

# Choice News

Positive perspectives on Life Events

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## SERIOUS ISSUES SERIOUS ACTION

### THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHOICES OF LIFE CONFERENCE

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### AND FAMILY CAMP REPORT

The weekend, which focussed on **SERIOUS ISSUES – SERIOUS ACTION**, brought over **50 people** together at Camp Toukley (90 minutes north of Sydney) to discuss pro-life issues and appropriate courses of action. They came from Melbourne as well as around NSW – from as far as Lismore to Goulburn to Wagga Wagga. Why a family camp? Because the people of all ages, from grandchildren to grandparents, created a family atmosphere for the promotion of life. The speakers were inspirational.

**One of the most encouraging aspects of the weekend was the group of enthusiastic young people who came together to learn and to have fun. The hour-long presentation by Frances and Susan – two 16-year-olds – was nothing short of brilliant.** It was thoroughly researched and professionally presented! Great preparation for speaking in schools!

Elyse, who compiled the following report, is another one of these outstanding teenagers (and early 20's) who made a significant contribution to the weekend. One wrote in an email: "Thanks for organising a fantastic weekend" and another "The camp was GREAT!!"



**Pastor Andrew Green**, speaking on Friday evening from the book of Jeremiah, provided a firm foundation for the weekend. "Three times God warns the nation of Israel of impending judgement because of their sins."

God made special mention of the sin of the slaughter of the unborn, which He states "I did not command, nor did it enter my mind" (Jeremiah 7:31; 19:5; 32:35). We may be quick to condemn the barbaric practice of child sacrifice but our nation condones abortion – we are really no different!



The teens and twenties—well, most of them!

Young Australians deserve to know the scientific facts, ethics and attitudes surrounding the commencement of human life.

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## ELYSE BURNS' REPORT

My name is Elyse Burns, I'm 17 years old, and I went, for the first time, to the Choices of Life 2010 Conference.



Saturday's talks started off with a big bang, or rather, the lack of it. **Dr Mark Harwood, from Creation Ministries,** presented his talk, ***Genes and Stem Cells- Made in the Image of God*** with clarity, backed by fascinating science. He

showed how embryonic stem cell research is wrong and has had no success while adult stem cell research is morally acceptable and has had over 70 successes. He also touched on DNA and evolution. **It was the most informative talk I have ever heard.**

We also heard **Rev Hon Fred Nile, on *Political Correctness Gone Mad.*** One gets the idea that Parliament is an honest democratic core of society. Listen to Fred Nile for fifteen minutes and you get a totally different perspective. He's an amazing man who stands and fights for the unborn, and other Christian values, in the face of huge opposition.



A session on **Networking** was next. **Bruce Coleman** asked people to stand up and, after introducing them, had them say a few words on what they're doing for the unborn. It



Blue Mountains Passion4Life team

ranged from ringing dozens of schools, to walking across the Blue Mountains to raise awareness (and funds) for the abortion issue. It was amazing how many things there are that you can do- having stalls at shows, fundraising, presenting Choices of Life, and, of course, prayer.

One sentence that came up in discussion from Proverbs, (28.1) particularly impressed me. *The wicked run, but there is no one chasing them.* Abortion is so obviously wrong that there are no excuses for those condoning it. For the pro-choicers it's not a case of 'can't see', it's a case of 'won't see'. They are fighting frantically and running scared trying to defend the indefensible.



Abigail—  
fundraising

**Rev Bruce Christian** showed a Biblical aspect of being pro-life. **We are made in the Image of God** (Psalm 8) – this influences the way we see ourselves and it influences our attitude to the value of every human life (Psalm 139) – **it defines our responsibility and accountability!** Bruce exclaimed, "It is so obvious - why can't everyone see it!!!" No one really has any excuse and we all will be held accountable for how we treat the unborn.



The second talk on Sunday was given by two young and enthusiastic pro-lifers, **Frances Hopkins and Susan Thring.** *What do they say and what do they really mean?* was their topic. They rolled out their

facts with great presentation skills, and neatly toppled every pro-choice argument ever thought of.

**Bruce Coleman,** demonstrating logical ways to defend the pro-life position, gave the last talk of the conference. It was a great way to finish the weekend.

