



## The Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre

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Welcome to the first edition of the APSC newsletter. This is one way we'd like to keep you informed about our work at the Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre (APSC). We hope you enjoy keeping up to date with our quarterly newsletter!

### *Digitisation*

We recently had two silent 16mm film reels and an audio reel digitised by a professional company who specialize in the preservation of archival media. The film reels were compiled by Inez Sturgeon and comprise clips from the Sturgeon Campaigns in and around Parkes and footage of the birth of the Commonwealth Bible College. The audio reel, now converted to an MP3 file, is a recording of Rev Donald Gee preaching on ABC radio in 1964 and was donated by Rev Ralph Read.



Students entering the Richmond Temple in *Birth of the C.B.C.*, 16mm film still, donated by Inez Sturgeon, c.1948.



Beulah Heights Pentecostal Camp in *Clips from Sturgeon Campaigns in and around Parkes*, 16mm film still, donated by Inez Sturgeon, c.1948.



Sunday School in *Birth of the C.B.C.*, 16mm film still, donated by Inez Sturgeon, c. 1948.

Our heritage collection has been significantly enriched by Catherine Bartholomew's donation of eight boxes of 35 mm slides. The slides have now been scanned with colour correction and grain reduction filters applied and so reveal, in their now digital format, vivid scenes from the 1950s and 1960s at Commonwealth Bible College whilst it was located at New Farm and Graceville. In addition, slides from Beth-Eden and community churches provide glimpses into the physical and spiritual landscape of the Assemblies of God as it existed in the not-too-distant past.

### *Donations*

On the day of the Care of Collections workshop, Rev. Brian Banton donated Fred Van Eyk's loose leaf preaching Bible to the APSC. As Brian notes, Van Eyk's bible was used during the years of his ministry in various cities and towns as he preached at and conducted Revival Meetings. Brian sums up the significance of this donation in his statement...

*This Bible is a tangible relic from an era of a very brave and committed preacher ...Fred Van Eyk was a bold preacher who confronted many levels of strong opposition to the full Gospel message...*

In October this year, I had the pleasure of interviewing Ps Ivan Herald about the donation made by his wife, Pauline Herald. Significantly, the donation includes an original copy of the Foursquare Church Constitution; an original souvenir copy of the Cessnock Revival Meeting Program; a promotion photo of Fred Van Eyk and a letter from Hilda Van Eyk to

Pauline Herald's mother - Mrs Marie Fraser (Nee: Allsopp) - following the death of Fred Van Eyk. We thank Pauline for donating these precious archives, which have now been scanned and stored in archival-quality enclosures.

**Other recent donations include:**

- ACC "Celebrating 75 years" magazine (2013); The Christ's Ambassadors Call magazines; books and meeting minutes from Royal Rangers. **Donated by Dean O'Keefe**
- Photographs of Southern Cross College at Chester Hill circa early 2000s. **Via Sandra Fogarty.**
- Certificates of accreditation for various courses awarded to the college c.2007-2014. **Donated by Sandra Fogarty.**
- A history of the ministry of Pastor Leslie Roy Parker and Dorothy May Parker (nee Chapman) compiled by Noel Martin. **Donated by Leslie Roy Parker.**

**In other news:**

This year, the APSC will acquire a new casual staff member to help with digitisation and donations. Jess will commence at the end of January to help digitise objects in our collection, one day per week. We will also be celebrating the college's 70-year anniversary on February 14 with a decade-by-decade display of objects from our collection in the ground level corridor of AC.

We'd love to see our collection grow! If you have items you'd like to donate please email our archivist [ingrid.ryan@ac.edu.au](mailto:ingrid.ryan@ac.edu.au) or call (02) 8893 4715.