twenty one. When my mum became pregnant, Dad moved us back to Scotland where I was born on a cold, freezing January day. Our family then came back to Australia when I was eighteen months old.

The next six and a half years were spent living in Cairns, the Tablelands, and a small Aboriginal community called Kowanyama at West Cape York. We finally settled in Townsville where we spent the next 12 years. I attended the Adventist primary school and then went on to the local high school at Pimlico until grade ten. Sick of school, I left to pick up a carpentry apprenticeship for four years and then worked as a qualified tradesman in Queensland for three years.

From the age of thirteen until I was twenty two years of age I did not have God in my life. In 1994, while living in Brisbane, I started attending a Wednesday night prayer meeting. I was baptized five months later. It was one of the best days of my life. Nothing can take the memory of that day away. I came into an understanding of forgiveness and the



Proud heritage for indigenous Scotsman.

unconditional love Jesus gave me, and I accepted it.

Then in 1997 I believed God called me to study ministry, so I attended the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bible College in Perth WA. In 1999 I graduated with an Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Ministry. I felt I needed more study and went to Avondale College and graduated with a BA in Theology in 2004. Praise God!!

My passion, dream and vision is to see the spiritual indigenous people of this country come into a lasting, enduring, loving, passionate relationship with their King, Saviour, Brother and Friend Jesus Christ. It is my responsibility and calling as an indigenous man to lead my people, who have been suppressed and oppressed long enough, to find freedom, peace and hope in Jesus.

This is my story, this is my song!

Johnny Murison, a 2004 Avondale graduate, is ministering at Mt Druitt Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sydney. In addition to his passion for ministry he is a gifted player of the didgeridoo.

Graduation 2004

Dr Barry Oliver, General Secretary of the church in the South Pacific, presented the address during the graduation ceremony. He spoke about the mission and character of Avondale, encouraging the graduates to continue developing and modelling the college's value system.

"Avondale can't create values in anyone," said Dr Oliver. "All any of us can do is provide an understanding of the process and an environment that helps others acquire the skills and tools that makes it possible for them to develop their own value system. Values and ethical behaviour have much more to do with freedom and choice than with obedience and conformity."



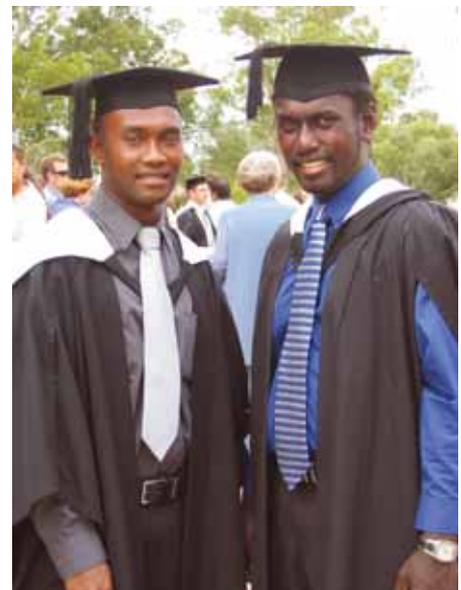
Staff in regalia before graduation ceremony.

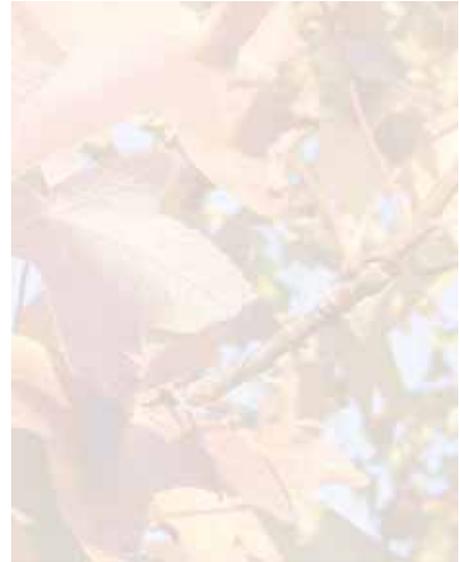


2004 Theology Faculty: Dr Ross Cole, Dr Norman Young (now retired), Dr Robert McIver, Drene Somasundram (Chaplain, Sydney Campus 2005), Dr Steve Thompson, Dr Beverley Davis (now retired), Dr Graeme Bradford, Dr Doug Robertson, Dr Ray Roennfeldt, Pr Lyell Heise.

