Music for Royal Occasions
Honour the Queen; celebrate the King

Roll call
Find your name

Citations
Your classmates honoured

Jacs go back: yearbooks for all honour years
Annual Appeal to restore historic music buildings
Avondale Alumni Association Report 2011/2012
Have you ever returned home after time away and found things have changed? Your home town has grown. New people have moved in. The houses, even your own, look different. Those you remember best have aged more than you!

If you’re returning home to Avondale, you’ll notice changes. The buildings have been refurbished—others should have been demolished. The students have more freedom and mobility. The lecturers have aged. We have more students—40 per cent more over the past five years. Most live off campus. Many are from other faiths—about 40 per cent are not Seventh-day Adventists. More than 20 are studying for their PhD—the first received theirs at graduation this past year.

So, has change clouded Avondale’s vision? No. More students are involved in evangelism and service. Employers continue to value our graduates for their skills and commitment. Our motto is still “a greater vision of world needs.”

I hope you’ll notice the changes and understand the differences. And I trust you’ll find Homecoming a time for stories and memories, worship and friendship, reassessment and re-creation.

Thank you for being part of Avondale’s 115-year journey of change and constancy. Welcome home.
The greater vision

Pr Desmond B Hills (1962)
President, Avondale Alumni Association

Question: when you think of Avondale, of what do you think? Is it the campus—the cafeteria, the church, the library—or classes or even couples? Faculty and friends? What about fellowship and fun? Or chapel and vespers? Graduation?

Some of these highlights of Avondale have changed their names: chapel is now forum, vespers is now 7.28 and Week of Prayer is now Festival of Faith. Whatever the name, the core values of spirituality and of nurture remain as part of the experience.

Homecoming gives us an opportunity to reconnect with staff members and students of yester-year and to reminisce about the good old days. We can recapture not only Avondale’s “greater vision of world needs” but also reflect on our relationship to that vision.

Avondale held its first Homecoming in 1981 and hundreds continue to attend the event each year. This tells me you value the Avondale experience. Some of us keep in touch through our children and grandchildren attending our alma mater and about 7000 alumni receive the magazine Reflections.

On behalf of the Avondale Alumni Association, I thank all who helped plan Homecoming 2012. I give special thanks to the members of the Avondale Alumni Association and the Homecoming Committees.

The following anonymous statement summarises the philosophy of Avondale and its alumni: “What we do for ourselves alone dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and continues to be a blessing to others.”

Desmond B Hills

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ALUMNI HERITAGE WALK
ENgrave YOUR NAME IN STONE; HELP PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE

THE WALK
The Avondale Alumni Association launched its heritage walk at Homecoming in 1999 to raise money to preserve and restore the heritage features of Avondale’s Lake Macquarie campus. The walk between Bethel and College Halls features black granite pavers etched with the names of Avondale alumni or Friends of Avondale.

The first paver bears the name of Laura Kent, at 108, Avondale’s oldest living alumni until her death in February 2008.

THE COST
The Avondale Alumni Association invites Avondale alumni or Friends of Avondale to make a $175 tax-deductible donation to have their names etched on the pavers.

THE HOW-TO
Contact the Advancement Office (see details below) to add your name to the Alumni Heritage Walk. Avondale will etch your name in stone and place a paver in the walk as a permanent reminder of your donation.

THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE
Telephone: +61 2 4980 2252 Fax: +61 2 4980 2269 Email: advancement@avondale.edu.au
Postal: PO Box 19, Cooranbong NSW 2265, AUSTRALIA
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Excellence in Christian Higher Education since 1897
Friday, August 24

REGISTRATION
9.30 AM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

ALUMNI LECTURE: DR CEDRIC GREIVE
11.00 AM, Ladies Chapel
Host: Avondale Alumni Association. “Memories: a journey through mind.” Honouree: Dr Owen Hughes. Cedric is a senior lecturer in science education in the School of Education at Avondale College of Higher Education. Owen is a former vice-chancellor of Pacific Adventist University (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
AVONDALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
12.00 PM, Ladies Chapel

LUNCHEON: AVONDALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
12.45 PM, Ladies Chapel
Register. $18.

DEDICATION: ALUMNI MEMORIAL PRAYER GARDEN
2.30 PM, Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden

MEMORIES SERVICE: JOE TALEMAITOGA
7.00 PM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

Saturday, August 25

REGISTRATION
9.00 AM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

REFLECTIONS SERVICE: DR RAY ROENNFE LD T
9.30 AM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church
The Avondale Alumni Association presents citations for the 1942, 1952, 1962 and 1972 honour years. Ray is president of Avondale College of Higher Education.

WORSHIP SERVICE: DR DON HANSEN
11.00 AM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church
The Avondale Alumni Association presents the Alumna and the Alumnus of the Year awards. Don is a former senior lecturer in history at Avondale College of Higher Education.

HONOUR YEAR REUNION: 1962

12.30 PM, Education Hall

HONOUR YEAR REUNION: 1942
2.30 PM, Foyer, Administration Building
Host: Milton Smith (1942).

HONOUR YEAR REUNION: 1952
2.30 PM, Family Room,
Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church
Hosts: Ruth Hills and Pr Horrie Watts (both 1952).

HONOUR YEAR REUNION: 1972
2.30 PM, College Hall (Lower)
Hosts: Lyn Carlsen, John Dose, Marilyn Gane and Dr Barry Wright (all 1972).

HONOUR YEAR REUNIONS: 1982 AND 1987
2.30 PM, College Hall (Upper)
Hosts: Pr Adrian (1982) and Laurel Raethel.

HONOUR YEAR REUNION: 1992
2.30 PM, Conference Room, Bethel Hall

HONOUR YEAR REUNION: 2002
2.30 PM, Staff Room, Bethel Hall

CONCERT: MUSIC FOR ROYAL OCCASIONS
7.00 PM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sunday, August 26

GOLF CLASSIC
7.30 AM, Toronto Country Club
Ambrose format. Prizes. Register. $40.

BRUNCH
9.30 AM, College Hall
Host: Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing.
Dr Owen Hughes

Classroom instructor, principal, missionary, teacher trainer, faculty dean, associate departmental director and university vice-chancellor. Dr Owen Hughes’s accomplished career is best summarised by commenting briefly on four significant achievements.

