

Stay for the whole journey

The rest of the program will give you the details of what will proceed from that point, but we would like to tell you that the whole program from the moment we arrive at 11.00 o'clock to the end of the Dawn Service at 9.30 on Sunday, May 8th, was designed to be one journey. We know many of you will have to come and go from aspects of the program. But we would like as many of you to stay for as much of it as you can. Each part of it will have a special contribution to make to the beginning of an Aussie Awakening.

We have tried to arrange the program so that those who are able and want to make the journey to see the Queen, as she comes by, will have space to do it, but seeing there are some uncertainties to do with the timing of that, once again we will need your patience, as we deal with the circumstances that arise.

A torch to God's glory

We will re-gather at 5.30 to welcome in the torch that has come all the way from America to be with us. A procession will be made to the great gas torch that will be lit which will commence the evening prayer sessions and celebrations. Four large candles with three wicks will be lit, each wick representing justice, mercy and compassion, the moral qualities the ancient Biblical people believed lay at the heart of Jehovah. The moral qualities they believed were His glory.

"The night of 50,000 prayers"

At that point of time we will then pray the tens of thousands of prayers that have been sent to Canberra. Each of us will take a number of the prayers, bring that person before God and pray the prayer on their behalf. We will ask you at that point to be very careful of those prayers which have been thoughtfully written. They open the "night of 50,000 prayers".

We would ask you after praying the prayer, that you put them back in the plastic bag containing the survival kit and not lose them. We want you in the next week to simply write back to the person with a greeting telling them that you prayed their prayer and they were represented before God at the opening of New Parliament House.

Some of you may even want to buy a badge to send them as part of the commemoration.

The candles of course will be in the shape of the Southern Cross between old and new Parliament House, reminding us of our special place in God's history and geography.



Kings Kids

Spectacular pageant

We will then briefly return to sit on the land bridge, to be treated to a very special and spectacular pageant, with music and drama led by Dr. David Johnson, of the International Institute of Creative Ministries. We would encourage you to do all that you can to stay for that. It will move you profoundly as it shows you that from creation until now; from the moment God created the world and looked down and said it was good, until 1988 a Sovereign hand has been looking down on our country and a plan has been drawn up of which you and I are a part.

Prayer vigil

Then at approximately 8.30, the real business of prayer will begin in earnest, as we move to the four candles where-in an informal way various Christian leaders will lead us through the night. Respected Christian leaders have been invited to lead two-hour segments of this very special and precious time. There will be singing and a twenty minute address in each two hour segment.



Youth celebration at Natex

Many of course will not be able to make it right through the night and a special event from midnight to three in the morning has been prepared for young people at the National Tally Room. Youth Groups under adult supervision, out of the cold, will enjoy a special celebration, some special messages for young people, a dramatic presentation by Y.W.A.M. and a time of singing and rejoicing.

Buses will permit those who want to come back to the prayer vigil, the opportunity to come and go. This supervised arrangement was prepared so that concerned parents might know their children are out of the cold and being well looked after. It is expected that many will find a corner to have a sleep.

We opened
New Parliament House
with



Book and video to be published

A commemorative book carrying an edited form of each address will be published after the event, containing some of the prayers that were prayed, some of the songs that were sung and some of the dramatic photographs that will be taken. It's a book you'll want to refer to often and share with others who were not able to come.

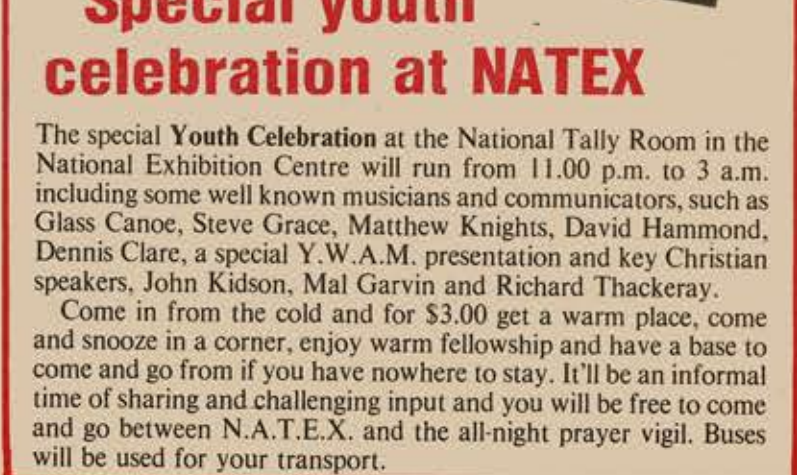
Also a documentary video will be made of the event, which you might find useful.

Many believe that the all-night prayer vigil will be a storming of the citadels of evil and we will see the dawning of a mighty rebirth of the nation. One that brings in the glory of God. His justice, mercy and compassion.

The climax – a service of worship, celebration and commitment

However, it is hoped that we will all gather together for the climax of our special weekend together, at the Dawn Service at 7.00 o'clock. This will be led by the Churches in Canberra and will be a time of reflection and commitment, reminding ourselves this is not the end but the beginning, as we commit

ourselves in a new way to be God's Australian body of Christ, to ensure the third century is one in which His name is uplifted and exalted in everything that takes place in our national life. For a detailed schedule of the program, please refer to page 6.



