

Belgrave Heights

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CONVENTION NEWS

WINTER 1992

"Christ in you, the hope of glory ..."



*Convention Chairman
Robert Freeman*

From the Chairman ...

Looking Forward ...

The Council met recently at 'The Lodge' to pray and consider how we might be more effective in the Convention ministry. Here are some of the decisions we made.

- 1) Upgrade 'The Lodge' by adding some new rooms and ensuite bedrooms and verandahs.
- 2) Carry our maintenance work on the auditorium roof.
- 3) Obtain quotes for upgrading the lighting in the auditorium.
- 4) Examine the feasibility of adding an entry foyer to the auditorium so as to provide improved recording, sound, display, distribution and general fellowship facilities.
- 5) Compile a list of private and commercial accommodation available in the district.
- 6) Further develop our 'Friends of the Convention' project.
- 7) Improve our advertising strategy by carrying out a pilot project concentrated on a selected suburban region.

For these to become realities, we will need approval from appropriate authorities, help from Convention friends, additional funds and hard work. Please pray that we will be able to make good progress as we get started on this development work. There may be ways in which **you** could help, and if so, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, **our 75th Anniversary Convention** – 26 December through to 3 January next year. Tell friends about it. Plan to bring the family and spend this holiday time with us. What about church bus trip for a day to let your church family benefit from the teaching and fellowship? We can provide some good food from the new kiosk!

The Lord bless you in your ongoing service for Him.

Robert B. Freeman

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Looking Back ...

We praise the Lord for helpful ministry at the Easter Convention from our overseas speakers, and for many encouraging comments from a number of you about recent changes to facilities and programming. We want to also pass on our sincere thanks to the team of helpers who assisted with the many tasks involved in running the Convention. Sharing in fellowship with friends from so many different places and backgrounds, seeing God touch people's lives and learning more of what the Bible teaches makes it all worthwhile.

There have been some changes in the Convention Council. Rev. Arthur Cundall, Rev. Ken Moorhead, Mr Ian Combridge, Mr Martin Gawler, Mr Cyril Smith and Mr Don Thompson have retired from membership. Advancing years, health complications and pressure of other commitments lie behind these changes. Our thanks to them for their fellowship and help in times past and our prayers for God's blessing in the times ahead.

Two new friends have joined us – **Mrs Cheryl Hutchinson** and **Mr Les Smith**. Both have been associated with the Convention for many years and we are pleased to introduce them to you as Council members.



Usher Maurie Slocombe welcomes visitors to the Easter Convention

From the Executive Officer ...

Outstanding Speakers at Easter Convention

As we look back at the Easter Convention, we praise God for the wonderful time of Bible teaching and fellowship we all enjoyed, and especially the touch of God's presence at every meeting.

It will be a long time before we forget the Bible studies given by **Dr Gary Inrig** on the theme 'The Life That Abides' from John 15 – the dramatic presentation of Simon Peter's wife by **Elizabeth Inrig**, and the dynamic messages of **Charles Price** from Capernwray in England.

A country camper wrote, "Congratulations to those responsible for organising the Easter Convention. I was truly blessed by the ministry of the speakers, especially the drama presentation by Mrs Inrig. Please continue to allow such diversity in presenting God's message." This presentation has been recording on VHS video, and is available from Covenant Audio Vision, ring 770 2550

for details of all Convention videos and audio tapes available.

Another letter said, "Congratulations to the Council for the steps taken to modernise the music and singing, thus making the Convention more relevant to young people".

Others commended the Council on the upgrading of the properties, especially the construction of the **new kiosk** and **two 'A' frame units near the camp kitchens**. Others were pleased to see that the Small Hall now has provision for accommodation for families and that Vale Chalet has been completely refurbished to provide accommodation for our SUFM Team.

Under the leadership of **Mr Peter Rowse**, the Property Committee have



Council Member, Rob Willett, and his wife

listed further improvements and at a recent Council meeting it was decided to erect another four 'A' frame units before the next Convention. These would be close by to the camp kitchens to provide basic accommodation for house-party and young people's groups.