In a profession where half of all teachers resign within their first five years of service, so few educators serve to retirement. That Owen did this is notable.

Owen’s most significant scholarly contribution is his work on Valuegenesis. A major study funded by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific, it gave the denomination, for the first time, some understanding of the faith development and value formation of its young adults. Owen, examining earlier research in North America, significantly improved the test instrument, which resulted in a more reliable statistical analysis. The publication of his core report in 1993 is a milestone: it encouraged a significant body of follow-on research by others, which they published later in the decade.

As principal of Pacific Adventist College (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea) in the mid 1990s, Owen led the process of upgrading the institution into what is now Pacific Adventist University (PAU). As the first vice-chancellor, he then provided the foundation for the rapid enrolment growth that continues today.

Another significant achievement during Owen’s PAU years, and not noted by most at the time: the flexibility and generosity of spirit he and deputy Dr Ian Whitson demonstrated in dealing with other training institutions—the church’s Fulton College (Suva, Fiji) and the School of Nursing at the then Sopas Adventist Hospital (Papua New Guinea), for example—upgrading their academic programs.

The work of leaders is often neither noted nor remembered, thus it is opportune to record here the significant contribution of Owen to the educational ministry of the Adventist Church in the South Pacific, observing this was only possible because of the quiet but strong support of his wife, Jan.—Dr Lester Devine (1962)
Avondale Alumni Association

Pr Desmond B Hills (1962)
President, Avondale Alumni Association

Brenton Stacey
Public relations officer
Avondale College of Higher Education

An alumni association of an education institution provides opportunities for former staff members and students to establish and maintain contact with the institution and with other current and former staff members and students. Alumni associations often organise events such as homecomings, publish magazines and raise money.

Avondale College of Higher Education formed its alumni association on October 1, 1988, with Dr Arthur Patrick serving as the first president.

The purpose of the association is to maintain and encourage contact among members, to foster and encourage interest in Avondale and to work for the development and strengthening of Christian education at Avondale.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the association is free.

The association automatically grants membership to all former students—not just graduates. All current and former Avondale College Council members and staff members are also members of the association. The administrators of Avondale may also recommend others for membership.

Members of the association receive:

- Access to Avondale Library's resources
- A complimentary subscription to Reflections, and
- Invitations to Homecoming

To register as a member of the association, contact the Avondale Alumni Association (see masthead for details).
HOLD YOUR NEXT CONFERENCE AT AVONDALE.

Avondale offers many venues for hire on a scenic estate conveniently situated close to the Sydney–Newcastle freeway. Surrounded by mature gardens, historical buildings and general facilities, Avondale is the perfect place for conferences, recreational events and sports.

Find your inspiration at Avondale. It's education designed for life.

Avondale Alumni Association Committee

The constitution as amended at the 2011 Annual General Meeting lists some of the responsibilities of the association’s committee. These responsibilities are as follows:

- Conduct the affairs of the association in the period between each Annual General Meeting
- Maintain contact with Avondale alumni and facilitate interaction among association members
- Engage alumni in supporting Avondale, its students and its mission
- Involve alumni as ambassadors for Avondale, fostering a spirit of philanthropy and service for the college
- Coordinate the planning and organisation of Homecoming
- Plan and organise the Annual General Meeting, the Alumni Lecture, the Alumni Luncheon and the Saturday evening event at Homecoming
- Select recipients for the Alumna, the Alumnus and the Young Alumna/us of the Year awards and the Community Service Prize
- Promote the Alumna, the Alumnus and the Young Alumna/us of the Year awards
- Promote and support the maintenance of the Alumni Heritage Walk, the Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden and the Ellen G White Marker
- Invite alumni to provide financial support to Avondale
- Support the activities of Avondale as requested

The committee recommends expanding the role of the association. This includes further actions to fulfil responsibility two: “facilitate and maintain contact with Avondale alumni.” One proposal is to establish regional chapters, the leaders of which would become members of the association’s committee.

Copies of the constitution are available at the Annual General Meeting and at Homecoming registration. These copies include amendments to be presented to the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the association’s committee since the Annual General Meeting this past year include:

- Selecting members of the 2012 Homecoming Committee—
these are representatives of the honour year classes
• Selecting Ketannah Hope and Shirley Fatnowna as the recipients of and providing $1000 for the 2011 Community Service Prize
• Presenting the prize to Ketannah during the academic prizes Forum on Avondale’s Lake Macquarie campus and to Shirley during the consecration service on the Sydney campus
• Coordinating the presentation of a speech and the publication of a message to graduates during the graduation ceremony
• Promoting Homecoming
• Promoting the Alumni Heritage Walk
• Adopting the promotion of the Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden and of the Ellen G White Marker as responsibilities of the association
• Consulting with Avondale administrators about the preservation and restoration of heritage features on Avondale’s Lake Macquarie campus, including Greer and Music Halls and the “AVONDALE” letters in the lawn in front of the flagpoles between Bethel and College Halls
• Presenting during Opening Convocation a gift of $200 to the Avondale Basketball Association for an award to present to the best and fairest male and female player of 2012—$100 for the male player, $100 for the female player
• Conducting a review of the association’s responsibilities to ensure compliance and to consider other ways of furthering its work
• Coordinating production of the Summer 2011 and Winter 2012 issues of Reflections
• Selecting Joanna Darby as the recipient of the 2012 Young Alumna of the Year award
• Presenting the award to Joanna and affirming final-year students at the alumni and graduation Forum on Avondale’s Lake Macquarie campus
• Coordinating networking events for alumni at the North New Zealand Conference, South New Zealand Conference and Western Australian Conference camp meetings
• Updating the association’s Facebook
• Updating the association’s pages on the Avondale website
• Selecting Dr Cedric Greive as the presenter of the 2012 Alumni Lecture and Dr Owen Hughes as the honouree
• Selecting Dr Mary Wong and Pr Desmond Hills as the recipients of the 2012 Alumna and Alumnus of the Year awards
• Coordinating the Alumni Lecture, the Annual General Meeting, the Alumni Luncheon, the Saturday evening event and the presentation of the Alumna and the Alumnus of the Year awards at Homecoming

FINANCE
Finance to operate the association is provided by Avondale as part of the alumni budget of the Advancement Office.