Special youth celebration at NATEX

The special Youth Celebration at the National Tally Room in the National Exhibition Centre will run from 11.00 p.m. to 3 a.m. including some well known musicians and communicators, such as Glass Canoe, Steve Grace, Matthew Knights, David Hammond, Dennis Clare, a special Y.W.A.M. presentation and key Christian speakers, John Kidson, Mal Garvin and Richard Thackeray.

Come in from the cold and for \$3.00 get a warm place, come and snooze in a corner, enjoy warm fellowship and have a base to come and go from if you have nowhere to stay. It'll be an informal time of sharing and challenging input and you will be free to come and go between N.A.T.E.X. and the all-night prayer vigil. Buses will be used for your transport.



CYC-RAM '88 Bikes for Bibles assist Aboriginal people

The Bible Society's "Bikes for Bibles" campaign which aims to raise \$500,000 for their Aboriginal support program and literacy development projects in Pacific countries will commence officially during the National Prayer Gathering.

It will be a spectacular sight at the Gathering as over 100 cyclists in their green and gold

uniforms sweep through the huge crowd gathered in front of New Parliament House. Some will be cycling 16,000 kilometres in the Round Australia Cycle Marathon which concludes back in Canberra on October 8. The marathon will involve cyclists from every state and territory in Australia as well as international cyclists

invited by the Australian team. However hundreds more cyclists will participate in the Bikes for Bibles program during the year.

The Bible Society's Aboriginal support program provides funds for the translation, production and distribution of language materials for Aboriginal persons and communities and for the training of indigenous persons in connection with these programs.

In many Aboriginal communities in Australia there are no literacy materials available to the members of that community.

The result is that education must be undertaken in a verbal manner, or rely on a second language such as English. An analogy would be if the general community in say, Canberra spoke English as their indigenous tongue, but because no literacy materials for English are available, children must be taught in, say, Japanese.

Some 41,000 Aboriginal people live in tribal communities in Australia. In many cases the educational opportunities are extremely limited.



Hinges and timbers from the Myall massacre site

MYALL CREEK — A TIME TO REMEMBER

by Dr. Tim O'Neil

As the year 1838 dawned, few people in the colony would have anticipated that the 50th year of white settlement would be so ignominious. The Aboriginal population had already been decimated by disease, loss of hunting grounds and hostile encounters with white settlers. The Myall Creek Massacre on June 10th 1838, however, became the culmination of a series of events that have brought shame to white Australians and a sense of deep alienation among Aboriginals that may even persist to this day.

In February of that year, Major William Nunn of the NSW Corps was commissioned by the Acting Governor to 'Pacify the bush beyond the Liverpool Ranges in NW NSW, and to do whatever

necessary to accomplish the task'. In his account of what has become known as 'Major Nunn's Campaign', Aboriginal historian Roger Miller gives an account of Nunn's use of local shepherds (often former convicts) to help him attack Aboriginal families. In a dawn raid at Waterloo Creek, several hundred were killed. As late as 1965 an unburied pile of human bones bore witness, as does the naming of Slaughterhouse Creek to Nunn's deeds. His report however, stated that there were only a few unfortunate blacks.

A few months later two stationhands implicated in the murder of a young white boy, were quick to remember Nunn's parting words 'Now you finish the job!' Thus began 'The Great Bushwack', a mad

vengeful ride across the plains slaughtering the innocent. Women clutching their young to their chests would be shouldered down by horses, the children's brains dashed out on rocks. Swords were preferred to spare ammunition. To the East, fugitives found safety in an old volcanic crater which forms the headwaters of Slaughterhouse Creek. At dawn they were no match for the guns shooting from the rim.



Dr. Tim O'Neil

Often the only written materials that exist are in English, which can lead to a suppression of indigenous cultural development.

The Bible Society in Australia, together with other Bible Societies around the world, have developed a literacy program which has been welcomed and used by many governments.

The program consists of a series of graded leaflets, based on the Bible. This accommodates readers at different levels of literacy and enables

them to progress through each level until they are fully literate.

The New Reader program is now established in 70 countries in 427 languages.

The cyclists will be riding through a human tunnel of the 10,000 Praying Men's Fellowship who will pray for them as they leave on their great journey.

ABORIGINAL PRAYER

Father of all, You gave us the Dreaming. You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus. We thank you for your care, you own us. You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people so that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. — AMEN

Myall Creek, near the site of the ancient burial ground of the Wereri tribe, was where former government surveyor Henry Dangar settled early that year. At the time the tribe were to be found further afield on their Walkabout circuit and working for Mr MacIntyre on his property north of Inverell. Desirous to return to Myall Creek, they persuaded a white overseer to return with them to explain their intentions to co-exist peacefully. And so they did for about a month.

The Wereri men were known for their reliability and were stripping wattle bark for a neighbouring settler when the alarm was raised. Only 2 young boys escaped to warn them to flee to the hills for their own lives. It was left to Overseer Hobbs to piece together the story a few days later. The ram-paging murderers had tied together two old men, the women and children and herded them into the cattle yard. One by one they were untied and tried in vain to run past the murderers' swords. The bodies were heaped on the yard rails and burned the next day.

