

*Keeping on the fairway that
leads to eternal life*

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Easter Time Again

Easter time is the centre piece of the Christian faith. It may surprise you that those who wrote of Jesus' life gave the greatest prominence to the last week of Jesus' life, especially his arrest, trial and crucifixion. There is a simple reason for this. Paul summarises the Easter message when we says; "**Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.**" Romans Chapter 4: verse 25 (NIV).



Easter is about Jesus breaking down the barriers our sin has caused through his death and establishing a new and acceptable relationship with God through his rising from the dead.



The good news is that Easter is not a once a year celebration, but one that we celebrate every week when we gather together with other believers. I know many Australians avoid church for many reasons, but why not give it another try by going with a grateful heart for Jesus and what he has done for you.

Long Service Leave & our new home.

After long service leave and holidays for 3 months it is good to be back at work.



(Our home from front)

I spent most of my time building a retirement home at Smiths Lake situated between Newcastle and Taree, just below Forster. Sandra and I plan to retire there one day. We were able to build it to lock up stage before

our money ran out. We have a small house near Lithgow that we are planning to sell to free up more money to finish.

Jonathon our son was the main builder and I was his assistant.



(At rear)

One of the joys of being at Smiths Lake was going to an outdoor church by the lake among the palm branches. I loved the natural setting and the fresh air.

We have built our home with a down stairs section for family and friends to stay in so we hope you may come and share a holiday with us one day.

Smiths Lake has fishing and all water sports. There are 3 different kinds of beaches only 5 kilometres away for board riding, body surfing or shallow area for children to swim. The area is also

surrounded by bush land and has many nice bush walks around.



It is situated 25 kilometres south of Forster where all the shops and major services are and of course a golf course.

Our hope is to be able to finish it off by the end of the year and have it available for family and friends to use.

Oatlands Golf day

Date: Tuesday 2nd June 2009,

Time: 12 noon shot gun start.

Golf: Four person ambrose

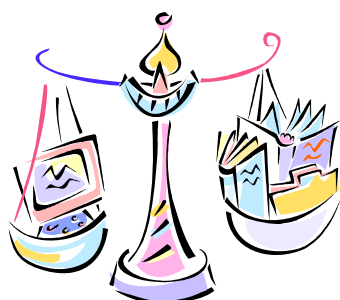
This day is a fundraising day for our ministry.

Fees: Oatland members \$50 Visitors: \$80.

Golf is followed by a light meal with the presentation and a report on our Links ministry.

Weekly Bible Study

I have begun a new weekly bible study on the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes is a book I have admired for a long time because of the way it explores the meaning to life, pleasure, wisdom, prosperity and work.



These themes are very relevant today and it is surprising not so much in the answers but in the honesty of the search. I send these studies out each week via email so if you would like to receive them, please send me an email at: slmlinksaus@optusnet.com.au. You can also find them on our website.

Links is funded by donations from supporters and golf events we run.

All donations are tax deductible.

Please make cheques payable to SCA Inc Links.

Sayuri Kawata

Sayuri is the daughter of our good friend Pastor Michi Kawata from Japan. She has been living with us for 12 months and will be heading home on Sunday 10th May. Sayuri has spent 4 months learning English and then working and exploring some of our great country. We will miss her.



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