



Left to right: Mark (Wayne's Pastor) with Wayne just after his baptism.

O Happy Day — Wayne is Baptised!

On Sunday 8th March Wayne stood up proudly before family and friends and was baptised into the Christian faith to show everyone that he had decided to love and follow Jesus.

Wayne started attending church last year after having Graham (from the local church) knock on his door to talk to him about Jesus. Wayne decided that he would like to attend some meetings to find out what it means to trust in Jesus and after attending these meetings he decided to become a believer in Jesus.

Wayne has regularly attended Parramatta Crossroads, Church and Bible Study since then and recently heard about baptism and knew that he wanted to be baptised. He wanted to show to everyone that Jesus had washed away his sins and that he was a follower of Jesus.

Wayne was very pleased when his Mum and brother-in-law accepted his invitation to attend the baptism and has since put his baptism certificate in a frame to display at his home. Wayne has learnt what it means to rely on Jesus and prays regularly for his neighbours, family and friends that they too may come to put their trust in Jesus.



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Our God IS IN CONTROL!

In Psalm 103:19, King David tells that God has prepared His throne in heaven and His kingdom reigns over everything in the universe. While this might be something that we all can agree on, do we live each day with the confidence that our God and Father really is the ruler of heaven and earth?

While we know that the Bible says that the devil is called 'the prince of the power of the air' (Ephesians 2:2), we also know that Jesus is called the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! While we know that the enemy goes about as a roaring lion seeking those whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8), we also know that our Saviour is called the true Lion of Judah who has triumphed over all things (Revelation 5:5).

In Colossians 3:1-2, Paul the Apostle encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on heaven...

¹ If then you were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are on the earth.

(WEB) If we focus on all of the darkness that surrounds us in the world we live in, we may get discouraged and lose heart - especially when everything seems to be spinning out of control.

At times like these it is reassuring to meditate on the bigness of our God. The New International Version translation of Psalm 24:1 says it this way... The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; (NIV)

Simply put, God is in control. He is on the throne and all of the earth and everything in it belongs to Him. Our adversary may be called the prince of the power of the air, but He is not the Lord over heaven and earth. Our God and Father reigns over all and our elder brother will be forever known as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Len Kingston

Shoalhaven at Bundanoon 20th-22nd Feb

We travelled into the highlands with 2 mini buses and a number of cars to the Youth hostel in Bundanoon. WOW ! What a camp!

Our activity on arrival was to produce an artistic table centre. So we scattered and gathered mainly dried leaves, sticks, spent hydrangea heads etc, into flower pots filled with florists' foam which we decorated with stickers.. a lovely reminder each mealtime about God's wonderful creation and each other's creative abilities.

The weekend was filled with activities, including archery, kite making, cooking, craft, banner making and music. Saturday morning was a highlight for some doing the 'op shop trail' in Moss Vale, and swimming and croquet in the afternoon for the athletes among us.

Norma from Moss Vale arrived and gave a demonstration on spinning.... It was harder than it looked!

Evenings were spent with table games, jigsaw puzzling, karaoke, chatting and TAG time. Our Theme was on 'Friendship' remembering Jesus our greatest friend from John 15:13

Our hats off to the cooks who kept us well fed with wonderful healthy meals.

We all left after a photo shoot, happy and tired after a wonderful weekend enjoying nature and each other's company.

Hennie De Wildt

Lower Left: The end of a wonderful camp.

Lower Right: Norma helping Rosa spin

Upper Right: Dennis instructing Les in archery



News from Newcastle

Newcastle Crossroads got off to a good start in 2015, our first meeting being on Thursday evening the 12th February. We had around thirty Crossroaders in attendance and since then our attendance each week has been around 30 to 45. We are currently battling on with a very small group of volunteers; however our programs are still managing to run effectively.

On a sadder note one of our long term program providers, the Birmingham Gardens Anglican church group, has had to give up due to the inevitable health problems that seem to come with age. They will be sadly missed. Our Entertainment Co-ordinator, Mike Perkins, is on the case, seeking new church groups to take their place, not an easy task.

We were fortunate at Newcastle Crossroads to be the recipients of a generous donation from the Shortland Uniting Church's Pancake Tuesday event.

This proved an additional opportunity for myself and our Treasurer, Warren Dalton, to speak and tell congregation members about the work of Crossroads, which was very well received. We also received another generous donation from Adamstown Lion's Club, thanks to the efforts of Crossroads' Committee member Owen O'Neil.

We trust that all the other Crossroads groups have had a successful start and wish you all the very best for the remainder of the year.

