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#### About Moore

Moore College prepares men and women for a lifetime of ministry and mission through in-depth theological training. Today 600 students are enrolled in courses at Moore. Currently around 5000 people in over 50 countries are studying by distance education. The College has trained thousands of men and women for a great variety of Christian ministries locally, nationally and around the globe. Moore is world renowned for its faithfulness to the word of God, the excellence of the education it provides and the effectiveness of its graduates.

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#### Covers:

World map with locations of graduates and distance education students



## News in Brief

### Two new faculty appointments

The Governing Board of the College has approved the Principal's nomination of two new faculty members to join Moore College in July 2014. Following the appointment of Dr Peter Orr and Dr Andrew Leslie earlier this year, these two further appointments help prepare the College for an exciting future:

- **The Rev Ed Loane** graduated from Moore College with first class honours and served as Assistant Minister at Moorebank Anglican Church before moving to Cambridge to undertake doctoral research. Ed is married to Jocelyn and they have four children, Jemima, Sophie, Benjamin and Samuel.
- **Mr Will Timmins** is an Englishman with an honours degree in theology from the University of Cambridge. He is currently completing a PhD in New Testament at

Cambridge. During his time at Cambridge, Will taught Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Greek in the University and has given occasional lectures in New Testament studies.

### Exciting new opportunities for two of our faculty

**Rev Dr Michael Jensen** has accepted an offer to become Rector of St Mark's Anglican Church, Darling Point and **Rev Dr Richard Gibson** has accepted the position of Principal, Brisbane School of Theology. Both Michael and Richard will be sorely missed by the students, faculty and staff of Moore. Please pray for them and their wives, Catherine and Kim as they make the transition from Moore College into their new roles of service to the Lord.



## SINGLENES, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE IN MINISTRY

### The Priscilla & Aquila Centre Conference



Speaker: Phillip Jensen

Monday, 3 February 2014

9am - 4.45pm

Registrations close 20 December 2013

# Moore College's Global Vision

Dr Mark Thompson



**M**oore College has always been the theological college of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Since 1856 we have been preparing ministers for the churches of the diocese and further afield. Today around 300 men and women are engaged in full-time study to prepare themselves for a lifetime of serving God through serving his people. However, for much of its life Moore College has done much more than that.

Our vision is not limited to our small part of the world. We want to see Jesus honoured as he ought to be in every part of the globe. We are preparing for that day when people from every nation, tribe, people and language will gather before the throne

and before the Lamb and praise God for his astonishing salvation in Christ.

Many have come to Moore College to prepare themselves for a lifetime of missionary service, crossing cultures with the word of life. It is breathtaking when you look at a map of the world indicating where our graduates are serving as missionaries. Just as significant is the way our correspondence courses (soon to be available in a new format and online) reach thousands from countries all over the globe. In recent years theological colleges in Asia, Africa, Europe and America (not to mention every capital city in Australia) have recruited graduates of our College to serve on their faculties. On top of all this, the writing and international preaching ministry of our faculty and graduates continues to exercise enormous influence.

Our city and our world are rapidly changing. Ministry in Sydney is becoming increasingly cross-cultural.

At the same time huge advances in information technology have provided increased opportunities for reaching people with the gospel, just as they have provided increased opportunities for others to peddle anti-Christian propaganda and false teaching. The need for faithful men and women to take the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ to Sydney and the world is greater than ever.

Our College must grow and adapt to this new environment without changing even in the most minute measure the message we take to the world. That growth and adaption is happening now. So please pray for us and for those who go out from us in every direction and to the ends of the earth. Pray that we and they will speak the gospel faithfully, live the gospel genuinely, and love people for the sake of the gospel sincerely.

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# Moore College distance education goes viral – the heart of the coming changes

Alongside its accredited courses, Moore College has developed a distance education package for those not able to attend a theological college full-time. For over 60 years this course has given Christians the tools to read the Bible well and teach it in a way which brings genuine growth.

Excitingly, the global demand for Moore College's teaching continues to grow. To meet this need, the College has significantly increased its resources to develop and support distance education over the next five years. The College is determined to maintain a global leadership role as a centre for theological teaching, ministry training and distance theological education.