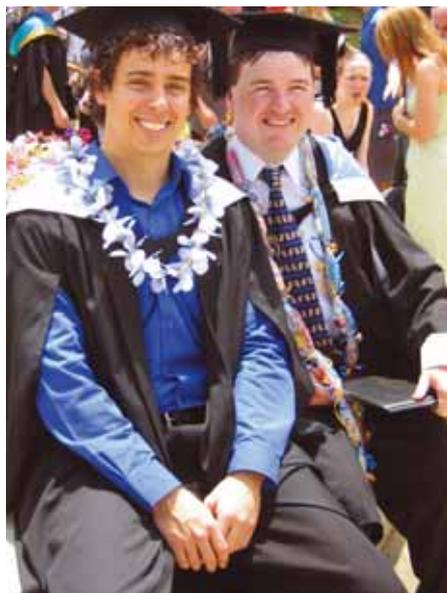


Gilmore Tanabose and Troy Livah, Solomon Island students, graduated from the Bachelor of Arts degree course in Communication.





Nursing graduates Delwyn Savage, Rebecca Rigby, Clare Tanner, Rebecca Waldrip and Kahlia Chamberlain celebrate together.



From left to right:

The big day they have been waiting for— Primary Education graduates Anthony Gredig and Kieran Jackson share the excitement of the occasion.

Scott Dobson and Kyle Richardson contemplate their future in the ministry. Both graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Theology.

Bachelor of Education (Honours) graduate, Alysia Greive, pauses for the camera.

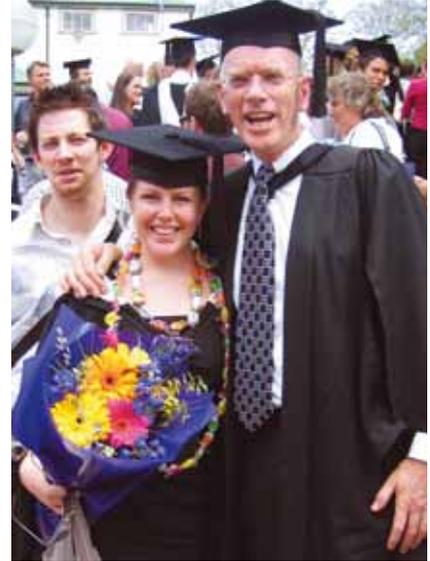
Graduating students line up ready to march.



Graduation 2004 continued



Julie Hankinson (Scale) takes time out with parents Warren and Robyn Scale.



Rochelle Price, Bachelor of Arts in Communication, receives a celebratory hug from Dr Bruce Manners, Pastor of the College Church.



The Weslake family, Ken, Amy, Ben, Laura and Julie rejoice with Laura, Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts.



Master of Theology graduate Sitiveni Teampa celebrates his achievement with friends.



Jessica Foster savours the moment with friend, Debra Topperwien, and husband Mark.



Avondale in my heart

On August 23 last year, I began a volunteer job that ended the Wednesday before graduation: acting registrar of Avondale College. So, after 13 years elsewhere, I've just had three months inside the institution, with abundant opportunity to check impressions formed as an Avondale student in the 1950s, shaped as an Avondale employee from 1973-1991 and honed as an Avondale alumnus since my first graduation 48 years ago. Avondale is in my mind, true, but why is it in my heart?

