



# MOORE MATTERS

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## The vision

John Woodhouse, Principal

We find ourselves at a remarkable moment in the history of the world. Are we poised for an increase in violence and conflict? What can be done to make the world a safer and better place? I do not think that there has been a time since the World Wars when the collective mind of the nations has been more focused on how to make the world a better place, and yet more conscious of our inability to do much.

At this remarkable moment of history, in our corner of this troubled world, it is clear to all with eyes to see that the Lord of the harvest is answering the prayers of His people and sending out labourers into His harvest.

Moore College exists to provide training for such labourers. The fundamental training needed is the knowledge and love of God. That is what the world needs. Moore College exists to train men and women to preach, teach and pastor the knowledge and love of God all over the world.

The Moore College Council recently made a commitment to support the Mission adopted at this year's Sydney Diocesan Synod: "To glorify God by proclaiming our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit, so that everyone will

hear his call to repent, trust and serve Christ in love, and be established in the fellowship of his disciples while they await his return."

The Council made a further resolution to work with the churches of the diocese towards the initial goal of the Diocesan Mission, namely to see at least 10% of the population of the Diocese in Bible-based Christian churches in 10 years.

At this time we are seeing unprecedented numbers of men and women coming to the College for training as labourers in the Lord's harvest. In 1990 we had 170 full time students. This year we have 270. Next year looks like being over 300. We are praying and planning for the capacity to train 1,000 or more students for the Lord's harvest field in the foreseeable future.

In human terms the challenge is enormous, but could not be more important. Will you, therefore, join us in prayer and whatever support the Lord enables you to give so that Moore College may play this vital role to the glory of God and the salvation of many?

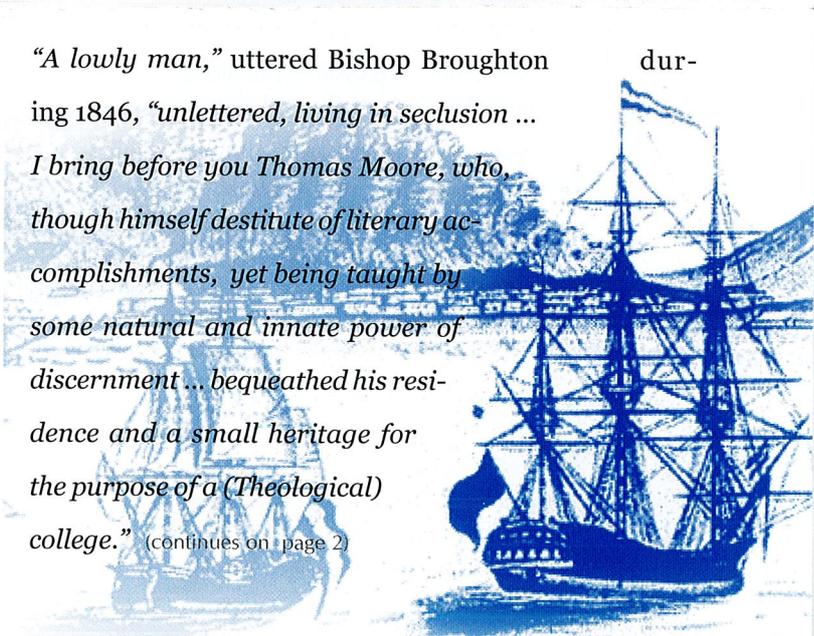
“ Moore College exists to train men and women to preach, teach and pastor the knowledge and love of God all over the world. ”

## A Vision worked out

“A lowly man,” uttered Bishop Broughton during 1846, “unlettered, living in seclusion ... I bring before you Thomas Moore, who, though himself destitute of literary accomplishments, yet being taught by some natural and innate power of discernment ... bequeathed his residence and a small heritage for the purpose of a (Theological) college.” (continues on page 2)

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...A man of vision (cont. from pg 1)

On the 15th February 1792, he sailed as carpenter in the crew aboard Britannia, a boat bound for Sydney. Britannia carried urgently needed supplies for the tiny settlement in Sydney – flour, beef and pork. It was a wild and windy journey. Three months into the voyage the bow rammed into a sperm whale. The crew was expecting the hull to crack open, but miraculously the ship received no serious damage. Two months later they arrived in Sydney, and Thomas Moore set his eyes on what would become his homeland.

