

Junc Mail

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Where did it go?

2004 is well and truly over now and it's hard to think where it has gone. In true Junction style though, this issue is dedicated to a review of the year just gone.

We started the year quietly in January with birthday celebrations and some quiet gatherings whilst people were taking time out on holidays.

February began the school year and restarted the program more fully. The breakfasts and lunchtime program continued at the school, albeit with a lot more students to reach. Our netball team continued on its winning way, with a few new ring-ins adding a bit more oomph to the team. Forge had its Open Nights with Junction members in good attendance and Kev Taylor came and spoke from the heart at a gathering.

In March we again took part in the Walk against Want, raising money for Oxfam and enjoying a lovely afternoon lunch and awesome family cricket game at Grants Picnic Ground in the Dandenongs. It was a

great way to spend the day. Our community project was at Kambrya, helping with lawns and weeds and all the other garden encroachments that had gone awry over the holidays. The Netball grand final came and went, with our team unfortunately on the losing side. The team also folded with many team members committed elsewhere for the duration of the year. Still it was fun and healthy while it lasted.

April was Easter and a raucous Good Friday gathering at Cassidys – both kids and adults went ballistic – maybe something to do with the fresh air, sunshine and fun – although some thought it may have been the copious amounts of chocolate! The team at Kambrya moved the entire program to Thursdays and introduced an after-school element. Eventually it may be homework etc, but for now its hanging out, shooting baskets etc.

We had an awesome worship day in May, filling the afternoon and evening with challenging and inspiring sessions run by

some of our own. Another working bee spread the team out to be working at locations as the need arose, whether at the school or the homes of individuals we knew. Both the boys and girls had nights out – guys with the dvds, girls with the massage!!!!

In June we had a combined gathering with the entire team, Ash Barker and more. July we again had our Launch Party at Berwick Inn, this time raising money for the program at Kambrya. As always, good food, good music and good attendance. We changed our gatherings format in July, going back to the small groups concept, which occurs fortnightly, interspersed each month with a combined gathering and an outreach of some sort – either mission or community project.

August we had another awesome worship night, a great family time at Kids Space in Cheltenham, and Darren Rouse as guest speaker.

South Eastern Christian Centre, from which most of us came to the Junction celebrated its 25th

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Anniversary in September, with Steve as a guest speaker, so a platoon from the Junction also attended to support him and join in the celebrations. We also had a grand final day at Hammonds, with the big game on the big screen and with a multitude of fans, both Junction members and not.

In October we again worked on the garden at

Kambrya, but the highlight was our baptismal service for Dave Minett and our dedication service for Jordan Hammond and Samuel Rogers. Both in the great outdoors and both celebrated in great Aussie fashion with food, friends and more.

We had another BBQ in November, this time at Kambrya, with our combined PCs. David Fenton led an inspiring

worship night and Forge was out and open once again.

In December we celebrated the festive season with great delight with our children acting out (and up) in the nativity play and an open house at Cassidys on Christmas Eve. New Years was wherever it was and here we are already well and truly into 2005. Hope it's a good one for you!

Taking the hills!

Encounter is a movement of the local churches and Christian people of the Belgrave area to see God breakthrough.

The Hills are well known for Witchcraft, New Age and Occult influences. It is the home of many false religions and was once a site of secret Aboriginal initiation ceremonies. It is

thus hard ground for the gospel to take root.

We are joining in prayer over the coming weeks with the local Christian community and then participating in nine nights of 'Encounter God.'

Sessions will be held at the Cameo Cinema in Belgrave, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

nights at 7.00pm starting 21st February. There will

be a variety of teaching from healing of past hurts to a challenge to all who seek 'light and truth.'

It would be great to have your support on any night but more importantly your prayers that God will bring His freedom to the Hills.

Thanks

MANY THANKS TO:

- Waum Ponds Community Church: Ps Mike Groom.
 - Caboolture CRC: Ps Geoff Cake.
 - Metro East: Ps Kev Taylor.
 - Grant Dolphin,
 - Ballarat Christian Centre, Ps Rob Bailey.
 - Heatherton Christian Recourse Centre. Ps Danny Parker.
 - Leongatha CRC. Pastor Lyndon Stokes
- Who sponsor faithfully The Hammonds and the Junction.

Check out our website for all the latest news and forthcoming events.

<http://www.thejunction.info>

The next Junc Mail will be out when it is. Please let us know what you think!