## Changes are coming

Over the last 18 months we have researched our students' needs and embraced the opportunities that new technologies afford us. From the student feedback we were challenged to review our approach to distance education, and that began with a review of the name. As you can see, we have a new logo and a new name: Moore College Distance. We have standardised our course categories into three distinct areas—distance, undergraduate and postgraduate—making it easier to communicate with our students, and clarifying exactly what we offer.

Moore College is a learning community, providing knowledge, personal engagement and encouragement as students live and learn together, through two-way feedback and fellowship. The proposed changes to our correspondence course extend this experience to a broader global learning community via the internet.

None of these changes will affect the content of the courses or reduce the quality for which they are well known. Moore College's commitment to a careful and complete study of the Word of God through Biblical theology remains the same.



# MOORE COLLEGE DISTANCE

## New Distance Courses

We expect to launch the new distance education courses in March 2014.

### PTC

For \$60\*/subject this course will offer 6 subjects by correspondence—the first five subjects of the existing PTC plus Promise to Fulfilment. No internet access is required. The fee includes the traditional correspondence course books, a paper based multiple choice exam and detailed exam feedback.

### ITS

For \$170\*/subject, ITS will include 18 online subjects—all the PTC units with a choice from 16 others—with over one hour of personal online coaching<sup>#</sup> per subject. ITS will be assessed at a higher level than the PTC. Scheduled time with your online personal coach will encourage you as you learn, with interactive notes, weekly online quizzes, and online forums which are accessible at any time. Rapid assessment marking and detailed feedback will ensure you understand how you are progressing.

### Moore Access

For \$30\*/year you can join the online learning environment community, giving you access to interactive course notes for six subjects, weekly quizzes with feedback, and forum discussions. When you are ready to sit an exam, you can enrol in the PTC or the ITS. Moore Access quizzes also provide a solid preparation for the PTC exam.

*\*Course costs are subject to change*

*<sup>#</sup>The coach will be contacted via SKYPE™ or telephone.*



## What are the benefits of these changes?

A key component of learning is being tested and getting feedback on that assessment, so we have developed two assessment regimes that enable us to give detailed feedback. PTC assessments will test understanding and recall of the core content, while ITS assessments will test your ability to analyse what you have learned. To build confidence in your preparation to do the exam, Moore Access and ITS quizzes can be completed as many times as you like, and these also provide feedback in your preferred study space.

The feedback we will provide is unique in extent and quality. Detailed responses will direct you to a specific section of the notes to affirm learned knowledge or correct what you have misunderstood. Improved processes and new forms of assessment will enable faster turnaround times so that you can move from unit to unit at a pace you like.

Current students may be asking where they fit into these exciting changes. Because we have until the end of 2014 before the College will be unable to use the word 'Certificate' for any of its unaccredited programs, there is nearly a year-long transition for those studying the existing PTC, ITC and ThC courses. After this, we will be offering these new courses, which will continue to provide the same highly regarded theological education our courses always have.

Please find enclosed with this *Moore Matters* newsletter a brochure outlining these changes in more detail.

*Mark Fairfull*



## Moore College Distance – a good thing getting better



There is no doubt that the growing penetration of the internet in the developing world is proving to be a "game changer" in Moore College's ability to offer quality external studies courses to students from those regions. Previous distance courses relied on the physical distribution of notes, while assessment and feedback required a turnaround time of many months.

However, widespread internet usage combined with a range of newly developed resources from Moore College Distance means students all over the world can now look forward to a different, and improved, experience of studying theology by distance.

Course notes and additional study materials like maps, readings and video segments can all be accessed instantly online, and there is the opportunity to interact with other students.

As students work through each subject, they can use online quiz questions to test their understanding, and instant feedback indicates areas where additional work is required. This feedback provides references back to the course notes, thus making follow up and revision easier.

This feedback process also applies to the final exam for each subject. Students will be provided with a breakdown of their exam, highlighting both where they have strengths and where they can improve, along with suggestions for further work. Perhaps most significantly, this feedback will be instant, thus encouraging the student in their continued learning.

While these new features and technologies will significantly increase the students' "convenience factor", the overall aim is to encourage a deeper understanding of the subject they are studying, and thus better prepare them for the ministries they are, and will be, involved in.