Hobbs' courage in making known the facts and Governor Gipps' timely arrival from England with instructions that both Aborigines and Whites be treated equally under law, led to 12 men being tried for murder. So great was the outrage that whites should be tried for crimes against Aborigines that they were acquitted despite overwhelming evidence of guilt. They had been defended by none other than William Charles Wentworth. The judge himself

ordered a retrial and set four of the men free in the hope they would turn Queen's witness. Despite the Sydney Morning Herald's call for their release, seven were finally hung for murder — the first time in the colony's history for crimes against Aborigines.

The events of Myall Creek may have been largely ignored but for a chance finding in 1965. A resident of nearby Bingara, Mr Len Payne discovered the remnants of the fateful cattle yard buried where they had witnessed the tragedy 150 years ago. The convict forged gate hinges and blood stained railings have been made available to us at the National Gathering as a focal point for non-Aboriginal Australians to acknowledge the prior custodianship of this land by the Aborigines, and to seek forgiveness for the many injustices committed against them.

The two railings, bound together in the form of a cross are a powerful reminder of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ who suffered such injustice to bring forgiveness to all mankind. This knowledge gives us all hope that, through humility and faith in Christ, our nation can be healed and great glory brought to God.

We acknowledge the initiative of the Anglican Primate of Australia on 7th February 1988 addressing Bishop Arthur Malcolm, and the many other acts of reconciliation between alienated peoples in Australia in 1988. Surely they are signs of a Great Aussie Awakening!

You have been found guilty of the murder of men, women and children, and the law of the land says, whoever is guilty of murder shall suffer death . . . This is not a law of mere human convenience which may be adopted or rejected at pleasure according to the conventional usages of society, but it is founded on the law of God, given at the earliest period of scripture history when there were only a few people on the face of the earth . . . I cannot expect that any words of mine can reach your hearts, but I hope that the grace of God may reach them, for nothing else can reach those hardened hearts which could surround that fatal pile, and slay the fathers, the mothers and the infants . . . You burnt the bodies for the purpose of concealment, but it pleased God to send a witness to the spot before they were entirely consumed . . . I feel deeply for the situation in which you are placed, whatever may have been the motives by which you were stimulated . . . that you had not the fear of God before your eyes but were moved and reduced by the instigations of the devil

Statement by Judge Burton at the sentencing of the Myall Creek murders as quoted in "A History of Australia" by Manning Clark.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, 7TH MAY

11 a.m.

Arrive from all over Australia. Preparation rallies begin. Details of the program will be given. People will pray and be introduced to the songs.

12.00 noon

Commence march from 3 marshalling points: Flinders Place, Telopea Park and Latrobe Park. F.M. radios are now to be tuned in to 100.7 MHz.

1.00 p.m.

Encircling of New Parliament House for celebration, prayer and reflection.

1.30 p.m.

Symbolic act of reconciliation will take place between Aboriginal Christian Leaders and the mainline Church Leaders.

2.00 p.m.

Move to land bridge. Afternoon program of celebration commences with **Kings Kids**. Welcome from **Senator Michael Tate**, President, Parliamentary Christian Fellowship. A special presentation "Australia You Belong to Jesus". **Granny Smith** story related - a parable of God's sovereignty in our nation. A short greeting and statement from **Neville Bonner**, the first Aboriginal Parliamentarian. Patron of the Gathering and Christian Statesman. Aboriginal singer, **Tim Edwards** will sing 'We Will Stand' while granny smith apples are handed out.

Bikes for Bibles will sweep down the ramp, through the crowd through a human tunnel formed by the **10,000 Praying Mens Fellowship** as the crowd sings "Our God Reigns". Special presentation from the **Christian City Church** led by Senior Pastor Phil Pringle with congregational participation. Financial report and appeal by working patron **Rev. Alistair Christie** and concludes on a note of praise.

3.45 p.m.

Opportunity is given for those who want to watch the **Queen** drive up Commonwealth Avenue. In the event that Her Majesty is running late **Steve Grace** will perform a number of contemporary gospel songs.

Low key entertainment will continue on the main stage until the evening programme commences.

EVENING PROGRAM:

5.30 p.m.

Children from Christian Community Schools will perform some songs supported by dance.

The welcoming of the torch from Washington will be led by **Bishop Owen Dowling** Anglican Bishop of Canberra/Goulburn.. Large candles lit and a torch light procession commences "the night of 50,000 prayers".

7.00 p.m.

Crowd regathers at main stage where Catholic Archbishop of Canberra/Goulburn **Francis Carroll**, will open in prayer. As the praying crowd focuses in the prayer battle for Australia, **Dr. David Johnson** of International Institute of Creative Ministries has prepared a special presentation called "With Heads Held High" (Lev. 25) to help focus our hearts and thinking in this special moment of our history.

8.30 p.m.

Move to the four candles for night long prayer vigil. A broad spectrum of Christian leaders and communicators will lead us and help focus our prayer for the nation. See vigil schedule.

