

SURRENDER:17 conference



24th-26th March 2017

Belgrave Heights Convention Centre

SURRENDER – an annual conference, message and network that for more than a decade has inspired Christians across Australia to follow Jesus' call to the margins.

SURRENDER:17 will explore the Way of Jesus and what it looks like to walk the Way together with our brothers and sisters, and invite others to join in the journey. This is a prime time in the year to hear firsthand from a large and diverse group of Aboriginal Christian Leaders from various regions of Australia and denominational backgrounds.

You are most welcome! Just google SURRENDER 17, check out the program and register now for all or part of the weekend.

Djeran Camp 2017

Petrina Neufeld wrote on Facebook: "Djeran Camp 2017 is coming up from **9th-13th April** (*first week of school holidays*) for Aboriginal youth Australia-wide 12-18 years. Check out highlights from last year's camp. Ask for a registration form and we'll send one out. Join us this year."

This is a ministry of YWAM Perth.

Check it out on Petrina's Facebook page.

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Meet the New Editor

Dino Tan is one of the young leaders in Evangelical Christian Fellowship (ECF) under the guidance of Ps Joseph Selvam who is the Khesed Ministries Board's chairman. ECF has had a long association with Khesed since it started. As a local church, ECF desires to be actively involved and be part of the vision that God has given to Khesed through Ps John Blacket. Hence, Dino and other young leaders from ECF will be partnering together with Ps John and June Blacket to carry on the vision of Khesed.



Spiritually Sensitive doesn't mean spiritually discerning

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Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
1 John 4:1

It is often said that indigenous Australians are very aware of spirits, much more than Westerners. That is true, but (like Westerners and many others) most indigenous Australians - even Christians, are often not aware of the nature of spirits, whether they are good spirits from God or evil.

We have been in situations where someone who appeared to be a Christian and had a charismatic personality has seduced people into evil. Very few people had any discernment of the spirits operating through that leader.

Please pray that we will all ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of discernment of spirits.

Honouring Aboriginal ANZAC Soldiers



- from Kris Schlyder, Australia Indigenous Prayer Network

Raymond Finn is an Aboriginal former stockman who is working with Barry Rodgers to locate and train Aboriginal riders for the reenactment of the charge in Beersheba this year. Ray will be one of the riders.

He has a vision that is already underway to train up young Aboriginal riders with horsemanship and teach them discipline and life skills through the Light Horse program. He has already trained a group of Aboriginal school children who rode horses 120 km from Hermannsburg to Alice Springs to take part in the 2015 ANZAC Day parade. He shares the gospel with them and disciples them in the ways of the Lord.

Last year, 30 school students from Hermannsburg (Ntaria) rode to Alice Springs for ANZAC day. Watch this 3 minute video clip to find out why they chose to honour the soldiers in this way.

<http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/2337914/honouring-aboriginal-anzac-soldiers>

118 Aboriginal men enlisted in the Light Horse during World War 1. Aboriginal and other Christians are travelling to Israel for the centenary celebration of the capture of Beersheba on 31 October 1917.

The allies were facing certain defeat and were running out of water when Australian soldiers surprised the enemy by charging in so fast that they released Beersheba. This was a major turning point in World War I that released Israel and eventually led to the re-establishment of the nation of Israel.

Pastors Norman and Barbara Miller are organising a “Sons of Abraham Conference & ANZAC Centenary Tour” of Israel on the 17th Oct to 4th Nov 2017, including Beer Sheva for the exciting 100th anniversary commemorations on 31st Oct. Conference details and registration are available here: <http://reconciliationandpeace.org/anzac-centenary-tour-israel/>

Profile: Andrea Mason



Photo: NPY Women's Council

Andrea is the daughter of Ben Mason, Aboriginal Christian pastor and statesman who was involved in the founding of the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship. Andrea was born in Subiaco, WA and grew up in WA before her family moved to Adelaide in 1979.

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After completing her secondary education she was awarded a Netball Scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport and moved to Canberra for two years. On her return to Adelaide, Mason studied for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Aboriginal Affairs and Public Administration. She graduated in 1988, and from 1989 onwards she worked on housing and employment programs with the South Australian Public Service. In 1999, Mason commenced a Bachelor of Laws Degree at the University of Adelaide. Graduating in 2002, she began working for Andrew Evans, a member of the South Australian Legislative Council and leader of the South Australian branch of the Family First Party, as a personal assistant.

At the 2004 federal election, she led the Family First Party, standing unsuccessfully as its lead Senate candidate in South Australia. She gained notability as the first Aboriginal woman to lead an Australian political party to a federal election. As of March 2015, Mason is the coordinator of the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC).
Source: Wikipedia

Last Year, Andrea was a finalist in the Australian of the Year awards, and was awarded the 2016 Australian Businesswoman of the Year. Then in February this year Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull appointed her to his Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC).

Song Writing Workshop with David Garratt

In the last edition of Khesed News, we mentioned plans to bring David to Australia to run 3 song writing workshops for Indigenous people who were not accomplished musicians. This had to be postponed and details will be in the next edition of Khesed News in June.