*Rev Peter Sholl*

# Learning in the context of life and community

Gladwin Joseph  
Second Year Student



Being raised as a Roman Catholic in Delhi, my understanding of Christianity was limited to Catholicism. My life was far from the truth of the gospel of Jesus and muddled with a polytheistic (many gods) worldview in the land of religion, India.

During 2nd year of University, the truth of Jesus and his gift of salvation became a life transforming experience for me. It gave me a new pair of eyes and a heart to seek him before all. So, after graduating and searching how to serve, God brought me to do an internship (much like MTS) with Delhi Bible fellowship, a local church in Delhi.

The internship was aimed at equipping people for ministry. My initial

plan was to learn and go into full time college ministry. However, this changed as I learnt that the heart of every ministry is faithful Gospel-centered teaching, which in the land of millions is available to less than a handful.

My prayer was then to pursue theological education from an institution committed to the centrality of the Gospel. This prayer was answered when God provided generous supporters from Sydney who encouraged me to study at Moore Theological College.

Now, I am in 2nd year and witnessing how God answers our prayers and gives far more than we can imagine. Moore College is not only committed to help lay a foundation

for a lifetime serving Christ but also models this principle in practice through the dedicated and godly staff. It is a great place to learn and grow in the knowledge of God. The strength of Moore College is learning in the context of life and community. This has taught me much and I hope to learn more so that God can use me to be a godly competent minister of his Gospel.

My hope is to finish the BD course and return to India so that many can hear the love of the true God revealed in Jesus as testified to us in the Holy Scriptures. This is a big task, but I trust God to accomplish his purposes—the God who established Moore 150 years ago and brought many, including me, here.

# Building the body of Christ together

**Kirsty McNamara**

Third Year Student



Moore College has been training me for a lifetime of ministry. It has been equipping me to build up the body of Christ. What's been really exciting is that I can already see some of the fruit of that.

In January both this year and last, I went on the Proshikkhon short-term mission to Bangladesh. It is an annual short-mission run by Wycliffe Australia and the Bible Students Fellowship of Bangladesh (BSFB, an IFES group) in order to train rural pastors and evangelists.

What attracted me to Proshikkhon was that it isn't about the foreigners coming in, thinking they know everything, evangelising the country and then nicking off. Rather, it's about empowering the locals who are there long-term.

After I'd signed up though, I found out that we (Aussies) weren't going to be running the training. I thought to myself, "Well, what are we going to be doing then?" It turns out that our part of the partnership wouldn't be doing the upfront stuff. Right from the very beginning the BSFB staff were equipped to run the training sessions. Our main hands-on role with the trainees would be in small groups working on case studies, aided by a translator. Through this I was reminded that the goal of training is to make someone else competent, and that sometimes other people in the body of Christ are better suited to a task than I am.

The trainees were taught about contextualisation, Bible storytelling and partnership. Each day they went to Muslim and Hindu villages to tell Bible stories. At this time the BSFB staff got to join us in *not* being the ones doing the talking! When the participants came back they said, "The people welcomed us in, put out seats for us and gave us tea! We asked them, 'Can we tell you a story from the Bible?' and they said, 'Yes'." We saw them grow in confidence so much over the two weeks. Before this, many had never shared the gospel with Muslims.

A great thing about the body of Christ is that the work keeps going long after we've left. The church where we ran the seminars asked BSFB to help them set up new Bible study groups in the area and to run a follow up Bible storytelling seminar.

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Other Christian organisations have also been sending evangelists back to the villages where the gospel was shared during the training.

Moore College trained my team leader, and is training me. We are contributing to the training of the BSFB staff. Through them pastors, evangelists and students are being grown into maturity, and are reaching the unreached. That's the body of Christ working together.