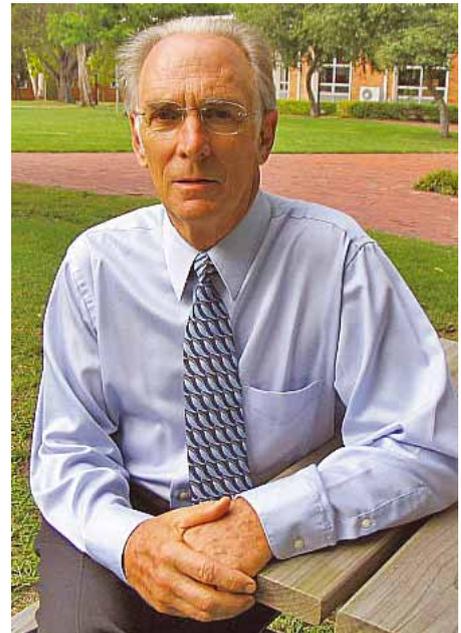
Avondale is in my heart because it fosters a maturing philosophy of education. If my professional life has a central focus, it is the will to understand and apply Scripture in terms of Christianity in general and Adventism is particular. Ellen White's 1872 testimony "Proper Education" intimated the ideals that formed The Avondale School for Christian Workers in 1897. She progressively unpacked those ideals in the sequence of writings that culminated in her 1903 book, *Education*. We have often referred – mistakenly – to Ellen White's philosophy of education as the blueprint for Avondale. It is far more than that for it offers the principles that must be applied whatever the culture or the circumstances within which we offer Adventist education. So, the spiritual gift of Ellen White is to be cherished, interpreted and applied by the community of faith that she helped to establish, a community dedicated to the enormous task of presenting the everlasting gospel to every nation, tribe, language and group of people.

Avondale is in my heart because it is committed to the delivery of quality education. That means

it must embody the teachings of Scripture, the distinctive teachings of Adventism and the best of human culture. God always addresses His people in a specific cultural context as He delivers eternal principles to meet precise circumstances. So, Avondale needs General Conference accreditation. Avondale needs to understand and respond to Commonwealth and State educational demands. Avondale needs professional bodies that advise on its ministerial, teacher, nursing and business education. We must hold it accountable for the way it delivers every aspect of undergraduate and graduate education.

Avondale is in my heart because it engages people and facilitates relationships. In the middle of Avondale's first century, my faith and understanding was nurtured by renowned "giants" who impacted my fledgling student life: William Murdoch, Alfred Kranz, Gordon McDowell, Edward White, Willard Meier. I found my first, only and cherished wife at Avondale (despite the social restrictions!). While I value friends from Andrews University, Christian Theological Seminary and the universities of New England and Newcastle, it is students and staff from Avondale that form the precious inner circle of human beings who nurture my faith and wholeness as a human being.

Avondale is in my heart because it fosters an inspired and inspiring sense of mission. We can trace that sense of mission from the 1890s when Ellen White invited my mother's parents to engage in the hard work of carving The Avondale



Dr Arthur Patrick reflects on his time at Avondale.

School for Christian Workers from the Australian bush. The institution was renamed The Australasian Missionary College in 1911 and its long-time motto was enhanced, For A Greater Vision of World Needs. This same commitment drives Avondale's invitation to people of diverse nations to come here for study. It motivates Avondale's engagement with international development studies. It impels students to go to every continent on earth in mission service. It takes staff and students to dusty outback towns for Storm Co projects, to Newcastle suburbs to support the Salvation Army tin can collection, to Redfern and Cooranbong for multi-phase attempts to share the gospel. Avondale embraces a mission that is as wide as the world, as inclusive as the love of God and as innovative as the genius of humanity.

Avondale is in my heart because it has proved itself more than worthy of my hopes, energies and resources. I thank God for Avondale and take courage for its future.

Arthur Patrick

Campus news

Record enrolment tops 1000

Enrolment at Avondale has passed 1000 for the first time in the history of the college.

The number of students studying at Avondale this semester is 1040*, an increase of 136 over last year and 123 over the previous highest enrolment, 917 in semester two, 2003.

"The record is gratifying because enrolment at other Higher Education Providers in Australia has declined by 10,000 over the past four years while increasing by 25 per cent at Avondale," says president Dr John Cox.

