

Cockroaches & Canetoads

with Mike & Sandra Uptin • September 2025



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I thought that this quarter I would provide you with several photos that are opportunities to thank God for what He has done, and is doing, in lives in rural, regional and remote Queensland (Canetoads) and Northern NSW (Cockroaches).

We start with a recent Instagram post from the Port Macquarie Museum showing a photo of my confirmation at St Thomas Anglican Church in August 1975. I am the one circled (top right).

Give thanks to God for the way in which He has worked in my life over the 50 years since and give thanks that he has called me to serve Him and serve you in my role as Regional Officer.

In May and September this year I had the joy of spending time with two wonderful servants of God and of BCA. Ann Hobbins (nee Ramsay) was employed in late 1961 as an Accounts Clerk with BCA when the offices were in Bathurst Street in Sydney. It was wonderful to hear some of the stories of life in the National Office from back then and to see how God has continued to use Ann throughout her life. Ann is now a regular parishioner at Kootingal Anglican. Allan Sauer was the Honorary Queensland Secretary for BCA from March 1981 to April 1989. Allan is part of Holland Park Anglican Church in Brisbane. Two entries from *The Real Australian* in those years tell a little of what role Allan (and his wife Annette) played:

• *March 1981 – Mr Allan Sauer is our Honorary Secretary in Brisbane and is available for*

Sunday parish visits in or near Brisbane. He will arrange deputation opportunities for Rev. Brian Roberts during his visits to Queensland.

• *June 1989 – Mr Allan Sauer resigned as Honorary Secretary for Queensland in April but continues as a member of BCA Council. Allan and Annette have built up the supporter base in Queensland and faithfully maintained the office for more than eight years.*

Please give thanks for Ann and Allan & Annette and the way they have served God over many years in the local church and more widely through BCA. Praise God that He continues to raise up and sustain saints like this. And pray that those of us who stand on their shoulders might give glory to God as they did.

Main Image: The Thompson River, Longreach

Circle Image: Mike & Sandra

Middle Image: Confirmation August 1975

Bottom Image: Mike with Ann Hobbins



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We are in regular need of volunteers in the office, primarily to help packing Information Bags for deputation. For a couple of years, Alan Woolard from Coorparoo Anglican in Brisbane cut a lonely figure as he packed bags, sorted stamps and helped in any way he could. We prayed for more volunteers to come and join Alan – and God answered our prayers.

We now have a growing group of people from Sunnybank, Springfield, Coorparoo and Southern Cross Beenleigh/Logan

Anglican churches who pack, chat and share morning tea.

Please give thanks to God for answered prayer... God is good!!!

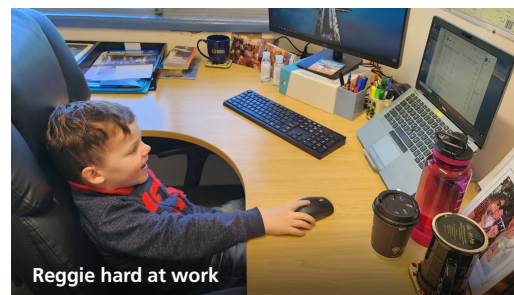
Please give thanks to God for answered prayer and for providing volunteers to help Sarah and me in our Regional Office. God is good!!!

As you pray for our Field Staff and their children, Sarah and Sandra & I would also appreciate prayer for our children.

Hugo & Reggie have spent time with their Mum in the office and they have been (mostly) a great help. David (our 21-year-old) lives in Brisbane but we would still value your prayers for him.

Pray for Sarah & Abe as they parent Hugo & Reggie; pray especially that Sarah's employment with BCA might help them all grow in their faith.

Pray too for Sandra & me as we learn to parent an adult, and that David will continue his walk with Jesus.



Reggie hard at work



Hugo loves the shredder



Our family

Yours prayers are a real blessing to us. They spur us on to continue serving Jesus, serving the Field Staff and serving you as supporters of God's mission through BCA.

Please keep praying!

*In Him,
Mike (& Sandra)*

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