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# Choice News

Positive perspectives on Life Events



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

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## 2009—REACHING MORE YOUNG AUSTRALIANS WITH THE MESSAGE OF LIFE

Choices of Life is consolidating and expanding. We value your continued interest and support ensuring the message of the value of life reaches more young Australians.

May 25 to June 6 **Darwin** schools and Indigenous communities

**Cairns**—proposed

**Brisbane, Toowoomba** - proposed

Feb—**Sydney, Gosford and Blue Mountains** Training

**Canberra**—in planning

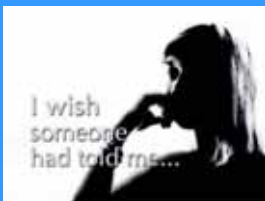
March 23—April 1 **Melbourne/Geelong** Training and schools

August 10 to 21 **Wagga Wagga** and other Riverina areas for training and schools



**Adelaide**—in planning

April 28 to May 5 **Hobart** Training and schools



### 3rd ANNUAL NSW DINNER Saturday, 27 June 2009

Epping Baptist Church Hall

**Special speaker: Robyn Green**—Indigenous leader and singer  
Abortion in the indigenous communities

**The stolen generation of the 21st century !**

Reserve the date now!

## Code of Secrecy—Abortion Breast Cancer Link

The collector seeking donations for Breast Cancer Australia was surprised when I asked him, "Is abortion included in the list of causes?" Indeed it was not mentioned on the brochure nor did it appear on the website ([www.breastcanceraustralia.org](http://www.breastcanceraustralia.org)). In contrast the Cancer Council of NSW ([www.cancercouncil.com.au](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au)) negated the link by referring to a single 1997 Danish study while completely ignoring the **overwhelming evidence from 29 studies (between 1957 and 2001) that indicate an increased, and in some cases a significant increased risk after an abortion.** The following medical research websites provide so much information that we have no excuse for ignorance. ([www.bcpinstitute.org](http://www.bcpinstitute.org) and [www.abortionbreastcancer.com](http://www.abortionbreastcancer.com))

**More recently, in October 2007, a study was released showing that among seven significant risk factors, abortion was the 'best predictor of breast cancer'. Countries with high abortion rates could expect high breast cancer rates in the future.** ([www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/oct/07100307.html](http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/oct/07100307.html))

Why do many organisations and lobby groups avoid stating the medically obvious? Why is the code of secrecy so strong? Even if they thought there was some minimal risk surely it would be medically prudent to warn women. That would be the case with so many other procedures, such as a hernia or tonsillectomy, where some other miniscule risk was involved.

It was some of this information that I shared recently with a senior educator when he questioned the accuracy of the information I presented to a year 9 and 10 class on the abortion breast cancer link. I trust he understood the issue much better after checking the websites.

## 1st Annual Family Conference—Camp Toukley

Forty teens, adults and children gathered over the weekend of 16-18 January to be equipped and motivated in the battle for life in our nation. It was also an opportunity to network with like-minded individuals, the young and the not so young, in the task before us. **Rev Bruce Christian** encouraged us to consider the Bible as our foundation of our belief in the sanctity of life. God has spoken, we are called to be watchmen on behalf of our society and we cannot be silent! **Dr Mark Harwood** reinforced the importance of knowing what we believe because what we think determines what we do.



If we believe that life begins, and is therefore valuable, from conception we will do everything possible to protect the unborn child. **Rev Dr Peter Barnes** reminded us that abortion procedures, in various forms, have existed for many centuries. However, once society had a

conscience and saw child-killing as wrong but now it is seen as right! This is the challenge that faces us—to take the opportunities in the schools to restore the belief that life is sacred and abortion is wrong.

**We must be the watchmen and women in our day.**

**your rights pre birth**  
 worth fighting **and voting** for

"Your Rights Pre Birth" is a far more important message than the former "Your Rights at Work" campaign. As Gianna Jessen, a young lady who, as a baby, survived an abortion, said: "If it is a woman's right to choose then where were my rights?" It is up to us who have been given the opportunity to live to stand up for those who are denied that right at the rate of 100,000 a year in Australia alone! That's at least 270 each and every day of the year!

**If you would like a copy, or many copies, of the sticker pictured above place your order on the website [www.yourrightsprebirth.com.au](http://www.yourrightsprebirth.com.au)**

**Contact CoL if you want multiple printed copies of *Choice News* for your church, work place or friends.**

**Please feel free to email the *Choice News* to those on your contact list.**

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# PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

for *The Choices of Life*

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Jenny and Mark Harwood  
at the Choices of Life  
Family Conference

Jesus said  
**I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT  
HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO  
THE FULL!**

At the January Creation Supercamp, held on Phillip Island in Victoria, **Mark and Jenny Harwood** had opportunity to share the work of Choices of Life with over 700 delegates. A number of people, some from **New Zealand**, indicated they want to be more informed and involved. One email was received from **South Australia**:

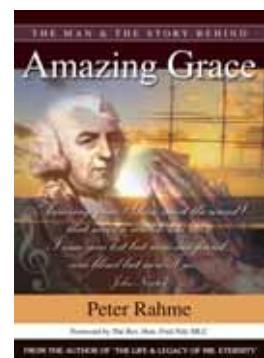
*I'm definitely interested in learning how you go about your presentations in the Schools etc, and think it would*

*be a good idea to share the message at Church youth groups also. My Mum's words straight after watching "Amazing Grace" for the first time were, 'If only people would fight as hard as William Wilberforce to stop abortion.' I'd always thought it was beyond me to be able to actually stand up and do anything. Guess I didn't even really know where to start. When I heard about it [Choices of Life] at Creation Camp I was ecstatic about your efforts and it would be a privilege to help you spread the word.*