Traditionally, increases in enrolment at Avondale have corresponded with significant developments. "We recorded a jump in student numbers when we first received government accreditation for our degrees in the 1970s," says Dr Cox. "The introduction of FEE-HELP this year, coupled with the quality of our program and the quality of our marketing, is the main reason for the increase this year."

Director of marketing services Glenn Roberts describes the record enrolment as "pleasing" rather than surprising. "We marketed more intensely in 2004 than in any other year since 2000, the year I started," he says. "We knew we couldn't announce information about FEE-HELP, until late in the year, so we did more across more areas and had more contact with prospective students."

However, the appeal of the college may have as much to do with affordability as with the so-called "Avondale experience." A decline in enrolment in 2001 coincided with an increase in student fees, while

the increase in enrolment this year coincides with the introduction of FEE-HELP and the offer of more HECS places.

"Students can choose from a range of Higher Education Providers, and pragmatic considerations do come into play," says academic registrar Paul de Ville. However, he believes Avondale is the "place of preference" for students submitting applications. "Applications in December were down compared with the same period the previous year, but a higher percentage of those applicants turned up at college on registration day to enrol. That says something."

Dr Cox says we cannot consider the two factors in isolation. "The promotion we receive by word-of-mouth is priceless, but it is of little value if students cannot afford to study here."

The record number of Avondale students studying at an undergraduate level – 629 in total, with an increase in the number of first-year students – makes higher enrolments over the next few years likely. "The undergraduate students are the core of our business," says Mr de Ville, "and the record number presents us with challenges, including that of retention."

Enrolment on the college's Lake Macquarie campus – 909 this year – has grown by almost 300 over the past five years, but enrolment on the Sydney campus – where student numbers have increased by only 25 over the same period to 131 this year – remains fairly steady.

The record enrolment has placed a strain on the availability of on-campus student accommodation with

only 20 spare beds in the women's residences and 15 in the men's.

"I'm delighted with the enrolment and would like to thank all of those who have worked so hard to contribute to it," says Dr Cox. "It's most gratifying that so many students are taking advantage of the possibilities Avondale offers, both for growth in spiritual experience and for career opportunities."

* All figures as at March 31, 2005

Brenton Stacey

Nursing student receives high achiever award

Tamsyn Hillier has received a High Achiever Award from the Royal College of Nursing. The award is for outstanding performance and commitment to the profession. Tamsyn graduated in 2004 with a distinction from Avondale College.

Miss Hillier says receiving the award surprised her because "there were other good students." However, she says she is pleased the recognition is for "more than just marks. Nursing is about attitude. You've got to have your heart in it." Tamsyn is now working in the colorectal ward at Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Brenton Stacey



Tamsyn Hillier proudly displays her award.



Student awards and scholarships



Avondale College Foundation Awards of Excellence 2004
 Cooranbong campus—Kara Dale, Simon Green
 Wahroonga campus—Nicole Topperwien.

The Avondale Alumni
 Community Service Award 2004
 Scott Dobson



The Avondale Foundation Ministerial Training Scholarships 2005
 Dr Lester Devine (lecturer), Nalissa Maberly, Richard Carter, Chrissie Cooper,
 Dr Ray Roennfeldt (lecturer), Andrew Feaveai and Simon Morton.



Overseas Volunteer Service Award sponsored by
 Marion & Cyril Youlden, Anna Rieger presented by
 Dr Mel Lemke—Chris Riley.



Sydney Adventist Hospital
 Pathology Scholarship presented by
 Dr Kevin de Berg—Katrina McClintock.



The Noel Clapham Memorial Scholarship
 presented by
 Dr Robb Dennis—Sallee Rijavec.

New staff



Paul de Ville

Paul de Ville (2001) is the new Academic Registrar at Avondale. Paul was formerly head of Humanities at Longburn College in New Zealand, and a librarian at Avondale College. He is currently completing a PhD in mathematics education through Curtin University.