The alumni operating report for 2011 is:

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HOMECOMING
Homecoming honours alumni who last studied at Avondale 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 years ago. About 400 alumni and friends attend each year. Homecoming began in 1981—Lyn Ashby served as president of the association and Dr Lyell Heise as chair of the Homecoming Committee.

See “Acknowledgements” page 29 for members of the 2011/2012 Homecoming Committee.

MEETINGS
The committee held meetings monthly from September this past year, except for December, January and April.

MEMBERSHIP
See “Acknowledgements” page 29 for members of the 2011/2012 Avondale Alumni Association Committee.

WORSHIP
Each meeting begins with a devotional and a prayer. Avondale president Dr Ray Roennfeldt presents the devotional when he attends.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
The committee is thankful for the support Avondale administrators, alumni and staff members, particularly those in Advancement, have given to the association and its service to Avondale.
Welcome

Sallyanne Dehn
Former events coordinator and personal assistant to director of advancement, marketing and admissions
Avondale College of Higher Education

Prayer

Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden: History
Colin Crabtree
Director, Advancement, Marketing and Admissions
Avondale College of Higher Education
Sallyanne Dehn

Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden: Ray Wilson, Jr
Glenys Perry (1962)
Member
Avondale Alumni Association Committee
Robert Hansford
Former roommate of Ray Wilson, Jr

In Memory: Ray Wilson, Jr
Pte Desmond B Hills (1962)
Dean of men
Avondale College (1960-1964)

Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden: Design
David Stafford
Director, Advancement, Marketing and Admissions
Avondale College of Higher Education

Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden: Dedication
Dr Ray Roennfeldt
President
Avondale College of Higher Education

Ray Wilson, Jr, as he appeared in the Jacaranda of 1963.
Welcome  Braden Oliver (2002)

Prayer  Dr Ray Roennfeldt  
President  
Avondale College of Higher Education  
Carmel Roennfeldt (1992)

Praise and worship  Aleta King, Sarai Stephens,  
Leslie Turner, Litiana Turner (1992)

Roll call and citation (1982)  Brenton Stacey, reader  
Kendall Holmes (1982), presenter  
David Low (1982), recipient

Roll call and citation (1987)  Brenton Stacey, reader  
Chris Akroyd (1987), presenter  
Andrew and Julie Colquhoun (1987), recipients

Item  “Duet For Cello And Contrabass” 2nd Movement (Rossini)  
Gavin Clark, cello  
Brandon O’Donnell, double bass

Offering  Colin Crabtree  
Director, Advancement, Marketing and Admissions  
Avondale College of Higher Education

Roll call and citation (1992)  Brenton Stacey, reader  
Eleanor Masters (1992), presenter  
Joyanne Walsh (1992), recipient

Roll call and citation (2002)  Brenton Stacey, reader  
Kyle Portbury (2002), presenter  
Kristina Kukolja (2002), recipient

Praise and worship  Aleta King, Sarai Stephens,  
Leslie Turner, Litiana Turner (1992)

Message  “Crossroad”  
Joe Talemaitoga (1992)  
Director, Adventist Media Network and Communication  
Fiji Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Item  “Summertime” (Gershwin arr Pudney)  
Avondale Jazz Ensemble

Benediction  Joe Talemaitoga
Reflections service
Saturday, August 25, 9.30 AM
Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

Prelude
“How Beautiful Are The Feet” (Händel) Liz Dunstan (1972), keyboard
Ben Milis, piano

Welcome
Pr Desmond B Hills (1962)
President
Avondale Alumni Association

Reflections of 1962
Reflections of praise
“How Beautiful Are The Feet” (Händel)
Liz Dunstan (1972)

Reflections of 1962
Reflections of praise
“This Is My Father’s World”
New Blend
Congregation

Reflections of 1942
Reflections of giving
One Mission

Reflections of 1942
Reflections of praise
“Steal Away” (arr Hooper)
New Blend

Reflections of 1952
Reflections of devotion

Reflections of 1952
Reflections of praise
“I Will Follow Thee My Saviour”
New Blend
Congregation

Reflections of 1972
Reflections of focus 1972
Roll call and citation (1972)

Reflections of 1972
Reflections of praise
“Power In The Name Of Jesus” (Slaughter)
Liz Dunstan

Benediction
“Prelude In Classic Style” (Young)
Liz Dunstan, keyboard
Ben Milis, piano

Postlude
Pr Desmond B Hills (1962)
President
Avondale Alumni Association

Reflections of 1962
Reflections of praise
Pr Desmond B Hills
New Blend
Congregation

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Ben Milis, piano

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Worship service
Saturday, August 25, 11.00 AM
Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

Trumpet fanfare
Avondale Brass

Call to worship and invocation
Dr Lester Devine (1962)

Choral anthem
“Festival Sanctus” (Leavitt)
Avondale Singers

Welcome
Dr Steve Thompson
Interim senior minister
Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

Congregational hymn
“My Maker And My King”
Gae Ellison (1982), Aleta King

Prayer
Lyn Carlsen (1972)

Item
“Find Us Faithful” (Mohr)
The Promise

Alumna of the Year presentation
Colin Crabtree, reader
Director, Advancement, Marketing and Admissions
Avondale College of Higher Education
Merryl Smith (1962), presenter
Dr Mary Wong (1962), recipient

Alumnus of the Year presentation
Colin Crabtree, reader
Dawn Townend, presenter
Member
Avondale Alumni Association Committee
Pr Desmond Hills (1962), recipient

Offering
Colin Crabtree

Offertory
“Spring Concerto” From Four Seasons (Vivaldi)
Avondale String Orchestra

Scripture reading
Revelation 21:1-5
Lionel and Joy Hughes (1962)

Introduction: Dr Don Hansen
Glenys Perry (1962)
Dr Don Hansen

Sermon
“Reflections On Christian Victory”
Dr Don Hansen

Congregational hymn
“I Then Shall Live”
Mark Hansen (1987), Aleta King

Benediction
Dr Don Hansen

Choral benediction
“All People That On Earth Do Dwell” (Williams)
Avondale Chamber Orchestra
Avondale Singers

