



Darling Downs Christian Conventions Inc.

President's Report

64th Annual General Meeting

27th March 2014

Rev Dave Powell

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our 64th Annual Conference. Last year I was one year out on the age of the conference. Next year will be our 65th gathering. This report will be available from our web site for interested parties. Please see www.ddcc.net.au

THANKS

Our Speakers

Many thanks goes to our speakers this year Ian Mullins and Murry Wright. It has been good to sit under your ministries. We trust that the Lord will continue to use you in His eternal work.

Our Team

Once again, I present an annual list below of your Management Team for your records. Thanks to Rev Doug Baigrie for his wise council, advice and stepping in for me from time to time. Thanks also goes to Laurie Erb for his secretarial/treasurer's work and noting that this is his 10th year of serving on the committee. Also we thank Carolyn Erb for working on producing a history booklet of the "Life of The Warwick Easter Convention" while at the same time producing the convention advertising. Thanks for sharing your talents with us. The rest of the team are always there to help us to decipher the mind of God in the various decisions that need to be made.

For further ministry people can access the messages for the last few years by going to our web site www.ddcc.net.au". The Facebook page link is <https://www.facebook.com/ddcc.inc/info>. The web site is maintained by Andrew Wixted, even all the way from Scotland.

Each of the team have their unique offerings that are much appreciated, thanks to you all.

Sound and Music

A heartfelt thanks to Ray Eland and Steve Muller for their work in organising the sound and recording. It can be a bit tricky at times and they do a great job.

Dulcie and Rodger Reeves have brought us some lovely music. It is to be noted that putting together a musical programme for one meeting is a big enough job but they have brought us several meetings worth of well organised music. Thanks for all that you have done.

Youth/Children

Thanks to Michael Freudigmann and Karen Gillan for ministering to our youth and children once again. You always do a great job.

Ministry to the Interior

Rissman Kitchen still rules this year as it did last year. Thanks for all that you have done. We would not function without your efforts. To the Rissman family we give you a hearty applause and thank you so much for your efforts.

Management Committee 2014-2015

- **President** Rev Dave Powell
- **Vice President** Rev Doug Baigrie
- **Secretary** Mr Laurie Erb
- **Treasurer** Mr Laurie Erb

Members at large

- Mr Geoff Bullock
- Mr Ray Eland

- Mrs Annette Eland
- Mrs Noela Baigrie
- Mrs Jean Roberts
- Trevor Rissmann
- Linda Rissmann
- Patricia Freudigmann
- Michael Freudigmann

My Future

This year you will need to elect a new President as I am not able to continue on, due to my work load in other places. It has been a joy to see the Convention revive but I think it is time to consider electing a more youthful President and give consideration to electing some youth to the Management Committee. I think they only need to be asked. We need to look to handing the running of the Convention over to the upcoming generation and support them in the efforts to reach the present generation which brings me to our main objective as a gathering of God's people.

Our Main Objective

It has been my intention to only invite competent Bible teachers who are what is considered "Convention Speakers". Not all good bible teachers can teach from a convention platform. It is my hope that this convention will always follow that rule.

Our main objective has always been Bible Teaching and Missionary support in a Christian setting. This has worked well but I think the needs have shifted quite a bit. We no longer live in a Christian society. I said last year "*Our society is fast becoming an unreached people group which means we have a big job ahead*". Australian Christians now live in a post-Christian society no longer referencing the Bible for our ethics and morals. We should be looking at incorporating within our meetings some specialised teaching on reaching such a society and shift our focus a little to training in evangelism and supplying useful resources in a post-Christian context. How would you answer the question "with all the religions on earth, why is Christianity the right one"?

Christians face a constant barrage of argumentation from secularists, atheists and other religions looking to dismantle their Christian faith. We, in the western world, no longer live in a Christos friendly world. It is a violent world towards all things Christian. Everyone, except the Christian, is allowed an opinion and voice. This is a great challenge to the public nature of the Christian's faith. The world and the real Church are becoming more and more distinct. This is a good thing but it means the Christian is being called to be more and more bold. Boldness is one of the things Paul asked the Church to pray for on his behalf. That is now the needful prayer of us all.

In these great days of challenge, let us all follow Pauls advice he gave to the Colossian Church.

Col 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Col 3:3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Col 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

To the glory of our saviour Jesus Christ let's be found faithful when He returns.

Conclusion

My wife Joy, as always, has been a wonderful support in ministry.

Respectively submitted,

Rev. Dave Powell (President)