

On Track



Making tracks: from dirt to beats

PIM patrol teams travel great distances on dirt tracks, though it was a different type of tracks that attracted people from near and far to New Dunesk for a weekend of country and gospel music.

People arrived from across Australia for the inaugural Tracks Outback Concert in early October. As well as the standout open air performances from three incredible musical groups, the weekend also boasted 4WD tours, bushwalks, a colouring competition for the children, early morning ridgeline prayer times, and an outdoor worship service on the Sunday morning.

New Dunesk has never seen such a flurry of activity, with caravans, camper trailers, tents and swags spread far and wide across the property. Campers mingled and chatted all weekend, and Gospel Nomads and Ministry Teams worked tirelessly to help where needed.

The drizzling rain did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm on the Friday night. Hugh Price impressed everyone when he played Amazing Grace on a hand saw with a piece of wood he found near the fire, followed by a singalong in the Piggery to a variety of well known Australian bush songs, and a couple of favourite hymns.

Zoë Tyne opened the concert on Saturday morning with original pieces from her EP Dirt Roads. The songs highlighted her faith in Christ as she reflected upon nature, people and experiences.

Mayfair Lane showcased their unique indie-folk style, with the percussion sounds brought by Rhys from an old suitcase while he played his guitar being a regular talking point. Many commented on the couple's sweet harmonies, conversing guitars and authenticity.



The bush band McQuoid's Offering from Canberra finished the afternoon's musical program with a combination of traditional and contemporary ballads, ending on a high with an all in bush dance.

The Saturday concluded with an open mic around the bonfire, with a variety of incredibly talented musical and spoken word performances, finished off with delicious damper made by one of our Gospel Nomad couples.

The Tracks Outback Concert was an uplifting, unique and restful weekend for all, bringing music lovers and PIM supporters together to learn more about PIM's work and to be inspired for the many opportunities for ministry that exist throughout Australia.

The Tracks Outback Concert will be back in 2025, will you be there?

Photos courtesy of Steven Dyer

Nomads in every corner of the nation

Through the PIM Gospel Nomads, a growing group of active, mature church members have dedicated themselves to sharing the gospel and helping the Lord's people wherever and however, while enjoying life on the open road.

Throughout 2024, PIM Gospel Nomads visited congregations across the nation - encouraging members, helping out and offering lay preaching where needed. Their support was received everywhere from Miles-Roma and other areas in outback Queensland, up to Darwin, and throughout NSW including Cootamundra, Griffith and Temora.

The Nomads were of invaluable help in making events successful at New Dunesk, including the inaugural Tracks Outback Concert. Our Nomads have also taken a very welcome interest in the PIM Ministry Teams, both personally and by prayer.

Michael McNair was a PIM Gospel Nomad, and found involvement in it to be the final stage in a journey that has now seen him and his wife Jemima joining PIM as the Ministry Team in Mt Magnet, WA. You never know where being a PIM Gospel Nomad might lead you!



PIM is continually advancing, and one key area is through the growing number of PIM Gospel Nomads. Come and join us, you will be very welcome.

The 2025 Gospel Nomads will kick off with a Training and Orientation week from 25-30 March, plus several reconnect events throughout the year, from New Dunesk to WA! If you are interested in joining the network, please email admin@pim.org.au or visit pim.org.au/gospel-nomads to find out more.

Pictured above: Gospel Nomad Lee making damper for campers at the Tracks Outback Concert.

📍 From the patrols

Long trips

Colin and Alison Morrow recently received a letter from one of their prayer supporters. It read as follows:

Dear Colin and Alison, I hate long trips so I will pray for you on yours. From Sharon.

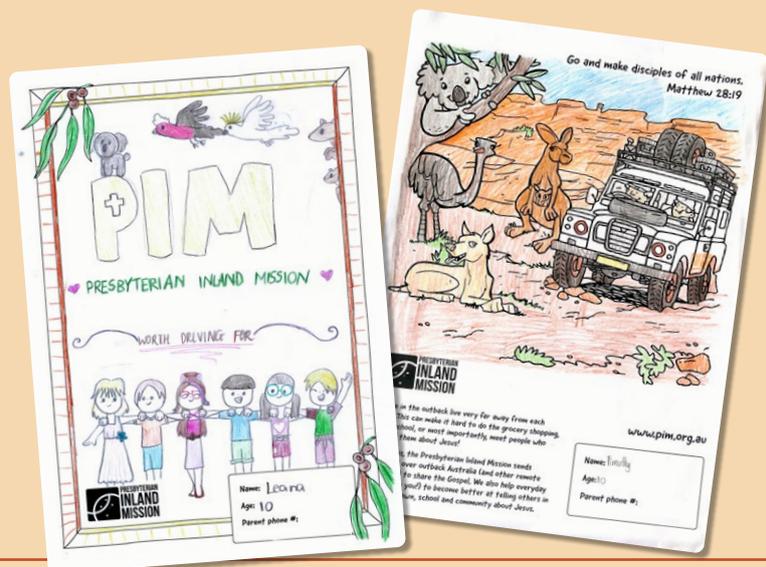
Sharon is in primary school and couldn't believe the distances that PIM Patrol Teams will drive in order to share the Gospel. However, The Lord has commanded us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," and one of those nations is, of course, Australia. It is our privilege, with the generous help of our supporters, to be able to drive these distances and visit people on isolated properties and stations, sharing the Gospel, studying the Bible and praying with them.

