

'All One In Christ Jesus'

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CONVENTION NEWS

SPECIAL ISSUE

SUMMER 1990

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Rev Bill Brice to serve part-time in 1991

A well-known Melbourne minister, Rev W.H. ('Bill') Brice, has been appointed Executive Officer of the convention.

Mr Brice, who retired as director of public relations for the Baptist Union's Social Service Department last year, will begin on a part-time basis early in 1991.

Prior to his appointment to this position in 1976, he was a chaplain at Carey Grammar School in Melbourne for almost 20 years.

In accepting the appointment Mr Brice said:

'As one who has always enjoyed and been appreciative of the Keswick conventions at both Upwey and Belgrave Heights, as well as in Kerang and other centres, I am excited at the prospect of being involved in a forward thrust now emerging for the days ahead.'

The new executive officer will be responsible for the administration and development of the convention's ministry.



A personal message from the chairman,

Dr John Williams

Dear friends,

It is a special pleasure to invite you to join us at this year's Christmas-New Year convention at Belgrave Heights.

We have an excellent panel of speakers. One of Australia's most respected Bible teachers, Bishop John Reid, will be joined by two visitors with outstanding reputations: Dr Keith Price, from Canada; and Rev Fred Magbanua, from the Philippines.

A number of special activities are planned which will give this convention a stronger family character than ever before. Increased opportunities for fellowship ... a picnic luncheon ... daily activities for teenagers and children ... campers' suppers — these will, we believe, add enjoyment and enrichment to the well-known high quality biblical addresses throughout the week of meetings.

In addition, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Rev W.H. ('Bill') Brice as the convention's Executive Officer.

Many of us can remember earlier organising secretaries who diligently served the Lord by taking responsibility for the arranging of the annual Christmas and Easter conventions. I am thinking of such men as Arthur Pocklington

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THE CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR CONVENTION PROGRAM

DATE	10.45am	3.00pm	7.30pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26			Bishop John Reid
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27	Rev Keith Price	Rev Fred Magbanua	Bishop John Reid
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28	Rev Keith Price	Bishop John Reid [#]	Rev Fred Magbanua
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29*	Rev Keith Price	Rev Fred Magbanua	Rev Keith Price
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30	Bishop John Reid	Rev Keith Price	Rev Fred Magbanua
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 ^o	Rev Keith Price		Bishop John Reid
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1	Rev Keith Price	Bishop John Reid	

[#] The afternoon meeting on Friday, December 28 will begin at 3.30pm, following a family picnic in the convention grounds.

* Saturday, December 29 will be Missionary Day at the convention.

^o On Monday, December 31 there will be a youth meeting at 9.30am, with Bishop Reid as the speaker; and a special 3.00pm meeting which Mrs Robyn Claydon, from Sydney, will address.

Special features for all the family... in beautiful, restful surroundings

Activities for Teenagers

These centre around 'Master's Manor' — the No 10 camp building, situated below Convention Avenue. There is no age limit. Organised by the **McLaughlin family**, the program involves two daily meetings — one running for about 1½ hours concurrently with the 10.45am convention meeting, and the other immediately after the 7.30pm meeting each night.

The program is geared to young people's interests and needs. The evening sessions usually feature a guest speaker or a film. In addition, a 'suit night' and a special New Year's eve program are planned this year.

A great children's program

● Through the years the convention program has been enhanced by the role of the CSSM team, with its creative activities.

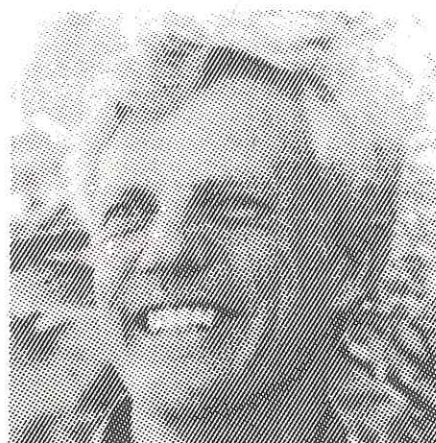
● This year is no exception. Each day the Scripture Union Family Mission team will be

running a fast-moving program to cater for children of all ages.

● The twice-daily events will include heaps of variety, laughter, learning, action, films, drama, singing and exploring.

● This year different groups will be tackling a graphic overview of Luke's Gospel and the book of Acts ... discovering the law of 'sowing and reaping' ... inventing a bundle of new games and activities, and entering the world of global missions.

