



*Sealing - Chase Michael Martin, with parents Shane & Marianne*



*Zane receives his Easter egg*



*Bro. Jarrod handing out Easter eggs to the children*

This area has received more than 900mm of rain since the beginning of the year, and for that blessing we are all very thankful.

Greetings from Bundaberg.

March 19th, aged 82 years. Bro. Eric was a member of this Bundaberg community for all of those 82 years. Eric had a quiet nature, and contributed much to the Church and community life as a Sunday School teacher (46 years) and as a member of the choirs (more than 60 years).

We lived through a very blessed Easter Festival here in Bundaberg. All are thankful for the Spiritual Blessings, the teaching, the unity, and church life, over the Festival days. A district Officer's meeting was held on Saturday. Once again, a "Children's Muster" added to the life and joy of the Festival (from Good Friday evening until Saturday afternoon). We thank all who organized and took part in the event, for their effort and enthusiasm, and good spirit shown.



*Sis. Alma Ing celebrating her 95th Birthday*

## PROFILE - SISTER ALMA ING

Alma Ing (nee Zielke) was born on Good Friday, 2nd April, 1915. She recently celebrated her 95th birthday on Good Friday, 2010. Her early years were spent on the farm at Kalkie, Bundaberg, where she regularly attended Church at the first building of the Apostolic Church on Ashfield Road. It was a very small church, but still, a wonderful church building.

She always wanted to be a school teacher, but this was not to be, and, to her credit, had not missed a day's school in her life. (I guess it would be pretty hard to wag school in those days.) Alma left school at age 14 and helped out on the farm until nineteen, when her sister Lou (still surviving) then left school, which I guess freed Alma up to go to work. Alma commenced work at the Royal Hotel in Bundaberg, and her sister Edna also worked there as a receptionist.

It was there that Alma met her husband-to-be, and they married on 22nd October, 1944. Sadly, Alma lost her husband Arthur on 21st June, 1954. Her first son, Leslie, being almost nine, and the younger son Alan, just over seven and a half. Alma then continued to work in the hotel industry, after a short stint on the farm at Kalkie, retiring from the hotel industry in 1981.

She has set a wonderful example for us all to follow and has always been a very generous and caring person who has never faltered in her faith.

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## EULOGY

### Eric Hermann Pukallus

Eric Hermann Pukallus was born in Bundaberg on 24th May, 1927 to Priest Hermann and Anna-Maria Pukallus (nee Hurlebaus). He was the youngest of nine children.

He grew up on the family cane farm at Woongarra Scrub (Old German Town) Barolin Road, later and presently known as Elliott Heads Road. He attended Woongarra State School. Eric worked the family farm along with his brothers and sisters. He married May Zielke on 14th May, 1952 and they were blessed with three sons, Keith, Louis and Gary. The family attended the Apostolic Church of Queensland where Eric was a devoted Sunday school teacher for 46 years. Generations of Apostolic children received their first understandings of their faith from this quietly spoken and thoughtful man. His love of music and singing led him to become a member of the mixed and male choirs for over 60 years. Eric was gifted with a strong tenor voice and he and May, who is similarly gifted with a fine alto voice, gained much fulfilment from singing praises to the Lord during services and weddings. Eric's love for his church was both deep and enduring. The familiar scene of Eric sitting under the Norfolk pine trees at the back of the church in conversation with his lifelong friends waiting for the bell to summon to service will be indelibly imprinted on the memories of those who travelled with him on his long spiritual journey. At is not surprising, therefore, that his inability to attend church services during the last few weeks of his life appeared to cause him more pain than his physical ailments.

For many years Eric continued to work the family farm as well as working for Massey Ferguson In Bundaberg for 10 years prior to his retirement.

Eric loved his family and took much interest and pride in their achievements. He was always ready to travel interstate and overseas to spend family time with his lads. When he was able, he was never too busy to kick the footy for the grandchildren, even though he usually came off second best. He had a passion for the weather and was fondly referred to, by those who loved him, as Hector Pascales. You could always rely on a weather report at any time.

Eric had a sweet tooth and chocolate was usually on the wish list for birthdays, father's day and Christmas. The odd caramel tart, ice cream or May's pavlova certainly were a hit with him also.

In later years when Eric's sister, Irene, visited from her retirement home. Eric took great delight in sharing their love of German music with the volume turned up.

In recent times Eric endured health problems but accepted his lot with dignity and humility for which his family are so very proud of him.

Eric may be gone but he will always be with us in our hearts for he has touched so many of us in his own special way. Rest peacefully until we meet again.



*Late Bro. Eric Pukallus*

### Religious Instruction Inservice Training

With the commencement of the new school year we were again delighted to host the Inservice Training at the church hall. As Pauline was away in Antarctica, Warren was asked to act as MC for the day. The day commenced with a special prayer by Warren for the Lord's guidance for the year. Our first session for the day was "Child Protection" and was done by Gary Holm and it created a lot of interest amongst the teachers. Morning tea followed this session and all relaxed with a cuppa. The next session was a report on the Renew Conference held at Mansfield last year and attended by Marie Smrek and Terry Steele, which brought us up to date with what is happening with R.E. in the schools. This was enjoyed by all. It was now time for lunch and the church ladies again excelled with a lovely meal. Unfortunately our next speaker was unable to attend so Warren was asked to do a quick talk on giving ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit and allowing it to lead and guide us with our lessons. This was enjoyed by all.

In all, thirty eight teachers attended for the day and we concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

### YOUTH

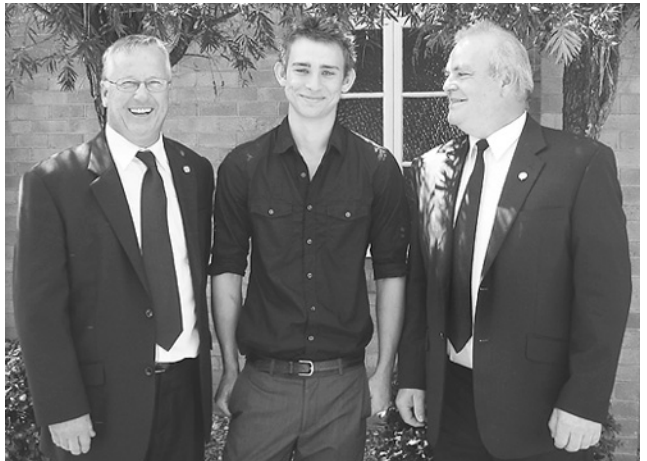
We commenced the year with a sausage sizzle at Bro. Kevin and Sis. Leanne's place. All enjoyed the swimming pool, games and conversation.

During the month of February Hannah Skopp moved to Brisbane to attend university. We wish her well in her studies.

On Sunday 21st March, during Youth School, Cameron Greaves was presented with a Key for the occasion of his 21st Birthday. On the same day after a BBQ lunch, a Coin Afternoon was held for Cameron and Jenna who were married on the 13th February. The Youth played a couple of games while the others did a couple of quizzes. A really nice afternoon was enjoyed by the gathering. The Youth sang during their Wedding Service.

28th March, the Youth joined with the Sunday School Children to visit Gracehaven Home to bring much joy to the residents.

All who were going to the Youth Camp at Yeppoon were looking forward to the Camp. Twelve youth and adults attended at different times during the week. Comments from the youth indicate it was another very successful and fun camp.



*Cameron Greaves' 21st key presentation, with Deacons Neville & Kevin*