

THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS FROM MT Tamborine Conference Centre

OUR VISION IS TO SEE MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION WIDELY RECOGNISED FOR
TRUSTED BIBLE TEACHING,
meaningful and relevant for today's world.

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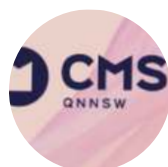
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UPCOMING EVENTS:



CMS SUMMER SCHOOL
05.01.24 - 10.05.24

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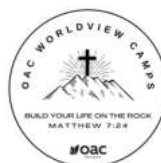
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23.02.24 - 26.02.24

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EASTER CONVENTION
28-03.24 - 01.04.24

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WORLDVIEW QLD CAMP
23.06.24 - 28.06.24

4.



65 YEARS OF QUALITY BIBLE TEACHING @ MTCC



The rich legacy of faithful and meaningful Bible teaching has now successfully spanned 65 years, with multiple conventions each year taking place from the summer of 1959 through to 2024!

THE FIRST CONVENTION WAS IN 1959... *A Historical Recount by Jim Vine*



It looks to me like Rev.C.H. Nicholls, principal of Qld. Bible Institute (now Brisbane School of Theology) is speaking in the hired tent with 260 borrowed chairs, situated on the same spot as the auditorium today.



Lunch was served to the east side of the farm house (now Lodge) then they moved in the dining room tent to the right.

Outside the big tent overlooking the car park, Moreton Bay can be seen in the north-easterly distance. Stumps were a problem when parking. The roof of the farm house (now called the Lodge) can be seen over the parked cars, to the right of centre.



If you look closely, you can see the meeting tent at the top of the picture. The shed to the left was the kitchen at that first convention. It still stands today, but only just!



Younger convention attendees helped to pull out the lantana. Their mothers would not be happy to see them working in their Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes! The meeting tent is in the background.



The convention pianist could have been Mrs. Shakespear. She served from 1953 at Eagle Heights convention, 'til just before Grace Vine arrived in January 1978.

Two of the convention speakers, Presbyterian evangelist Rev Harold Whitney (centre) and principal of the Melbourne Bible Institute (now Melbourne School of Theology) Rev. John Searle. Jack Mathewson (on left) was a member of the Convention Council.



The first boy's camp on the property. Pretty basic accommodation I'd say!



SENIORS' GET-AWAY in Review

We know what you're thinking...Could Seniors' Get-Away possibly get any better than it was in 2022? It sure can! Over 350 people gathered for another wonderful Seniors' Get-Away weekend on the 9th to 12th of November, 2023. Celebrating its 10th year, attendees were treated to a feast of great Bible Teaching from Rev Dr Stephen Gaukroger, who was visiting from the UK.



Thursday night is all about joining together in song for the traditional Hymn Sing, conducted by Jim Vine and supported by the SGA Band. This was then followed by a great session hosted by Ashley Saunders (CEO of Barnabas Fund Australia) interviewing Stephen Gaukroger. We now know Stephen loves cricket, but normally visits Australia when England are not winning!

Stephen dived into Paul's second letter to Timothy, effectively exegesis of Paul's charge to Timothy to continue in the faith and build the church. Stephen's talks included, The Gospel is True (chapter 1), Disciples who make disciples (chapter 2), Jesus is the Victor (chapter 3) and Finishing well (chapter 4). The messages, both in podcast and video format, are now publicly available for all to enjoy! Head to our website and have a listen at: <https://www.mtcc.org.au/seniors-get-away-messages-2023/>

Phil Thomas' talk on 'Living as Aliens' was very well received, along with the electives from Murray Lean and Billy Williams (Dhiiyann - meaning True Fella).

The traditional campers concert on Friday night showcased the talents of many attendees, with our amazing pianist Carly Nisbett bringing together the Community Choir and a stunning rendition of "Hotel Can't Afford Ya", by David Vine. The Saturday afternoon bus trip around Mt Tamborine was another highlight, along with the optional Gallery Walk and Botanic Gardens visits.

This year, the Saturday night concert featured 'The Blenders', an a cappella group from the Gold Coast and our resident Mr Music, Cliff Bingham wowed us on the organ. The night finished with everyone joining together to sing *Jerusalem, The Holy City* - which was absolutely spine-tingling!

