



State Youth Games 2017

On the June long weekend just gone, 300 young people gathered together from 13 different Church communities to participate in the 21st State Youth Games in South Australia.

21 years is a long time, but SYG's focus remains the same: **Sport, Worship and Community**

Sports were played at a high level but in a spirit that is rarely seen today, the worship services were pumping and the messages were on point with *Jason Hoet* bringing encouragement and challenge through God's word, and whether it was over a meal, a coffee at the night's community cafe or sitting cheering on the side lines - every moment was filled with opportunities to meet new people and grow this awesome community.

We are heaps excited at the response we've had from people that participated at SYG and we'd love to share some of that with you:

"I think it is such an important event and a wonderful opportunity to get youth and young adults together in a community to find and form their own beliefs and the way they want to live their lives."



"I think this camp fills a unique space in SA. Nothing else like it!"

"Camp was awesome. Everyone pumped for next year"

"We had some younger people and people who aren't heaps connected in with our church form really great relationships with each other and the youth/young adults at our church which is seeming to continue after SYG. We had two boys make a bold step in owning their faith as their own."

"We had 3 commitments on the Sunday night of SYG and the whole group (including the new kids) had such a great time together and bonded to whole new levels. A lot of post camp blues."



"Big thanks to everyone involved in organising - you do an incredible job. This ministry is such a blessing to our church - we would love even more opportunities like this"

"I think SYG is one of the best places to invite non-Christians and has had a hugely positive effect on those we bring who are not Christian. We had 11 kids give their life to Jesus at Youth Group a week later which I think SYG was partly responsible for."

Plans are already well underway for State Youth Games 2018 and we will be announcing all the official info in the coming months.

For more information about State Youth Games, check out

www.stateyouthgames.net.au or call Carl Milne at the State Office (8443 7572).



The Conference Review

There are three prongs to the review currently.

Firstly, Prayer Partners are being updated regularly so that they can pray specifically as well as generally for our churches and the review. At the moment there are 57 people from 12 churches registered as Prayer Partners. This is a real encouragement. We are aware that others are also praying.

Secondly, meetings with church members to talk about the future of the Conference of Churches of Christ will be occurring over the next month or two. People prepared by the review consultant will be

making contact with churches to arrange these meetings. This group of people is being called 'the guiding coalition'. The focus of these meetings will be the future.

Thirdly, a group of business people with a commitment to Churches of Christ will be looking at the financial sustainability of Conference. Those who have looked at the financial reports at the AGMs in recent years will know that we have run deficit budgets. This is not sustainable, and this group will be looking at ways to change that.

D. Walladge
President

What a Daunting Task!

Fancy being asked to write an article for a newsletter called "Need2Know"!

As I searched my mind (a brief and somewhat disappointing experience), I discovered I do have quite a collection of interesting discussions, fascinating conversations, and stimulating debates that I could write about, but I think they would be better suited to a newsletter called "Interesting Ponderings" or something like that.

I also found stored away in the old grey matter (just waiting for an opportunity to be unleashed on some poor unsuspecting audience), a wealth of largely unsubstantiated information (often presented as 'interesting facts'), a huge bundle of ill-informed viewpoints and a small but noteworthy collection of emotionally charged arguments. I fear, therefore, I may have quite a bit to contribute to a newsletter called "Voice an Opinion" or, to be really honest, a lot to say in one called "Share your Ignorance". But what do I have to say that anyone else *really* needs to know?

For a while I was thinking the one thing everybody really needs to know is about the death and resurrection of Jesus. And why wouldn't I write about that? Sure it runs the risk of simply telling you what I'm pretty sure most of you already know, but it's a good, safe topic. Who could be critical of an article that tells you that you need to know about the death and resurrection of Jesus?

The problem is I'm not sure we do *need* to know that.

Don't get me wrong. I think it's good to know. I'm glad I know it and I'm glad you know it. I wish everyone knew it and I certainly hope a lot more people get to know it. But do people actually *need* to know it?

It occurred to me a while ago that when Jesus preached 'good news', it did not include his death and resurrection. While he did speak of it a little with his disciples (e.g. Mark 8, Matt 16) they certainly don't seem to have caught on to the significance of it all until after it actually happened. It would certainly be difficult to argue that during the time of Jesus' ministry, either he or his disciples (Luke 9, 10) included the proclamation of his death and resurrection as part of the good news.

Yet lives were clearly transformed over and over again.

Is it possible that sometimes what we think people need to know is not the same as what God thinks they need to know? What *was* the 'good news' that Jesus proclaimed? How is it that lives were transformed without knowing about his death and resurrection? What is it that God, through Jesus, says we actually *need* to know?

Stephen Schmaal,
Minister,
Magill Church of Christ



Magarey Lectures 2017

25th to 27th July 2017

2017 guest speaker:

Andrew Menzies

Ministering in the Midst of Transition

Western Communities Church of Christ, Mile End
114 Henley Beach Road, Torrensville

For more info, registration & payment go to the app
or website www.churchesofchrist-sa.org.au

Ministry Work Group

Here to help!