*(When Kirsty completes her studies at Moore she plans to be part of a Bible translation team in South Asia).*



# Preparation for ministry: Moore Theological College '83-86

## Stuart Robinson BTh 1986 Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn

I entered Moore College (MTC) in 1983 as one of 'the country boys'. I'd been driving tourist coaches and other heavy vehicles around Australia and was based in Blackheath at the time. I have a great many memories of the fellowship and inspiring teaching under 'DBK' (Dr Broughton Knox) then later Dr Peter Jensen and of the outstanding camaraderie amongst the lads in the 'single quarters', as they were known then (you might like to ask Dr Thompson about how, whilst doing a removals job in a pantechnicon, he and I rushed, unwashed, to an ordination interview dressed in our blue singlets and grimy shorts, parked the truck on Bishop Short's front lawn and arrived as people were leaving!).

In College I met my wife Jane and our first child, Jonathan, was born in my fourth year. The integrated biblical theology was for me, I think, the most formative and foundational aspect of my time at Moore (though touch football on 'Paul's' oval ranks highly too). After College, having worked with the late Canon John Chapman for

two years, I served curacies under MTC graduates Paul Perini and Jerryl Lowe before planting Quakers Hill Anglican church in 1990. Mark Thompson served as an outstanding and gifted associate at the time (and met and married Kathryn there too). After nine years (and now with four children) Jane and I followed the Lord's call to Europe and I served as missionary with the Intercontinental Church Society in Brussels and Liège, Belgium—and was followed in that role by MTC graduates Hugh Cox and later Chris Edwards (who was a catechist in Quakers Hill).

Just after the turn of the century(!) we returned to Australia to work with the then Department of Evangelism; church planting in Pyrmont; consulting with the General Synod as the National Mission Facilitator; then rector, St. Paul's Chatswood. It was wonderful to reconnect with Glenn Davies (our regional Bishop at the time) and his wife Di in those Chatswood years. Glenn had been our catechist in the former Harbord in the late 70s, and had returned from the US to teach at

MTC when 'Thommo' and I were in first year. In fact, Archbishop Glenn was with me at a training event in Sydney when I received news I'd been elected Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn in 2008; he was the first to know!

I am about to start my sixth year as Bishop of the great diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. I am ably assisted by two assistant Bishops—both MTC graduates—Trevor Edwards and Genieve Blackwell. We have all the challenges of rural ministry and urban growth, and the added responsibility of maintaining a credible, Christ-honouring witness to and within our nation's capital. I generally travel 1,000km per week. I have offices in Canberra and in our See City, Goulburn (where we live).

Though I'm now a grandfather, my recollections of lectures and prayer meetings and chapel and College Missions are as fresh as ever. It was a privilege to have studied at College and I am thankful to God for the key role that MTC played in my formation.  
*Stuart P. Robinson.*





# Andrew Leslie

Lectures in Christian Doctrine



## Who's in your family?

Felicity and I have been married for just over five years and we are blessed with two lovely children, William (4 years) and Tessa (9 months).

## What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

My wonderful children (whose company I love!) do not allow me much 'spare' time, but when they do, I find that I am most refreshed by following, in order: the company of my wife, listening to classical music (sufficiently loudly that my wife refuses to sit in the same room), playing the organ and piano (badly), cooking excessively complicated recipes that sometimes work out, and catching up on 'The New Yorker'.

We committed the decision to God in prayer, and in his providence, he has led us very happily to Moore.

## What story does your family always tell about you?

I once crashed my mother's car in the drive at my family home. I was 13.

## Favourite travel destination and why?

France: the countryside, timeless mediaeval villages, sunshine, cheese, and pastries (chausson aux pommes, tarte au citron, anything with raspberries). Also, unlike in Italy (my second favourite destination), the French drive responsibly.

## Did you ever consider another career and if so, how did you make the choice?

Yes – not so much another career, but another path within ministry.

In the latter stages of my doctoral studies, I felt freshly convicted and inspired to consider returning to local, pastoral ministry, conscious that this really is the frontline of God's saving work in the world. We committed the decision to God in prayer, and in his providence, he has led us very happily to Moore, where we can be involved in the critical work of teaching and training the next generation of pastors.

## Under God, what would you like to achieve at Moore College?

As a lecturer in Christian doctrine, my chief aim is to inspire and help students to understand and own for themselves the precious truths threaded through the scriptures, which make sense of ourselves, the people we serve, and the God we worship.

