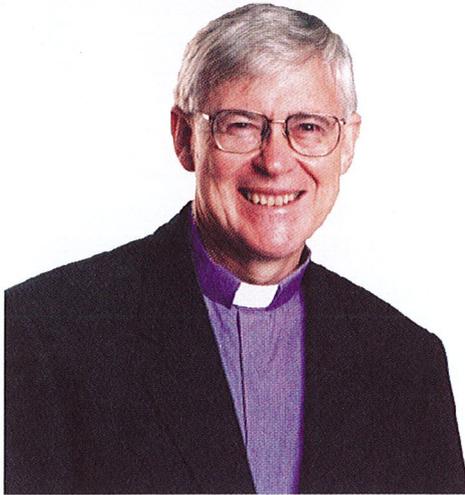




# MOORE MATTERS

November 2001



## **“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”**

The good news is not carried by programs. It is carried by people. Moore is succeeding in attracting an increasing number of highly gifted people to offer for the ministry of God’s Word. We are facing the God-given delight of a record number of students in 2002. They will be the ambassadors of Christ for the next 40 years. The training Moore gives them is superb. Shaped, matured, equipped and strengthened, they are scattering to the four corners of the world with the gospel of the Lord Jesus, and a determination to see his church built up. They are an extraordinary resource for the church and the service of God.

**To forward this work, your help is needed at once. There are moments in history when we can see clearly what needs to be done. Decisive action is called for to secure the future. I believe that we are at such a place now. My reason is threefold:**

**First** – there is a stirring of recognition in our churches that the challenge to bring the gospel to the secular society in which we live must be met in this decade.

**Second** – the current generation of lay Christians is in my estimate the best trained and best motivated that we have ever had in this part of the world.

**Third** – we have never had so many young men and women offering for ministry as we do now – and the number is growing. God is doing a great work of calling these people forward. We cannot tell how long this movement will last. Are we going to be part of this stirring by God or not?

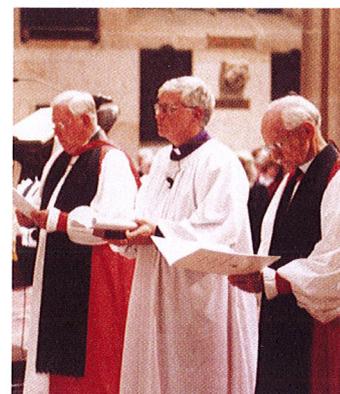
The college’s education is first rate. But its facilities are at a breaking point already. Tragically, action to build the new library should have been taken two or three years ago. We are suffering the consequences of inaction at this point. But it is not the time to stop and slow down – we need the 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.**



*"I am deeply grateful that God allowed me to be at college during the time Peter Jensen was Principal. I remember much about Peter – his slightly quirky sense of humour, his zest for life and his enthusiasm for theology. But the things which stick in my memory most are his passion for the Word of God, which permeates all that he does, and his profound grasp of the love of God in Christ Jesus which expresses itself in his deep love for people, his warmth and compassion, and his genuine humility."* Paul Grimmond, Senior Student 2000



**1985**

Having received the Hey Sharpe Prize in his final year at Moore (1969), Peter served as Curate of St Barnabas, Broadway, and went on to further academic achievement. He received the BD (Lond) in 1970, MA (Hons) (Syd) in 1976 and DPhil (Oxford) in 1980. He lectured at Moore from 1973–76 and again from 1980–84 before assuming the mantle of Principal at a youthful 41 (*top left*). Distinguished though he is as an academic theologian, Peter is known and loved for his lively wit, his warmth and compassion, and his remarkable ability to relate with the same gracious humility to all manner and station of people. He will be greatly missed by faculty, staff and students alike. To each he has been, and will continue to be *special*.

