



2020 BIG CAMP APPEAL SIX MONTH REPORT

Thank you for taking the opportunity to invest directly in cutting-edge evangelism, community outreach, and spiritual revival in NNSW. As a result of the generous spirit that God placed in your hearts, and even though we couldn't meet in person at Big Camp this year, just over \$350,000 is now being invested in His front-line work.

It's already more than six months since you gave your financial support, and what a challenging six months it has been. April through to June was a time of much prayer, and bit of a mad scramble at times, as we all tried to adjust the planned outreach activities under the rapidly changing COVID laws.

Whilst we are running a little behind on our investing of the 2020 Big Camp Appeal funds, we would still like to provide you with this summarised update of the ways that God is blessing your gifts. A full report will be given at the time of Big Camp 2021, along with further concrete results that, God willing, will have been realised by that time.

Based on the key strategies of 'Proclaiming the Gospel', 'Serving Humanity' and 'Making Disciples', the 2020 Appeal funds are being invested as follows:

Faith FM Breakfast Show - \$60,000

- This contribution has been a real lifesaver for this front-line radio outreach—which is a COVID-proof form of evangelism! And what a joy it is to regularly see people walking into our churches, and even being baptised, due to the good news they've been hearing on Faith FM.

Bible Workers - \$80,000

- COVID has impacted the process of finding and appointing new Bible Workers for unentered areas of the conference but progress is being made and we will have more to report in early 2021.

Adventist Community Services - \$80,000

- \$50,000 has been granted to the Wyee Hub Community Centre which is being constructed on the premises of Wyee SDA Church, situated directly opposite the newly upgraded Wyee train station. State Government has identified Wyee as a new population growth corridor and is investing accordingly. The Wyee Hub will include youth intervention and mental health programs, community development activities, and it will also act as a Disaster Response Centre.
- A further \$30,000 is in the process of being allocated to Community Project Seeding Grants. Please contact David Haupt if you have a project that needs funding. davidhaupt@adventist.org.au

Centres of Influence - \$50,000

- The Big Camp Appeal partnered with the NNSW Evangelism Department to co-fund a Bible Worker and Retail Manager for the *NewStart Juice Bar* on the main street of Raymond Terrace.
- *Manna Haven Café* has seen sales and community contact opportunities increase rapidly after a beautiful 'Happy Spring Byron Bay' floral display was set up at the café entry. Even with the negative impacts of COVID-19 on café businesses, the team reported that God has blessed abundantly and *Manna Haven's* sales and ministry in 2020 are stronger than ever. What a God we serve!
- A number of other Centre of Influence ministries are being supported in the coming six months.

Children & Young Adults - \$67,500

- The planned regional KidsReach Rallies were 'COVIDised', but again we're seeing God's leading as we've now been able to fund two evangelistically focussed episodes of *King's Kids*. This allows us to share the good news online and on television with an even larger audience of children across the conference and beyond.
- Inspired by the excellent results with the church plant at Newcastle University, the Adventist Students on Campus (ASOC) is spreading to Southern Cross University in Lismore and Charles Sturt University at Port Macquarie and will expand further in early 2021. We are also holding a University Ministries Summit in March 2021.
- In the wake of many families losing one or more incomes during COVID-19, and many young people missing out on school camps and other gatherings this year, your sponsorship of young people to the physically and spiritually nurturing NNSW Summer Camps will be greatly appreciated.

BALANCE still being allocated - \$18,000

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Your donations have also been used to purchase specialised recording equipment for online conference events and to fund social media advertising for widely promoting online evangelism series' such as *The End* (May/June 2020) and *America & The End* (Oct/Nov 2020).

We are committed to ensuring that every cent is invested directly into the types of front-line, cutting-edge projects that you have shown your desire to support. We look forward to soon reporting on God's leading in the months ahead.



Thank you again for your generosity and your ongoing, day-to-day support in the many exciting ministries that you are doing across North New South Wales. All praise to God for the wonderful results He is achieving.

If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Big Camp Appeal please contact Julian Archer on 0409 266 360 or julianarcher@adventist.org.au

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