Pastor Wayne French

Pastor Wayne French (1976) has joined the Avondale staff as College Chaplain. Wayne served as Director of Youth Ministries in the North New South Wales Conference for the past fifteen years.



Sandra Ludlow

Sandra Ludlow (1975) has served as a teacher in the Adventist school system for the past twenty-nine years. Her most recent position was with the Avondale Early Learning Centre. Sandra is now a lecturer in Avondale's Faculty of Education.



Brenton Stacey

Brenton Stacey is the college's new Public Relations Officer. He also works part-time as news correspondent for the Adventist Church in the South Pacific.



Gail Clark

Gail Clark (1997) lectures in the Faculty of Education. She has taught for more than thirty years in primary and high schools, and is a careers consultant who brings experience in the field of Psychology to her appointment.



Dr Robb Dennis

Dr Robb Dennis has joined the Music Faculty as head of department. Robb has served most recently as a lecturer in voice and music history at San Bernardino Valley College, as Musical Director of the Moreno Valley Master Chorale, and as a member of the Repertory Opera Theatre of Los Angeles.



Deirdre Hough

Women's Residence Director **Deirdre Hough** (1983) has served most recently as Head of Boarding at Calrossy, one of Australia's largest boarding schools for girls. She is looking forward to fulfilling the same role at Avondale.



Pastor Mark McNeill

Pastor Mark McNeill (1996) has served as a minister for the past ten years, including associate pastor at Avondale College Church. Mark has been appointed Men's Residence Director.

Avondale Foundation news

Greg Meddick is the new manager of the Avondale College Foundation, replacing Chris Akroyd, who has retired after managing the Foundation affairs since 2000.

Greg graduated from Avondale College in 1996 with a Bachelor of Business degree and worked as assistant accountant in the Sanitarium Health Food head office for six months. He then spent a year with Westinghouse in a similar position before joining Arbitrage Partners, a management consulting firm, in 1998 as a senior consultant.

The Foundation is continuing to support Avondale College through its business operations and aims to contribute \$200,000 a year to various college projects. The 2004 contribution is funding two new buses, \$40,000 in scholarships for needy students or students who are ineligible for Commonwealth FEE-Help, \$40,000 for staff research, as well as video conferencing equipment and an awning for the auditorium foyer.



Greg Meddick
Manager of the Avondale Foundation.

Positive support for project

“ We were glad we could

witness the spiritual tone of the campus at the beginning of this year,” Stuart Tipple said after the Opening Convocation at Avondale in March. Stuart is chairman of the new Avondale support group, The President’s Circle, formed last year as an advisory committee to college administration on development projects.

A number of the Circle were present on campus for their second business meeting and to witness the opening ceremony at which the guest speaker was Mrs Desley Scott, MP in the Queensland Parliament, representing Woodridge.



Dr Al and Jane Sines from the USA help launch the President's Circle.

At their business meeting, members of the Circle endorsed plans recommended by college administrators for a new student accommodation complex of 80 beds to be built uphill from the main campus. It is a \$5.55 million project that will help Avondale meet expansion needs as student enrolments continue to increase. The project is now awaiting approval of a zoning change by the city council.

The group also had its first review of a constitution to govern its activities and to brainstorm on fundraising ideas for the student housing. The President’s Circle plans its next meeting for graduation day, December 4.

Chef hands over keys

“ Food, glorious food’ is how Oliver Twist described a pastime we all delight in. Avondale’s cafeteria has had its own legendary chef, who over the years has masterminded culinary dishes to satisfy many connoisseurs of good food, **Bruce Cantrill**. Now Bruce has decided to hang up the apron and cap and take a few months holiday in Europe.

Bruce became chef cuisinier at Avondale in 1982. During this time he became well known to students, staff and visitors alike as the good-humoured cook who was able to relate to everyone. Over the years the cafeteria has changed under Bruce’s direction to be an efficient place where good vegetarian food and dining have been synonymous with the name Cantrill.

