

Have you heard about State Youth Games (SYG)?

For over 20 years Churches of Christ in SA (Youth Vision) has been running the annual SYG event in South Australia. SYG attracts well over 300 young people each June long weekend to Unity College in Murray Bridge, for a weekend of Sport, Worship and Community.

Many things have changed over the years, but SYG still exists to resource our local churches. We know how difficult it is to connect with youth and young adults from outside the church so, with a lot of work, we've crafted a camp that appeals to a range of

people from all backgrounds. We are aware of how many people assume the church is at best irrelevant

and at worst self-righteous and boring, so we've strived to build an environment in which participants can experience a Christ-like community, full of generosity, kindness and (even) fun. Most of all, we know

how tough it is to take the conversation deeper and talk about faith; that's why SYG is full of low-key and respectful opportunities to do just that.



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SYG is a resource or a tool, and just like all tools, it exists to be used. We're very excited to be running this camp and have been putting in many hours of work to get it ready, but our real hope is that our churches get involved, encourage young

people to attend and allow them the space and freedom to get know Jesus and grow in him through the weekend. SYG is a great place to get alongside your local young people, foster relationships and take the conversation deeper.

**Registration are currently open at
www.stateyouthgames.net**

If you think your church would like to be involved or would like some more information please don't hesitate to contact me today.

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State Youth Games 2019 - June 7th - 10th
Unity College Murray Bridge.
www.stateyouthgames.net



IMPORTANT NOTICE

State Office Closure to the Public on Fridays

Dear Churches of Christ members and Churches.

For a more efficient office and better use of our Conference resources, the State Office will be closed to the public on Fridays.

Our staff will continue to work and will be able to be directly accessed as usual. However, the State Office reception, email, phone and front door will not be attended to. Any emails and answering-phone messages will be responded to Monday of the following week (unless a public holiday).

This is a State Office change only. GMP and CareWorks will continue to operate as usual.

A Prayer

(from the SACC newsletter)

Peace-making Jesus,
in You, there is no longer any distinction.
We are all God's people.
In humility, we seek your Way
of listening, learning and loving each other.
May our dress of heartfelt love
be woven with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and patience.
So that our face of tolerance
smiles with warmth;
so that our ears of openness
hear the deepest sorrows and richest joys;
so that your wisdom is in our decisions and thinking,
in our justice and peacemaking;
so that our hands of welcome
reach out freely with friendship and living hope,
without any distinction,
receptive to all who come our way.
With thanksgiving in our heart,
we know you hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen

Correct State Office Details

Please note that the **correct postal address** for any mail for the State Office is:

PO Box 743

Torrensville Plaza SA 5031

The long-suffering postie is somewhat tired of delivering mail to 114 Henley Beach Road, where there is no letter box.

Thank you.

Call to Pray....

You are invited to join with people across our churches in praying for one another. This month we pray together for:

Aldgate, Aldinga Community, Balaklava, Berri

The 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 at PO Box 92, Crafers SA 5152.



Oasis - God's providence as CareWorks seeks new premises,

Di Crammond as she attends to all the administrative matters in the organisation,

Op Shops - That the staff and volunteers to be safe and joyful as they facilitate not only fundraising, but also provide low cost items to low income families,

All of the Community Care Centres within Churches of Christ

CareWorks Enfield as the first programs begin to appear at that site, beginning with a mini food festival on June 8.

Congratulations to Tanya Nokes!



Tanya graduated with a Bachelor of Ministry from Tabor College. She completed her studies in November 2018 and was awarded on April 27th 2019.

Tanya is our most recently ordained graduate, serving as the minister at the Blair Athol Church of Christ.

L'Arche Adelaide: Screening, 'Summer in the Forest'
Monday 27 May, 6pm,

at the **Capri Theatre**, Goodwood Road.

The film is a moving documentary of an extraordinary man, Jean Vanier, and of L'Arche, the international organisation of which he is the founder. Jean Vanier single-handedly revolutionised the way in which people with an intellectual disability are seen and cared for, by the simple act of inviting them out of institutions and into his home in the 1960s. 'Meeting' some of the current residents of that home in Trosly, France, is one of the many highlights of this beautiful film.

Cost: \$25 per person - a portion of each ticket sold will help raise funds to open the first L'Arche house in Adelaide in early 2020.

Book online at <https://fan-force.com/screenings/summer-in-the-forest-the-capri-theatre-goodwood/> or contact Suz Foley, Community Life Coordinator, L'Arche Adelaide Ph: 0409 098 716 or E suz.foley@gmail.com

Light meals available for purchase from 6pm. Screening begins at 6:30 pm.



Thanks to everyone who has already supported **Walk for Hope** this year. This year's **Walk for Hope** is still open and raising funds to support pastors in

their global settings, the churches they minister in and the training of more pastors. Pictured is Pastor Watungwa who leads the churches in Zimbabwe's Msipani circuit.

BJ Mpofu, a key church leader in Zimbabwe writes, "**Pastor Watungwa** is one of the best pastors in



the district. Ask to see a resourceful pastor then you have it in this young man. Every time he visits me he shares his vision for the next project or training for the

church leaders in his circuit. He introduced the Children's Ministry in the district and has done an excellent job in this department. He now has ten pastors working under him in this ministry in addition to being pastor of the Msipani Circuit (despite only having one hand). I call him a trend setter. I have no doubt many churches will follow his example." BJ also recently reported that a new preaching point in the Gwatemba area had a record number of 37 baptisms, including the village head and a local councillor. This was as the result of three weekends of preaching conducted jointly by several evangelists.

Melinda van Vuuren (our top fundraiser to date this year) walked 10kms from her home to Hawthorn Church of Christ on Palm Sunday. She was joined

halfway by her sister, Sally, as an encouragement. Melinda writes, "Participating in the Walk for Hope for the second year in a row, I was hit again by the time



I had to pray and reflect. I was able to pray for my neighbours as I passed their houses at a much slower pace than when in the car. I was able to pray for our partners overseas and reflect on the effort and energy they give to make it to church each week. Plus, walking in 82% humidity with no breeze blowing, I definitely felt a solidarity with Sati and our Fijian partners (see Sati's conversion story on www.walkforhope.com.au). Humidity and I are not friends!

On arriving at church (with 10 minutes to spare before service started) we were welcomed with applause and congratulations on completing our walk by our church family. Everyone's support was indeed encouraging but a bit embarrassing too. Where is the applause for Christians who walk much farther over harsher conditions to fellowship together? Where is the applause for Christians who risk their lives to meet in secret to worship God? #GMPWalkforHope has again left me encouraged and uncomfortable, with more reasons to praise God and more questions to ponder."

If you took part in **Walk for Hope** this year I'd love to hear your reflections and see the photos. Send to val@gmp.org.au or GMP PO Box 341 Torrensville Plaza SA 5031.

Brian Trowbridge presents...a seminar on "The Second Coming of Christ."

Brian is a recently retired Minister from Churches of Christ and will be holding the seminar at: 'Cowandilla Christian and Missionary Alliance.' (formerly Church of Christ.), 10 Brooker Terrace, Cowandilla. Date & Time: Saturday, May 11th, 2 pm to 4 pm for six weeks.

Any inquiries, please contact Brian Trowbridge on 0401 569 312.