Postlude
“Sortie” (Bédard)
Emily Thompson, organ
Saturday, August 25
7.00 PM
Avondale College
Seventh-day Adventist Church

“Percussion Fanfare,” “Trumpet Fanfare” (King) Percussion, Brass Trios

“Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” (Williams) Avondale Singers (AS)

Avondale Chamber Orchestra (ACO)

English Royal Occasions

“Zadok the Priest” (Händel) AS, ACO

“Water Music Excerpts” (Händel) ACO

“Pastyme with Good Company” (Henry VIII) AS

“Pomp and Circumstance March” (Elgar) Avondale Wind Ensemble

“Summertime” (Gershwin) Avondale Jazz Ensemble

Biblical Royal Occasions

“Hear the Voice and Prayer” (Tallis) The Promise (TP)

“When David Heard” (Burchard)

“Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” (Händel) Avondale String Orchestra

King of Kings, Lord of Lords

“Magnificat Chorus” (Bach) AS, ACO

“God So Loved the World” (Stainer) TP

“Hallelujah Chorus” (Händel) AS, ACO, Homecoming Choir

Musical Director and Avondale Singers and The Promise Director: Aleta King

Ensemble Directors: Dr Sohyun Eastham (String); Trish O’Hearn (Wind); and David Pudney (Jazz)

Homecoming Choir conductor: Alan Thrift

Harpsichord: Claire Howard Race

Organ: David Clark

MC: Dr John Cox
These class lists serve as a catalyst to reunite friends at Homecoming. All former Avondale College of Higher Education staff members and students, particularly those from the honour years, are welcome to attend Homecoming. Each honour year presents a citation to a class representative. The Homecoming Committee does its best to ensure these lists are accurate and complete. Contact the Avondale Alumni Association (see masthead for details) to advise of any mistakes or omissions.

> 1942
BARRITT Joy
BLACKBURNE Stanley
COOK Alvin
FERGUSON Ivy
FERGUSON Wallace
FERRIS Edna
FLACK Mavis
FOX Roy
GIBLETT Joy
GILLIS Stanley
HARRISON Roy
HARROP Gwen
HOWSE Raymond
IRVINE J Keith
IRVINE Malcolm
LANE Donald
LAXTON George
LISTER Thomas
MILLER Roger
MITCHELL Vincent
MORTON Lorraine
RUDD Betty
SCARR Goldie
SHAW Olive
SHIELDS Lindsay
SMITH Milton
SMITH Sidney
STOCKDALE Ruth
STREETER Edward
TAN Josephine
TEITZEL Dorothy
THRIFT Lyndon
WHEELER Harry

> 1952
ADRIAN Betty
ANDREWS Robert
ARMSTRONG Rosemary
BAILEY Annette
BAILEY Cecil
BAILEY Jannette
BAIS Hendrik
BATES Vera
BAXTER Gillian
BAXTER Ruth
BELLETTE Stanley
BOALTH Jillian
BROAD Arthur
BROWN Isabel
CARTER Raymond
CHAPLIN Joyce
COCKS Clifford
CORKER May
CROUDSON Jean
DAVISON Dorothy
DOBLE Violet
EAGER Hedley
ENGELBRECHT Janet
EVANS Enid
FAULL Beverley
FERRIS Marilyn
FITZCLARENC Margaret
GATHERCOLE Elaine
GEORGE Peter
GILLAM Winifred
GOLDSMITH Alyn
GOLDSMITH Edith
GOTTs Robert
GRIEVE Bevan
HADDOW Margaret
HALE Jean
HAKIE Mabel
HARTH Valerie
HAWKEN Cecil
HAWKES Alvan
HAY Evan
HAYCOCK Laurence
HENSHAW Audrey
HODGKINSON Olive
HOFFMAN Stanley
HOWELL Bryan
HUNTER Elaine
HYDE Shirley
JONES Helen
KENNEDY Moriss
KONG Jonathan
LAWSON David
LEE Barbara
LEEDER Annette
LILIOJA Vivr
LOYD Trevor
LUDOWICI Thomas
MACLENNAN Margaret
MARR William
MARTIN Douglas
MASTERS Raymond
McBRYDE Pamela
MCGOWAN Ruth
MCLAUSLING Mervyn
METCALFE Margaret
MILLS Anita
MITCHELL Graham
MITCHELL Gwen
MITCHELL Maxwell
MORRIS Beryl
OSGOOD Pamela
PEERS Keith
PEET Raymond
PIERARD Elaine
PRICE Bruce
PROBERT Allan
RITCHIE Lyman
ROBINSON Derek
RUPE Colin
SALTER Aenid
SEBERRY Roy
SHELLFIED Malcolm
SHELDON Graham
SISSON Rosemarye
SKEGGS Celia
SMITH George
SONTER Allen
STEWART Norma
STRAHAN Thomas
THORBURN Heather
TOLJURST Leonard
TOMPSON Ruth
TROOD Robert
TUTTY Barbara
WATSON William
WILKINSON Ray
WING Rona
WONG Betty
WRIGHT Connie

> 1962
ABBOTT Nerolie
ALLUM Janice
ALLUM John
ATTWOOD Marea
AVELING Wendy
BASHAM Lorraine
BAXLEY Athol
BAXLEY Rita
BELL Marilyn
BENSON Rosemary
BERNOCH Vivienne
BERRY Margaret
BOWKETT Judith
BOYLE Carelle
BREW Neroli
BROWN Beverley
BROWN Rhyl
BUCKMAN Janelle
CALVERT Margaret
CHANGE Albert Yeun Sun
CHONG Mary Hui Tze
CHOO Peter Piano Fong
CLAUS Paul
COLOUHOUN Peter
DARBY Richard
DEVINE Lester
DICK Dianne
EATON Raymond
FAULL Brian
FERRIS Glenda
FERRIS Kevin
FLYNN Robert
FRANKS Jennifer
GARLEY Travis
GIFORD Genia
GO Keith Poy-Kee
GODFREY Kevin
GRECE Ian
GRILLMEIER Virginia
GROSSER Gloria
HALE Hazel
HEGGIE Joy
HICK Narelle
HILL Valda
HILLS Desmond
HODGKINSON Helen
HOWSE Eric
HUGHES Lionel
HUGHES Marion
HUGHES Winifred
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HUNT Mavis
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Dr Mary Wong

When Mary Chong studied at Avondale in 1962, she was heard to declare while saluting the air, and doing a little dance in the hallway of Andre, “I’m going to get a PhD, I’m going to get a PhD!” This sounded startling to her hearers, whose ambition at the time was to simply get through their two-year primary teaching certificate—the Theological Normal course—and into the classroom.