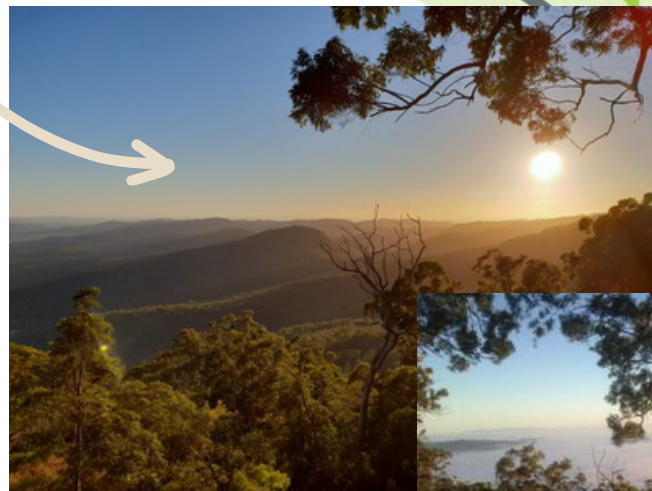
Make sure you pencil in the dates for Seniors' Get-Away 2024 into your diaries: the 7th to 10th of November.

TLC GETS SOME Tender Loving Care

You know what's not fun in below 10 degrees weather at 2 o'clock in the morning? Having to go outside to use the restroom. Don't worry... Jack and Bert are on it!

The Tamborine Life Centre, located just down past CMS, is receiving some long-overdue tender loving care to make its beautiful location and facilities convenient for all guests. TLC boasts a mesmerising easterly view of the hinterland and distant Gold Coast high-rises, meaning it gets some of the most stunning sunrises on Mt Tamborine. Now, thanks to our hard-working team, more guests will be able to enjoy the facilities at conferences and small retreats.

Bert and Jack have installed an internal staircase, making it possible for parents to hear restless children they have put to bed downstairs. Eventually most will be able to access the bathrooms during the night without going outside. Cyrus has painted the outside, and the bathrooms will be renovated over Christmas.



We are grateful to God for our hard-working volunteers and their gifts!



WHO'S NEW AT MTCC?



Charlotte
BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?

Hi there, I'm Charlotte, I love Jesus and love being a SAHM (stay-at-home-mum) to my little girl Abby. My husband, Nathan and I have been married 10 years and we're expecting our second daughter to arrive very soon. We're living in Thornlands, and you'll find us at Cleveland Baptist Church somewhere near the cookies.

WHAT'S YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?

Most of my working life has been spent in the legal world. I worked in secretarial/paralegal roles for my time in uni before working as a lawyer after graduating.

WHY DID YOU GO FOR THIS ROLE WITH MTCC?

What's not to love,
1. Being surrounded by Christians I can learn a lot from (personally and professionally).
2. Working for an organisation passionate about teaching the Bible.
3. And a job that allows me to support our family a little without having to leave my daughter in someone else's care.
My family and I are grateful to God for putting this job in our path.

WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED THE MOST ABOUT WORKING FOR MTCC?

The people. Every interaction I have is one I get to learn from spiritually, personally, and professionally. I may not qualify for young adults anymore, but I'm so grateful that while I'm "young", I can be surrounded by people like this who are showing me how to live the gospel in a very practical way.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE, AND WHY?

"For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise". Psalms 51:16-17 (NKJV)
These verses always take me straight back to that precious moment I repented and accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour. They remind me nowadays that I am saved by the grace of God alone and that my Father in heaven does not despise me even at my worst.
As my second favourite verse says, "we love Him because He first loved us". I John 4:19 NKJV. What a good shepherd we have in Him. Praise God for His mercies and goodness.

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?

Hi friends! My name is Johanna and I'm happily married to the love of my life, Josh, who I met up at the Mt Tamborine Spring Holiday Convention in 2013. We have two gorgeous daughters, Hallelu (3) and Harmony (almost 2) who keep us smiling (and deeply humbled) 24/7. We also attend Cleveland Baptist Church, mostly for the cookies. KIDDING! For the coffee.

WHAT'S YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?

I studied Special Education and Music Teaching at university and taught in a senior school for four years before becoming a stay-at-home Mum in 2020.

WHY DID YOU GO FOR THIS ROLE WITH MTCC?

I've been attending conferences at MTCC since I was -1 years old, and it's been a huge part of my spiritual formation and journey. I love the forum to provide quality Bible teaching that MTCC is, in such a unique way that the local church can't replicate. When this job was advertised I honestly couldn't believe it...a chance to work from home for my favourite place on earth? I'M IN.

WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED THE MOST ABOUT WORKING FOR MTCC?

