

Purpose of the Prize

This prize is an extension of the Bill Marr Memorial Prize (est. 1976) by Mrs. Noreen Clapton in honour of her late husband Pr William Marr, who with his parents migrated from Scotland to Australia in 1947. A graduate of Avondale in 1953, with ministry experience in South Australia, NSW and NZ, Bill Marr gave twelve years of service in the ministry and was a most dedicated servant of God. He preached with a fervor and dedication which enabled the Lord to make him a very fruitful soul-winner, both in public and in personal evangelism. He was laid to rest as a result of illness in 1966. The prize is now sponsored by the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Institute of Public Evangelism.

Selection Criteria

A student recommended as the recipient of this Prize should have the following qualities:

1. Excellent preacher/presenter (commensurate with opportunity and experience)
2. Demonstrated aptitude towards soul winning – a passion to save the lost
3. Good results in the evangelism subject
4. Demonstrates the spiritual gifts most suited to the public proclamation of the gospel
5. While the prize is for public evangelism, the candidate should be actively involved in personal evangelism
6. A sound and balanced understanding of Scripture and the teaching of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
7. A secure person enjoying a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
8. Has appropriate interpersonal skills and relationships with others
9. And the most preferable quality – has conducted a public evangelistic program/seminar, which demonstrated the potential of the candidate.

Administration of the Prize

1. Each year, the Prizes Coordinator will confer with the sponsor regarding continuing sponsorship.
2. Any changes to the criteria will be forwarded by the Prizes Coordinator to the Scholarships and Prizes Committee, and once approved, will be uploaded to the Avondale website.
3. Nominations for the prize shall be made by the Head of School in consultation with the lecturers in this field and will include a review of the nominee's academic record.
4. Selection of the successful recipient will be in consultation with the director of the Institute of Public and Media Evangelism.
5. In the absence of a student who fits the criteria, a prize may not be granted. In the event of one or more students equally qualifying for the prize, the prize may be shared between students.
6. The name/s will be presented to the Learning and Teaching Committee for final approval.

Sponsorship

The prize is sponsored by the SPD Institute of Public Evangelism and shall be provided by way of a pre-paid gift card to the value of \$1000. Avondale will invoice SPD for this amount.

Presentation of Prize

The prize will be presented during the year-end graduation ceremony. Prize recipients who are not graduating in the current year will receive their prize at the Welcome to Avondale ceremony at the commencement of the next academic year.

Citation

The BILL MARR INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC EVANGELISM PRIZE
is awarded

in recognition of your dedication to Christian ministry; preaching of Seventh-day Adventist Christian faith in an attractive and persuasive manner; enthusiasm for soul-winning in both its public and personal aspects; and commitment to public evangelism as a prospective career.

This prize has been generously sponsored by the South Pacific Division Institute of Public Evangelism.

The prize was established in 1976 by Noreen Clapton in honour of her late husband, Pr William Marr and is awarded to
[name of recipient]