Mary, true to her word, received the degree 17 years later. She graduated from Michigan State University (USA), adding the PhD to a Master of Arts, also in English, from Andrews University (Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA).

Mary is a representative of the 50 students from Asia who made up 11 per cent of Avondale’s enrolment in 1962. She has devoted most of her working life to Seventh-day Adventist education on the continent. Her first appointment the year after graduation came as a teacher at the then Seventh-day Adventist School in Singapore. Then came tenures as chair of the English Departments at Southeast Asia Union College, also in Singapore (1971-1976, 1980 and 1987-1994), and at Taiwan Adventist College (1981-1986). Mary would also serve as a departmental director for the Adventist Church’s Northern Asia Pacific Division (1997-2002) and as a lecturer at San Jose State University in California (2003-2007).

Of her years as a tertiary student, Mary says her time at Avondale remains the most pleasant. She remembers the rustic environment on campus, solitary walks in the bush, prayer bands under the trees at five thirty in the morning, stirring sermons, ticket teas, pillow fights and “warm and lasting friendships.”

Most important of all, says Mary: “the strong spiritual foundation I received at Avondale has contributed significantly to the success of my ministry.”

The Avondale Alumni Association honours Dr Mary Wong for her commitment to the ministry of teaching and for her service to the Adventist Church in Asia.—Glenys Perry (1962)

Pr Desmond Hills

The decision 12-year-old Desmond Hills made after attending evangelistic meetings in his birth city (Christchurch, New Zealand) has shaped his life for 70 years. Forty-one of those years were in paid ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church visiting 70 countries; meanwhile, the Hills family lived in New Zealand, Africa, the United States and Australia.

Des has shared these years of service with his wife, Ruth, a skilled teacher and principal; their experience enriched by two children (Neroli, a communications and marketing consultant; Allan, a finance officer). Four grandchildren (Kylie, Jenna, Shania and Declan) often revel in their grandparents’ stories!

Des’s ministry has witnessed kaleidoscopic change: dean of men and Bible teacher at Longburn Adventist College (New Zealand) and at Avondale College; evangelism; public relations; youth leadership at conference, union conference, division and General Conference levels; administration. The latter role filled 15 years, when Des served as president of the North New Zealand and then the Trans-Australian Union Conferences.

A person’s values are indicated well by what they do in their own time, like retirement. For 17 years, Des has been a tireless volunteer promoting Signs of the Times throughout the South Pacific. On six occasions, he’s volunteered as a minister, in Los Angeles (four times), Esperance and Broken Hill. For seven years, he’s served on the Avondale Alumni Association Committee, but that didn’t deter him from editing the centennial volume for his first alma mater, Longburn.

Des’s 45 years as a member of the Public Relations Institute of Australia helped equip him to found publications that support a variety of church entities and to write a bestseller, Light For My Life, that has sold 70,000 copies in English, Portuguese and Spanish. Still in manuscript is another work, a survey of the Bible.

The Avondale Alumni Association honours Pr Desmond Hills for a lifetime of service to the Adventist Church worldwide, a ministry that continues today.—Dr Arthur Patrick
Joanna Darby finds meaning in the routine of the everyday despite a burgeoning career as an artist and speaker.

Since graduating from Avondale College in 2006, Joanna has worked as a teacher and as a lecturer, become a mother and presented exhibitions. She's also spoken at camps, churches, conferences, conventions, retreats, schools and youth rallies in Australia and in New Zealand. “But I keep trying to figure out where I am and what exactly it is that I do.”

She credits the late Pr Lindsay Sleight for being the first person to invite her to preach. Joanna was 16. The Youth Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific also recognised Joanna's gift, inviting her to be one of the hosts of its satellite evangelistic program REZ10. Joanna served as a volunteer with the church in northern New South Wales that year (2001), training young adults joining the small group movement Underground—Joanna co-wrote the resource books.

Young adults at Joanna’s local church in Wallsend—where she’s served, among other roles, as a Sabbath school leader and youth elder—have also been blessed by her ministry.

Receiving the Gabe Reynaud Award at the Manifest Creative Arts Festival in 2011 recognised excellence in using the creative arts for ministry. Joanna is a former Mosman Art Prize finalist (2008) whose work has appeared in galleries in Canberra, including Parliament House, Newcastle, Port Macquarie and Sydney. She's also using her art to raise money for Asian Aid’s uterine prolapse program in Nepal.

Joanna is a champion of the everyday, too. Cherishing nappy changes, washing, a cuppa with a friend, burnt toast, errands, school excursions and holidays gives life meaning, she says.

The Avondale Alumni Association honours Joanna Darby for sharing her faith with humility and with compassion.—Brenton Stacey
Keith Irvine

Not many Avondale College of Higher Education students would go on to serve in the Australian Army after their graduation. Keith Irvine did not have much choice. Conscripted as a non-combatant medic, Keith would serve until the end of World War II in 1945. The business graduate then returned to his studies, this time at the Hemingway & Robertson's Australasian Correspondence Schools. Keith completed a course in accountancy in 1945 and in 1964, the year in which he became a Fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants.

Keith used these skills in a career in which he would hold key administrative positions for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific. After six years of service as an accountant for two of the church’s union conferences, Keith accepted an appointment as an accountant for the then Australasian Inter-Union Conference (1951-1955). He returned as assistant secretary in 1963 after serving as secretary of the church in Western Australia for eight years. Calls to Sydney Adventist Hospital as building manager and to the church in the western Pacific as secretary followed. The latter saw Keith return to the then New Guinea and to the Solomon Islands as a civilian rather than as a conscript, a contrast he describes as one of the most interesting experiences of his life.

Keith’s last denominational appointment before his retirement came as assistant treasurer for the then Australasian Division. His primary responsibility: managing the church’s buildings.