To do this we really need **YOUR HELP – volunteers to help** with erecting the 'A' frames, (come in kit form), and **cash to pay** for the materials. Mr Rowse has estimated total material costs to be **\$8,000**.

We invite you as **Friends of the Convention**, to make this a matter of prayer and if possible, to assist in these practical ways. Kindly complete the slip below and return it to the Convention. Volunteers who can assist with erecting these 'A' frames, should **ring Arthur Brown on 754 2037**.

Thankyou all in anticipation and may the Lord continue to pour forth His blessings on the ministry of our Belgrave Heights Convention.

— Rev. Bill Brice



Guest Speakers from left: Mr Charles Price, Mrs Elizabeth and Dr Gary Inrig.



RESPONSE FORM

Erection of 'A' Frame Accommodation

Yes, I want to assist the Convention in this Project.

- ☐ As a Volunteer Helper (ring Arthur Brown on 754 2037).
☐ As a Donor and enclose \$ _____ towards material costs.

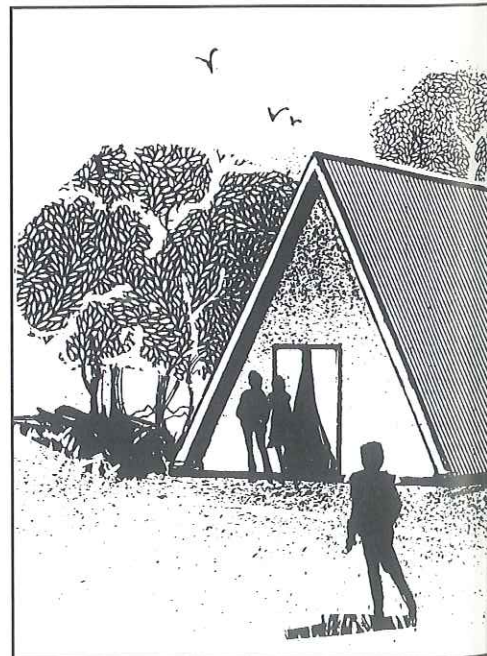
Name

Address

Postcode

(Please make cheques payable to Belgrave Heights Convention.)

POST TO: Belgrave Heights Convention
Freepost 38, P.O. Box Hill 3128
(No stamp required on envelope.)





Users serving visitors at the new Kiosk.

New Directions for Two Council Members

After almost twenty years with the Wool Industry in Research and Development at the University of Melbourne, our Chairman, **Mr Robert Freeman**, has been led to accept a full time staff appointment as **National Co-ordinator with OAC Ministries**. For thirty years, Robert has been involved with OAC in a voluntary capacity, as a member of State and National committees.

The prayer and support of Christian friends will be valued, as with his wife Lorraine, he takes up these new responsibilities. He will continue his active interest as Chairman of the Convention.

Another Council member, **Mr Roy**

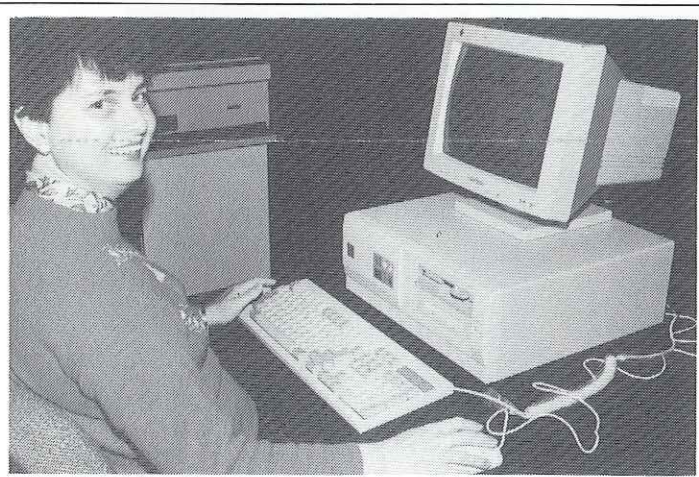
Watson, who many will know because he has been co-ordinator of the Ushers in the Auditorium at each Convention, has been accepted along with his wife Jenny, for full time service with **Mobile Mission Maintenance**. A member of the Council since 1988, Roy makes an invaluable contribution to the Council with his wide experience in the building construction and maintenance works areas.