Several years later, Governor Hunter, desperately needed new ships. Many of the boats in the colony had become not much more than floating 'wrecks and useless'. By then, Thomas had experience building boats in New Zealand, so Hunter offered him the job of master boat builder. Thomas accepted, and as a result became a free-settler in the colony.

He quickly gained status, was given several land grants and soon married Rachel Turner.

During the early parts of the 19th century, Sydney was still establishing itself. Samuel Marsden was struggling to set up

## The First Family of **moorecollege**

We, the Hanson's were the first family to be permanently accommodated on Campus. Our family consisted of Milva and I and our three children Geoff 9, Kath 7 and Nola 4.

The accommodation was a little surprising; there were two tiny houses with no bathroom. We slept in one and 'lived' in the other. My son and I showered in the student's area and my wife and daughters showered in Deaconess House. When it rained the water flowed through the kitchen, so we used initiative and dug a hole to change the watercourse.

A canvas awning was used to keep out the elements as we transgressed from one part of the house to the other, that way we got to bed dry. We made it fun! It drew us closer together as a family. God provided this excellent training



for us as each of the five rectories we lived in over the next 27 years had major problems when we arrived.

How did the kids take it? It was tough in many ways. They developed a strength to live life in a 'take it as it comes' way and that has been positive. They have all grown up and gone into the 'caring' professions of nursing and education.

What of the years after college? We were able to share the gospel with many folk as a rector in a parish. Milva was ever the centre of our home. God used the joys and stresses of parish life to mature and mould us all to better fulfil our roles in life.

For me? I think that training for Christian life and ministry could not be better than experienced at Moore. I have retired now but find I am still busy in ministry at Mowll Village. It is also a joy to see our grandchildren developing in positive ways and I think they have more than a drop or two of Moore College blood in their veins! *(Fred Hanson '62)*

## Does 49% in Greek enable you to share **thegospel**

Have you ever woken up around 6am because you couldn't sleep? Or, maybe you were worried about something or had a sick child? ...Did you turn on the TV just to occupy your time? Well you're not alone. Around 200,000 Australians fall into this category every weekend.

If you've had done this then you've probably seen one of television programs from Anglican Media. We produce Christian Television shows such as 'Life', 'World View' and 'The Bishop, the Chef and the Fisherman'. My name is Michael Bennett. Many of you may have heard my name before. Not because of my own fame, but rather because of the fame of Christianity Explained. Indeed, Michael rang Anglican Media once. I picked up the phone, and he asked, "Why is my name on the end credits of your programs. I responded by saying, 'cause it happens to be my name also'.

Both of us went to Moore College. He did the B.D. and I the 'Bible and Missions' course. I managed O.K. through every exam except Greek – 49%!

Now the TV programs don't have a regular audience, for a person

maybe up one week but not necessarily the next. But I'm always amazed at who has seen a program or two. Last year, I came home late one night from work and turned on the tube. The Panel was on (a Channel 10 show) and Rob Sitch was discussing early morning television. (Rob's been involved in shows like 'A River Some Where', 'D-Generation', and 'Frontline'.) As he and the other guests on the Panel started to bag out Christian television programs I sat there listening and occasionally laughing. I then had an awful thought, 'Oh no, my program's next!' Sure enough Rob said, "And then I saw this Christian fishing program ('The Bishop, the Chef and the Fisherman')". He continued, "There where three guys fishing in the foot-steps of Jesus." There was a huge laugh from the audience. A few of Panel members started to bag out a concept. Then one of them asked, "So what did you think of it?" And Rob replied, "It was actually a very good show!"