A love of growing native and exotic orchids led to Keith becoming an author, with Bay Books publishing his Orchids for the Australian Garden in 1982. Bay would print the book twice.

Keith married Vera Stengord in 1943, with the couple raising four children: Pamela; Carolyn; John; and Lesley.

The class of 1942 honours Keith Irvine for his lifelong contribution to the administration of the Adventist Church in the South Pacific.—Brenton Stacey

Ray Masters

Ray Masters can thank his mother-in-law for this citation. She encouraged him to attend a tent mission in St Leonards. He responded to an altar call and was encouraged to attend the then Australasian Missionary College. Ray had wanted to join the police force but was under weight—“God had other plans,” he says.

Ray worked as a mechanic at Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing’s Cooranbong factory while completing the Shorter Ministerial course. A married student—he and Jean Sharman wed in 1945—with only a small income, he describes this time as “difficult.” “It was a continuous rush to carry out all responsibilities—family, study and work.” The experience helped Ray grow spiritually and improved his work ethic.

Ray continued to work for Sanitarium the year after his graduation. Then, in 1954, he moved his family—now with two boys, Thanet and Gregory—to the then New Guinea. There, over the next 17 years, Ray worked in marine service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission. He would teach navigation and seamanship as he helped church members gain licences to work as captains and as engineers. “We look back on these years as some of the best of our lives,” says Ray.

He returned to Sanitarium’s Engineering Department at Cooranbong in 1971. Retirement came in 1989, three years after an accident that saw Ray fall five metres from a roof to a concrete floor. Months in hospital and a long rehabilitation followed.

Ray served as a volunteer for Sanitarium after retirement, installing a corn flakes plant in Jamaica and restoring over hundreds of hours the “dough break.” The historic machine, which church pioneer Ellen G White had originally requested, came from Kellogg’s in the United States.

The class of 1952 honours Ray Masters for a career of practical support for the Adventist Church’s health and mission work.—Brenton Stacey
Hazel Eaton

Hazel Eaton’s experience at the Palm Drive International School in the Solomon Islands is a good example of her commitment to the ministry of teaching. At the time of Hazel's appointment, in 1992, the Honiara-based school provided education only for the children of expatriates. Hazel opened the school to all children who spoke English. She even added a teacher from the Solomons to the staff. Then came the ethnic tension—Hazel kept the school open until told to evacuate. She returned a term later. For the 10 years Hazel taught at the school, every student passed the secondary entrance level examination, which gave them access to the top two schools in the country.

Hazel is now a grade one teacher and stage coordinator at Macquarie College. Her first appointment: what is now the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community. The president of the church in Western Australia told Hazel he’d been waiting five years for her to teach there. She felt reticent to tell him she was about to marry.

Husband Ray moved with Hazel and the family to Deuba, Fiji, in 1968. Finding no school for the children of church employees, Hazel started one in the family’s garage. Packing boxes (and an ironing board) became desks; the local mission donated a box of chalk and a piece of masonite. Hazel would go on to teach at Fulton College and, on a local wage, at the Korivou International School, where her pupils included her five- and her three-year-old.

The Eatons would move again, to Tasmania, where Hazel initially taught in several state schools. Her principals encouraged her to upgrade. She completed a Bachelor of Education while teaching in Wagga Wagga in 1984 and then, at the invitation of the church in southern New South Wales, began a master’s. She would also enrol in a graduate diploma in special education, completing both degrees—while teaching full-time in Canberra—in 1991.

The class of 1962 honours Hazel Eaton for the value she places in education and for her lifetime of service to Adventist education, particularly in the Pacific islands.—Brenton Stacey

Trevor and Helen Oliver

It took 15 years for Helen Oliver to persuade husband Trevor to go to the Solomon Islands, the country of her birth. The wait has been worth it. The Olivers have been operating a Kukudu-based shipping business since 1990. Called Adquest, it helps Seventh-day Adventists get their produce to market. “The Solomons has become my second home,” says Trevor. Helen says her friends in that country are more like family. “They treat me like I’m their sister.”

The Olivers led a Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church team to the Solomons in 2003. The team renovated and refurbished the local mission clinic at Kukudu, adopting the name Sonship. Sonship teams now visit the Solomons each year. The 2007 team saw the devastating effects of an earthquake and tsunami that killed many in the Western Province. It decided Sonship needed a boat to bring medical help to remote villages.

Trevor would buy and renovate Medisonship 1, but getting it from Australia to the Solomons would cause significant stress. “Its steering mechanism broke and it was adrift in the middle of the Solomon Sea,” says Trevor. “It was my responsibility to organise the rescue of the crew and, eventually, the recovery of the ship, which had been stolen by rogue sailors from another country.” The experience reminded Trevor the boat “belonged to God, and it was in His hands not mine to rescue it.”

Medisonship 1 has now treated more than 20,000 patients. “I love seeing the people’s faces when the boat approaches,” says Helen. “They sing out, ‘Ship belong you me come.’ There are so many request for Bible studies and the life, our minister on board can’t keep up.”

The Olivers, who met at the then Avondale College, married in 1974 and have two children, Braden and Oralae.

The class of 1972 honours Trevor and Helen Oliver for their commitment to bring physical and spiritual healing to the people of the Solomon Islands.—Brenton Stacey
Honour year 1982

David Low

David Low loves his job as outdoor recreation course convenor at Avondale College of Higher Education, and not just because of the work. Encouraging students to build personal and social confidence by developing their skills in facilitation and outdoor leadership is one of his passions. He’s even restructured the curriculum of the outdoor recreation course at Avondale to enhance the psycho-social outcomes and “give students a better chance at life and the decisions they’ll make.”

Perhaps David’s reflecting on his own journey. As a teenager, he remembers Drs John Cox and Laurie Draper visiting Brisbane Adventist College and telling their stories about being educated and then working at Avondale. He also remembers staying in Watson Hall during a school tour, listening as his teachers fondly recalled their Avondale experiences and accepting an invitation to room with a friend from school.

He describes Avondale as an important step between home and independence because “it allowed for development in a safe and balanced way.” The lecturers “inspired me to be a career teacher through personal testimony and role modelling,” says David. “It did not come as a natural decision, having more to do with the relational dimensions of my life rather than any attribution I might have had for the profession.”

