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THE CHALLENGE TO EVANGELISE

By Pastor Liz Robinson – National Director of RANGERS AUSTRALIA

Warmest greetings to all our Ranger Leaders throughout Australia.

I would like to share with you part of my vision and heart for Rangers in Australia.

Rangers is a brilliant discipleship and mentoring program. Our mission is to **evangelise, equip, and empower young people to become active disciples of Jesus Christ**. I believe that we do equipping and empowering quite well. However, let's look at the first part of our mission statement and that is to 'evangelise'.

There are approx. 3.5 million young people attending school in Australia. How many of them do not know Jesus? Probably a substantial number. Many of these young people are in our own community.

I believe that we need to make contact and form relationships with our local schools and local community.

The lost sheep may not be always found in our churches but rather in our community.

So I would like to pose a question to you all. Are you getting out into your local community and local schools? Are you in contact with lost sheep?

I believe that Rangers is an incredible **tool** to see young people saved, discipled and mentored. The tool is in our hands right now.

Jesus said Mark 16: 15 "Go out into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation". The Message Version says, "Then he said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all". This commission not only included the Apostles, but reaches to all the ministers of the Gospel in succeeding ages – us!

So to conclude, is the Rangers ministry with your help going into

all your world which is your local community?

Remember the sheep are out there, and there are plenty of them. The Word also says that the harvest is plentiful. (Luke 10.2a) I believe if we did this, we would see many more lives changed and impacted and your Groups would swell with numbers.

God has given us a tool – the Rangers Ministry. It is one of the few remaining Christian discipleship and mentoring programs remaining in Australia. I encourage you to use this tool for evangelism too. Gather your leaders to see what strategy you can put into place and involve your Senior Pastor in this process as well. There are still millions of young people to reach in Australia!!

Thank you for serving in this ministry. We appreciate and value everything you do to see lives impacted. May God bless you abundantly.

STIR THEIR SPIRITUAL IMAGINATION

By Pastor Sean Godfrey – National Chaplain for Rangers Australia

I enjoy watching my youngest son at play. He will sit on his favourite chair in the lounge room and play out his imaginary game with a selection of toys. One day it could be Star Wars, the next day superheroes. His favourite play at present is in using his Star Wars lego.

His story that he is directing includes conversations and sound effects. He creates his stories based on what he sees on tv and the movies. While this is a great joy for me to observe, the sad reality is that the world will try and push out of him this wonderful imagination that he has. My job as his father is to feed and build his imagination, not just his natural imagination; but moreso – his spiritual imagination.

Like many thousands of kids like him, my son gets excited about Star Wars by what he sees, hears and reads. How much more true should their excitement be about God. Is God worth getting excited about? Can a child say to themselves, "Imagine if God could do this." How will children be able to do this? Simply put – through you.

Psalm 78.4 says - ***We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.***

God has given you a group of young people to nurture each week at Rangers. You are more than likely the only source for most of them from which they will hear the Word of God. Get them excited by you using snippets of your story from time to time. Your own example will bring 'a glorious and mighty deed' that God did in Scripture, and make it relevant to today. I will guarantee you that there will be those in your group who will be captivated by hearing examples from your own life. Coupled with accounts from the Word of God, your accounts will inspire their imagination into reality to dare to trust God.

We can not allow this generation to go through life and not know the might and wonders of God. If you don't tell others a first hand account about what glorious deeds God has done for you, then who will?

NEW RANGERS SHIRT NOW AVAILABLE



It is with great excitement that we announce that the new Rangers Australia shirts and hats are now available for purchase.

Those that brought the Adventure Plus shirts and hats will be sent a replacement shirt and hat.

For everyone else you can purchase the shirts and hats through supply house. Kids shirts are \$25.00 each, Leaders shirts are \$30.00 each and hats are \$20.00 each.

Contact Lisa at nationalsupplyhouse@gmail.com to order yours now!





We have now released all details regarding our Australian Camporama 2015, which will take place from the **5-9 January 2015** in Stanwell Park, NSW. We are very excited about this event and our theme is 'Xperience'. We presently have the National and NSW State teams working together very diligently on all camp details.

We will also be celebrating 50 years of Rangers in Australia during Camporama 2015. A special dinner and festivities are programmed. All Camporama details including the registration form can be found on our website www.rangers.net.au

Fliers have been mailed to all Senior Group Leaders. However, you can download the flier from the website too. Please note that the closing date is 15 August 2014.

This camp is for your Rangers and their families, your Leaders, as well as the friends of the Rangers. We also want to have this camp open to any young person as we strongly believe that they will be impacted powerfully with the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. So it is not restricted to just Rangers.

Encourage your Rangers to invite a friend.

RESOURCE NEWS - eRANGERS

There has been an update of the Adventure Tracking sheet recently. Please note that several required items have been altered.

- Red Merits are no longer a prerequisite
- Adventure Rangers can do red, blue, green, yellow and platinum merits as extra merits, depending on their interests, but they must have been completed in Adventure Rangers to count for the Australian Star.
- There is also a new check list to tick off indicating what items are required from Supply House for the awarding of the Gold Medal at the end of Adventure Rangers. eg patch, bar, ribbon, Australian Stars etc.

Please note that if you discover any problems with the resource no matter how small it is, please advise the national office so that it can be corrected.



The Rangers Australia Facebook Page exists firstly to encourage you through weekly testimonies, leadership devotional and more. It also serves to keep you up to date with events and opportunity to tell others of the amazing deeds that God is doing in your group that will be an encouragement to others.