● **David White** will again be leading the SUFM team, backed up by the rich talents of a skilled and committed group of volunteers.



David White

Campers' suppers: a popular innovation

During the last Christmas-New Year convention a new activity was launched by the council — campers' supper time. It provided an opportunity for campers to come together in an informal way for a time of sharing, fellowship and prayer over a 'cuppa' and a biscuit.

This proved to be a happy time for those who participated. Friendships were formed and strengthened in the Lord as helpful and interesting experiences were shared.

We are looking forward to developing this concept further at this year's convention, adding to the family nature of the week. We would be happy to see day visitors prolonging their stay in order to share fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee.

A Picnic lunch for the family

A family picnic will be a feature of this year's convention — one that many people will appreciate, we believe. It will take place

on Friday, December 28 following the morning Bible study.

An afternoon meeting is also planned for that day, but it will begin at 3.30pm — half an hour later than usual — to allow for relaxed fellowship and a sports program following lunch in the grounds.

A personal message

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and **Neville Kellam**, without whom our convention would not have the excellent reputation it enjoys today.

The members of the convention council have been praying for a man of God's choosing to again undertake this role. Earlier this year a 'search committee' was formed, consisting of **Leonard Buck**, **Neville Kellam** and **Norman Pell**. With the support of the executive, it presented **Bill Brice's** name to the council in October. His appointment as our part-time Executive Officer was unanimous.

A strong supporter of the convention, he comes to the task with a pastor's heart, proven administrative ability and wide experience in Christian service. He is most suited to take on this vital ministry.

It is a pleasure to welcome him.



John Williams

We rejoice at the way the Lord Jesus is using the Belgrave Heights Convention. Lives are being changed and led to a firmer faith in Christ. May I urge you to pray for the convention — and plan to attend as often as you can.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Chairman:	John Williams
Vice-Chairmen:	Norman Pell Robin Pocklington
Honorary Secretary:	Stuart Rodger
Honorary Treasurer:	Bill Amor
Assistant Treasurer:	Geoff Gawler
Members:	Robert Freeman, Ken Harris, David Price, Will Renshaw, Peter Rowse, Roy Watson and Robert Willett

THE FAMILY HOLIDAY CENTRE

RELAXING ... RENEWING ... REFRESHING ...

The popular convention centre, situated only 45 kilometres east of Melbourne, in a beautiful setting of gum trees, bush and ornamental shrubs, has an area of more than eight hectares. There are delightful walks through the bush, whilst 'Puffing Billy', Sherbrooke Forest, Emerald Lake, Cardinia Reservoir and many other tourist attractions of the Dandenong Ranges are nearby.

Many friends and associated organisations have their own properties in the area, and the large open-sided auditorium accommodates almost 2,000. At Belgrave Heights there are ideal surroundings for members of all branches of the Church to enjoy a vacation which combines physical relaxation with spiritual enrichment.

ACCOMMODATION

Limited accommodation can be arranged, where possible, for those desiring to stay for the convention. A number of youth and family camps are conducted in conjunction with the convention, and facilities are available for groups prepared to camp. Good camp-sites, with well-equipped facilities including electric supply, can be booked by families bringing their own caravans and tents.

DAY VISITORS

to the Convention are very welcome. Boiling water is provided on the grounds for those bringing picnic lunches, and cups of tea and light refreshments can also be obtained.

A PLAY CENTRE

is available where young children and babies are cared for under trained supervision. This enables mothers to attend morning and afternoon meetings with greater freedom. The play centre is situated close to the tea and light refreshment area.

THE GUEST SPEAKERS

Melbourne-born and educated, **Rt Rev John Reid** is Bishop of South Sydney, a role he has fulfilled since 1983. A graduate of Melbourne University and Moore Theological College, he was rector of Gladesville for 13 years and Archdeacon of Cumberland before being consecrated an assistant bishop in 1972.

Internationally respected as a Bible teacher, he is chairman of the Sydney Anglican Home Mission and a vice-president of

the Church Mission Society. He is also heavily involved in the Lausanne Movement for World Evangelisation, serving as deputy chairman of the executive committee and chairman of its working group on theology. He and his wife Alison have six children and nine grandchildren.

Among the seven meetings Bishop Reid will address are the Sunday morning Communion Service and the only 9.30am meeting, on Monday, December 31.

