

*North Turrumurra Church of Christ*  
**Focus on Today's News**

***The Victorian Bushfires:  
CareWorks 2009 Bushfire Appeal***

This week, our NSW CareWorks office has received nearly \$14,000 of donations and so with the \$20,000 already contributed, we are working to make our contribution. Currently two NSW ministers (who are SES chaplains) Steve Hall and Paul Potter are assisting with critical incident care, and Jim Newton will join the team next week to help out. Please continue to uphold the volunteers, firefighters and other emergency service workers during this time.

Included in the loss and devastation is news this week that several key Christian ministries have been impacted by these fires including the Mobile Mission Maintenance headquarters (see <http://www.mmm.org.au/>), El Kana, ESA Country Ministries (see <http://esa.org.au/confcent.html>). There are I'm sure others, and through our Campsite and connections with Christian venues we will continue to offer support.

Thank you for your generosity and willingness (in the true Aussie Spirit) to serve, give, pray and help during this traumatic time.

Kind regards,

Andrew Ball

Executive Ministry Director.

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## **PART-TIME/CASUAL WORK DESPERATELY WANTED!!**

For a number of reasons I've had to take the year off to do a voluntary placement and consequently have no form of income.

If you know of anything (or even just a contact) please let me know—I'm willing to do most things (e.g. office work, retail, childminding, dog walking, etc etc!!) I am available 2 days during the week and weekends.

Thanks kindly!

**Renelle Joyce 0422 968 229 or 9144 5121**

Marena Erens has an almost brand new rice cooker to give away. She would love for it to be of use somewhere. If you would like further details please see her or contact her via email

marena.erens@gmail.com

or phone 9487-2374.

## **Begin the year right financially**

Direct debit is a way to give to God first after we have received our wages. There has been an increase in the number of people giving by direct debit. Giving by direct debit accounts for 40% of our weekly church giving. If you would like to give your *offering* by direct debit please use the following and see your bank to begin the process of being a planned deliberate giver to God.

BSB: 032188 A/C: 132924

## ***Friendly Reminders***

1. The biscuit barrel is almost empty. Contributions from all services are appreciated!
2. P&C Service. The list for morning tea volunteers is on the notice board. Please select your slot.

—Lorraine Hensby

# **STORIES from Victorian Churches of Christ**

## *From Warragul*

It is clear that our immediate area (Warragul and Drouin) is largely intact but the greater Baw Baw shire area (which includes Drouin West, Robin Hood, Buln Buln, Neerim, Neerim East, Neerim South, Rokeby, Crossover, Longwarry, Jindivick and now Noojee) and areas close by (such as Labertouche) have been hard hit in terms of stock, property and farm losses. Fortunately at this point no lives appear to have been lost in this area although this could change.

Throughout this week the Baw Baw shire has set up an emergency assistance team which provides local government, DHS, Centrelink and banking advice--and we are working along with several other local ministers, chaplains and lay Christians from local churches in the area to provide a ministry of counselling and comfort, as part of this co-ordinated effort.

Today I spoke to a couple of people who had lost either property or houses to the fires and narrowly escaped with their own lives. The traumatic impact of these events on this has been huge--and the rebuilding process will clearly take a long time. Tracey and myself will continue to be involved in this co-operative ministry across the week and will be enlisting the help of a couple of members of our church to help with this. Anne Prime our pastor for pastoral care has been supporting a number of families in the local community and our student pastor Gavin Brown has been active as well, supporting one of our families who have lost their house at Robin Hood.

I know that all of us feel a sense of helplessness and wonder how we can help. Please know that the prayers of churches and messages of support mean a great deal at this time when many are feeling under huge stress. When compared to the impact on other parts of our state we have got off relatively lightly, but the danger is far from over and the pressure on many people continues to be enormous.

Thanks again for all that you are doing in the name of our Lord at this difficult time. It is hugely appreciated.

David (and Tracey) Ware, Warragul Church of Christ

River Valley news

Andy Bennett [minister] has been fighting fires and we here at River Valley Church are not in any threat as yet. We have got fires and burn offs all around us. We, however, are not out of the woods yet.

Thank you for your concern,  
Alison Clough, Office/Finance Manager, River Valley Church

## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March

*Have you invited a friend to join you on Friday 6th march at Turramurra Uniting Church at 10:30am?*

This will be a great opportunity to share with other Christian men and women in your local community, knowing that you are part of a much larger gathering of Christians in more than 170 countries worldwide. Take the opportunity to demonstrate the theme chosen by Christians in Papua New Guinea, "*In Christ We Are Many Members, Yet One Body*". Come, affirm your faith and be enriched and encouraged by the faith of others.



**FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE NOTICE BOARD.**

## POSITION VACANT

The Bush Missionary Society is seeking a couple, with or without a family, to manage Burrill Pines Motel site at Burrill Lake, South Coast NSW.

The applicants need to be committed Christians.

The position requires office management and general maintenance of the five acre site.

The salary package includes housing, four weeks annual leave and superannuation entitlements.

Applicants would be required to work as part of a team.

**Interested persons should contact Les Stewart (02 4457 3411)**

## In Partnership

*There are 2 copies of the Churches of Christ new mission report called "In Partnership" for people to see in the foyer. If anyone wants a copy to take home, see Loida who will make a copy for you.*

## ***Prayer and Praise***

- Praise God for his faithfulness and love towards us
- Pray for the 'R and R' group as they recommence this week on Tuesday morning
- Pray for Phillips family as they begin their time in China without the team from our church around them
- Pray for the team who went to China that they will be spiritually protected as they recommence their 'normal' work
- Pray for the families as they try to return and establish a new routine with school and work
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community as they prepare to reach out to the local community

## ***Live, Learn, Love***

***One way that we can encourage one another is through prayer. We want to pray for encouragement, protection, family relationships and God's blessing on these families this week...***

### **This week please pray for:**

MONDAY: Lynne COLLEY

TUESDAY: Bruce, Narelle, Timothy and Joshua COOPER

WEDNESDAY: Neil, Carol and Matthew COWDERY

THURSDAY: Jonathan and Amy COWDERY

FRIDAY: Beryl DANIELS

## **John 1:16**

***“From the fullness of God's grace we have all received one blessing after another.”***

## Today

## Next Sunday

**9:30am**    **SoulCare**  
Stephen Cathcart  
Dealing with  
Disappointment

**9:30am**    **Praise and Communion**  
Richard Oakes  
Favourite Psalms

**10:30am**    **Morning Tea**

**12:30pm**    **Korean Community**

**7:00pm**    **Connect @ 7**  
Stephen Cathcart  
China reports

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Stephen Cathcart  
Philippians 1

### **MOWING ROSTER**

*28th February 2009*  
Mark Hingston

### **Prayer Hotline**

9487 3918

*Hanna Dijkstal*

All requests are kept  
confidential and treated  
with the greatest respect.

### **MINISTRY TEAM**

Stephen Cathcart	Senior Minister	0419 460 487
Richard Oakes	Associate Minister	0434 104 555
John Park	Korean Minister	0425 833 510
Loida Dart	Chaplain	9440 3723
Louise Joyce	Office Administrator	9988 4688

### **Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations**

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Friday 9am.**

Please contact the office on 9988 4688 or email Louise at  
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