11.00 p.m./1.00 a.m.

Youth Celebration begins at NATEX with regular transport to the vigils.

SUNDAY, 8TH MAY

7.00 a.m.

All participants are expected to return for the 7.00 a.m. climaxing event back at the main stage.

9.00 a.m.

Return to work ...

NEW BOOK ON PRAYER

A new book "Prayer Triplets: Praying for a Spiritual Awakening", is being launched at the National Gathering. The book focuses on prayer and encourages Australian Christians to pray for each other, non-Christian friends and family, and revival within this country.

I came because...

Sir Allan Walker

I came because God must be given first place in the nation.



Rev. Neil Adcock

I came because it brought all Christians together for a single purpose to witness to the gospel and to the whole nation at the opening of New Parliament House.



Neville Bonner

I came because God called me to. I came to ensure thanks to God for the last 200 years and beyond and to pray for my country and Parliament who have the responsibility of the future of this great nation we live in.



Bill Newman

I came because we've got to stop wishing that God can do something. Wishing won't get the kids off drugs, wishing won't see homes and families come together, wishing won't see our nation come to God. It's time for the people of God to arise and work together.

Rev. Alistair Christie

I came because I wanted to join with other members of Christ's family who have come to pray for our nation at this moment of history. Having waited on God we ask for His guidance in the future.

Bus Parking:

Buses should drop people at the march assembly points and then proceed to the appropriate area in the Parliamentary triangle (as per the map). This will assist people in finding their bus. It is up to groups to decide upon meeting times and departure times.

F.M. Radio:

To tune into the broadcasting of the National Gathering you should turn your F.M. radio to the following frequency - 100.7

Badges:

Special badges indicating your involvement in the National Gathering are on sale at the march points and on the landbridge site. Don't miss out. Cost \$2.00.

First Aid:

Medical services are available for emergency situations. Please go to the first aid tent or if serious, contact a marshal close by.

Handicapped:

There is a special area reserved for the handicapped and deaf impaired to the left of the stage. Deaf interpretation is available. Please respect the use of this area and leave it for those who need it. Feel free to join the march along the way if you are handicapped and that helps.

Information Office/Lost and Found/Message Board:

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask for assistance. This area will be located in eastblock carpark. if you find lost property please take it there. If you want to contact a friend, leave a message on the board.

Food and Catering Stalls:

Food and catering stalls are available for your convenience. There are no other food outlets within easy walking distance.

Safety:

We would recommend that you do not leave valuables unattended and avoid walking alone in dimly lit areas.

Thanks to all who have helped:

We would like to take the opportunity of expressing sincere thanks to all those who have assisted in making this event happen. There have been many behind the scenes who have worked long hours to serve you. The support of the churches in Canberra has been tremendous. Please take the time to say "thank you" to a worker.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the A.C.T. administration staff and Federal Police who have been tremendously helpful in the preparations and provision of some facilities.

Car Parking:

Use car parking facilities following normal traffic codes. It's a weekend so many are available in the central program area, but expect these to fill quickly!

THE NATIONAL GATHERING VIDEO

Don't miss this opportunity to obtain a video documentary of this historic event.

Cost per video: \$30.00 (including postage)

Order now by paying in full or paying a deposit of \$10.00 and the balance upon receipt of the video.

☐ Please order for me a copy of the video documentary of the National Gathering.

Payment: ☐ \$30.00

☐ \$10.00

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Receipt

Production of this video will be dependent upon receipt of sufficient orders. All monies will be refunded if production does not go ahead.

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

☐ Please forward details of the **COMMEMORATIVE BOOK** about the National Gathering as soon as they become available.

Orders can also be mailed to:

The National Gathering,
P.O. Box 622,
KINGSTON, A.C.T. 2604

Name

Address:

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
To help you get orientated ...

These two maps show the location of the three marshalling points, the march routes, prayer vigil points and the site of the afternoon celebration. They also show the relevant bus parking areas for buses who have unloaded their passengers during Saturday morning.