Keith A. Price, whose seven addresses during the convention will include five morning Bible studies, is minister-at-large for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. Before that he was executive director of

Christian Direction Inc, an interdenominational ministry to French Canadians, from 1967 to 1984.

He became a Christian in 1950 while serving with the RAF in Hong Kong, where he lived for six years. His expository Bible teaching has taken him to many countries on five continents. This included serving as an associate of the Leighton Ford team in crusades in England and Canada. He and his wife Rosemary have three children.

'Singing in the Dark' (Living in the Light of the Psalms) will be the theme of his morning Bible studies. Five Psalms will be in focus:

- Psalm 143: 'A Song for the Valleys of Life'.
- Psalm 32: 'A Song for the Burden of Guilt'.
- Psalm 77: 'A Song for Times of Perplexity'.
- Psalm 63: 'A Song for the Longing Heart'.
- Psalm 73: 'A Song for the Questioning Mind'.

Following the Belgrave Heights Convention Dr Price will be the featured speaker at the annual South Australian Christian Convention. This will be held in Adelaide's Unley Park Baptist Church on January 2-6, 1991.

SYDNEY SPEAKER FOR AFTERNOON MEETING



Robyn Claydon, of Sydney, will be the speaker at the afternoon meeting on December 31. The deputy headmistress of Abbotsleigh School, she is also well-known as a speaker, writer and evangelist.

She is an associate of the Lausanne Movement for World Evangelisation, and was a plenary speaker at Lausanne II in Manila in 1989. Her subject at the afternoon meeting on New Year's eve will be 'Reaching Out With the Gospel'.



PREPARATION DAY

Your help would be appreciated at a **Preparation Day** for the coming convention. It will be held on the property on **Saturday, December 8** from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Come and go as you please, but do join us! Tea and coffee will be provided. For further information, contact **Roy Watson**: phone (03) 7921260.

THE CONVENTION MINISTRY

is the same as that proclaimed annually at the well-known Keswick Convention in England, and sets forth the offer in God's Word of a life of sustained fellowship with God, victory over sin, and power in service, through Christ as Saviour and Lord; and of God's call to all Christians to share these 'glad tidings' with others in the uttermost parts of the earth. The convention teaches a moment-by-moment appropriation by faith of the very life of the Lord Jesus, made available through His death and resurrection and maintained in the believer by the infilling and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.



Rev Fred M. Magbanua Jr has been managing director of the Far East Broadcasting Company in the Philippines — a network of 20 non-commercial radio stations broadcasting the Gospel in more than 20 languages — since 1971.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour in 1949 while listening to a FEBC radio broadcast. He was ordained (in 1964) and later served as pulpit minister in the Capitol City Baptist Church, which planted 30 'daughter' churches in 25 years. He is president of both the Asia Gospel Broadcasters Association, and the Philippine Bible Society, and is a board member of the Summer Institute of Linguistics/Wycliffe Bible Translators.

He will give four addresses during the convention — two at afternoon meetings and another two in the evening, including a youth service planned for Friday, December 28 at 7.30pm.

DAILY PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer is the heart-beat of the convention. To provide for and encourage prayer, a special **'Prayer Tent'** will be erected alongside the auditorium. Prayer meetings will be held in the tent at 9.45am each day.

OUR OFFICE ADDRESS

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Missionary Tape Fund

A tape fund operated by the convention makes the outstanding addresses given available to missionaries serving in countries around the world. In the past limited funds have restricted its development, but new initiatives taken this year will make possible a far wider coverage.

The council has set aside a capital amount to generate income. Friends of the convention are invited to assist by designating gifts to the 'Missionary Tape Fund', thus swelling the amount available each year for the production and distribution of cassettes.

A retired missionary, **Mr Bill Merriweather**, has accepted the role of Tape Secretary. He will develop contacts in overseas countries with a view to having them circulate the cassettes within the missionary family in a particular area. He will also be responsible for selecting the addresses to be circulated, to ensure not only that the Keswick emphasis is included but also that continuity is maintained.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

the Christmas-New Year

Belgrave Heights Convention

- Food for the soul
 - Inspiration for the spirit
 - Recreation for the body
 - Renewal for the heart and mind
- FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

Commencing Wednesday, December 26 at 7.30pm
Concluding Tuesday, January 1 at 3.00pm