**2001**

## the jensen years

*"Peter Jensen's principalship has been marked by strong personal relations, an endearing charm and a ready wit that have engendered an ethos of warmth and friendliness throughout the college. His clear leadership has demonstrated a whole-hearted commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel, and a broadening vision that has led to an increasing diversity of significant ministries of God's Word. To God be the glory."* Dr Peter O'Brien



*"Christine's time at Moore has been characterised by a single-minded commitment to college and to nurturing college women – whether students, student wives or faculty wives. Her ministry has been graced by a warm and gentle spirit, steeled by a fine sense of what is important. 'Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate' (Prov 31:31)."*  
Alison Webb, faculty wife

Seven year-old Christine met Peter in St Stephen's, Bellevue Hill, Sunday School. Later, she followed him to Moore one year behind. Romance bloomed and they married in 1968. The intervening years have produced five children and four grandchildren. Family life has been intertwined with ministry and academic life, enriched by living within the college community. Throughout, Christine has had an incredible ministry of care for Moore women, led the Prayer Group, been active in After College Training and undertaken speaking engagements beyond the college. She too will be greatly missed.



*"I am profoundly grateful to our God to have had the privilege of spending time with Christine in Bible Study, at "Moore Women" fellowship and over many cups of coffee during the last four years while our family has been at Moore College. Christine has taught me so much about what a woman of God looks like, and has done this in such a down-to-earth way. I will never forget her love for the Lord Jesus and his Word, and her desire to serve him in all that she does."*  
Emma Rurlander, student & Moore Women Chairperson



## narrabeen

Co-leader Mark Thompson reports, *"The mission to Narrabeen was characterised by evangelistic opportunities to a wide range of age-groups, with significant ministry to children and youth as well as very creative occasions with older people."*

Oak Hill exchange student Richard Perkins (Year 3) spoke at a meeting arranged to explore options for retirement, while Year 2 students Dawn and Iain Hanson gave a combined presentation at a lunch for older members and their guests. As well as work in the local high schools and Sunday services, sports-linked events featured prominently in the program in this beachside suburb. Tim Bowden (Year 4) raised the question *"What does golf have in common with Christianity?"* in a golf day talk, and a ladies' ten pin bowling event provided plenty of opportunity for informal evangelistic conversations. Mark observes, *"One of the highlights was a talk on relationships given by my co-leader Keith Condie at the men's dinner."*



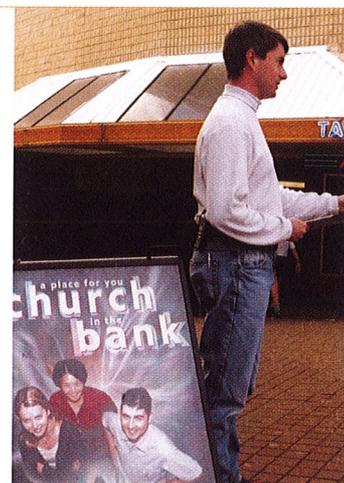
*Men's dinner guests enjoy good fellowship*

## carlton

*"The wholehearted support of the congregations made for many golden opportunities,"* reports Richard Gibson who led the Carlton team. He tells of a number taking time off work to join the team, and of events in homes, schools, the church hall and local restaurants. At a stall in Kogarah Shopping Centre invitations were given out to hear about *Romeo's Mistake* the following Sunday at *Church in the Bank* (literally - Ed).

*"Doorknocking revealed that the people of Carlton were extremely religious in every way. We met Greek Orthodox people, Muslims, Macedonian and Maronite Christians, Mormons, Roman Catholics, Anglicans and a range of others",* says Richard, then reflecting, *"For many, religion only seemed to harden them against Jesus."*