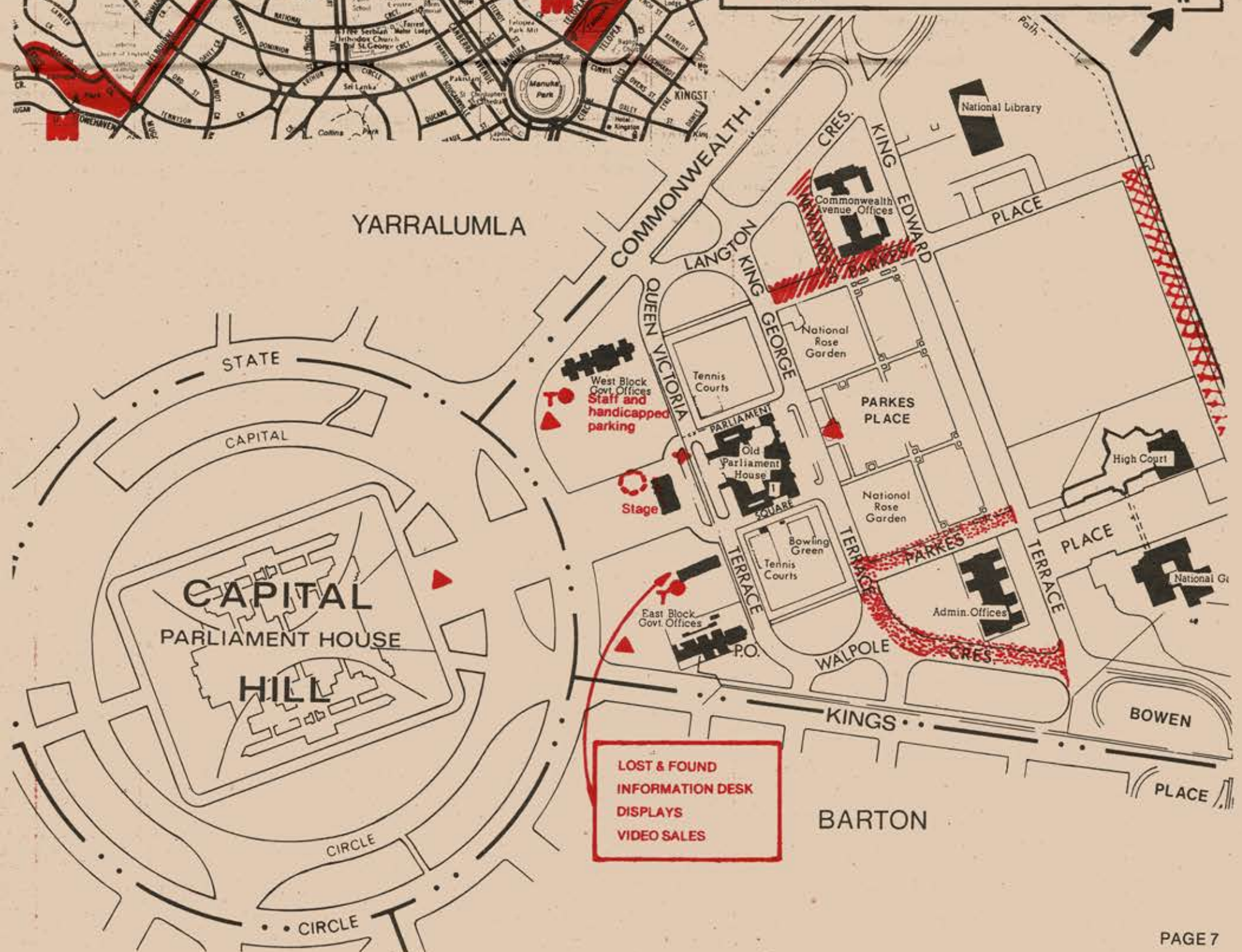
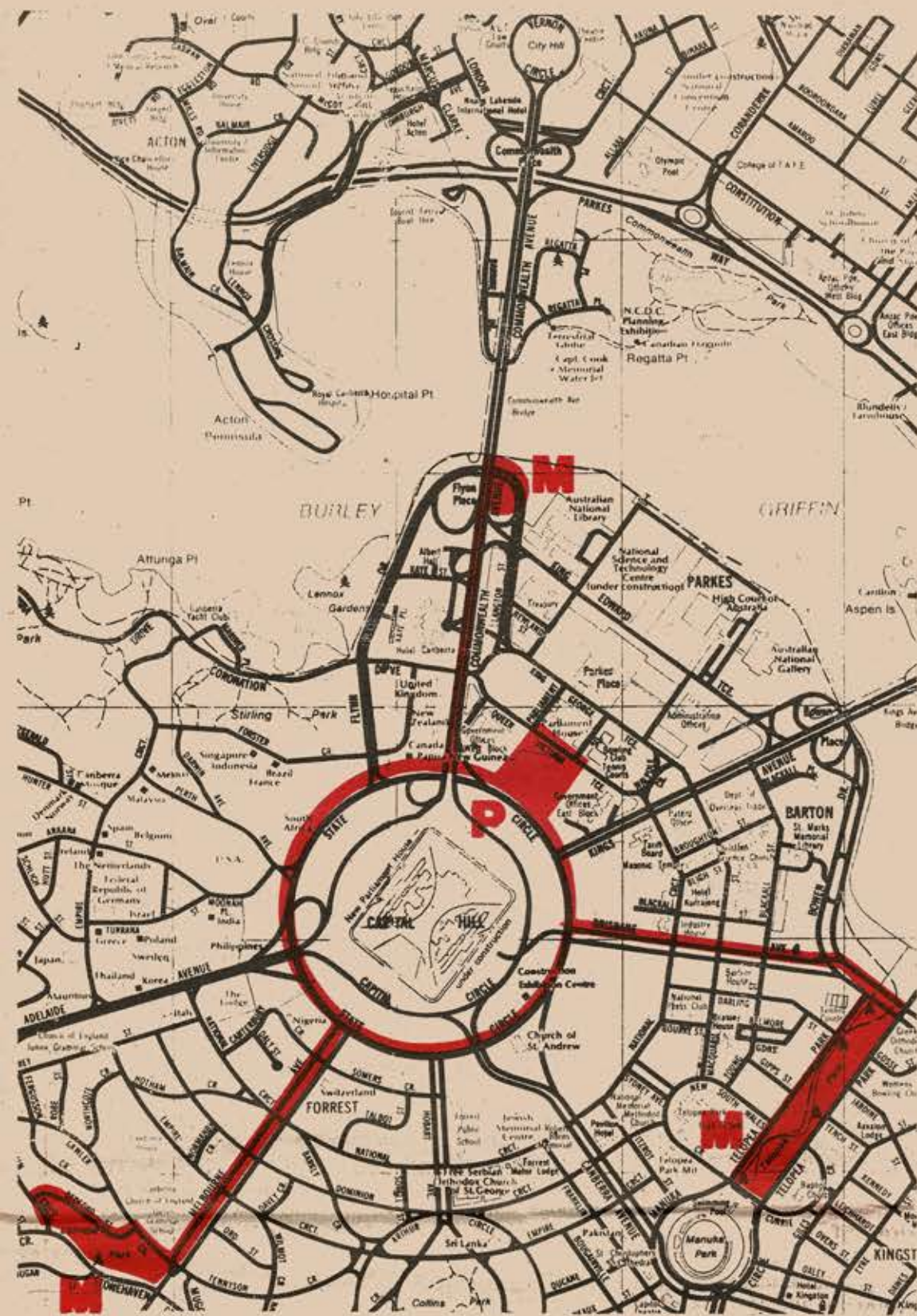
- M** March routes
- P** Afternoon program
- M** Marshalling areas