Bruce spent three years in England at Newbold College, where he further refined his culinary skills, to return in 2000 to his former position at Avondale. Bruce says he will “miss the camaraderie of the students, the friendly banter from staff, the compliments (or otherwise) from diners and in general the distinctive atmosphere of the cafeteria.”

Nick Hartigan is the new head chef replacing Bruce Cantrill. Nick has worked in the hospitality industry for a number of years including Royal Pines Resort and Restaurant Mermaids on the Gold Coast. During 2004, Nick was the training officer for a large retail food group.

Nick and his wife, Julie, have two children, Ella and Talia. Nick says, “I may have a personality similar to Bruce, but we shall wait and see!” In his spare time, he enjoys making surfboards and furniture.



Bruce Cantrill hands the caf keys over to Nick Hartigan.

Theology lecturer enjoys the fast lane

From time to time I have wondered why the speedometers on cars go up to 200 km/hour or more. Given the traffic laws and how most drivers drive, one would think that nobody driving in Australia should need one that goes much above 130. Well, I have just spent 12 months in a country where you do need a speedometer that goes up to 200 km/hour, or more if your car can handle it. The autobahns in Germany, with their unlimited speed, are a bit scary until you get used to them, and after a while they become a wonderful way to get around quickly. They are but one of the many differences I discovered between what I had become used to in Australia and what I experienced during my twelve month secondment at Friedensau Adventist University.

My time at Friedensau came about at the instigation of their New Testament teacher, Dr Bernhard Oestreich, who needed someone to replace him during a twelve month study leave. I said I would be delighted to do so.

What surprised me at Friedensau was how different the German educational system was. There is little or no continuous assessment, so students must take much more responsibility for their own learning. Major exams are taken after the first three years of a student's program in theology, and then two years later. They are a mixture of oral and written exams.

There are three types of classes: lectures, "practices" and seminars. Junior-level lecture courses have a final exam, but senior lecture courses do not. In fact, I can still remember my feeling when I discovered that I was teaching a class where there would be no test, no essay, and no final exam. Wow! Essays are attached to the seminars, and the only requirement as to due date is that they must be finished and graded with pass or above before the major exams. The sum product of the German educational system was that students have great freedom to learn what they wish. It works well for the good students, and it was very

interesting to experience something so different to the educational systems in New Zealand, Australia, England and the United States, where I did my study.

My time at Friedensau for the 2003/2004 school year was a whole mix of things: making new friends, learning to stumble through conversations in German, being able to access some of the best theological libraries in the world, and experiencing a very different educational system. I would like to thank the Euro African Division, the Kuratorium of Friedensau Adventist University, the administration of Avondale College, and those teachers who taught my classes at Avondale in my absence for making this opportunity available to me. I have been greatly enriched by the experience.

Dr Robert McIver
Senior Lecturer
Faculty of Theology.



Pilot awarded for excellence

Hayley Wilson received the Sir Donald Anderson Trophy during a ceremony in Wangaratta, Victoria, on April 24 for being Australia's best performing female pilot in professional air transport licencing exams last year. The award is jointly sponsored by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and the Australian Women's Pilots Association (AWPA).

Hayley began her aviation studies as a Year 11 student at Avondale High

School, Cooranbong. She graduated from Avondale College with two Diplomas of Aviation – one leads to an air transport pilot licence and the other an instructor rating – in 2004. She is a qualified flying instructor who now works for the Avondale School of Aviation. Nineteen year old Hayley says, "It came as a bit of a surprise, but I was thrilled."

Brenton Stacey

Hayley Wilson pictured at Avondale School of Aviation.



ALUMNNOTES

Ellen and Trevor Lloyd (1952) have moved into an over-55's retirement community near Kuringai National Park in Sydney. Dr Lloyd, a former education lecturer at Avondale, continued to be involved in the education field since retiring a few years ago.

