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Keeping a link with the Sydney congregation

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Sydney 50th Anniversary

The Sydney congregation of the WCG officially started on January 30th 1960. At the 50th anniversary service a 5 minute video segment of the start of the church in Australia leading up to the first service was played.

John McLean sent a message *"Congratulations on your 50th anniversary from the national office and all your brothers and sisters around Australia. What a wonderful milestone for you to celebrate together"* (Full text on Web site). Other messages were shared.

The main focus was on how we have moved over the years from a support role to a HQ's hierarchy, to being actively connected to our worldwide grass roots serving many different parts of the world.

As **Rod Matthews** said *"Your sincere generosity is one of the outstanding characteristics and provides assistance to many areas which otherwise would not be possible."*



Mary lived most of her life in Sydney, including over 40 years at Maroubra.

She worked as a stenographer, secretary and book keeper. She married **Harold (Harry) Grant** in 1943. They had two children, **Colin** and **Shirley**.

Harry died in 1974. Mary married **Richard (Dick) Quinsey** in 1976. Richard died in 2008.

She was a long-standing member of, and deaconess in, the Worldwide Church of God. Mary's final year was as a resident of Marycrest Hostel in Brisbane. She passed away peacefully there during her sleep on Tuesday 22nd December 2009.

Mary was renowned for her love of family and friends, and delighted in providing hospitality to all she knew and met. Her special interests included walking, dancing, cooking, playing the piano, photography and photo albums, home and garden, and keeping in touch with people.

She is survived by her two children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and by her sister-in-law, **Christine Pavlovskis**.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Les Scott 1917 - 2009

Les Scott migrated from England to Australia with his family, travelling by ship in 1927. In the early 1950's Les bought a farm and called it "Lanka" at Peats Ridge near the Blue Metal & Gravel quarry on Bushell's road. Les became lonely and joined a penfriends Club. On 6th June 1952 he married **Dorothy Mary Ruth**, at Armidale Registry office. They had six children: **Mary, Helen, Garry, Kathleen, Brenda** and **Richard** (deceased). Ruth died on 26th July 1996.



They moved to Seven Hills for Garry's and Brenda's sake as they were born profoundly deaf needing special education at North Rocks School for the Deaf.

Les worked at Blue Metal & Gravel and then at Miller's Demolition yard at Vineyard near Windsor, pulling nails from second hand recycled timbers and sorting it for sale. His stamina was legendary even in to old age! Playing the mouth organ and collecting rocks were two passions.

In early November Les suffered a lung infection which progressed to pneumonia. He died peacefully Tuesday, December 15th at 12:13 pm.

He is survived by 5 children, 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Les loved the church and delighted even in his latter deafness reading the sermon notes sent to him. His straight forward personality and uncomplicated ways will be missed by friends and family.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Please click on the news items below to see the full article (or more photos) on the Web.

Jaiden Miller



Blessing of Baby Jaiden

We would like to welcome back from Switzerland **Annina, Grant** and baby **Jaiden Miller**.

Jaiden was blessed on January 30th at the Wollongong service. ...[\(more\)](#)

David Heffernan



A Fond Farewell

David Heffernan has now moved to Bribie Island in Queensland.

He will be nearer his brother in Caboolture who is training to be a pastor in the Lutheran Church and his sister in Lismore.

David has served the Sydney Church for decades, whether it has been with youth work in children's church and SEP, ... [.... \(more\)](#)

Ghana



In the last *Church Matters* we mentioned that \$2,000 was sent to the refugee church in Buduburam Camp in Ghana.

Here are some pictures of the distribution of the grain purchased. Some of the money is also being used to pay a part of the children's educational fees.

Christopher Baladin, a leader of the group, wrote: ... [.... \(more\)](#)

Victims of Domestic Violence



Another delivery by Women's Ministry of toiletry bags to the staff at a Women's Refuge in Canley Heights brought cheers of delight and appreciation.

As well as basic toiletries, each toiletry bag contains a note of encouragement and a card identifying the Sydney congregation with a contact phone number.

Our Women's Ministry has been making these toiletry bags ... [... \(more\)](#)

SEP Australia



We sponsored the airfares for two PNG young people to attend.

We wish to thank all the local people who contributed by financial support or by daily prayers or by serving up at the camp.

... [\(more\)](#).

YEP Africa



The social committee through their diligence had saved \$3,000 and based on their recommendation and approval this money will be used to support the Youth Educational Programme (YEP) camps in Zambia and Ghana with \$500 per camp per year. [.... \(more\)](#)

YEP Ghana

The Youth Educational Programme (YEP) camp took place from December 20 to January 3, 2010 and our funds came in handy to support the general operations of the camp this year. [... \(more\)](#)

PNG Annual Meeting

Papua New Guinea

Rod Matthews, Ken and **Joy Slade, Matthew Gudze, Mark Latham** and **Rod Dean** will meet on February 14th to discuss future support for the growth and development of the Church in PNG.

Please pray that we can be a wise support to the PNG church.

Achievements

In the next issue of Church matters we would like to recognise achievements of members adult and children, in our area.

Please let **Rod Dean** know for the March edition.