BUS PARKING:

-  Latrobe Park
-  Telopea Park
-  Flynn Place

-  Road closed - Queen Victoria Terrace
-  Candles
-  Information & Lost and Found
-  Handicapped & Deaf Interpretation
-  FIRST AID
-  Toilets

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National prayer gatherings blessed the ancient kingdoms of Israel and Judah

Graham McLennan, Executive Member of National Gathering Committee '88

As the time draws near for the National Gathering in Canberra, we should remember that national gatherings for prayer, repentance and worship in the ancient kingdoms of Israel and Judah, brought God's blessing on the people and the land many times, as recorded in the Bible.

Whether it was in ancient Judah or Israel or in gentile Nineveh, when the nation gathered, repented and worshipped God, great blessing always followed.

So we can see that a gathering of a nation's people before God has deep roots and proven blessings in Biblical history.

For example, at the dedication of the first temple under Solomon, the whole nation gathered in Jerusalem and offered sacrifices with singers leading great worship to the Lord (1 Samuel 7: 4-10).

The result was God's glory coming down on the temple.

We know that God will hear our land if His people humble themselves, seek his face and turn from their wicked ways (2nd Chronicles 7:14).

In the time of Asa, the nation assembled in the capital, offered sacrifices, covenanted to seek and follow God and worshipped joyfully, with the result that God gave them rest on every side (2nd Chron 15: 8-15).

In the days of Jehoshaphat, they gathered, fasted, prayed, the prophetic word came, they fell down and worshipped, stood up and praised the Lord, so that they saw victory in battle and rest on all sides (2nd Chronicles 20: 1-19).

When Hezekiah was king, he called the people to the capital, though some of them mocked, some came.

They prayed, offered sacrifices, rejoiced and worshipped to see God answer their prayer and national reforms (2nd Chronicles 30: 1-27).

During the reign of Josiah, the nation gathered and God's word was read out and the people covenanted to follow God so that the nation followed God for a generation (1st Chronicles 34).

In the book of Ezra we read (Ezra 10: 1-17) that the nation gathered in the rain and the leaders prayed and wept and prostrated themselves before God due to the nation's faithfulness with the result that behaviour changed throughout the land.

Again, in the days of Nehemiah, the nation gathered in the capital and fasted in sackcloth and ashes, confessed their sins and their fathers' sins and had God's word read aloud for three hours, then confessed and worshipped God for three hours.

The result was that the nation covenanted to follow the Lord.

But this national humbling followed by the great blessing of God was not confined to just ancient Israel and Judah!

We know from the book of Jonah that the gentile city of Nineveh was saved from the severity of national judgement when the Ninevites responded to Jonah's call, fasting in sackcloth and ashes, believing in the true God and calling earnestly on him and turning from their old ways.



Rev. Richard Johnson

On the 11th June 1738, John Wesley blew the first trumpet call of the great evangelical revival which was to have a deep and lasting effect on Britain and on those in succeeding generations.

Fifty years later a Christian minister gave the first service on Australian soil. The Rev. Richard Johnson was recommended as Chaplain to the first fleet, because of his religious fervour, by men such as William Wilberforce and John Newton. At this service Johnson spoke from Psalm 116, Verse 12 "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?"

Almost 200 years earlier Pedro Fernandez de Quiros had named Australasia "Australia del Espirito Santo" - the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit and earned the Holy Jubilee which the Pope had conceded to the expedition.