The flexibility and creative freedom to find contemporary ways to spread the word about our amazing Gospel-promoting site! Also seeing the ways that God is working to bring the Panorama Redevelopment Project to fruition through the hard work of MTCC staff and other professionals is inspiring.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE, AND WHY?

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me." (Psalm 86: 5-7)
My pregnancy and post-natal journey with Harmony pushed me to my absolute limits, but I found great comfort in Psalm 86, all hours of the night. He truly is our ever-present Father, abounding in love to His children during every season.



Johanna
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

EASTER CONVENTION Electives Teaser!

**SPOILER
ALERT**

Every year at Easter Convention, we are blessed with quality Bible teaching not only from our keynote speakers, but also from specialists on a diverse range of topics pertinent to the Christian life. Below is a sneak peak at one of our electives for next year, which we can't wait for!



WAKING UP TO WOKE: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT TRUE AND FALSE RIGHTEOUSNESS?

Dr. John Upham

GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON @ 2:00 PM

'As societal standards have shifted in recent years, we have seen intense and often toxic debates regarding the nature of right and wrong. An aggressive pursuit of secularism and diversity has been invoked to justify erosion of traditional values. In response, new words such as 'woke' have been employed to criticise progressive movements that are perceived as overzealous, intolerant, and hypocritical.

In this situation it is important for Christians to understand what the Bible has to say about true and false righteousness, discerning what is truly important to God as opposed to what is false or trivial.

The elective will firstly examine Jesus' call to His disciples to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to avoid hypocrisy and outward show, and to focus on the important rather than the trivial. Many of these issues came to a head in Jesus' interactions with the Pharisees.

Secondly, we will examine God's judgement of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Old Testament. A close reading of Genesis chapter 19 and Ezekiel chapter 16 has much to teach us about God's standards for human behaviour.

Finally, we will discuss how Christians can discuss these issues with their non-Christian friends, neighbours, and work colleagues, speaking the truth in love and avoiding name calling and toxic arguments.'

Add January 1st to your calendar, as that's when Easter Convention registration opens!

OAC Worldview Queensland Camp



Exciting news! Registrations for the 2024 Worldview Queensland Camp are officially OPEN! We will again have a first class line-up of speakers and a high-quality team of young adult leaders who are readying themselves to pour themselves into the lives of the youth who attend. We can't wait to see you there in June 2024! High schoolers, don't miss out on a week of Christian growth, inspiration, and lifelong memories!

GRADES 9-12
(IN 2024)



23RD – 28TH
JUNE 2024



MOUNT TAMBORINE
CONFERENCE CENTRE



FULL FEE: \$550
EARLY BIRD: \$500
(BEFORE 1ST FEB)

REGISTER @ [HTTPS://OAC.ORG.AU/EVENT/WORLDVIEW-YOUTH-CAMP-QUEENSLAND-2024](https://oac.org.au/event/worldview-youth-camp-queensland-2024)



PANORAMA REDEVELOPMENT Update

If this is the first time you've heard the phrase 'Panorama Redevelopment Project', you can catch up on the plan here, as well as view the initial architectural designs:

<https://www.mtcc.org.au/futuremtcc/>

So, where are we up to? Well...knee-deep in sewerage matters! The team have been busy working with consultants to determine how we will treat waste water. Mt Tamborine does not have town water or sewerage, which means with the new development we have to consider what type of sewerage treatment plant (STP) is needed. This is a vital piece of work which needs to be solved before moving to the next phase of the development application process. To help understand water flows from the site bore, we are installing water meters across all sites in order to get an understanding of how much water is used and what percentage is waste water.

Thankfully the surveyors have completed their work which is now with our architects so they can start work on 3D modelling.

Whilst Stephen Gaukroger was in town, we took the opportunity to host a Panorama Redevelopment Dinner at WEC Clayfield. Stephen spoke on the importance of MTCC, the high quality Bible Teaching and how critical it is to have facilities that will meet community standards and be there for future generations.



Fundraising for the project is underway with \$275,000 in gifts and loans committed so far, which should cover the development application process. The next challenge is to fundraise for 'head works', these are development works that need to be completed before the first new accommodation block commences.

Head works include water security, sewerage treatment plant, power upgrades, new maintenance workshop, demolition and removal of asbestos. Our estimate of these costs is close to \$1 million dollars.