THE SPEAKERS

Bishop John Reid
Sydney

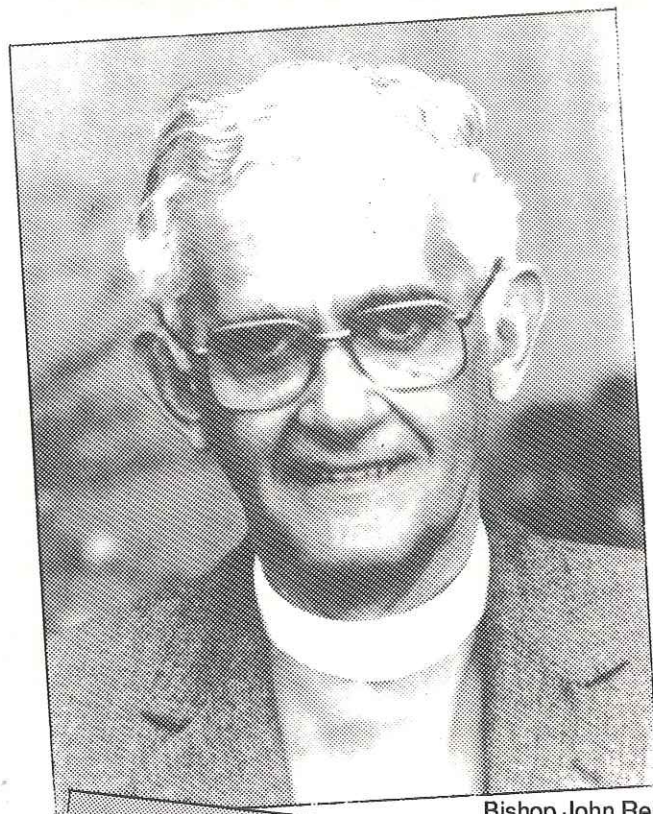
Dr Keith Price
Canada

Rev Fred Magbanua
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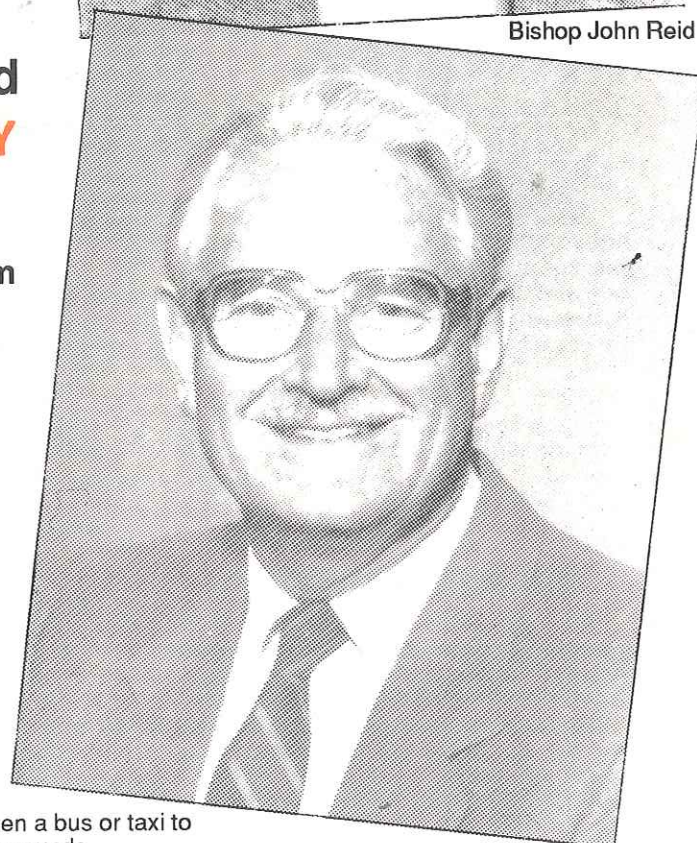


TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

- **Take the train** from Flinders Street station in the city to Belgrave, then a bus or taxi to Belgrave Heights (4km). It's only a short walk, then, to the convention grounds.
- **Motorists** take the main road to Belgrave (Highway 26), then turn right across the railway bridge and follow the sign-posts to Belgrave Heights. An alternative route is to turn into McNicol Road at Tecoma, and follow arrow signs to Belgrave Heights. The convention grounds are shown on Melway Map 84 E3.



Bishop John Reid



Dr Keith Price

JOIN US ... THIS CHRISTMAS!