You never know who's up at 6am and is listening to the gospel! We praise God that every week about 65,000 people see the program and hear the gospel through this ministry. So perhaps the 49% in Greek is an OK result after all! *(Michael Bennett)*



# Where Are They Now?

**Moore College graduates are sharing the gospel around the world. They are located in...**

## AFRICA

- Kenya
- Niger
- Republic of South Africa
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda

## ASIA

- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Nepal
- Thailand

## MIDDLE EAST

- Azerbaijan
- Egypt
- Turkey

## AUSTRALIA & PACIFIC

- Australia
- New Zealand
- Papau New Guinea
- Tonga

## EUROPE

- Belgium
- England
- France
- Italy
- Northern Ireland
- Slovenia

## NORTH AMERICA

- Canada
- USA

## SOUTH AMERICA

- Argentina
- Chile

## CENTRAL ASIA

- Kyrghyzstan
- Pakistan
- India

"Michael, why Chile?" "The answer is the old, why not?", he replied. Michael and Jo Charles (4th year) came to Moore College, initially for one year, to be better equipped to serve the Lord. The Bible and Mission course, and the constant stream of missionary speakers at the college, persuaded them that they should work overseas in theological education.

And why Chile? Michael was in a prayer group with 1st Chilean student, Pato Oyarzun. Then the bishop of Chile, Tito Savala, spent 3 months sabbatical at Moore earlier this year. It seemed for a while that everywhere we turned people were talking about Chile.

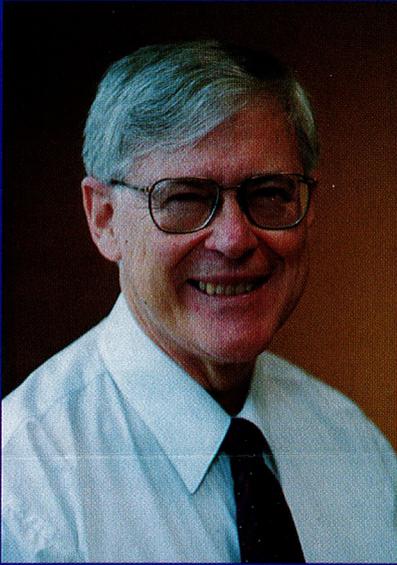
Indeed, Michael and Jo are just one of three families committed to serving with the Anglican Church in Chile in the near future. The Charles family will be joined by Tim and Sally Swan (3rd year) in St Andrew's Hall next year, and upon completion of his Ph.D studies, Stephen Shead with his wife, Rebecca, and young family, expect to join them.

The Anglican church in Chile is young and vibrant, but its ministers are poorly trained. They are vulnerable to liberal Christian and shallow Protestant influences. Cesar Guzman, presently completing his MA at Moore college, will return early next year to serve as founding principal of The Centre of Pastoral Studies in Santiago. Initially the college will offer PTC courses, and over two years, a diploma course, similar to our own Diploma of Bible and Mission. These Moore College trained, CMS missionaries, will be integral to the training this college will provide. It's also hoped that present and past Moore College faculty will be able to make short trips to teach at the college.

"And Michael, has your training at Moore prepared you for this ministry?" "I feel daunted by it all", Michael admits, "but I feel equipped. It has made me gospel-focussed and Bible based."

*Michael D. Raiter*

# "Help!" says Archbishop



*"We need the support of God's people at once if we are to cope with the abundance that the Lord is sending TODAY."*

We are not always sure what good cause merits our financial and prayer support. There are always so many good works to do. But I am saying to all who love the gospel and who are reading these words, that this is a cause and this is a time when you need not hesitate. I ask you to commit yourselves wholeheartedly, knowing that God is clearly at work, knowing that the work is absolutely vital, and knowing that the need is as great as any of you will have placed before you. I am without embarrassment, therefore, in asking you to give generously, frequently and consistently to the cause of the college, and to begin by doing so at once.