Whether we are talking about last week's sermon in Wentworth, sharing the Gospel in Pooncarie or studying the Bible in Murray Downs, all the people we meet with are "worth driving for".

Just as Sharon prays for us as we travel, we ask you all to pray for safety on the roads as we travel and for many opportunities to share the Gospel with those we meet.

At PIM we're always eager to help kids and young people get involved with PIM and learn more about what our Patrol Teams are doing across Australia.

The Kids Colouring Competition at the Tracks Outback Concert was another great example of this, where we received an overwhelming number of impressive entries. Congratulations to all the winners!



What's on at new dunesk

and across the country!



PIM events are back for 2025. This year you'll find us not just at New Dunesk, but also several locations across the nation!

Whether you're looking to improve your ministry skills, connect with other Nomads out on the road, or celebrate Easter in the high country, there's something for everyone.

For further details on each of these events and to register, visit pim.org.au/events. To find out more, email events@pim.org.au or call 0438 868 964.

MARCH

25-30 March 2025

Gospel Nomads Training and Orientation

A week of practical evangelism and apologetics training with other Nomads.



APRIL

18-20 April 2025

Easter in Bombala

A weekend hosted by Noah and Nerroli in the Snowy Mountains, celebrating Easter with the Bombala community.



APRIL

25 April 2025

Beltana ANZAC Day Service

Head back to where the first AIM patrol began in 1895 for the Beltana Dawn Service, led by PIM.



MAY - JUNE

QLD, WA & NSW

Ministry Training Roadshow

Partnering with local churches and Presbyteries to provide ministry training for Elders and lay-workers.

OCTOBER

30 Sept - 5 Oct 2025

Gospel Nomads Reconnect Week

An informal week of fellowship, encouragement and reflection with other Nomads in the Network.

3-6 October 2025

TRACKS: Outback Concert

A family friendly weekend of camping and live music at New Dunesk. Camp out under the stars, sit around a warm campfire and enjoy live music from an exciting lineup of gospel and country music singers.



✚ Superintendent's corner

Inland update

A message from the PIM Acting Convener, Josh Bouzanquet.

In October, the PIM Committee regrettably received the resignation of our Superintendent, Rev Dr Stuart Bonnington. This was undoubtedly a surprise, as Stuart is much loved by the Committee, the patrols, and across our Gospel Nomad network. It is my opinion that he has rendered courageous and faithful service, and we express our deepest thanks to him for his tireless efforts as PIM Superintendent.



He resigns for personal reasons and remains a friend and servant of PIM.

Effective immediately, the Committee has appointed an Interim Manager, Mrs Sabine de Pyle, to oversee the administration and day-to-day operations of PIM until a new Superintendent can be found. Please pray for Sabine and the Committee as we navigate this time of transition.

A message from Stuart.

It has been a great privilege to serve as PIM Superintendent for a second time and I thank the PIM Committee and the GAA for appointing me. The last year has seen much work done by many in the grace of God, seeking to ready PIM for the next stage of its long history after recent challenges.

My prayers are with the Convener, the Committee, Mrs de Pyle and all who manage and support the work of the PIM for a happy and successful future.

We have a fabulous group of PIM ministry workers who I have really enjoyed working with, along with our Gospel Nomads team and seeing New Dunesk 'in full flight' with Tracks Outback Concert. I remain a strong and prayerful friend and advocate for PIM.

The PIM Anthem launched at Tracks put it so well, 'Flynn of the Inland, PIM for the Inland', long may it be so! Thank you one and all.

An anthem for the inland

*At the Tracks Outback Concert, Zoë Tyne and the Bush Preachers band had the privilege of launching PIM's first ever anthem, titled **For the Inland**.*

The song tells the story of PIM through three verses, from its vast history, to present ministries, and finally looking toward the future. The tune for the anthem is that of Waltzing Matilda - a well known, outback song. Matilda gets a mention in the anthem too - traditionally a bushman's bundle of personal belongings - but for PIM it also carries another meaning, as the namesake of our youngest patrol member, and daughter of Noah and Neroli.

The full lyrics for the PIM anthem and direct link to listen on Spotify are available on our website at pim.org.au/anthem.

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