Fifty years after the arrival of the first fleet, the Governor of N.S.W., George Gipps, a Christian, proclaimed Sunday, November 2, 1838 a national day of fasting and humiliation because of the severe drought. Within two days heavy rains began to fall causing many to come down with the flu! (At one stage N.S.W. governed most of Australia and many of the South Pacific islands including New Zealand.)

Fifty seven years later on the 11th September, 1895 a day of prayer was again called in similar circumstances. Three weeks later a day of thanksgiving was proclaimed to thank God for the breaking of the drought.

During this time Christians were coming together to discuss the Federa-

tion Movement and many were desiring to see God acknowledged as the ruler of the nations and so it was acknowledged in the preamble to our Constitution "... humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God ..."

Churches also called for the Governor General to be empowered to proclaim National Days of Prayer, as well as opening Parliament with prayer.

The first Sunday in the 20th Century was proclaimed Commonwealth Sunday and Christians were called to pray for the Nation.



Pedro Fernandez de Quiros

(Even the Sydney Morning Herald's Editorial dated 14th April, 1897 stated "no Christian could in conscience vote for a Federation Bill that did not recognise God"!)

During the 1940's as the second World War began to take its horrific toll and Australia was being threatened, particularly after the bombing of Darwin, several days of prayer were held. One of these was called by King George VI throughout the Commonwealth.

Within another fifty years we have arrived at Australia's Bicentenary of European settlement and another National Day of Prayer is taking place this weekend.

It will be of interest to see the outcome of such a National Gathering. There were numerous National Gatherings in the Old Testament which had ramifications for many years.

For instance in 2 Chronicles 34 the nation followed God for a generation. In Nehemiah 8 when they gathered in the capital their repentance led to national reform and restitution of godly traditions.



SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

NEW SOUTH WALES

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WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER.

[1895.

DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Honourable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS in consideration of the very serious calamities from which the Colony is now suffering, by reason of the protracted Drought, it is proper that a day should be set apart on which all persons may unite in Humiliation and Prayer to Almighty God to obtain, through His Divine Mercy, a mitigation or removal of these calamities: And whereas it is right and expedient that an opportunity should be given to the Clergy and Ministers of Religion of all Denominations, and all others, Her Majesty's subjects in the Colony of New South Wales, to observe such a day of Humiliation and Prayer: Now, therefore, I, the Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby direct that Sunday, the fifteenth day of September instant, be appointed for the purpose aforesaid, and express the earnest hope that all classes of the community will join with reverence and humility in this solemn appeal to the Divine Mercy.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
JAMES N. BRUNKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

SYDNEY.

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Organisations participating include:

Parliamentary Christian Fellowship

Catholic Communications -

Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn

The Bible Society

Ministries of 10,000 Men

Intercessors for Australia

Lydia Australia

Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International

National Alliance of Christian Leaders

World Literature Crusade

Kairos Ministries

Student Life

SEEK YE FIRST

(Matthew 6:33)

Paraphrased by

Karen Lafferty (1972)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto
Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and you shall find knock and it shall be opened unto you
Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

P.D. McCormick

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair.

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Eleanor Farjeon

1881-1965

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
of the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness
where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight
mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation
praise every morning
God's recreation
of the new day.

Christian Youth Travel Association
International Institute of Creative Ministries
Christian Television Association
Life Ministries
Anglican Youth Department (Sydney Diocese)
Youth Ministries
Uniting Church Board of Missions (N.S.W.)

Something bigger than all of us has brought us together.

Joining us this weekend in addition to the patrons and organisations listed are representatives from various denominational groups including Lutheran, Catholic, Reformed, Congregational, Anglican, Presbyterian, Uniting and Baptist Churches; from the Assemblies of God, the Salvation Army, the Christian Life Centres, the Brethren Assemblies and the Churches of Christ. There are many people from Youth Groups, Christian Schools and informal house groups and prayer chains.

We have come together to bring glory to God, to pray for our nation, to resist any forces at work in it that would seek to dispense with the Lord Jesus Christ and to celebrate

LET GOD ARISE

Chorus: Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
And let those who hate him flee before him.
Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
And let those who hate him flee away!

(MEN)
(WOMEN)
(MEN)
(WOMEN)
(MEN)
(WOMEN)
(MEN)
(WOMEN)
(WOMEN)
(ALL)

But let the righteous be glad
The righteous be glad
Let them exult before God,
Let them exult before God,
Let them rejoice with gladness
O let them rejoice
Building up a highway for the King
for the King
We go in the name of the Lord, let the shout go up.
In the name of the Lord!

Repeat Chorus

Take a bite of your history!



The story of Granny Smith apples - becoming a popular parable for our nation.

It's been said that the first white Australians were hand picked by the best judges in the world, but surprisingly, it is not these convict ancestors but their children, who have had the greatest impact on our way of life.

It was the birth of a new breed - the next generations following the arrival of the First Fleet; their interaction with the Aboriginal people and the impact of the Great Southland itself that has largely shaped our nation.

At the first muster of the colony some 15 years after the first fleet landed, there were 900 children, 400 of whom were orphans. These children became known as the currency lads and lasses, a demeaning term because they weren't considered British.

The currency lads and lasses actually rejected the way of life of their parents, and were said to be free of vices of any kind.