## Urgent College Needs at this time...

1. Numbers 33 & 35 King Street are to be renovated ready for students in 2003.
2. Faculty housing is very urgently needed as the faculty numbers grow to cope with the increase in numbers of students.
3. Support for new faculty who come to college. (Not tax deductible).

**YES!** *I would like to contribute to Moore College*

*I/We wish to donate...*

\$20     \$50     \$100     \$500     Other \$ .....

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churches and find enough ministers. They had to be acquired from England and Sydney was not a popular appointment. It wasn't until Bishop Broughton came that any formal structure in the church began to take place. He was given the responsibility of establishing a self sufficient Diocese in Australia, and that included a Theological College.

Thomas Moore was impressed by Broughton's Christian commitment and left his house and some land at Liverpool for the 'formation of a protestant college'. On 1<sup>st</sup> March 1856 Moore Theological College was opened. The Rev. M. Cowper oversaw the education of the first three students.

For nearly one hundred and fifty years Thomas Moore's legacy, Moore College has trained thousands of ministers and church workers. They have shared the good news about Jesus Christ with generations in Sydney and beyond. In fact, part of his donation still contributes to the needs of struggling students.

Today Moore College needs visionaries like Thomas Moore. Are you one? Imagine your donation having ramifications through many generations over the next 150 years. Would you pray about this, asking God if this is the work you should be supporting? The size of the donation is not the important thing – note the widow's mite. The college needs regular support.



*Thomas Moore's house - Liverpool, NSW*

The information has been adopted from:  
Robinson D. 'Thomas Moore &  
The Early Life of Sydney';  
Australian Dictionary of Biography;  
Loane Marcus 1955 'A Centenary History of Moore  
Theological College'.

## Everything is Theological

"Everything is theological." Such was the conclusion to a situation under discussion late one staff meeting after church. The person meant that even though we were not discussing theology, the circumstance at hand must be considered theologically. To tell you the truth I can't remember what the issue of that moment was, but then again it does not matter. What matters is that we are guided by the Scriptures.

As I reflect on a mere 9 months as minister in a small church, I cannot help but agree with my colleague. For example, in all my training I had never been taught to minister to those with diagnosed schizophrenia. Our church has a couple. In all my training I had never been taught to minister to struggling alcoholics. Our church has several. How do I minister to these people? What about the depressed person? What about the one in a loveless marriage? The answer is theological. The answer is passages like 1 Corinthians 13, or 1 John 4:11, or the answer is the fruit of the Spirit. That is, I am to minister with love, compassion, kindness, gentleness, patience and a whole lot more. And love never fails! Fortunately for me, this theological framework has helped my ministry despite my lack of knowledge of schizophrenia (I thought it was a split personality) or despite my poor understanding of the spell of alcoholism.

I have also found that my theological and MTS training have given me a framework for discerning my role as the minister. I could so easily spend *all* my time doing good things for people.

However, the Scriptures have also taught me my role is as a shepherd, teacher and evangelist. They need Christ much more than they need me to put out their garbage or mow their lawn. I do these things, but what I try to do more of, is spend time in the Scriptures, so that my sermons and conversations may have some hope of ministering to them in their need.

How I see my role in the church is theological. How I spend my time is theological. How I minister to people is theological. This is just the tip of the iceberg – and it's all theological.

Antony Barraclough ('91) is the minister at All Saints Petersham.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### **The Revelation of God**

Contours of Christian Theology

PETER JENSEN - *IVP*, 304 pp, *PB*, \$27.95

...The book explores accounts of how we may know God. The central thesis is that God has revealed himself in the gospel of Christ. His essential character is promise. Faith means believing God's promises, trusting the one who has promised. Faith in Christ is at the heart of our knowledge of God and the promises in the word of God.

### **The How and Why of Love**

An introduction evangelical ethics

MICHAEL HILL - *Matthias Media*, 278 pp, *PB*, \$26.50

...An introductory text that will help people to understand what ethics is about; how to use the Bible in ethics and develop an ethical theory based on the whole of the Bible; applying it to a number of topics. A feature of the book is that it considers moral issues like divorce and remarriage, homosexuality, abortion and euthanasia within the framework of salvation history.

