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Dear Brethren,

Greetings, Brethren, from this Regional Office of God's Work in Sydney. This letter, with information and instructions about the coming Feast of Tabernacles, is being sent to you without further delay.

I had hoped that instead of sending a letter to you I would be able to send you a large, beautiful "Festival Brochure" containing valuable information you need to thoroughly prepare you for this coming Festival. Not only will this Brochure contain information about the Feast of Tabernacles to be observed here in Australia but will also have colour pictures and details about every other Feast site around the world. Actually, this Brochure was originally prepared in the United States for distribution there only. However, we have made some alterations, including local information so you may have this beautiful Brochure, an inspiring improvement and added blessing.

Our shipment of these Brochures will not arrive here until about the first of September and will not be ready for posting to you until near the middle of the month. This was too late to get the more vital Festival information to you -- hence this letter.

When your Brochure does later arrive, be sure to read it through -- especially the introductory articles about the meaning of the Feast, proper observance of the Feast and the information about the observance at Blackheath. The other Festival site write-ups you should find most interesting in making you a little more aware of where your brethren around the world will be meeting for this Festival Hi-Light!

Then, Brethren, after reading the Brochure be sure you put it with your materials to bring with you to Blackheath. It is your PASSPORT to enjoying a fine and inspiring Festival . . . and we will NOT have additional copies to give to you at Blackheath. If we have sufficient copies we will distribute them to every adult attending and also every child old enough to appreciate it and write in the NOTE section.

Enough now about the Brochure! I hope you will eagerly look forward to receiving it and later enjoying a wonderful experience with your brethren at this Festival.

Before giving you specific information about the Festival there are one or two other points I wish to mention. Firstly, many of you will be pleased to know that we are in the process of installing heating units in the Tabernacle. These should be operating well in advance of the Feast and give adequate comfort during the Festival.

Secondly, we are going to be crowded this year with some 2000 or more in attendance. No additions to the building have been made. The Tabernacle auditorium will be crowded for seating only. So, this year we are erecting a large marquee immediately behind the Tabernacle which will serve as a dining-hall. With two or three sittings I'm sure we can feed all you brethren comfortably. Will you join with us NOW, and continually until past the Festival, in praying that God will give us fine weather throughout the eight days this year. And, don't forget to pray at the same time for your brethren around the world!

Now to specific details:

LOCATION:

The Feast of Tabernacles will, of course, be in Blackheath, New South Wales. Blackheath is about 70 miles west of Sydney on the Great

Western Highway, in the heart of the Blue Mountains. The address is: RADIO CHURCH OF GOD TABERNACLE, Wariga Street, Blackheath, New South Wales. The telephone number at the Tabernacle is 8550.

TIME:

The Feast this year begins on October 19th and ends on October 26th. As you know, the day begins at sunset so the first day of the Feast actually begins on Wednesday, October 18th at sunset. It is important to note that the first meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 18th. You should arrange to be settled in your accommodation earlier during the day of the 18th ready for dinner at the Tabernacle by 5:30 and then the meeting at 7:30. And, brethren, remember it is important to attend this very first meeting.

ACCOMMODATION:

As in previous years, we are again asking all who will be attending to make arrangements for accommodation. We are NOT making bookings and assigning them to those attending. You will need to take care of these plans personally and let me emphasize the need to hasten with your bookings. Time is running out!

To facilitate your lodging arrangements we are enclosing a list of motels, hotels, inns, lodges, etc. Some of these are already booked out and are marked accordingly. However, space is still available and we are sure you will be able to find suitable accommodation for the period if you act promptly. Be sure you have a written acceptance for your accommodation. Don't rely on a verbal promise made last year for example. If any doubt exists, write to the manager of the accommodation you have booked for clarification and confirmation.

If you should experience ANY difficulty WHATEVER about lodging or for that matter about anything pertaining to the Festival please feel free to write to us addressing your letter to FESTIVAL, C/- Radio Church of God, P.O. Box 345, North Sydney, New South Wales. Your letters will receive prompt attention.

MEALS:

NOON and EVENING meals will be served at the Tabernacle throughout the Festival, beginning with the evening meal on October 18. These wholesome meals are prepared at cost and are as reasonably priced as any obtainable from the local restaurants. Note, however, that NO breakfasts will be served in the Tabernacle. You will need to privately arrange for breakfast either at your lodging or a nearby restaurant.

Meal costs are: Adults -- \$16.00 per person for the entire Festival. Children -- (4-10 years inclusive) \$8.00 for the entire Festival. No charge (though food will be served as required) for children under 4 years of age. Facilities will be available for warming baby food but NO BABY FOOD will be supplied. Bottle warmers are also available.

Due to the larger number attending the Feast this year, and the need to use the large marquee for dining, some of you may find it more convenient or desirable to return to your living quarters for meals. This could apply particularly where you have a rented cottage with kitchen facilities. An opportunity for close personal fellowship could be possible by this private meal planning. Feel free to make such arrangements if you are so disposed. But -- and this is important -- we do ask you to make your decision known to the business office at the time of registration. Eating some meals at your lodging and some at the Tabernacle is not encouraged and indeed we hope you will avoid doing so. But, if circumstances arise requiring such an intermittent arrangement for meals be sure to contact the business office well in advance to facilitate planning.