## What advice would you give to someone considering training for Christian ministry?

Cherish the opportunity to set aside time devoted to careful study of scripture in the company of faithful Christian voices across the ages, developing your understanding of God's ways and purposes in Christ, together with his plans for the future. Most professions require several years of rigorous training, so I don't see why it should be any different for Christian pastors and teachers, except that we have been entrusted with the most precious thing of all, the words of eternal life.

# Being Moore Campaign

Early this year the College launched the **Being Moore Campaign** to raise \$20 million towards the redevelopment of urgently needed facilities at the campus in Newtown. The response has been overwhelming, with over \$8 million in gifts so far.

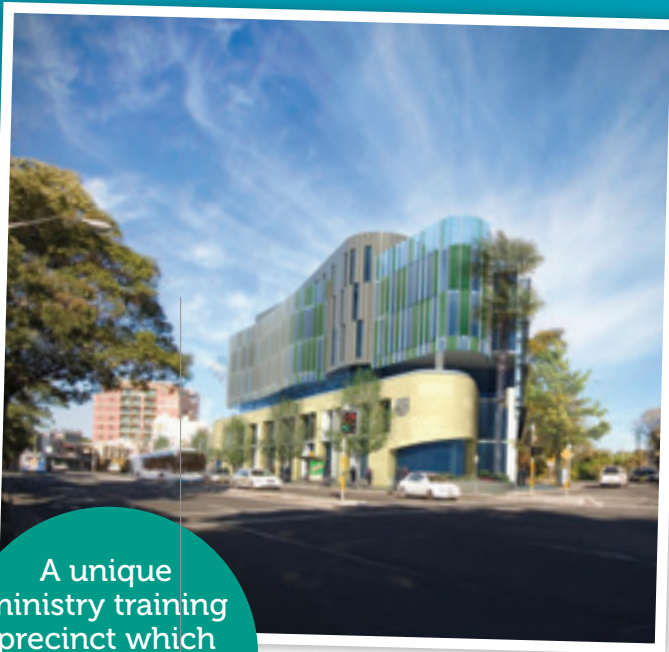
**P**lans are well advanced for new facilities to address the current lack of space on campus for students to learn, study, pray and research. The College will continue to work to raise the funds needed to bring the project to fruition, so that even more men, women, programs and like-minded Christian organisations can come together, at a unique ministry training precinct which will be unlike anything else in Australia.

New classrooms and larger lecture spaces are planned. Larger teaching spaces will have the flexibility to be divided into smaller classrooms. These classrooms will be used for Bible study groups and teacher training, as well as being available to students to further their studies.

A large Assembly Hall will, for the first time, enable the entire student body to gather under one roof to pray, reflect and learn, while also providing a permanent home for Graduation ceremonies. Our new library will arguably be the heart of the College

for decades to come. It will be a showcase for the latest in innovative design: dark spaces will give way to natural light, small uninviting study areas will be replaced by larger, more versatile spaces which can accommodate more students. When completed, the library will hold 90,000 titles (more than it does now) and will embrace an increasingly digital world, giving students access to over 30,000 eBooks and a Digital repository of over 5,500 items and growing.

When the new facilities are completed, current Centres which focus on particular areas of Christianity and Ministry (such as the Priscilla & Aquila Centre, Centre for Christian



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Living and others) will have new purpose-built spaces to expand their activities within the Diocese, across Australia and around the world.

Construction is scheduled to commence in November 2014 with significant fundraising activities to continue in the lead up to turning the first sod. You can learn more about the Being Moore Campaign and ways to help by visiting [www.moore.edu.au/being.moore](http://www.moore.edu.au/being.moore).



# (Un)restricted Gospel

It is an ongoing tradition at College to have an annual Mission Awareness Week (MAW). The focus of the week is God's mission in the whole world. Although there is no shortage of gospel-proclaiming opportunities in our own neighbourhoods, we sometimes need reminding that God is at work elsewhere as well. Many College graduates can testify to the joys, as well as the challenges, of moving out of their comfort zone to another part of the world, and seeing God use them to testify to Jesus as part of his world rescue plan. MAW is designed to lift the eyes of the College community to this wider horizon. It has three main aims: to increase our understanding of the needs of the world and to see how God is at work; to challenge students (and faculty!)

to consider becoming missionaries in another part of the world; and to be committed to encouraging our churches to be more actively involved in God's mission through prayer, finances and other support.

