

# TANDARA TIMES

August Edition



## MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another edition of Tandara Times.

With winter along comes the cold and the enjoyment of sitting around a nice campfire at Tandara or the beautiful wood heater we have in the hall. The heat does not magically appear without the wood. I would like to thank Nigel Pfitzner for providing us with his plentiful supply of red gum wood from the beautiful landscape in which he lives in. I would also like to thank Brian Nagorcka for giving us tireless hours of splitting wood with Horsham Hydraulics wonderful wood splitter. We certainly are kept warm through the winter months along with the dorm heaters that keep each room toasty.

In June we hosted Grassroots (ALC) for the Cert IV in Christian Ministry and Theology the two workshops-Spiritual Resilience and Equipping for Leadership were facilitated. This study is part of our Intern program. We also hosted the First of the CLWs in the July School holidays, which had a great response of over 80 campers and leaders.

We would also like to invite anyone who would like to hire the 2 bedroom self-contained flat for a weekend to contact us for a booking, this unit can be used while another user group is hiring the camp, if available. All revenue will greatly assist us in our ministry here at Tandara. Pastors are also welcome to use this accommodation as a retreat during the week just give us a call, we are happy to serve you in any way.

***I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?***

***My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2***

## Blessings

**Darren Linke**

## Introducing our new staff...James Ker

James was an intern with us in 2015 and re-joined the team on the 26<sup>th</sup> Of June. He is excited to again begin working at Tandara.



## And saying goodbye to other staff...

On the 3rd of July Charlie and I officially ended our service at Tandara as employees.

Just over two years ago, Charlie and I were chatting with Darren Linke about the Internship here at Tandara Lutheran Camp. Darren was seeking some support staff - We saw an employment opportunity at Tandara, so we decided to apply.

We were then offered a position of 38hrs per week between the two of us. We prayed about the opportunity, and eventually said "Yes! We will come and give you a couple of years."

Charlie has been very busy mainly doing maintenance, but also helping with cleaning and kitchen work. The maintenance work reminded him a lot about working back on the farm before we went into Camping Ministry back in 1990. He really enjoyed it. He also enjoyed working in the kitchen as it reminded him of the cooking we used to do back in the 90s.

My role changed from what was intended as I struggled with problems with my knees, so I was mainly a spiritual support person for the Interns and others on Staff. I also helped with the Interns studies and chatted with them about their other camp roles and supported them when they became homesick or just needed a chat or some guidance.

I very much enjoyed the work. I also took on some of the office work, and planned and coordinated the Kids Camp which I loved. Sharing Gods word with the young children and listening to their faith walks was the best part. I also enjoyed planning and organising Family Camp and Cards Camp.

Yes, we are retired from the Camping Ministry now, and Ministry in the LCA, but God may have other plans and we may do casual or part time work after a break. God has been good to us, and all the places we served Him felt like it was the right place to be at the right time. All through our time in Ministry our favourite bible verses were as follows:

*On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.* 1 Thessalonians 2:4-6

We pray with thanks to God for the opportunity to share the Gospel with so many people and we pray that the Camping Ministry at Tandara will continue to grow and many will be blessed by the Staff that gives of their life here now and in the future. **Cheryl Reif**

## MINISTRY CAMPS

### June 23 -25 – CARDS CAMP

Cards Camp was again lots of fun for all who attended! Thank you to Pastor Geoff Schefe who led everyone in worship on Sunday! We also thank all who came and made cards camp a great weekend yet again. Congratulations to Vaughn and John who took out the Championship trophy this year! As you can see, winners are grinners.



### June 30 –July 2 – FAMILY CAMP

It was great to see new as well as familiar faces at Family Camp this year. The theme for the weekend and the Bible Studies was the film 'Evan Almighty' (so, of course, Noah's Ark!). The adults enjoyed a deep discussion with Pastor Howard Beard while the kids learnt about the story of Noah, played some games and did some crafts. The campers enjoyed spending some quality time with their families, while also enjoying the sights of Halls Gap and the facilities at Tandara. We thank Pastor Howard for leading us in worship on the Sunday. The high ropes were again 'in full swing'!

### Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for our staff – James as he begins a new position; and Charlie and Cheryl as they retire.
- Pray for the studies happening with Grassroots training and our intern Maddie as she completes them.