Many people ask, 'How much will the redevelopment cost?'. We won't be able to have an accurate number until the final plans are approved, however estimating construction costs on a per square meter amount, it will come close to \$9.5 million. The project will be staged and involve construction loans and other forms of financing.

We need your help to secure the future of the Convention. You'll see ways in which you can prayerfully support the project on the next page:



PANORAMA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

How to Contribute

Here are some ways which you can help to support the Panorama Redevelopment Project:

- 1) **PRAY** about how you can support this ministry potential to provide accommodation relevant for the future.
- 2) **TALK** with friends and people you know who have experienced MTCC before and know how important the precinct is.
- 3) **LEARN** more about the project and vision for the redevelopment by practically helping us. Find out how here: 
- 4) **GIVE** financially to support the project or by scanning here to donate: 
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Please note:

Every dollar given towards a project at MTC is fully dedicated to that purpose. We do not deduct any fees or charges from your donations. The day-to-day operations of MTCC are sustained through income generated by retreats and events. Another great way to support our ministries and vision for the redevelopment is to encourage your church or organisation to book a retreat at MTCC, or stay in the chalets.

Mount Tamborine Convention has embarked on a journey to replace some of our campsite buildings (as part of Mt Tamborine Conference Centre) that date back to World War II, with modern accommodation, specifically Panorama Homestead.

Thank you

FOR SUPPORTING OUR VISION TO PROVIDE FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

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Thank you for supporting Christian Conventions & Camping at Mt Tamborine

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JAN 4-10 2024

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SENIORS PLUS

FEB 23-26 2024

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EASTER CONVENTION 2024

MAR 28-APR 1 2024

Find out more or contact us at mtcc.org.au
07 5545 1419 or bookings@mtcc.org.au

ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS

PARTNER

MISSION Matters

JUN 7-9 2024

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SENIORS' GET-AWAY 2024

NOV 7-10 2024

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RETREAT REFRESH RENEW
THE CHALETs @ MTCC

WWW.MTCC.ORG.AU



GETTING MARRIED?

Love is in the air at MTCC



Are you recently engaged and looking for the perfect location to say 'I do'? Do you want the perfect blend of beautiful outdoor scenery, with the convenience of a classy indoor option for catering and wet-weather?

Look no further than the stunning grounds of the Mt Tamborine Conference Centre, which features the lush greenery (since it has rained!) that the Gold Coast hinterland is known for, on a site whose proceeds go to furthering Gospel work through providing Bible-based conferences and events. There are several locations that would be stunning to say "I do" at, and to provide guests with a delicious reception meal with a view, so get in touch with the office today to book a site visit and to see if we can help your wedding dreams become a reality. Also, we're here to help if you need any assistance with cake testing...



"WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AND IT WAS SUCH A SPECIAL VENUE THAT IT MADE OUR DAY EVEN BETTER THAN WE THOUGHT. THE STAFF WERE LOVELY, ACCOMMODATING, AND WENT TO ALL LENGTHS TO HELP US PUT ON THIS SPECIAL DAY AND WE COULDN'T BE MORE GRATEFUL"



"TO ALL THE MTCC STAFF; WE WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PART YOU ALL AT MTCC PLAYED IN MAKING THE WEDDING DAY / WEEKEND SUCH A WONDERFUL OCCASION. YOU ALL WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO HELP US PUT IT ALL TOGETHER, AND EVEN WITH THE STRESS OF A LOCKDOWN BEING CALLED ON THE DAY!! YOU HELPED US AND BLESSED US AND IT ALL WENT SMOOTHLY. WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS HAND IN IT ALL, AND THANK HIM FOR YOU ALL AT MTCC."



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Queensland Christian Event Collective (QCE Collective) is a diverse collective of passionate Christian event vendors who are committed to making your dream event easy to run. One of our specialities is sound, projection, and lighting. For your next event, instead of asking: "where are we going to find microphones?" or "who knows how to operate a sound desk?", instead just contact QCE Collective where our expert team can make event tech a breeze. We have experience running tech at MTCC, in fact - it's where the company got started! Make your next event at MTCC really special by investing in the expertise of people who know the tech at MTCC better than you know the back of your hand.



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John Board
DIRECTOR OF QCE COLLECTIVE

FURTHER RESOURCES



Find encouraging Easter '23 podcasts, Discovery Walk information, the Annual Report, ways to support the ongoing ministry of MTCC including the Panorama Redevelopment and much more at:

www.mtcc.org.au



Thank You for journeying with us here at MTCC, and on behalf of our staff we wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year!