**These books may be purchased from  
Moore Books - phone 9577 9966**

## Students clergy candidate

### Parish Ministry

Belinda and I have thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from our four years at Moore College.

Before college I had spent a couple of years working at a church and we desired to be better equipped for future ministry. Moore College lived up to our expectations. I didn't realise how much I didn't know before coming to college and the amount of wisdom that I lacked (and still lack). Yet, I am thoroughly convinced that a strong grounding in theology is crucial for the road ahead. The way I will teach and pastor people in day-to-day situations will spring from my understanding of God's Word.

We have also been blessed with many strong friendships while at college that will hopefully be lifelong. This was greatly aided by being able to live close to campus. Belinda has also had opportunity to study part-time, which she enjoyed.

Next year, Belinda, Jayden, Joshua and I are excited about moving to Richmond. I will be the associate Minister at St. Peter's Anglican Church and the Chaplain to the University of Western Sydney, Richmond Campus. We greatly look forward to getting to know God's servants there and under God, reaching Richmond for Christ.

Connan O'Shea, Year 4.

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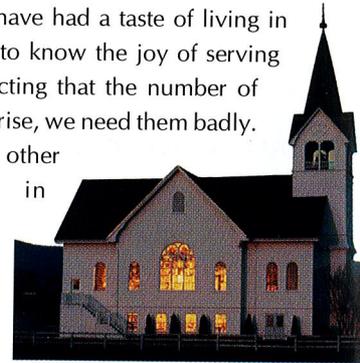
### Ministry in the West

Thousands have gone before me, and it's my prayer that thousands will come after me in the next ten years to minister in the West Region of Sydney.

In the past Sydney's West and Southwest have been talked about as being 'hard' places to be in ministry. Where in the world isn't hard? The majority of people in Sydney who live more than 45 minutes from the beach are craving for ministers who will teach faithfully from God's Word and care for them.

Next year, there are seven ordination candidates heading West, and a few more are going into the Southwest. That is, almost a third of us! The community at MooreWest at Parramatta will be full next year, and once people have had a taste of living in Western Sydney and they come to know the joy of serving there I am hoping and am expecting that the number of ministers coming to the West will rise, we need them badly. Perhaps, the college could start other satellite communities in Campbelltown, Penrith, Windsor or Wollongong?

Garry Haddon, Year 4. Gary will be serving as assistant minister at Glenmore Park in 2003.



## Students full-time ministry

The Chinese Christian Church (CCC) at Milsons Point is where Sarah and I met, married and have had our ministry largely in house group bible studies. We wanted to grow in our own understanding of God believing this will better equip us to teach the Bible, so we came to college.

College has been great! We have been challenged to consider full time ministry by talking to other students and hearing from lecturers and visiting missionaries. We are asking the question where can we best serve God? In the meanwhile, CCC is planting a branch church next year so I'm sure there will be many ways we can be serving God and make use of what we have learnt.

Chun & Sarah Ng

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### Malaysia

Adelaide was home for Andrew and Judi Cheah before they came to college. They wanted to grow in their knowledge of God and his Word and to be trained for ministry. They had experienced the ministry of Moore College graduates at Holy Trinity Church in Adelaide and were grateful for the Bible teaching they had received.

West Malaysia is where they are headed with their daughter, Hannah, who was born while they were at college. Having grown up in that country, Andrew appreciates the particular needs for Gospel ministry there. He will initially serve as the Assistant Minister at the Anglican Cathedral in Kuala Lumpur, where they believe there are exciting opportunities to preach the Gospel and teach the Bible. They are also excited that there are a number of other Moore College students who hope to head to Malaysia over the next few years.

Please pray that God would raise up many more pastors and teachers to proclaim the Gospel in that country.