John Mathieson - President



An Update From The Southern Highlands

Hi to all our Crossroads friends. We trust that you had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing break.

Our Southern Highlands group at Bowral have only just returned after our break, starting back with a fun St Patrick's Day in March. We wore green and Jo showed us a map of where to find Ireland and gave a talk about who St Patrick was and why he went to Ireland. Then we made calendars with dates for Crossroads and filled in some things we do during the week. We laminated them and now everyone

knows when we meet.

We made chicken wraps for lunch and finished with fresh fruit. It was nice to catch up with everyone and find out what we had all been doing since we last met. We now look forward to meeting in April when we will celebrate Easter.

Greetings to all the branches
from all of us in
Bowral



From The Editor

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of Crossroads News.

The weather is starting to cool down and Easter is almost here. Enjoy catching up with all the latest news from around the state and also from Tassie. It's always inspiring to see what everyone is up to.

As Easter approaches, spend time reflecting upon the One who came and died for you and for me so that we could be made right with God and enjoy eternity with Him. As you meet at Crossroads sing and remember all that He has done for you.

May you know His love this
Easter.



Until Next Time
Lesley Gilbert

Having trouble reading Crossroads News?

A wonderful volunteer by the name of **Ted Baker**, who lives in Bradbury, presently has a service available for all people who have difficulty reading their copy of Crossroads News.

Reading may be hard for you or you may have a visual impairment.

Let Ted read the Crossroads News for you. He will record it and send it out on a CD!

If this service would be a help to you, he is contactable on **4625 0507**.

Give him a call and discuss your needs with him.

Dec 2014/ Jan 2015

Well we have had another awesome trip away with Sydney Crossroads, developing friendship and exploring new sights, as well as discovering individual new strengths along the journey.

Our Melbourne Journey commenced on the 26th Dec meeting in the foyer of the Mercure Hotel. People came together, being introduced to their carer's.

They travelled from far and wide with excitement on their faces and lots of chatter. All were provided with their personalized travelling caps and with their room numbers.

There was time to settle into our rooms and prepare for the

early start in the morning or catch up with old friends before dinner. Dinner was very welcome after a busy start to the day. After dinner we all settled for an early night due to an early start the following morning.

After a short walk to the station and the luggage checked in, there was time to catch our breath and refuel with breakfast prior to leaving.

We travelled first class in the XPT and in no time at all we had reached Campbelltown Station where more friends were welcomed aboard and old friendships rekindled. Friends were also collected on the way at Yass where we continued

through to Albury. Here our train travel ceased and our journey continued to Southern Cross Station Melbourne by coach, enjoying a quick stop at the Golden Arches for dinner due to the late arrival.

Accommodation for the next eight days was organized with the City CYC Christian Youth Camps - a ministry of the Christian community churches of Victoria and Tasmania. It is situated close to the CBD, is heritage listed and recently refurbished and will accommodate up to two hundred people. It is utilized exclusively by schools, churches and youth and community

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Left: Local police keen to check out the red hats.



Right: Boarding the ferry for Sorento

Below: New Year celebrations



Right: Lenka and Therasa feeding the cockatoos



Right: John and Allan enjoyed riding on the Melbourne Star





Above: African drummers
Happy to share in a photo



Above: Sovereign Hill coach ride
Below: Puffing Billy

Sydney Crossroads Melbourne Holiday

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groups.

On arrival we had two free days to explore the city and shop. On the third day we commenced our travels to organized destinations including Sovereign Hill where we stepped back in time with lots of interesting things to see and even pan for gold.

The following day a ferry ride and a leisurely cruise from Queenscliff to Sorrento, then back on the bus with our friendly driver Con. We travelled up to the High Country and then enjoyed a joyful scenic ride on the Puffing Billy steam engine through the Dandenong Ranges to Menzies Station.

We were then back on the bus to a National Park for a delicious picnic lunch which was packed daily by the CYC. There we enjoyed the sounds and smells of the natural forest and the calls of the yellow crested white cockatoos. There was opportunity to purchase food to feed the cockatoos and both Lenka and Theresa enjoyed this experience with the birds flocking to eat the food that they had.

The time away also allowed

daily fellowship with God where devotionals were heard every morning before breakfast. These daily devotions with their messages opened the hearts of those in the group. Six people gave themselves to our Heavenly Father and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour of their lives. We encouraged those who accepted Jesus to continue their walk with Jesus and to talk to loved ones about their Journey.

There was lots of time to explore the City and travel on the trams to factory outlets and coffee shops and soak up the hustle and bustle of the City. There were many sights to see along the way with street performers, African drummers, and even the local Police stopping to chat and have a photo or two.