On the enclosed registration card you will notice that we are asking you to advise us of your intentions as to where you intend to have your meals. This is to enable more accurate planning. If however, any such stated intentions should change between now and the Festival, you will

be in no way held to your statement as supplied by this pre-registration. But, you should be prepared to give firm information at the time of registration at the Tabernacle.

TRANSPORTATION:

The Church will be making NO arrangements for transport to and from Blackheath prior to and at the conclusion of the Festival. Blackheath is located right on the Western Railway and is regularly serviced by electric trains. For those travelling by motor car or bus, the Great Western Highway goes directly through Blackheath. A schedule of trains from Sydney to Blackheath on Wednesday, October 18th, is as follows:

A.M.	6:33	8:45	10:40			
P.M.	2:25	4:00	4:50	5:15	6:08	10:00

Return train times can be checked by you personally and will also be announced from the pulpit during the Festival.

Transportation will be available to and from the Tabernacle throughout the Festival. Service will be to all areas where needed. The exact time schedule will be given in the Feast Brochure. Any alterations will be announced from the pulpit. However, for your convenience, in planning transportation, buses will stop at all public hotels and guest lodges for the first trip to the Tabernacle on Wednesday, October 18th. This run will begin at approximately 4:00 p.m. from Katoomba and will arrive at the Tabernacle in plenty of time for the evening meal.

Also regular bus service from the Blackheath Railway Station to the Tabernacle and to your accommodation quarters during the day of Wednesday, October 18th will be provided. All trains will be met at the Blackheath Station on October 18th.

REGISTRATION:

Enclosed with this letter is a REGISTRATION CARD. It is extremely important that you CLEARLY fill out this card and return it to us at the VERY EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. Be sure to fill out the card and return it whether or not you will be attending the Festival this year.

It is by the means of this registration ONLY that we are able to have an accurate working knowledge of the number of people attending. Accurate planning makes for a MORE enjoyable Feast so be sure to do your part in COMPLETELY filling out the card. Remember, INCOMPLETE OR UNREADABLE cards are as bad as none!

Please supply the information requested regarding your address at the Festival and transportation needs if at all possible. This will help us to help you!

This should supply you with all the information you need at this time to make plans for attending the coming inspiring Feast. The Brochure will contain additional helpful information with details about climate, average temperatures, brief history and some of the interesting sights of the area, as well as details of our conduct as we live together for eight days in harmony typical of the happy and peaceful "World Tomorrow."

So, Brethren, let's be peaceful and happy and radiate joy and gratitude for our numerous blessings during the Feast of Tabernacles this year.

May God always bless you in every way as you sincerely serve Him.

Sincerely In Christian Love,



C. Wayne Cole

P.S. You brethren in New Zealand will be interested to know that we are now in the process of making preparations to open an office in New Zealand. I hope this small branch office will be functioning before the Feast of Tabernacles this year! Later, we should have a Church in the Auckland area and perhaps still later in the other major centres as the Work there continues to grow. You will hear more about this as developments take place.

ACCOMMODATION

COTTAGES:

BLACKHEATH: The local Estate Agents Wright Grill & Co., Great Western Highway, and W. F. Wolrige & Sons, 124 Station Street, both willingly cooperate in the letting of comfortable cottages ranging in rental from \$20 to \$45 per week. However, as the demand is growing year by year it is becoming more difficult to rent a cottage in Blackheath.

KATOOMBA: The Agents: Gilbey of Katoomba, 78 Main St.
Goyder Bros., 88 Katoomba St.
T. Poulos, 2 Katoomba St.
Harold S. Relton & Co., 81 Katoomba St.
Soper Bros., 118 Katoomba St.

can offer a good assortment of apartments, flats and cottages with a wide range of rentals.

Telephone:
Blackheath:
8231
8571

Katoomba:
1048
2
1130
992
162

MOTELS:

BLACKHEATH: *High Mountains, Great Western Highway
*Norwood, Great Western Highway

KATOOMBA: Three (3) Explorers, Lurline St. & Birdwood Pde.
*Three (3) Sisters, Katoomba St. & Birdwood Pde.
Echo Point Motel, Echo Point & Foster Rds.
Old Colony Motel, Great Western Highway
*Sky Rider, Cliff Drive & Great Western Highway
St. Elmo, 224 Katoomba St.

LEURA: The Leura, Fitzroy St.

MT. VICTORIA: *Mt. Victoria Motel, Great Western Highway

Blackheath:
8216
8568

Katoomba:

913
8
1475
600
118

Leura:
4-1331

Mt. Victoria:
233

HOTELS:

BLACKHEATH: *Gardner's Inn, Great Western Highway
*New Ivanhoe, Great Western Highway

MEDLOW BATH: The Hydro Majestic, Great Western Highway

KATOOMBA: Carrington, Katoomba St.
Hotel Gearin, Bent St.
Hotel Katoomba, Parke St.