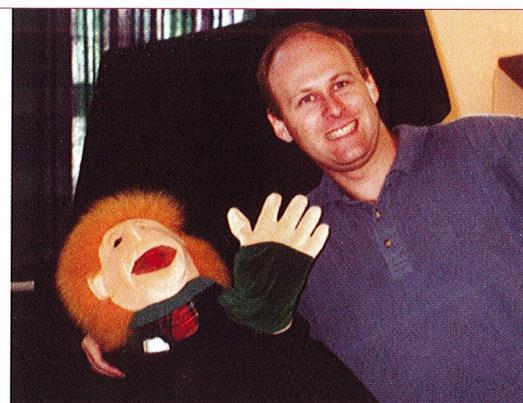
He sums up, *"It was an exciting and sobering week. We were reminded of the power of the gospel and the privilege of preaching it. We saw what a small suburban congregation is capable of, under leadership who long to reach their area and have in place a plan to do it more and more effectively. We were touched again by the generosity and hospitality of God's people. And we were grieved by the thousands who, like Romeo, don't know a dead person when they are looking at one, even in the mirror."*



*Andrew Godfrey (Year 2) gives out invitations to hear of Romeo's Mistake*

## wollongong

*Moore Opportunities* was the appropriate theme for the St Michael's, Wollongong, mission led by Michael Hill. The idea was that people should take the opportunities presented by the coming of the team to talk to others about the gospel. Michael reports, *"Ministry was engaged on two fronts. In the local parish students had opportunities to preach in services, teach Scripture in schools and speak at home meetings. Geoff Lin (Year 2) challenged local business people at a Business Breakfast. On another front, students worked with Richard Chin, Moore graduate and AFES worker, at Wollongong University. Dialogue meetings were held in every faculty. There were three public meetings on campus as well as a seminar on 'Postmodernism and Christianity'. Richard was delighted with the number of people who had been reached with the gospel, even though it created an immense amount of follow-up work."*



*"Mullet" the puppet assists Roger Cunningham (Year 4) teach Scripture to Years 3-5 in the local primary school*

St Michael's Rector, Canon Ian Cox, comments *"We were indeed blessed by our God and Father to have such a group of gospel-orientated, enthusiastic and willing workers."*

## Canon Newth donates precious manuscript

On 1st May Canon Melville Newth (MTC 1939–40) visited Moore to donate formally to the college library a Greek New Testament containing extensive annotations for the Revised Version translation undertaken by his great grandfather, The Rev Professor Samuel Newth. Librarian Kim Robinson has organised a special archive box to store the manuscript. Canon Newth also donated six other books, plus *Societas Memoirs* from his time as Editor.

## Faculty in print

Dr Peter O'Brien, with Andreas Köstenberger, has produced *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth* in the *New Studies in Biblical Theology* series edited by D A Carson. The 1997 School of Theology lectures are available as *Ripe for Harvest – Christian Mission in the New Testament and in Our World*, the 12th edition in the *Explorations* series edited by Richard Gibson. Due early in the new year is Andrew Shead's *The Open Book and the Sealed Book – subtitled Jeremiah 32 in its Hebrew and Greek Recensions* – which forms part of a monograph series entitled *The Hebrew Bible and its Versions*. Michael Hill's *Mutual Love: an Introduction to Evangelical Ethics* is expected mid-2002 from Matthias Media. These and other Christian titles may be purchased from Moore Books at 21 King Street Newtown (tel: 9577 9966, email: books@moore.edu.au).

## Well-deserved tribute

Dr Peter O'Brien, Moore faculty member and Vice-Principal from 1985–2000, has been awarded a ThD (honouris causa) by the Australian College of Theology for the contribution he has made to biblical scholarship. The degree will be conferred at Moore's 2002 Graduation Ceremony.



## Famous last words...

Have you thought that your last words in this life – as your will is read – could help others to eternal life?

After caring for family members, many Christians choose to leave either a fixed amount, or a percentage of their estate, to a cause which will further the work of the gospel. If you would like to consider such a bequest to Moore College, please contact the Development Office (below) for a copy of the new brochure.