## From **cumberland** to **moore**

~ Naomi Russell

" Whilst at uni at Cumberland College I was struck by the power of the Bible to transform people as they came to know our Lord and as they matured in Him. I'd seen it in myself and also in others, so I decided to do MTS to train myself in how to better teach people about living as Christians. This time of ministry also made me realise that although I'd grown up in a Christian home and a Bible teaching church, that there was much more that I needed to learn. I had been struck by the integrity, faithfulness and godliness of the people I had met from Moore, I had benefitted immensely from their care and so I decided that Moore would be a great place to get better equipped. I have loved my three years at college so far. I've been stretched in my comprehension of the Bible, my understanding of doctrine and in how I critique my own culture. I am positive that all these will prepare me well as I look to serve and train young women in the future."

### NURSING TO MOORE...

" Moore has given me time to study the Bible, time to understand doctrine and time to consider philosophy and understand my world view."

Cumberland College was a great place to start my ministry as an MTS worker. I was used to the campus as I attended there to qualify as a nurse and so felt at home and was able to share the word of God with students in a situation I knew well. It was during this time that I realised that I needed to know more about the scriptures. I had met numerous people from Moore, our student ministers at church had impressed me with their knowledge of God's word, and coming from a Christian family I had learnt to value the Bible and what God is saying to us through it. I had learnt that Moore taught this truth well so I was interested in coming.

Moore has given me time to study the Bible, time to understand doctrine and time to consider philosophy and understand my world view. I believe that I am being well prepared to minister to 18 to 25 year old women. This is a time when they are setting patterns for life so it is a great time to help them think about Christ. Naomi Russell

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### Lunch and College Tour

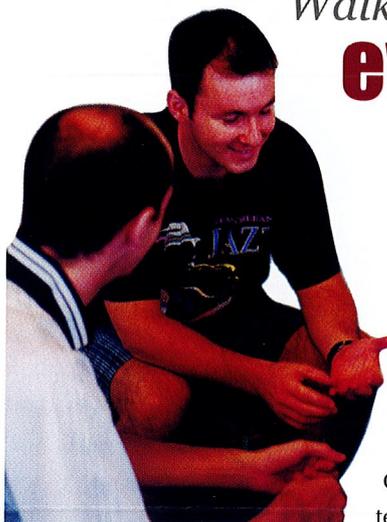
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Come and see where students train - the lecture rooms, the accommodation; Little Queen Street houses; the 190,000 item library, the rare book collection, and the 1882 skating rink we hope will become the new library.

Contact Sue Bennett on **9577-9797**

## Walk-Up **evangelism**

~ Mike Greenwood



“ We approached a young man, to ask him ‘Who he thought Jesus was?’ ”

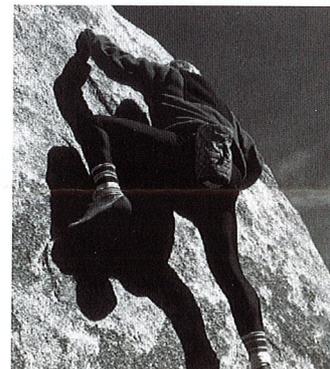
On the first Tuesday this term, I was with another student and we approached a young man, to ask him ‘Who he thought Jesus was?’ To our amazement, he responded that he had heard that Jesus was the Son of God, but didn't really know himself. We asked him if he would like to find out for himself. He responded enthusiastically.

Over the next hour and then meeting again the following day we had the joy of sharing the Gospel with him and answering his questions. This resulted in us asking him how he would respond to the Gospel - to which he said he would like to become a Christian - ‘NOW!’ We prayed with him. I have linked him up with a Church near where he lives.

Please rejoice with the heavenly host and with us! Pray that he will continue to grow in the faith and establish firm Gospel foundations.’

## The **challenge**

Mike Greenwood, year 1



The challenge has been to think critically and work at understanding the Scriptures. The challenge has been lots of hard study. The challenge has included Mission in country NSW and developing skills in ‘walk-up evangelism’.