Several near-death experiences as a young adult led David to question the purpose of life. Parachuting into a tree before falling five metres to the ground, sliding off an ice edge on Mount Bogong and sustaining serious facial and head injuries while kayaking “all attested to a God who lets nothing happen by chance.” Outdoor recreation now gives David the best opportunity to integrate his faith with his teaching and “the most satisfaction and meaning in influencing young people for the kingdom of God.”

The class of 1982 honours David Low for using the outdoors to help others gain a better understanding of a loving God and the lives He wants us to live.—Brenton Stacey

Honour year 1987

Andrew and Julie Colquhoun

Place: China, just south of the Russian border. The year: 2006. Andrew Colquhoun came face-to-face with a girl living on the street. She’d been abandoned. “I realised I might be her only help,” says Andrew, “so I asked myself, ‘Are you in or not?’” And so began a project that has changed Andrew and wife Julie’s life.

At the time, Andrew worked as vice-president for corporate social responsibility at global marketing, premium and promotion agency Creata. “I also realised all the texts in the Bible talking about the rich were talking about me,” says Andrew. “But because I have a flushing toilet and a regular electricity supply means ninety-seven per cent of the people in the world look at me as being rich. My finance background [Andrew's worked in human resources for Sanitarium, himself and Creata] brought me up to control my finances—I ended up financing the need for God out of my life. No more.”

Andrew and Julie, who both graduated with a Bachelor of Business in accounting from Avondale College, founded Captivating International Foundation and with then six-year-old son Tyler began living in China the next year. The foundation, which operates in six provinces and now also in Africa, seeks to elevate abandoned and orphaned children above the poverty line. “We are passionate about the poor, particularly children whose situation means they’re chance of suffering some form of abuse is high,” says Julie.

The Colquhouns enjoy an active church life in China, helping run a fellowship of 400 people and a small group. They credit Avondale for giving them “a sense that life is more than just working a job and earning as much as possible.” “We are constantly reminded that wealth is no indicator of happiness,” says Andrew. “Some of the happiest people we’ve met are those with nothing.”

The class of 1987 honours Andrew and Julie Colquhoun for a faith that manifests itself in the compassion and the care of children.—Brenton Stacey
Joyanne Walsh

Joyanne Walsh is mother to 10 children. They’re not all her own—she and husband Chris have two—but they have lived in the family home.

The children are students at Kempsey Adventist School, where Joyanne has been head of primary since 2006. They move in because “they need time away from their current living arrangements,” says Joyanne. One student stayed six months. Principal Rohan Deanshaw says Joyanne provides a Christ-like example to her students. “If she hadn’t taken these students in, they wouldn’t have been able to complete their schooling.” Some are now attending Avondale College of Higher Education.

Joyanne graduated with a Diploma of Teaching (Primary) in 1992 and returned 11 years later to complete a Bachelor of Education (Primary). Her parents also studied at Avondale, as does her eldest daughter. “I didn’t want to go anywhere else because I wanted to attend a Christian institution,” says Joyanne. “The bonus was it was an Adventist institution.”

Joyanne raised her daughters in the years after graduation, helping shape their spiritual lives by serving in children’s ministries roles at her local church in Port Macquarie. She also volunteered as the librarian at the Adventist school in Port before beginning work there in 2001. The family moved to Victoria to help with the running of the Adventist Church’s Camp Howqua in mid 2002—“we loved the country life”—before returning to Port in 2003.

Including children in corporate worship through music is a passion. “I want children to feel they’re part of their local church,” says Joyanne, who includes as many children as she can in the praise and worship at Port. She has also arranged music for the Adventist Church in the South Pacific’s Institute of Worship, which publishes the Play Today series.

The class of 1992 honours Joyanne Walsh for her dedication to a ministry of teaching that extends beyond the classroom to the church and to the home.—Brenton Stacey

Kristina Kukolja

Kristina Kukolja won a Walkley Award in 2010 for her SBS Radio feature “Echoes of Srebrenica.” It marked the 15th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre of July 1995, when Bosnian Serbs executed more than 7000 Bosnian Muslims. The United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia sentenced seven in 2010 for their roles in what has been deemed the worst mass murder in Europe since World War II.

The judges said Kristina’s work “uncovered new information, brought a story of global significance up to date and managed to personalise the trauma of people through the voices of a few. [It] displayed detailed research, effective interviewing techniques and subdued production values to reflect the harrowing stories of loss, separation and despair.”

Judges of other competitions have recognised Kristina’s talent, too, placing her as a finalist in the 2011 New York Festivals Radio Awards, the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association Amnesty International Award for Human Rights Program and in the United Nations Association of Australia Media Peace Awards. In 2012, Kristina received the Victoria Law Foundation Legal Reporting Award in Multicultural Media.

Kristina, born in Zagreb, Croatia, migrated to Australia in 1994. She joined SBS as a producer for the Croatian language program after recovering from a brain tumor in 2008. She now works for the news and current affairs program World News Australia.

“I will always value the pioneering work of Allen Steele [he established the communication course at Avondale] and the passion with which he and Daniel Reynaud immersed us into the industry,” says Kristina, who initially saw her Avondale experience as simply a “12-month break from a career path I’d set for myself.” She also credits Avondale for “helping me understand maintaining a relationship with God is a personal and individual experience.”

The class of 2002 honours Kristina Kukolja for using her skills as a journalist to give us all a greater vision of world needs.—Brenton Stacey
New site good for scholarship

Brenton Stacey

Avondale College of Higher Education has launched a website providing free, full-text access to the research literature produced by its staff members and postgraduate students.

The institutional repository is called ResearchOnline@Avondale. It will also:

- Reduce the time between producing and publishing research
- Increase the speed of distributing published research
- Encourage the reading of published research—users can search ResearchOnline@Avondale using Google Scholar and other Internet search engines, or they can search the website itself by author, faculty and research centre, journal or thesis
- Increase the number of citations an author will receive—ResearchOnline@Avondale includes recommended citations
- Provide long-term preservation of published research

“ResearchOnline@Avondale will help build community by encouraging research collaboration,” says head librarian Marilyn Gane. Librarian (electronic resources) Lisa Brereton notes the website is not competing with journals and other publishers of research but “enhancing access to research.”

www.avondale.edu.au/research

Read journals for free
Online library for Avondale alumni

A database purchased by Avondale Library now gives Avondale alumni free online access to more than 205 religion and theology journals.