They were fiercely independent, felt completely at home in the bush, and resented any form of authority. It was said of them they could do anything but talk, hence the leaning towards sport. In fact, by 1850, they were considered excellent sportsmen.

Often for us Australians the past is a bit of an embarrassment, but when we look at what Australia has given the world, we have no need to be worried.

The Granny Smith apple is one of the many unique things we have brought to the world.

A battling Aussie pioneer woman, Maria Anne Smith was midwife for the township of Eastwood in the early days of the colony. Present at the birth

of so many young Australians in that region, she developed a special place in their affections, hence the name 'Granny' Smith. Because of her husband's illness, she not only had the tasks of raising her own family and being a midwife, but also running a small farm and orchard.

On one occasion, after delivering her produce to market, she bought a barrel of crabapples to make apple tarts. On bringing them home she found she could use only half the barrel. The rest had gone bad. The bad apples she emptied on a bit of a garbage pile she had down near a creek at the end of the property.

Some months later, she returned to discover a small tree pushing its way through the rubbish. She transplanted and nurtured the tree, and later harvested the world's first crop of green apples. The apples became popular around Eastwood where they were affectionately called Granny Smith's apples, and that Aussie green apple has become accepted throughout the world.

When asked to explain how the tree grew, she said, "Isn't that just like God - the very stuff we chuck away, He uses to bring in a new thing."

We wonder, could it be, it was no accident of history that saw those tall ships of 'boat people' arrive?

The rubbish tip at the furthest end of British property down in the Pacific produced a new hybrid - a people called cornstalks, currency lasses, diggers and mates.

A people, who at their best, are not contained by their own self-interest, but are generous, egalitarian and innovative not taking themselves too seriously.

A people who are not inclined to talk about race or breeding. A people who have eventually absorbed more folk of other nationalities per capita than any other nation except Israel. A people who have developed warmth, depth and care about things that matter, along with a special touch of guilelessness and pragmatism that produces an endearing impatience with humbug and hypocrisy.

A people with a spirit which has no desire to rule the world, but simply to be a mate who belongs with dignity and expects to be there when needed. A spirit that because of its sensitivity to justice, mercy and compassion, has the capacity to deal with the unresolved issues in its midst and take its place with dignity in the New World dawning on this edge of the Pacific.

So, while Australia's beginnings seemed pretty much like the rotting crabapples Granny Smith threw away (the rubbish tip for Britain's rejects), we believe it could be that the God of history has made Australia the seedling of a new kind of nation with a special contribution to make to the world.

Hasn't that always been His way? The Old Book says, "God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise and He chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful. He chose what the world looks down on and despises, and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important". (1 Cor. 1:27,29).



A typical currency lad

The Prayer Battle for the Nation

CANDLE 1	CANDLE 2	CANDLE 3	CANDLE 4
8.30 PM - 10.30 PM			
LEADER: IAN ROBINSON TITLE: UC Board of Mission	DR HARRY EDWARDS M.P.	GRANT TAMBLING M.P.	MAL GARVIN National Director Fusion Aus.
SPEAKER: REV SIR ALAN WALKER TITLE: Chairman National Goals Directions	REV NEIL ADOCK Pres Baptist Union NSW	FREIDA WHITLAM Former Moderator U.C. in NSW	REV CHARLES HARRIS Pres United Aboriginal An
10.30 PM - 12.30 AM			
LEADER: DES HIGGS TITLE: Chairman 10,000 Men	REV. LES NIXON Outback Aerial Mission	TOM HALLIS Nat Director YWAM	CHRISTIAN CITY CHURCH TEAM
SPEAKER: SEN BRIAN HARRIDINE TITLE:	BARBARA McKAY Christian Statesperson	BISHOP POWER Cath Canb/Goulburn	PHIL PRINGLE Sen Past Christ City
12.30 AM - 2.30 AM			
LEADER: BARRY CHANT TITLE: Director House of Tabor	BRIAN ANDREW Pastor Holland Park Bapt	PETER NELSON Churches of Christ	DAN ARMSTRONG Dir Kairos Ministries
SPEAKER: PAST FRED ANDERSON TITLE:	REG KLIMIONOK Sen Past Garden City	BILL NEWMAN Evangelist	REV GORDON MOYES Wesley Central Mission
2.30 AM - 4.30 AM			
LEADER: MULLI MULLI PEOPLE TITLE:	ROGER McKNIGHT YWAM Old Director	NOEL BELL Intercessors for Aust	IAN ROBINSON UC Board of Mission
SPEAKER: REV FRED NILE TITLE: MLC	REV KEITH NAGEL NSW Pres Luther Church	BEN MASON Aboriginal Evangelist	REV DEAN DRAYTON UC Board of Mission
4.30 AM - 6.30 AM			
LEADER: RICK WARD TITLE: Nat Director, Coosee March	MICHAEL & JEAN BROWN	GRAHAM McLENNAN NACL	GEORGE WATTS Pres Cong Church
SPEAKER: BARRY CHANT TITLE: Director House of Tabor		CEDRIC JACOBS Aboriginal Leader	RICHARD THACKERAY Dir Student Life

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