The blessings have been the fun and fellowship; all subjects have proven to be of great benefit; developing critical thinking and working at understanding all areas of Scripture. Sharing with the godly staff and students has been a wonderful and especially establishing lasting friendships.

Some highlights of the year, have been:

College Mission at Narrabri - my first taste of country ministry. A jam-packed week where we shared the Gospel in a variety of ways. The congregation was extremely supportive and invited friends and neighbours to all the events it was great working in Gospel partnership with them.



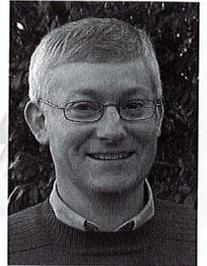
# Nuts & Bolts Ministry

~ Keith Condie

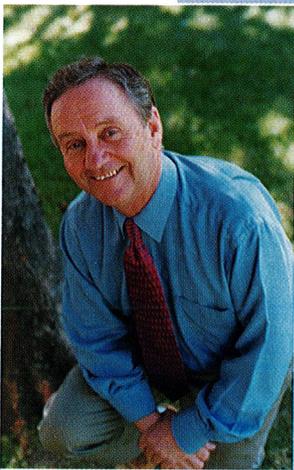
Keith Condie joined the faculty of Moore College in 1997. Most of the subjects he teaches cover the “nuts and bolts” issues of ministry, including the pastoral care of people and the spiritual life of the pastor. Keith is the Dean of Students, so he spends much time talking with students about many different types of issues. He enjoys teaching at College and particularly enjoys watching the students think and prepare for a life “in ministry”. However, one of his great passions is preaching but doesn’t get many opportunities for this at College. This is something he misses about parish life – preaching to the same group of people and watching them be challenged and stretched by the Word of God.

Keith is married to Sarah and they have three children – Michael (14), Susannah (12) and Jonathan (9). Keith loves spending time in their garden, which they share with the O’Brien’s and Woodhouses. As a family, they enjoy family BBQs in the garden, playing cricket or shooting baskets and time away from Newtown, when they enjoy bush walking and going to the beach.

Keith was recently given a boogie board and wetsuit for his birthday, as he loves the surf. He and Sarah try to visit the gym regularly in an attempt to keep fit and keep the “middle age spread” at bay.



## Thoughts of long Service Leave...



“Peter and Mary O’Brien, who have been on the faculty of Moore for the past 28 years, recently took time out for long service leave and spent three months in Europe and America visiting family, friends and College graduates, as well as teaching at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Impressions that have left their mark on Peter and Mary during their overseas visit were the diversity of opportunities that our graduates have for serving the Lord Jesus, and for the unique contribution each can make. From the bustling pastoral work of Chris and Mona Chia in a metropolis like Singapore to the challenge of creating a vibrant student ministry among predominantly secular French-speaking

students in Paris that faces the Kings, the Mullins, the Lukins, Libby Leach and James Hely Hutchinson; and from the patient training of ministry candidates that engages Mike and Heather Ovey at Oak Hill, to the research and pastoral work of the Saliers and the Winters at Tyndale House, Cambridge.

“Peter and Mary were struck by the creative and purposeful nature of these gospel ministries and the significance of their Moore College training. How wonderful it would be if needy countries like Ireland, Switzerland and Italy, with which the O’Briens had contact, could benefit from the same Christ-centred service our graduates can offer.”

Peter & Mary O'Brien

### A NOTE FROM A SPECIAL SUPPORTER...

*Dear friends at Moore College,*

*I recently sold my unit and made a profit and the Lord is requesting that I share some of that with each of the twenty two missions I pray with.*

*As I do have to purchase a new home this will be a once off sum of \$200. In the hope it will help in some way the ministry of Moore College.*

*Praising the Lord I am for once able to give a little more, than my aged pension allows. Sent in the love and name of our saviour, Jesus.*

We praise the Lord for all of you who so faithfully pray and financially support the college.

**EXTRA!! EXTRA!!**

Praise the Lord,  
the last house  
in Little Queen  
St has just been  
purchased!!