ATLASerials for Alum features the full text of more than 370,000 articles and book reviews in archaeology, the Bible, ecumenism, ethics, missions, pastoral ministry, philosophy, religion, society and theology. The articles date back to 1924.

Feedback from alumni using the database is positive. “I have just spent the past two hours looking through ATLASerials and reading articles relevant to my teaching,” says an alumnus from the Philippines. “It’s been great.” Another alumnus, a minister in Victoria, writes he wished he had access to the database when he graduated. “I’m excited to once again be able to read these journals.”

Access to ATLASerials for Alum is available on and off campus but requires a username and a password supplied by Avondale Library.

Head librarian Marilyn Gane reminds alumni they and others have free access to the library. “Our resources and services and those of the Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist Research Centre and the Adventist Heritage Centre are primarily for staff members and students, but you, as alumni, can also benefit from their use,” she says.

www.avondale.edu.au/library
Music has been an intrinsic part of the heritage of Avondale College of Higher Education since its founding in 1897. From the orchestral ensembles of the 1910s to choral works like Messiah to the interstate and overseas tours, music is ingrained in Avondale’s culture.

It formed part of the curriculum from the beginning. Herbert Lacey served as the inaugural music teacher, offering private tuition in piano, organ and voice for £1 1s per quarter.

**Music Hall**
As the popularity of music increased, so did the need for a designated building. That building, Music Hall, opened in 1925, the first on campus to be built of brick.

The music program continued to grow. George Greer, head of music from 1947 to 1952, transformed the image of music at Avondale. He organised a 70-member a cappella choir, which toured extensively. Greer also expanded the program, lobbying for students to use music electives to satisfy degree requirements in other programs. By 1949, the music program enrolled 200 students. By the time Greer left in 1952, the choir had gained national recognition for excellence.

Alan Thrift, called to head the then Music Department in 1957, says this recognition has been a major form of public relations. “From the 1970s, the concert tours, radio broadcasts and TV appearances of the Avondale Symphonic Choir and later the Avondale Singers were what the college was best known for,” says Alan, whose tenure lasted 41 years. These performances not only formed an image of Avondale, but they also solidified the role of music as part of the Avondale experience.

“Music has been central to our ethos,” says the new lecturer in music, Aleta King. “So many people—Greer, Clapham, Thrift, Clark—have been through those Music Hall doors.”

**Annual Appeal**
The Annual Appeal acknowledges this heritage. The money you give will help restore Music Hall and Greer Hall. The historic buildings need a facelift.

Alan urges those with a heart for music to donate. “The academic opportunities are of high standard but the facilities are located in old and inadequate buildings in urgent need of upgrading.”

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Aleta concludes: “Music is able to transcend the normality of life—to take us to a place closer to God. You may not remember the classes you sat in, but you remember the amazing concerts you were a part of. They’re the experiences that captivated you.”

Thank you for helping improve the Avondale experience for today’s music students.

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Alumni Lecture
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Annual General Meeting:

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 Coordinator: Glenys Perry (1962)

Dedication: Alumni Memorial Prayer Garden
Coordinator: Brenton Stacey

Memories Service
Coordinator: Eleanor Masters (1992)
Avondale Jazz Ensemble: David Pudney, director
Piano: Aleta King
Visuals: Ben Gibbs

Reflections Service
Coordinator: Liz Dunstan (1972)
New Blend: Ernesto Munoz, Gleuto Serafim, Pablo Soto and Irwin Steyn
Keyboard and organ: Liz Dunstan
Piano: Ben Milis
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Worship Service
Coordinator: Glenys Perry (1962)
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Avondale Singers: Aleta King, director
Avondale String Orchestra: Dr Sohyun Eastham, director
Piano: Lorraine Ferris
Organ: Jan Hughes and Emily Thompson
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Music for Royal Occasions
Musical director: Aleta King, lecturer in music and music stand convener, School of Creative Arts and Humanities, Avondale College of Higher Education
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Avondale Wind Ensemble: Trish O’Hearn, director
Homecoming Choir: Alan Thrift, conductor
The Promise: Aleta King, director
Harpsichord: Claire Howard Race, lecturer in music, School of Creative Arts and Humanities, Avondale College of Higher Education
Tuesday, August 28

**LECTURE: DAVID GILLESPIE**
7.00 PM, Ladies Chapel

David is author of *Sweet Poison*, *Sweet Poison Quit Plan* and *Big Fat Lies*. He shares his experience of losing 40 kilograms in weight by cutting sugar from his diet.

Saturday, September 15

**SEMINAR: DR ROLF POEHLER**
3.00 PM, Ladies Chapel

“Understanding continuity and change in Seventh-day Adventist teaching.” Rolf is lecturer in systematic theology in the School of Theology and director of the Institute of Adventist Studies at Friedensau Adventist University (Germany).

Saturday, October 13

**FINE ARTS SERIES: MASTER WORKS (FAURE’S REQUIEM)**
4.30 PM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

Chamber Choir and Avondale Chamber Orchestra. Conductor: Andrea Kuburic. Andrea is a PhD student at Avondale College of Higher Education. Master Works is a series of concerts featuring the music of major composers, highlighting the aesthetics of music and challenging the performers in their virtuosity.

Saturday, November 3

**HYMNS AND SONGS OF PRAISE**
4.00 PM, Panthers Newcastle

Avondale Singers, Contemporary Choir, Institute of Worship Orchestra, Albert Mataafa (tenor) and The Promise. Host: Geraldine Doogue. Produced by Dr Lyell Heise and Valmai Hill. Presented by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific’s Institute of Worship, Avondale College of Higher Education and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in northern New South Wales. Freewill offering.

Saturday, November 10

**FINE ARTS SERIES: MASTER WORKS (BACH’S MAGNIFICAT)**
7.30 PM, Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church

Avondale Chamber Orchestra, Avondale Wind Ensemble and Avondale Singers. Freewill offering.

Saturday, December 8

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