*Trying to encourage some of my friends to get involved as well. Be good to have some of us younger ones standing up for what we believe.*

*God Bless, keep up the good work. Kristy 21*

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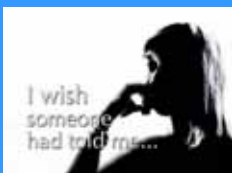


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## HOW TO PRAY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

**Before each speaking opportunity** pray for:

- open minds and hearts to the message of life—understanding of the truth—  
thank the Lord for the opportunity to be in the school

**After each speaking opportunity** pray that:

- the message will impact their lives and choices—that God will work in their  
hearts to bring them to know Jesus Christ more personally

1. Letters have been sent to schools in the greater Sydney area. Pray for positive responses and **bookings for schools in 2009 as volunteers follow up these letters with phone calls.**
2. Pray for **Julie Jordan** (Sydney) as she contacts and speaks to students in more schools during this year. Praise God for her enthusiasm and professionalism
3. Pray for new opportunities emerging in **South Australia**. Pray for wisdom in coordinating training in this new area for Choices of Life.
4. Praise God for the new contacts and opportunities that came from the **Tasmanian Christian Convention** in December. Thank God for **Brenda Awde-Cooper** who spoke to over 200 delegates at the convention.
5. Pray for the people who will attend the training sessions in **February in Sydney** (11-12), **Central Coast** (18 & 20) and in the **Blue Mountains** (25 & 27).
6. Pray for Bruce Coleman, and for all those volunteering their time, for **safety in the many kilometres of travel each month**. This is God's work and we seek His direction, His protection and His blessing.
7. **Pray for more people to join the financial support team** and enable continued consolidation and expansion. Thank God for additional people who have committed to financially supporting Choices of Life each month.
8. Thank God for the **Choices of Life Committee**—Peter Barnes, Pat Christian, Rod Hordem, John Kingsmill—as they provide direction and support and are involved in the decision-making for the organisation.
9. Praise God for schools already booked for 2009, including year 6 at **Chester Hill North Primary School** on March 18.
10. Praise God for **John Garrett** as he develops the **Choices of Life website**. Praise God for his practical support in this area.
11. Pray for the arrangements for the **3rd Annual Dinner** on Saturday June 27 to be held in the Epping Baptist Church in Sydney.
12. Pray for wisdom in taking up opportunities in schools in **South Australia and Queensland**.
13. Pray for the **young people** who will hear the message of life during 2009. Pray that their eyes will be open and that ill-informed adults will not snatch away the truth or prevent them from hearing it in the first place.
14. Praise God for the enthusiastic response to the **Choices of Life 1st Annual Family Conference** and for the positive and encouraging fellowship of over 40 pro-life supporters. Pray for wisdom in planning a conference in 2010.
15. Praise God for **Robyn Green's** active concern for the indigenous communities of the Northern Territory. Pray for her as she speaks at the dinner in Sydney (27 June).
16. **Pray** for the provision of someone who can **assist in administration** and the organisation and coordination of Bruce's speaking itineraries.
17. Pray for Bruce as he travels to **Melbourne between March 23 and 31**. He will be following up new schools as well as **new contacts for training** and support.. Pray for opportunities in churches. as well as in schools and for progress in the training program.
18. Pray for **Sherrin and Naomi, trainee presenters in Tasmania**, as they look forward to the delivery of their babies in February This is David and Sherrin's 1st and it will be Chris and Naomi's 2nd (a brother/sister for Michael).
19. Pray for **Sally Baird (Geelong)** as she contacts schools, continues to build relationships and takes more classes this year. Praise God for her growing confidence and competence in the classroom.
20. Praise God for the contributions made by **Bruce Christian, Mark Harwood and Peter Barnes at the Conference in January**. They brought a clear Biblical focus on the pro-life issues that constantly confront us.
21. Praise God for the many positive comments of interest that have developed from the **Creation Supercamp in January**. Thank God for the opportunity that Mark and Jenny Harwood had to share the Choices of Life ministry with over 700 delegates.
22. Pray for more opportunities in **State Primary and Secondary schools**, as well as in the non-government schools.
23. The **Choices of Life Annual Conference** inspired a number of the **young people (teenagers) into more pro-life action**. Pray for these young people as they allow this message to continue to impact their minds and hearts.
24. Pray for Bruce's planned visit to **Darwin in late May**. It is anticipated that there will be opportunities in schools, churches and in some of the indigenous communities. Pray for wisdom in planning.
25. Some supporters have indicated they want **multiple copies of Choice News** to give to friends at church. Pray for new people to pray, and provide financial support, for Choices of Life.
26. Pray for the expansion of Choices of Life into schools in **northern Tasmania** while Bruce visits between **April 28 and May 5**. There are also possible openings into churches.
27. Thank God for **Greg Tan and the staff at New Leaf Design**. They are responsible for the design of all of the display banners and many of the other publicity materials used by Choices of Life.
28. **Simon Matthews is the Executive Director of Christian Schools Tasmania**. and is supportive of the ministry of Choices of Life. Pray for him as we develop links with more Christian Schools in Tasmania.
29. Pray for the ongoing ministry of organisations such as **Salt Shakers** (based in Victoria) who provide information and encourage political and social action on issues such as abortion. Pray for **Peter and Jenny Stokes**.
30. Bruce has been invited to speak at schools in the **Wagga Wagga** area, organised by the **Henschke Primary School**. Pray that there will be an opportunity to **train interested presenters**. One person lives in Albury.
31. Pray for **Geoff and Carolyn Mongan**. They are actively organising speaking opportunities in schools in **Canberra**. Praise God for their assistance and for those who are looking forward to being trained for school presentations.