The talks presented new information, as well as reaffirming facts already known, but I haven't even mentioned the social as-



pect which played a big part in this weekend. I don't have room to mention all of the teenagers by name, but they were all amazingly friendly and a great group to spend a weekend with.

All my thanks go to Bruce Coleman, who organized it and invited me. He's the most enthusiastic pro-lifer I've met for a long time and inspirational.

**I really enjoyed this camp- both the talks and the people (my age group or not!) made it a fantastic way to start my year.**



# BRUCE'S INTERSTATE TRAVEL DIARY

## TASMANIA—13th to 27th March 2010

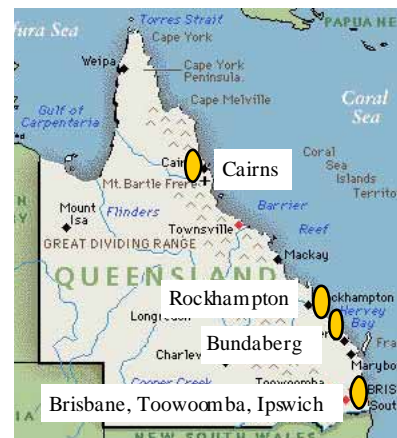


Plans are well under way for two weeks in Tasmania. It is expected that there will be opportunities for return visits to a number of schools in the Hobart area as well as new schools in and around Launceston.

Schools will also be approached along the North Coast in Penguin, Devonport, Ulverstone and Burnie. During the visit in 2009 Bruce also spoke at classes from Year 4 to Year 12 at Circular Head Christian School.

## NORTHERN NSW and QUEENSLAND— 21st April to 29th May 2010

After speaking at schools on the NSW North Coast (between Taree and Tweed Heads) Bruce is planning his first visit, on behalf of Choices of Life, to Queensland.



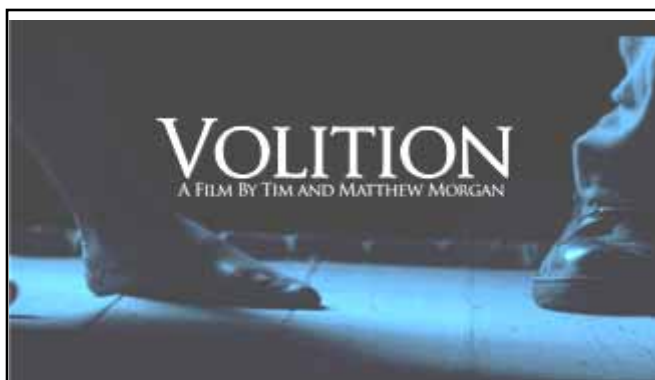
The return journey will include schools at Tenterfield, Armidale, Tamworth and Gunnedah.

## FOR YOUR DIARY



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## STUDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY from 2009

### YEAR 10

- The presentation said that the life of every child, no matter how small, is precious.
- It helped me understand what it must be like for people who have an abortion.
- It was explained clearly.
- It opened my eyes to what it (abortion) is really all about.
- Abortion is not a quick fix—you will still remember it years later.



### YEAR 6



- The presentation showed me how wonderful life is.
- Thank you for coming, I really enjoyed it.
- It is interesting

and you learn a lot about how you came into the world.

- It is a great experience—you learn lots.
- It makes me think about how important life is.
- Now I know when my life really began.
- It showed me what happened and what a miracle life is.

**MEDIA COMMENTARY from the USA**—what you didn't hear in the news



On Friday, January 22, 2010, over 300,000 people, dominated by young people, attended what is considered the most significant annual pro-life march in Washington DC. Marchers from high schools, universities, churches and community groups from around the nation called on Congress to pass legislation overturning the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.



“Unfortunately on the news you’d think there wasn’t even a march – some stations didn’t even mention it. SAD!” emailed one person living in Arizona.



Impact 73 empowers youth in the USA to educate their peers about the sanctity of human life. They are dedicated to awakening and activating youth to the tragedy of abortion and the virtue of chastity. They are setting up Impact Zones, and getting involved in pro-life action, in communities around the USA.

Check out the ideas on Impact73 for SERIOUS ACTION in Australia!

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