We enjoyed New Year celebrations with games and of course party food with lots of laughs and excitement throughout the evening.

There were lots of smiles at the



end of each day which opened discussion of what was seen in their daily journeys and of course what bargains were sought. The holiday was certainly blessed and our paths prepared before us.

Lynda

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Bankstown Bulletin

Michael opened our first night of 2015 in February with a "Welcome Back" to over 60 Crossroaders and helpers, including some new girls among the 17 that came from the Mount St Joseph Milperra school. Next Elaine, Greg, Ella and Cheryl shared their news, which included the trips to Victoria and Queensland.

After some choruses we had the Birthday Cake with 5 people celebrating including Joy, who was turning 60, and Jenny, an

ex-teacher from MSJ. We then had games with Crossroaders divided into groups around a table each having a team name ranging from Bulldogs to Elvis. When the name "Rabbitohs" was announced a few boos could be heard. (After all, we are in Bulldog territory!) The 'Getting to Know You' game started with high fives all round, then on to shoulder massages and finishing with the Chicken Dance. Other games were

'Name That Tune' and 'Find the Hidden Objects'.

Martin, who used to drive the bus for us, led our devotions, reminding us that that every one of us is different but in the sight of God we are all made perfect and equal.

Fifty two Crossroaders and helpers enjoyed the March Hall Night with Steve Chard and his puppets. There was a lot of laughter and interaction from the audience especially when Barry, Dorothy, Paul, Scott, and Bill were selected to take part.

They were hopeless at working the puppets, but it caused screams of laughter from everyone.

The message was that although we are all different (like the many puppets that were on display) Jesus loves us all.

Barry Johnson



Above Left to right: Chris taking names for outing; Michael setting up equipment; Dorothy, Paul, Scott, and Bill helping with puppets

Right: Steve Chard with bare bear
Left: Sue and her Mum, Margaret

A Snapshot from Dubbo

Dubbo Crossroads has celebrated with a fun night to start 2015.

Mick was our games organiser and relays are his favourites.

Here Janelle and Paul (Right) are throwing balls into the buckets.

The winning team was the one that had the most balls in their bucket.



Shellharbour News

Crossroads started the year with prayer and our Forward Planning Meeting in January was started with a New Beginning. All things new!

Our first meeting back was in February and, yes, Valentine's Day. We celebrated with every person receiving a red rose on arrival and our night was spent with slow dances and of course catch ups of our couples.

The message was based on **John 13:34-35** which says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." The message was delivered by Scott.



Above: Chris with Tayla
Left: Michael with Shantelle
Bottom Left: Singing and signing

Our March meeting was based on God's

Promises and we celebrated with Rainbows. (Right Michelle getting into the rainbow spirit) We also learnt from Genesis Verse 9: 11 – 13 and God's



promise to Noah.

We have had an awesome start to 2015 with many blessings.

Live life, love God..
Lynda



What's Happening in Tasmania

Summer time in Tasmania is the time when our Branches are in recess, apart from Christmas celebrations at December meetings. They re-commenced in February.

Kingborough (Municipal area) Branch has been operating for many years, but given that quite a few of the Branch's members live on Hobart's Eastern Shore and needed to be transported to the Kingborough Branch, with new personnel now in the area, they are hopeful that a new Branch will be developed closer to the city.

Members share together in the other Branches around the State; North Launceston, South Launceston, Devonport, and

Burnie, and the Young Crossroads group, finding their feet in their new residential area in Kingborough. Meanwhile, the State Council is in the process of organising our annual Holiday Weekend to be held in Devonport at the beginning of May.

We send our greetings to Crossroaders in New South Wales, and pray that God will bless each one of you as you meet and travel together with our Lord through Crossroads during the year.

Patsie Schramm
State Sec.



Pics from Parramatta



Above: John praising God
Below: Darryl making a joyful noise



Above: John, Wayne and Christine re-enacting Simeon meeting Baby Jesus at the Temple



Above: Derek with his eye on the balloons

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2015/16 Sydney Crossroads Holiday to Canberra Staying at the Warrambui Conference Centre

Meeting at Sydney Mercure Hotel, 818/820 George Street, Sydney around 4:00 p.m. on Saturday December 26th. Dinner & Breakfast in the Hotel. Then we catch the Inter-City train to Canberra. On arrival we will be taken to the Warrambui retreat & conference centre Murrumbateman. The air conditioned and heated Conference Centre is a large area catering for up to 180 guests. This area can be divided into two meeting areas when required. Both areas offer audio visual equipment needed to run a polished presentation. With views to the Yass River Valley guest's comfort and enjoyment is ensured.

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