Calvin W Edwards graduated from Avondale in 1976 with a Diploma in Secondary Education—he had been *Jacaranda* editor that year. He married Nerida Kent who graduated in 1978 as a secondary science teacher. Calvin taught at Carmel College and Avondale High School for two years, and the couple went to Andrews University in Michigan, USA in 1979. Upon graduating with a MDiv, Calvin served as President of Good News Unlimited in Auburn, California, a parachurch ministry, and subsequently worked in executive leadership roles in two other nonprofit organizations in Georgia and Florida. Then, after four years as a Vice-President at Ronald Blue & Co, a national Christian financial planning firm, he formed his own firm in 2001. Calvin Edwards & Company is a boutique philanthropic consulting firm that advises high net worth families and foundations to ensure effective giving. It is a part of an emerging industry of advisers in the field of charitable giving, and prepares business-grade analysis and in-depth reports on nonprofit organizations. Calvin and Nerida have lived in Atlanta, Georgia for 20 years and have two adult children, Brentan (24) and Shenelle (22).



Calvin W Edwards.

Cheryl Krauss (1986) lives in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, having recently moved there from Brisbane. Her husband, Greg, works for a consulting engineering company and Cheryl works in the Pathology Centre at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital as a laboratory assistant/collector.



Greg, Cheryl and daughter Jane.

Winsome Abbott-Johnson (1969) graduated with a BSc(London) from Avondale College. Winsome now works as a dietitian at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. In this position she has developed clinical, job based research. The most recent research has been in the field of vitamin A deficiency and night vision impairment in adult patients awaiting liver transplantation. This



work has been presented at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota (2002) and at Transplant Services at Loma Linda University Medical Centre in 2004. This work has led to practice changes in the management of these patients. Mrs Abbott-Johnson has been cited in the *Marquis Who's Who in the World 2003, 2004 and 2005* and was recently included in the *Marquis Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare 2004-2005*.

Dr Graham Hellestrand (1966), Professor of Computer Science at the University of NSW, was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). This is a very rare honour achieved by very few Australians. The award was for Graham's contributions to the field of electronic design and automation. In 1997, Dr Hellestrand founded an electronic company VaST, now a world leader in micro chip technology in Silicon Valley, California, USA. The company maintains most of its development activities in Australia, but management and marketing activities are run out of the United States.

Not many eighty-year-olds celebrate a birthday, and have their mother attend. **Pastor Ray Kent** (1950) celebrated his eightieth birthday recently, and was able to pay tribute to God that his mother **Mrs Laura (Petersen) Kent** (1920) was in attendance, along with many of his fellow Avondale graduates and friends. Ray's son, Pastor Gary Kent (1979) hosted the occasion which portrayed the highlights of Ray's service in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Russia. Even though retired, Ray and his wife, Jean, are still very involved in active evangelism.

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Laura Kent with son, Ray Kent.



Prayer leads to strong spiritual tone at Avondale

A 24-hour week of prayer has helped strengthen the spiritual tone on Avondale's Cooranbong campus. Leaders of College Church called the prayer focus Elevation 24-7 and described it as a "real week of prayer." The week began at 6 pm on March 5 and ended with a communion service in College Church at 6 pm on March 12.

Staff members and students signed up to pray for at least one hour in a prayer room the church set up for the week. The aim was to offer 168 continuous hours of prayer. "We wanted to create a room where you immediately felt the presence of God – a little sanctuary, if you



Andrew Johnson

Avondale staff members and students visited each of the main buildings to pray for God's blessing over those who work and live and study in the buildings.

like," says Madaline Hodges, Prayer Ministries leader for the student club, Serious About Ministries. The prayer room is now permanent. It opens at 5 am and closes at midnight.

A Prayer Walk formed part of Elevation 24-7. About 150 students and staff joined College Chaplain Wayne French on the walk around the campus on March 8. Pastor French led the group to each of the main buildings to pray for those who work and live and study in the buildings.

A staff member prayed for students and a student prayed for staff members at each building.

Brenton Stacey

Lecturer restores first Gallipoli film

Avondale College lecturer, Dr Daniel Reynaud has restored Australia's first Gallipoli film. Dr Reynaud found and reconstructed missing footage from the Hero of the Dardanelles, a 20 minute silent film made in 1915 while diggers were still fighting in Turkey.

