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There is a lot of talk and attention being given to the imminent execution of Andrew Chan & Myuran Sukumaran. Lots and lots of folk have pleaded

with the Indonesian President to spare their lives because of how they have been rehabilitated. Andrew is a Christian now and has been ordained as a minister after completing his studies. He is a great influence of the rest of the prison population there in Bali.

I'm not to sure if Myuran is a Christian but there certainly has been a great turn around in his life as well.

I'm not to sure where you all stand on capital punishment but there are times

when it is necessary. Premeditated murder (serial killers eq) & terrorism assaults would be ones that I would support but for everything else...No! In the Old Testament killers and certain sexual crimes were dealt with by death but when Jesus came and died for us He ushered in the era of Forgiveness, Mercy & Grace. Andrew & Myuran deserve to be put in jail for their crimes BUT deserve grace, mercy & forgiveness as well. Please pray that the Indonesian President will grant clemency and allow them to serve out their time in jail for life.

God bless

Pastor Steve

JUNE LONG WEEKEND CAMP IN 2015

Club Solo is going back to the future...so to speak. We are going back to Log Cabin Camp for the Queens Birthday Long Weekend from 5 - 8 June. The campsite has been updated and had some new cabins built, a new meeting room, as well as some different and extra activities. The log cabins are still there but they have been pine lined as well as ensuited for our comfort. The speaker for this camp will be **Rev Lionel Rose**, returning after illness, with our favourite counsellor Liz Troms on duty and available for you when you need someone to speak to. She will also be giving us morning devotions each morning.

During this camp Solo is running a Silent Auction to help raise funds for the Solo 100 Club. Now you might ask what is that?? Well on page 2 there are the details of how and why etc. Read all the information and then email Andrea with what you are going to bring to auction of over the long weekend.

A copy of the brochure is either attached or enclosed so please take advantage of the early release of it and book in early to confirm you spot. There is lots to do or you can do nothing all long weekend but the teaching will be great as will be the fellowship and for some of us, including me.

Solo 100 Club Update – February/March 2015

The original idea of the Solo 100 Club was for people to pledge 1% of their annual income to support the National Director. For some people on a very limited income they have chosen to give in other ways. At the last few Solo Camps I have run a Koorong Bookstore and a canteen with the profits going to Solo 100 Club. My desire is that all who have been blessed by the ministry of Solo would consider doing 3 things:

Pray – we can never out give God so ask Him what He wants you to do.

<u>Promote</u> Solo to others. For many camps and events there is a critical number of people required to break even financially. More than this we want others to be blessed by the friendships, ministry and fellowship of Solo. Who can you invite?

<u>Participate</u> with your talents and abilities . What can you do to raise some funds for the Solo 100 Club to allow the National Director (Steve & Michelle) to do the pastoral and practical tasks without concern for finances:

Give funds regularly; Have a garage sale; Sell something on eBay; Save your loose change; Give part of your inheritance; Give up something for Solo. Do you know 1 x \$4 coffee per week adds up to \$208 per annum. Any other ideas, and of course support the bookstore and canteen at the next camp!!

Andrea Donaldson – Solo Committee Member

Club Solo Events Around Australia

Adelaide Club Solo

Fri. 13 March. Dinner/Coffee Night @ Scuzzi's Café, North Adelaide. Starts 7.30pm.

Easter Monday. 6 April @ Belair National Park. Meet at 11.30am. BBQ's available onsite. BYO everything plus sports equipment. Cost \$3.

Fri. 10 April. Dinner/Coffee Night @ Scuzzi's Café, North Adelaide. Starts 7.30pm For further information on events still to come, as well as any of the events listed, please go to <u>www.clubsolo.org.au/adelaide</u> or contact Julie on 0421-327614 or jharmsy@bigpond.com

Geelong Club Solo

Sat. 14 March. Dinner @ King George Fish & Grill, 100 Western Beach Rd, Geelong. Starts 7pm. Bookings req by 12 March by contacting Eric on 0414-232491.

Sat. 11 April. Dinner @ Le Thai Chef, Bell Park, 199 Thompson Rd, Bell Park. Starts 6.30pm. Bookings req by 9 April by contacting Elaine on 03-5275-4974.

Sat. 9 May. Dinner @ Buckley's, 54 Fellmongers Rd, Breakwater. Starts 6.30pm. Bookings req by 7 May by contacting Cheryl on 5243-3156 or 0418-672570.

Sydney Club Solo

Sat. 28 March. Lunch & Footy @ Wollongong Shopping & Beach. For details contact Mark below.

Easter Monday. 6 April. @ Audley National Park. This is a Steppin Out Group event. Contact Ruth on 0402-062962 after 7pm weekdays or 9am Saturday or steppingout35plus@hotmail.com or website www.wix.com/SteppingOut/Social-Group. For further details contact beggar19611@bigpond.com or ph 0418- 65 7405 or 02-4634-79209

Brisbane Club Solo

The Brisbane group run weekly activities. Go to <u>www.clubsolo.org.au/Groups.htm</u> as too many to show here. Email them <u>pine_christian_singles@yahoo.com.au</u>

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SOLO FOLK

-Andrea Donaldson has written a book called *Travelling Home - A Flight Plan for the Journey to Joy* which describes her and Wes' journey in adopting 3 Ethiopian children and the results thereof. It will cost \$29.95 when released on 20 March but if you go to this website <u>www.andreadonaldson.com</u> you can read all about it and get an early release copy for \$19.90. On the **11th April** Andrea has a book launch in Skye. **To find out more please ring her on 0411-988367.**

SILENT AUCTION AT THE JUNE LONG WEEKEND

- Bring an item to camp ready to be donated and sold at camp. If it is of particular value think about setting a minimum price to start off the Auction.
- You have to pay for your bid before you leave camp or else we will give it to the last bidder before you.
- Items will be out on display all weekend allowing people to leave their name and a bid, adding as we go.
- Types of items Hamper of toiletries, Piece of Jewellery, Sporting equipment, Pictures, Unused shoes, Stationery items, Handbags, Scarves, Sunglasses, Movie Tickets, Gift cards, Holiday package
- All items must be new, never used and preferably in original packaging.
- Or donate a skill eg two hours of gardening, Painting of two rooms, plumbing, lawn mowing etc (make a certificate/voucher to spell out your exact terms).
- You will not receive anything yourself. All money raised goes to Club Solo 100 Club.
- If you have any questions please call Andrea prior to camp on 0411-988367
- Email Andrea (<u>andreacreative@yahoo.com</u>) what you are planning to bring and remember it needs to be able to be transported home from camp.
- Thank you for being part of this fundraising initiative.