The MWG consists of ministers and lay people from various churches who give of their time to assist in the discernment, formation and procedural processes for Ministry in South Australia and the Northern Territory on behalf of the State Board.

One of the roles of the Ministry Work Group is to assist Churches and Ministers discern the appropriate appointments. This process happens primarily through the collation and discernment of Ministers and Churches via Profiles that the Church and Minister fill out when they are ready to begin the process of placement.

Please Note:

- * *That the Ministry Work Group is not responsible for the finding of Ministers for Churches or Churches for Ministers.*
- * *The objective of the Ministry Work Group is to assist both Church and Minister begin a conversation (where appropriate and available) around a possible placement opportunity.*

This may occur via:

- * *the Ministry Work Group encouraging a church to contact an available Minister or*
- * *a church inviting the Ministry Work Group to journey with them as they discern a possible candidate for ministry*
- * *a church asking the Ministry Work Group to assist in the formation of their profile.*

To receive the appropriate profile, the Ministry Work Group can be contacted through the State Office. Once the profile form is completed it needs to be returned via email to the Ministry Work Group.

Completion of these forms help the Ministry Work Group and, when appropriate, Ministers and Churches assess possible placements based on the Ministry and gifting's of both church and Minister.

Please Note:

After sending in your profile via email, it will be held in a secure location offline.

Should you like to update your profile at any stage, a hard copy can be made available to you for reference.

We invite you "Women of all Ages"

*Come in out of the cold
and warm your heart
at
Sisterhood Marion*



When: Friday 21 July 2017 at 7.30-9.00pm

Where: Marion Church of Christ Auditorium
Cnr Marion Rd & Alawoona Ave
Mitchell Park

Cost: \$5.00 (pre-purchase tickets preferable for catering)

You may like to purchase an extra ticket as a gift for another woman to attend.

Please bring along:

A donation of a 'Hygiene Item' for a woman in need.

Emergency Relief Hygiene Items

Toothpaste | Toothbrush | Shampoo | Women's Roll-on Deodorant | Nappies | Sanitary Pads | Washing Powder | Spray and Wipe | Dishwashing Liquid



Connecting Women Across The Generations

*Where we can gather together
Making a difference in our world
Placing value on relationships and humanity*

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NAIDOC Week

As part of NAIDOC Week this year the committee has agreed to include a Worship Service. The **Service is at 6pm on Sunday 2nd July at Pilgrim Uniting Church** in the city. There will be food afterwards. Please put the word out about this. It is quite a breakthrough for the organisers of NAIDOC week to include a spiritual/Christian dimension.

For other activities related to NAIDOC week go to, www.naidocsa.com For example, there is a march on Friday July 7th, followed by a family fun day in Victoria Square.



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Morialta Charitable Trust Fund

Morialta Charitable Trust Fund has been supporting disadvantaged Children, Young People and their families in South Australia through its annual program of Distributions for 40 years.

To enable the Fund to continue this support through Community Organisations in South Australia Morialta Charitable Trust Fund seeks donations from the public.

Donations of \$2 and above are Tax Deductible and can be forwarded to the Morialta Charitable Trust Fund
38 Donegal Street, Norwood SA 5067.

Call to Pray

It is a good thing when you can pray for someone. It not only calls on God to be active in their situation, but it has an effect on us, the people praying.

You are invited to join with people across our churches in praying for one another. Each month we will list some of our churches as the focus for our praying for that month. In 12 months we will have prayed for all of our churches.

For July, pray for

Mt Gambier, Mundulla, Murray Bridge, Nailsworth, and Naracoorte



The Challenge

Poverty is a lack of choice.

For one month, experience that lack of choice.

Safe Water September is a challenge to drink nothing but water for the entire month of September, to raise funds for safe water projects in rural Zimbabwe. Yes, you can still eat food, but no coffee, tea, soft drink or milkshakes! For every \$20 you raise, one person gains access to life-changing safe water. This means kids are back in school, child and maternal deaths are dropping and communities are being transformed!



Globally, 650 million people don't have access to safe water – we want to change this.

Check out <https://safewaterseptember.org.au> to join us and sign up to take the challenge now!

If you want to learn more about the challenge including things like whether you can have communion, milk on your cereal or sparkling water, we recommend heading to our resources page, downloading the [Challenge-Taker Guide](#) and reading the FAQs! If you still have other questions - we'd love to hear them! You can email us at info@embody.org.au.

Gravity Groups



You will recall that in the last CWConnect we asked for support to secure funding for a program called Gravity Groups. Thanks for your support, but unfortunately our application was unsuccessful on this occasion. So its back to the drawing board to see if we can find a way to launch this program to address the issue of Social Isolation.

Save the Date!

Conference 2017

November 17 & 18

**Marion Church
of Christ**

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