There are other ways that Moore engages with the wider world: we pray regularly in chapel for other nations; we have a weekly Mission and Ministry hour where guests expand our vision of God's work; and there are regular visits to the College from Christians from other nations, as well as our own overseas students. But MAW provides a special focus for a week. While the usual College routine continues in many ways—lectures, lunch, chapel, chaplaincy groups—there are also significant differences. Numerous mission agencies are invited to set up stalls so that students can have one-to-one contact with them, find out about their work, and discover how they can be involved. Chapel services have a world mission focus, with a challenging guest preacher. Chaplaincy groups have visits from missionaries or agency representatives. After-lunch seminars are conducted on topics related to mission. The kitchen

staff make a great effort to provide us with international cuisine. Even the cricket and handball players suspend their after-lunch activities so that there can be more interaction with the visitors.

MAW this year was held in the second week of Semester 2. The theme was '(Un)restricted Gospel', focusing on the ways that God's word is not held captive by persecution, opposition or language barriers. Seminars were given by CMS, Interserve, Voice of the Martyrs, Global Recordings, Bible Society and Pioneers, as well as current Moore students who have had recent experience in world mission. Julian Holdsworth, Wycliffe Australia's Director of Ministries & Church Relations, preached from Jonah in chapel.

Pray that as the Moore College community grows in its knowledge and love of God, there will be a corresponding growth in commitment to God's saving purposes for the world, and that God will continue to raise up labourers for his great harvest.

*Greg Anderson*  
Head of Department of Missions



# Moore College and the Worldwide Anglican Church



This month (October), the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans meets in Nairobi for a week-long conference (GAFCON). Three faculty members will be joining the thousand-plus delegates from around the world to reflect together on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations. The delegates will consider prayerfully how to join together to carry out this great commission more effectively, especially in those parts of the world where faithful, biblical witness to the risen Christ is under sustained attack.

We in Sydney are incredibly wealthy. We experience neither terrorist

violence nor organised persecution from the state, and our ministers are well-trained and godly. It would be unthinkable not to consider how we may give of these riches for the wellbeing of Christ's wider church. First, this means praying for our fellow Anglican brothers and sisters around the world. Secondly, Moore College can continue to invest in its distance education programme (formerly External Studies), so that Christians across the globe can easily access sound biblical training. And thirdly, we can form personal relationships with fellow leaders and teachers, and explore ways of partnering in the task of raising men and women equipped to proclaim and defend the gospel of Christ.

During the GAFCON week a group of theological educators will be gathering for a series of meetings which I will convene. Our first aim is simply to encourage one another with stories about the importance of ministry training in different parts of

the world. Our second aim is to share insights about designing and teaching courses that prepare pastors who know their Bibles. Our final aim is to think together for the future of our churches. If we want a strong, growing church in 20 or 50 years from now, we need to make sure we have strong, growing colleges today – and we hope to leave GAFCON with new plans and new partnerships to bring this about all around the world.

The task of proclaiming and defending the gospel of the risen Christ is too big for any one group of people, no matter how large and diverse, and all we can do is use the gifts God has given us as best we can in the service of his church. We can do this in confidence, however, because the task is not too big for the God we serve.

*Andrew Shead*  
Head of Department of Old Testament and Hebrew

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# Moore College supporting ministry: Centre for Ministry Development

Since its launch earlier this year, Moore College's Centre for Ministry Development has been busy developing its programs for 2014.

The goal of the Centre is to enhance theologically shaped, reflective, evidence based best practice in ministry. There are four fronts that the Centre is working on in its first year.

The first is in training new assistant ministers. A small group of highly capable volunteers has been developing a program for all assistant ministers commencing in 2014. The program will be personally tailored and mentor based, calling for demonstrable outcomes. The working group is developing an initial diagnostic to help

pastors see which areas to work on, provide training modules in important areas and partner senior ministers with the assistant ministers.

The second front is the development of short competency modules that will assist clergy to employ best practice in their ministry. These modules require some preparatory work, class input, and feedback and accountability after completion. The modules are on specific areas that have been identified as needing input, such as risk management, budget preparation and chairing meetings.

