



DEPARTMENT REPORT 2019

Evangelism, Personal Ministries, Sabbath School

Evangelism

Public Evangelism

Peter Watt's, our full-time Conference Evangelist, in 2019, held one seed sowing program in Bellingen, two short reaping campaigns in Lightning Ridge and Goodooga and three full campaigns at Hamilton, Gillieston Heights and Erina. Through these campaigns 51 decisions were made for baptism.



Proclaim 2019

Proclaim 2019 was a NNSW Conference initiative to hit the Newcastle Region with the everlasting gospel, the Three Angels Messages in Revelation 14:6-12. We had 8 churches participate in Proclaim 2019, each holding reaping campaigns throughout year. Toronto Church was first off the ranks with Gary Kent in February, 18



community people attended and 7 continuing in small group follow up. Hamilton Church began in June, with 4 decisions for baptism. Maitland Church and Kurri Kurri Church teamed up together, 18 people made decisions for baptism. One man at the beginning of the series said that he was an atheist – today he says he is a Christian. Warners Bay Church and SEEDS combined

their efforts as well, they held their meetings at Newcastle University, where they are planting a church. Taj Pacleb preached his Revelation of Hope series and 9 decisions for baptism were made. Raymond Terrace Mission's Prophetic Code series began in September. Lyle Southwell and Lawson Walters tagged teaming presenting. Lawson is a bible worker, it

was his first time preaching an evangelistic series in Australia. They had 7 decisions for baptism, one of them was Lawson's Mum! The last campaign began on October 13, held by the Newcastle Multicultural Church. The enemy was really attacking on this one. Three different speakers fell through. There was trouble with the venue, then Pastor Uriah got influenza as well as nearly getting into a severe car crash. God's hand was over him. Justin and Charissa Torossian stepped as the preachers only a few short weeks before the series began. They had 22 community people attending and 13 decisions for baptism.

Wherever He Goes

Each year at Big Camp, we run an evangelistic event for people who may have never heard the prophetic truths of Adventism. Wherever He Goes was a series of presentations on the Three Angels Messages of Revelation 14, with God at the centre. On average 200 people a day came to know and love God's last day warning message for the world.



To listen to these presentations visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/nnswyungadults/videos/313958795944027/>

Bible Workers

This year, we have refined the job description of a Bible Worker, their goals and objectives are now clearer and we now have a higher standard for their bible working ministry. This year we have introduced two new methods to provide weekly support and accountability and also motivate them and increase their results. This year we had nine Bible Workers employed by the Conference.

As of 30 November our Bible Workers have 210 people studying the bible on a weekly basis and a total of 18 baptisms.



Rebecca Cheers
Bible Worker, Bellingen Church
Plant & Dorrigo



Jordan Small
Church Revitalisation/Development
Coordinator, Bible Worker at
Hamilton Church



Albert Solomon
Bible Worker, Brewarrina



Hana Nakagwa
Bible Worker at Warners Bay & Newcastle Uni Church Plant



Marcial Hernandez
Bible Worker at Gosford Church



Tom Kent
ARISE Outreach Assistant, ARISE for Life Outreach Coordinator, Bible Worker at Caves Beach Church Plant



Rochelle Rankin
ARISE Dean of Girls, Bible Worker at Murwillumbah Church



Courtney Tyler
Chaplain at Tweed Valley Adventist College



Katelyn Waite
Chaplain at Blue Hills College

Personal Ministries

ARISE

This year we had 40 young adults graduate in May. ARISE has been the catalyst to many people entering in ministry in some form, whether to study theology, become a Local Mission Volunteer or a Bible Worker or simply going back to their normal lives better equipped to share Jesus in their everyday life.



ARISE FOR LIFE

This year, 27 ARISE students made the decision to continue on and participate in a further 6 months of practical outreach and training. The students are divided up among select churches. Avondale Memorial, Kurri Kurri, Raymond Terrace Mission, Warners Bay, Hamilton and Caves Beach church accepted the responsibility and privilege to have ARISE for Life students work for the salvation of souls in their communities and churches. A lot of



to attend ARISE in 2020.

their time is spent door knocking to find people who are interested to study the bible. Overall there was a total number of 193 people studied with at least once or more, 63 people attended church, 95 people receiving studies on a weekly basis, 44 decisions for baptism, 2 people baptised.

Mikeal Takamaa, 20 years old, ARISE for Life student, baptising Rafael (Taj Pacleb to the right). He met Rafael doing a spiritual interest survey at Newcastle University in June. Invited him to Taj's evangelistic series in August and was baptised August 31. Rafael now has applied

ARISE Express

ARISE Express is a two-week intensive discipleship training program. This year we had 43 full-time students and 17 people attend bible bootcamp.

The students only have 12 hours of door knocking over the two weeks. The Holy Spirit was really working, 102 people responded positively to our door knocking, either to continue a spiritual conversation, have special prayer or start bible studies.



Personal Ministries Check-up

We introduced a monthly calling program called 'Check-up' for our Personal Ministries leaders around our Conference. The objective is to provide support, accountability and inspiration by talking to others who are in the same ministry.

Local Mission Volunteers

Local Mission Volunteers (LMV) are people who want to serve Jesus as a volunteer. They are paired with a local church to help its pastoral team meet the needs of the church and the community. LMV's are not paid but can rely on the local church and the conference for support for expenses incurred in their ministry. They usually serve for 6 to 12 months. We have had 16 people volunteer this year in our Conference.

Local Mission Volunteers in the NNSW Conference



Gregory Fernance
Grafton Church



Ida Petersen
Raymond Terrace Mission



Teneil Pfeffer
Lismore Church



Matthew Bottin
Coast Life Adventist Church



Carly McLean
Bellingen/Dorriga



Jade Cherry
Kurri Kurri Church



Veera Sagulin
Kurri Kurri Church



Patrice Winter
Boolaroo Church



Katja Sandelin
Hamilton Church



Melvin Sandelin
Hamilton Church



Jazmin Bell
Raymond Terrace Mission



Paul Kochanski
Coonamble

Sabbath School

Quarterly Commentary (Audio & Written)

Each week we email either a written or audio commentary on the quarterly Sabbath School lesson. The commentary is usually produced by Pastor Matt Parra and Brad Moodie, however others in our Conference feature in this space as well.

If you would like to receive the Sabbath School commentary emails, please email leahhodge@adventist.org.au and she will add you to the list.

REVAMP Sabbath School Training

Over 100 people attended REVAMP training in 2019. They were given practical instruction in how to increase attendance and spirituality in Sabbath School. We held one regional training at Hamilton Church and several local church trainings.