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Peter Jensen looks on as Canon Newth (left) hands Prof. Samuel Newth's Greek NT manuscript to Librarian Kim Robinson

**"The Lord is near to all  
who call on him, to all who call  
on him in truth"**

**Psalm 145:18**

## Moore Prayer

### Give thanks

- ◆ For Peter Jensen's leadership and vision during his 16 years as Principal
- ◆ For Peter O'Brien's recovery and his contribution to biblical scholarship
- ◆ For Bursar Doug Marr's dedication to Moore, and wife Kaye's recovery
- ◆ For the numbers and giftedness of students God is sending to Moore
- ◆ That so many Moore graduates are serving Christ throughout the world

### Pray

- ◆ That Michael Hill will have stamina and wisdom for his role as Dean
- ◆ For God's choice as the new Principal
- ◆ For placement of graduates where they will best serve the gospel
- ◆ For safe travel and good evangelistic opportunities over the Christmas/New Year period
- ◆ That Andrew Cameron and family settle well into college life
- ◆ That God's people will respond with sacrificial generosity to support ongoing faculty and housing needs

## Robert Doyle on Gospel and Trinity



In the **Annual Moore College Lectures** of August 2001, Robert Doyle (*left*), Head of Church History, argued that an understanding of the doctrine of the Trinity is essential for a full understanding of the gospel. He spoke of there having always been a separation between God and humanity. God is the Creator and humans are creatures. God is independent and eternal, while human beings are dependent and temporal. This difference in nature did not prevent communication. Communication was severed by humanity's rebellion against God's authority and purposes. Robert

addressed the question, "*How can the gap be bridged?*", and showed that the answer the Bible gives is essentially trinitarian. It is the Word and Spirit of Christ that enable not only effective communication but also redemption and reconciliation. He concluded that all the relationships people have in this fallen world, whether they are personal, social or ecclesiastical, have to be understood from within this reconnective process found in Christ.

Moore students and faculty, plus other clergy and lay people attending, spoke of the stimulating and thought-provoking nature of these lectures, and of being greatly indebted to Robert's scholarship and dedicated preparation. Tapes of the five lectures are available from the college office for \$10 each, or \$40 a set.

## Moore's External Studies outreach



Graduating students (From left) Alan Doolan (ACT), James Hill (Qld), Beate Teale (Qld), Bevan Mitchell (WA) & Kelly Tomkins (Qld)

Moore's external courses continue to help Christians far and wide to grow in their love and knowledge of God. The **Evening Course** in 2001 has been held in six locations throughout Sydney – at Chatswood, Liverpool, Miranda, Newtown, Parramatta and Pennant Hills. Members of faculty and other scholars have taught some 498 students a range of core and optional subjects which lead over four years to a Diploma of Biblical Studies if one takes the optional exams. Moore's **Correspondence Course** is undertaken world-wide, with over 3,500 in more than 30 countries enrolled during 2001. Frequently it offers the only sound gospel teaching available in a region. Availability in Chinese and Spanish has extended its reach. This course leads to a Preliminary Theological Certificate (9 subjects) or Certificate of Theology (18 subjects).

The **External Studies Graduation** ceremony on 1st June 2001 saw 80 of the 172 graduating students gather at Moore, many meeting for the first time. They travelled from as far afield as Western Australia and Queensland.

The biannual **Brisbane Regional Conferences** enjoyed their fourth year of teaching and outreach to that city. Colin Bale and Barry Webb provided three days of teaching from 23rd–25th March, and Keith Mascord and Paul Williamson from 17th–19th August.

A **South-Western Region Day** at St Luke's, Liverpool, on 30th June helped those in the region already undertaking the Correspondence Course, and encouraged others to consider enrolling.