Roy and Jenny expect to take up residence at MMM headquarters later this year, taking responsibility as the **Victorian Team Leader**. They, too, would value the prayer and support of all the Friends of the Convention.

New Office Computer

We are praising the Lord for an **anonymous gift of \$1,850** given in response to a call by our Chairman from the Convention platform, which has greatly helped towards the purchase of a new computer for our Box Hill office. This new facility

will undoubtedly streamline the book-keeping and clerical processes undertaken by our office secretary, Ann Cameron, and keep us on track with the updating of our Mailing and Donor files.



Left: Ann Cameron at work on the new computer.

Points For Prayer

- Praise God for the many blessings which flowed from the Easter Convention, when lives were challenged, changed and committed to Christian service.
- Pray for the Convention chairman, Mr Robert Freeman, and the two vice-chairmen, Dr David Price and Mr Peter Rowse, as they provide leadership to the Convention Council.
- Give thanks for the new improvements to the Convention properties over the past six months and for those who volunteer their services with building and maintenance skills.
- Pray for needed finance and volunteer labour to erect four more 'A' Frames for accommodating house-parties and young people — \$8,000 in all.
- Remember the Convention staff — the Rev. Bill Brice and Mrs Ann Cameron in the Box Hill office, Mr and Mrs Arthur Brown and Mr David Rickard at the Convention Grounds, and Mr and Mrs Les O'Brien, caretakers of the Lodge.
- Pray for the forthcoming 75th Anniversary Christmas Convention and especially for the speakers, the Rev. David Jackman from the UK, the Rev. Graeme Smith from Queensland, and Dr David Price from the Bible College of Victoria.

Convention Echoes

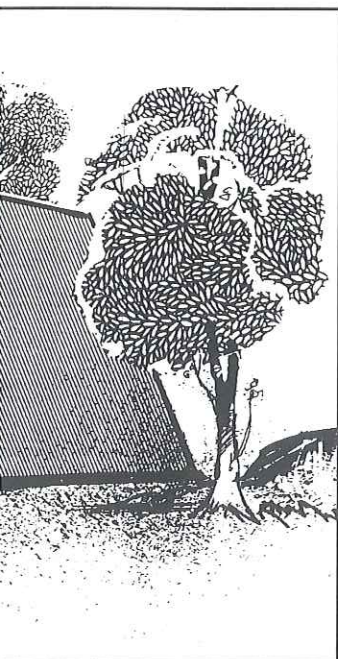
*Gladly we came to the hills above Melbourne
To meet in the Dandenongs, peaceful and still;
From country and city — all ages — we gathered
to learn from the Master, discover His will.*

*We came from all churches, as brothers and sisters
Some from the uttermost parts of the earth,
Conscious that we were 'all one in Christ Jesus',
Bound with the love-bond of heavenly birth.*

*Precious those hours of prayer and thanksgiving,
Enriching the messages that we have heard,
Given so clearly each day by God's servants
Faithfully teaching the truths of His Word.*

*Now, as we part and head thoughtfully homeward,
Spirit-filled lives we would take from the Heights,
Showing, and sharing, the joy of the Master;
Resting in Him, and His will in our sights*

— David Morley



Celebrate 75 YEARS

OF KESWICK IN AUSTRALIA

Belgrave Heights Christmas Convention

(26th December 1992 — 3rd January 1993)

At the Christmas Convention this year, we will be celebrating the 75th 'Keswick' in Victoria, which commenced in Upwey in December 1918. On New Year's Eve, a unique sound film, featuring the Upwey Conventions, will be screened, while on New Year's Day, a great **Thanksgiving Rally** is planned, with former Convention leaders participating. Make a special effort to attend this significant anniversary, giving thanks to God for all the blessing subsequent Conventions have been, and for the distinct impact which the Belgrave Heights Convention has made on Australia's missionary endeavour.