"The film allows Australians to partially recapture what Anzac meant in the early part of the 20th century," says Dr Reynaud, senior History Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts. "It is the first moving image representation of Anzac that Australians saw, so it gives the Anzac legend a visual reference point. As images are more memorable and striking than words, I believe this film helped shape the early Anzac legend."

Dr Reynaud's interest in the box office hit came out of the research

for his thesis, *Celluloid Anzacs: Representations of the Great War in Australian cinema and television drama*. "The film was originally 60 minutes long, but only the first 12 minutes had been preserved. I found the script and as much of the missing footage as I could, including a couple of stills published in a 1940 newspaper.

Two television journalists joined Dr Reynaud and other staff members, including President Dr John Cox, at a viewing of the movie. Dr Reynaud spoke during the viewing about finding missing footage from other movies, from documentaries, from newsreels and from stills. "I was surprised to find the extra footage," he says. "It was quite exciting, and the (National Film and Sound) archive agreed."

Brenton Stacey



Dr Daniel Reynaud reviews the restored Gallipoli film.

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Rox and Joy Bowers (1949) now retired, live in Gatton, Queensland. They have two children and five grandchildren. Rox and Joy are members of the Esk Church. They attended the 1999 Avondale Homecoming and would welcome any visits from the 49'ers or contact them by email bowers@hypermax.net.au.

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Butler, (Baldwin) Karen	1971	Hasler, (Bunney) Ruby	1930	Ludowici, (Ion) Pam	1957	Totenhofer, Edwin	1948
Butler, Lance	1937	Heaton, (Donald) Joy	1946	Ludowici, Tom	1957	Totenhofer, (Stanton) Joyce	1948
Carlsen, Norm	1969	Hebbard, (Hasler) Rhelmae	1967	Meany, (Parkinson) Kay	1964	Townend, Brian	1948
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Chow, Bert	1959	Heise, Geoffrey	1970	Meissner, Alan	1969	Trim, John	1950
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Clouten, (Brabant) Ngaire	1957	Hicks, Tristan	1999	Nixon, Roger	1963	Voigt, Carl	1977
Cole, (Pringle) Noreen	1959	Ho, Edward	1958	Pascoe, Arthur	1927	Voigt, (Buchanan) Diane	1977
Copertino, (Heise) Vhonda	1968	Howse, John	1933	Pascoe, William	1899	Wallis, (Reid) Laurelle	1973
Cozens, Stowell	1914	Hubbard, (Williams) Julie	1986	Patrick, Arthur	1957	Ward, Martin	1959
Cozens, (Bruce) Merle	1963	Hughes, Bronwyn	1989	Patrick, Clive	1988	Ward, (Hill) Olga	1958
Cozens, (Ford) Myra	1906	Hughes, (Munchow) Beth	1963	Patrick, (Howse) Joan	1956	Wilson, Donald	1954
Cozens, Bert	1943	Hughes, Wesley	1964	Pearce, (Fittock) Audrey	1967	Wilson, Marilyn	1994
Crainean, Joseph	1959	Jackson, (Macfarlane) Jillian	1978	Pearce, David	1969	Wilson, Raymond	1963
Creighton, Alan	1967	Johnsson, (Taylor) Noelene	1959	Pfeiffer, (Grillmeier) Virginia	1962	Wilson, Ron	1994
Creighton, (Smith) Sue	1966	Johnsson, William	1959	Piper, Athol	1940	Wilson, Bill	1931
Duffy, (Fehlberg) Bronwyn	1973	Jones, Stephen	1989	Pointon, Charles	1979	Wood, (Salmond) Heather	1939
Eaton, (Hale) Hazel	1962	Jones, (Fitzclarence) Andrea	1989	Potter, David	1974	Wood, Ralph	1940
Eaton, Ray	1962	Judd, Bruce	1965	Price, Bruce	1951	Young, Norman	1965
Eddy, (Mackay) Coralyn	1965	Judd, Claude	1985	Reynaud, Gabe	1976	Young, Richard	1966
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