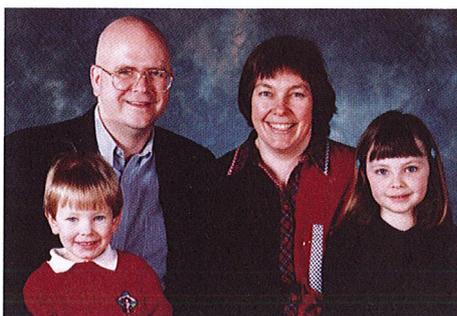
Opposite page:

Top R: Peter Jensen presented for consecration by previous Archbishops Sir Marcus Loane (left) & Donald Robinson (right)

Bottom R: Sarah Raiter pronounces Christine Jensen 'Queen of Moore', complete with tiara and long gloves, at a Moore Women farewell

Bottom L: Christine and Peter following his installation as Archbishop

## Bruce Smith Lectureship in Theology



An anonymous donor has given \$100,000 to establish a **Bruce Smith Lectureship in Theology** as a lasting memorial to a dear brother. This seed gift will support an appointment for some 18 months. A special appeal will be launched to raise another \$0.25M to ensure continuity for the five year minimum desirable.

Andrew Cameron is to be the inaugural appointee, commencing at the start of 2002. A Moore graduate (1989–92), Andrew is currently completing doctoral studies in Ethics at King's College, University of London. The Moore community looks forward to welcoming him with his wife, Mary-Anne, and children, Amy and Thomas (*above*).

# facilities stretched



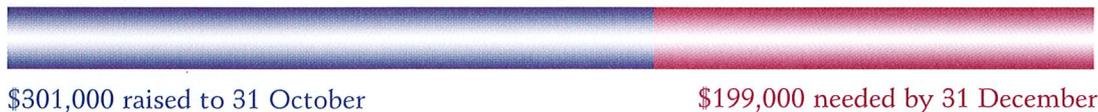
## Student housing

In August two new townhouses at 15 & 17 Little Queen Street (left) were ready for student occupation. Grateful thanks to all who gave generously. A trust associated with St Mark's, Darling Point, has purchased a home at 24 Queen Street which is to be made available to a student family. Those are the gains. But numbers grow faster than houses! In 2002, for the first time there will be more single male students than rooms in John Chapman House. Some in senior years will need to live off-campus. Before further building or purchase, priority must be given to extensive renovations to three large student houses at 109–113 Campbell Street, estimated at \$0.25M per house. Restricted access necessitates the three be renovated concurrently.

## Faculty housing

Plans have been drawn up for three new faculty townhouses, adjoining four existing ones. Their building and fit-out will require approximately \$0.5M each. The college currently pays commercial rental for two faculty houses, with at least one more house needed for 2002.

To cope with these demands a **Building Fund Budget of \$0.5M** was set for 2001.



## New Library an **URGENT PRIORITY**

The college's library facilities are severely overstretched. Plans are being prepared to convert the college-owned heritage building at 69–77 King Street, which has Campbell Street frontage also, into a new library. Standing Committee has committed \$1.0M in 2002 towards this project, and Synod will be asked to approve the same amount for both 2003 and 2004. With a likely total cost of some \$7.0M, a major fundraising campaign will be launched in 2002 to raise the balance.

## tough times *demand* decisive action

These are tough times – terrorism globally, people trafficking nationally, decaying bodies and fractured relationships on a personal level. We who hope in a new creation where *“there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain”* (Rev 21:4) must surely feel impelled by such times to see the good news of Jesus Christ go forth with an increased urgency.

The most effective response for many of us will be to help Moore College equip those whom God has raised up and especially gifted for the task. He is certainly providing them in abundance! The expectation of 270 plus full-time students in 2002 represents a 12% increase on the record enrolments of the past two years. Attendance at Club 5 conferences of those seriously contemplating ministry, and the level of enquiry from around the world, would suggest this growth will continue for some time.