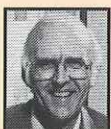
Speakers Expected At Christmas



Rev. David Jackman — outstanding 'Keswick' Bible teacher from U.K. and Director of Cornhill Training Course for preachers, in St Peter's, Cornhill, London. David will be giving the Bible readings and be accompanied by his wife Heather and two teenage children.



Rev. Graeme Smith — a former Vice-chairman of the Convention and frequent speaker. Graeme comes from Brisbane where he is Senior Pastor of the Ashgrove Baptist Church and is well known to Convention audiences throughout Australia. A dynamic preacher, whose heart throbs for the souls of men and women and for the building of God's Kingdom in Australia.



Dr David Price — the Principal of the Bible College of Victoria and a Vice-chairman of the Convention Council. David and his wife Margaret served for some sixteen years in Papua New Guinea with the Christian Leaders Training College. He is a man committed to missions and has done much to encourage missionary interest throughout Australia.

Plan to join us at Belgrave Heights this Christmas

Coloured posters for your church notice board and hand-out literature, featuring the 75th 'Keswick' Celebration, are available from the Convention Office. Volunteers will be needed to help as Ushers and Parking Attendants at Christmas. Please contact the Executive Officer.

Our Office and Postal Address:

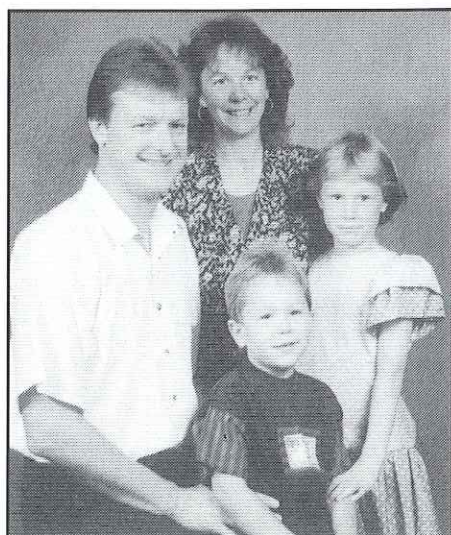
5 Court Street, Box Hill 3128

Telephone: (03) 898 4318

During Convention: (03) 754 2037

Did You Know?

- That the Convention Council has submitted plans to the Shire of Sherbrooke for upgrading 'The Lodge' — adding three new ensuite bedrooms.
- That a monthly prayer meeting for the ministry of the Convention takes place at No. 10 Keswick Avenue, Belgrave Heights, on the first Thursday of each month, at 1.15 pm.
- That Mr Ralph McLennan will be screening a 16 mm colour sound film entitled 'Convention Echoes' on New Years Eve, in the Auditorium, reminiscent of the days when the Conventions were held at Upwey.
- That a number of Christian organisations use our properties regularly, including the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Youth for Christ, Oz Harvest and many church groups use the Lodge for house-party weekends. (Hiring details from the Box Hill Office.)



Craig and Glenda Wright with their children, Geoffrey and Amanda.

What the Convention means to us ...

by Craig & Glenda Wright

We have found the Belgrave Heights Convention to be a wonderful, uplifting experience individually, and as a family.

Having attended both the Easter and Christmas Conventions, we have continually received invaluable teaching from God's Word in a relaxed atmosphere.

The children love the independence of their own special meetings at SUFM and it's great to have others confirm the things they have been taught at home and in our own church.

Camping in the grounds has added an

extra dimension to feeling part of a wider family.

We highly recommend Belgrave Heights as a 'holiday' with a distinct difference!

To our Convention Friends

We invite you to write a short paragraph on "What the Convention Means to Me/Us" and send it to the Editor along with a photograph for possible publication in future issues of Convention News.