The third front is assisting clergy by providing great mentors and supervisors. In 2014 the College is planning courses in pastoral supervision

to enable clergy to be trained in how to supervise and mentor other clergy.

Finally, the Centre for Ministry Development has forged partnerships with high quality ministry development partners. An example is the partnership with *Effective Ministries* which is already being widely utilized. This involves a partnership between a coach and the minister of a church to help the church optimally function and grow.

The days are early, and there are so many tasks to undertake. Please pray for wisdom for the Centre's Advisory Board, for its director Archie Poulos, and for Mark Thompson as they steer the growth of the Centre for Ministry Development.

## A Vision for Mission

The beating heart of the Sydney Diocese and of Moore College and its graduates has always been to reach our world with the gospel of God's grace. Following a request from the 2012 Synod, it was considered that the time was ripe for another season of united mission, much like Connect09, in which all parishes could participate. In 2014, churches across the Diocese and beyond will work together under the banner of the *Jesusbrings* campaign, which will have a focus on Easter next year, using resources prepared especially for parishes, and a second focus in August with some coordinated events.

The *Jesusbrings* campaign is all about Jesus' mission to seek and save the lost. It is about God's people being stirred to work together in local churches and church partnerships to proclaim Christ to the world. It is about resourcing local churches in their local mission.

Moore College students and graduates will be engaged in the campaign in a range of ways. We invite you to pray with us that as his people proclaim the good news of Jesus to our world, Jesus would bring grace to many people, and draw them to himself. For information about the campaign visit: [www.jesusbrings.info](http://www.jesusbrings.info)





# Spring Carnival 2013



PHOTOS: JULIA BOLLEN, 4TH YEAR MTC STUDENT



# 'I can't believe it's almost Christmas!'

How often have we said that as we hurtle towards the end of yet another year?

Many of us will look back on 2013 and reflect on happy times, while others will remember it as a difficult year. One way or another, we have all been impacted by events around us such as the terrible bushfires, storms and floods in Australia, the horrors of wars and natural disasters overseas, and the constant economic and political sagas.

It would be easy to slip into despair about the world we live in—to feel that everything is hopeless.

But as Christians, we know that's not the case. **You and I have hope**—hope for today, as Jesus brings peace and comfort into our lives despite our circumstances, and hope for tomorrow, through God's saving grace. In Christ, we have received a tremendous gift—a generous gift to be shared.

Moore College is committed to equipping Christian men and women to do just that—to share the gift of Jesus Christ. While we recognise the urgency of this work in our uncertain world, we believe it requires people who are well trained. For over 156 years, Moore College has prepared people for ministry in churches, schools, prisons, hospitals, and the armed forces, as well as teaching in other Christian tertiary

colleges within Australia and overseas. Moore College graduates also make a significant contribution to mission work all over the world. The cover of this Moore Matters highlights the many places being impacted for the Gospel, not only by graduates of our undergrad and postgrad programs, but also by the thousands of people who have been equipped through our distance education courses.

*Have you ever wondered what your life would be like without the Moore College graduate who brought you to the Lord, nurtured you in your faith or gave you the tools to tell others about Jesus?*

We pray that the Lord will continue to have us train men and women for Christian ministry for generations to come. We praise God for the outstanding students he continues to send, as well as for our dedicated faculty and staff. However, the Moore College team would not be complete without you. Your prayers and financial support enable us to continue to provide the quality of education and training for which we are recognised and valued. We rely on your partnership and appreciate it enormously.



As we approach Christmas and you think about the gifts you plan to give, will you consider God's great gift to us in Christ and his commission to share that gift of hope with men, women and children everywhere? Will you remember the role Moore College is playing in sharing what is undeniably the most important gift ever? Will you partner with us by praying for us, and will you please consider making a tax deductible donation to ensure our work continues? Your gift to Moore College is an investment in global ministry for generations to come.

Thank you for your support.



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We ask **YOU** to please actively support Moore to ensure that together we can continue this vital gospel work under God, for His eternal glory.

Your gift will be a personal investment in future generations of gospel workers.

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