Moore College needs to take decisive action **NOW** to provide the facilities to cope with such abundance. Archbishop Peter Jensen has urged us *“to give generously, frequently and consistently to the cause of the college”*. Will you please start doing as he asks **TODAY?**



# faculty stretched

Since 1985, growth in student numbers at Moore has far outstripped growth in the number of faculty.

	full-time students	full-time faculty	ideal* faculty no.
1985	142	11	11
2001	241	15.4 <sup>#</sup>	18
2002	270	16.9 <sup>#</sup>	20

90%+
50%+

\*determined by maximum number of students desirable per chaplaincy group for pastoral oversight, plus marking, feedback and other one-on-one functions per faculty member

<sup>#</sup>Dr Brian Rosner 40% workload in 2001/2002, Bishop Paul Barnett 50% workload in 2002

## Why is this so?

There is neither a lack of awareness of the increasingly heavy workloads faculty members are bearing, nor a lack of concern for their welfare. **Student fees, plus the diocesan grant received each year, simply do not cover the costs of running the college.** And no-one wants such fee increases as would prevent gifted students from training.

## What must be done?

"Help!" says Archbishop Peter Jensen (page 1). He uses strong language for he says, *"the work is absolutely vital"*. In 2001 \$175,000 is needed for faculty appointments, additional to Head of Mission support. The Archbishop calls on *"all who love the gospel"* to respond. **Will you please respond - TODAY?**



\$91,000 raised to 31 October

\$84,000 needed by 31 December

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With Mission Week (6th–13th May) later than usual this year, reports from the twelve teams missed the June newsletter's deadline. Such is the impact of the mission experience on college students and host churches alike that several of these reports are included now.

Nine of the mission teams worked in conjunction with Sydney Anglican parishes – at Belmore with McCallum's Hill, Carlton, Gladesville, Narrabeen, Pymble, Rooty Hill, Shellharbour, Springwood and Wollongong. Another travelled to Karratha and Dampier Anglican in North West Australia, others to Crossroads Christian Church in Canberra and East Lismore Presbyterian.

## karratha&dampier

Moore's Head of Mission, Michael Raiter, says *"We want to be a college that trains men and women for ministry, not only in Sydney but in the rest of Australia, and indeed in all the world. For this reason we enthusiastically embraced the invitation from BCA to send a mission to North West Australia."*

Eleven students worked alongside Anglican churches in Karratha and Dampier with Rector Philip Knife and Assistant Minister Rob Healy, who are Moore graduates themselves. Evangelistic events involving church services, home meetings, Kid's Club, school Scripture classes, breakfasts and dinners were planned to introduce the people in this Pilbara district to the gospel of our Lord Jesus, and to expose students to the unique aspects of ministry in North West Australia.

Scott Mackenzie (Year 3) had previously visited the region and was keen to introduce his new wife, Wendy (Year 2), to the need for more Christian workers there. At the Dampier Seafarers' Centre, where many mainland Chinese and Taiwanese seamen congregate, Luke Wong (Year 4) and Scott Xu (Year 1) were able to share their faith in Mandarin. For Jason and Sarah Hobba (Years 4 & 2) the mission provided opportunity to develop their deep interest in ministry amongst Aboriginal people.

Michael asks for prayer that *"the team may be challenged about whether or not the Lord would have them minister the gospel in those more remote parts of Australia where BCA works"*.

## shellharbour

Colin Bale led a twenty-one student team to work with Shellharbour Anglican on the mission theme *The God of the Second Chance*. Stephen Liggins (Year 3) reports, *"Students preached at nine services, spoke at Toddler Time, Kids Club, youth group, a young adults' evangelistic dinner, a family indoor bowls (not tenpin) outreach, a number of dialogue meetings, ladies' outreaches, a men's breakfast, Girls' Brigade, craft groups, a high school meeting and in Sunday School classes. A number of students gave their testimonies and many engaged in doorknocking."*

Stephen praises Ian Barnett, his ministry team and the congregations at Shellharbour: *"Their enthusiasm for evangelism and their willingness to provide accommodation, food and support gave us great encouragement."*

A few days after the mission, Shellharbour's Assistant Minister Nathan Killick wrote, *"Parishioners are going out of their way to express heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity that the mission gave them to see their friends and family come under the sound of the gospel."*



Scott & Wendy Mackenzie teaching a Year 1 Scripture class



Nathan Killick (left) and Stephen Liggins (right) chat with young adults following Stephen's evangelistic address in the Sunday evening service.