MT. VICTORIA: Imperial, Great Western Highway

Blackheath:
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8156

Katoomba:
1351

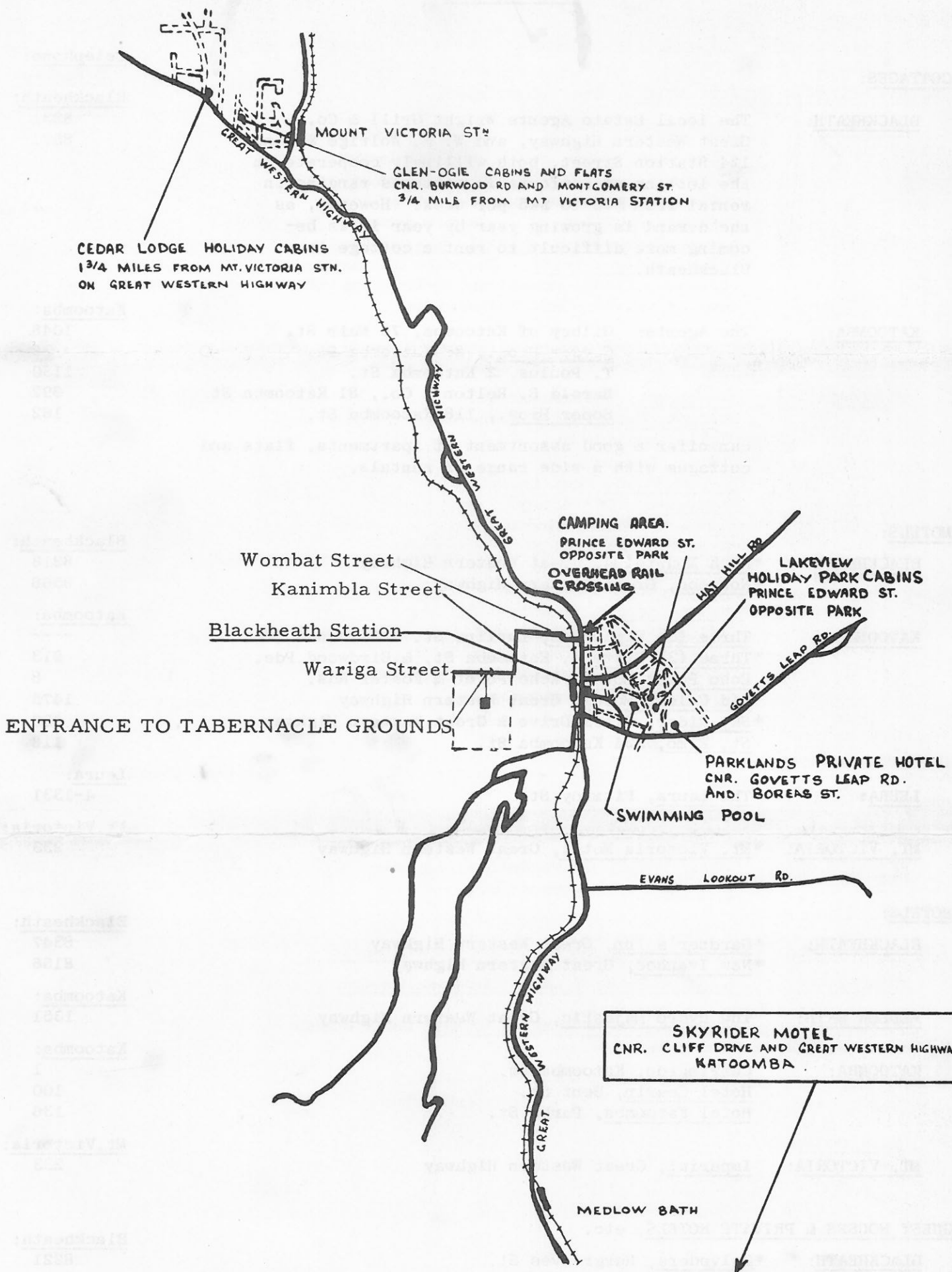
Katoomba:
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136

Mt. Victoria:
233

GUEST HOUSES & PRIVATE HOTELS, etc.

BLACKHEATH: *Belvedere, Hargreaves St.
*Glenella, Govetts Leap Rd.
*Miss Mackay, Great Western Highway
*Kubba Roonga, 9 Brentwood Avenue
*Redleaf Lodge, 15 Brightlands Avenue
*Yabba Yabba, Wentworth St. (No meals or linen supplied. Facilities for preparing own breakfast are available.)

Blackheath:
8221
8352
8259
8330
8354
8323



GUEST HOUSES & PRIVATE HOTELS, etc. (Continued)

Telephone:

KATOOMBA: California, Lovel St.

Katoomba:
55

This Guest House has been block-booked by the Church. Applications for accommodation in this house should be made to the Church offices, Box 345, P.O., North Sydney. The envelope should be clearly marked Festival Planning Department. The rate of charge is: Infants, \$1.00; children, 4-10 years, \$2.50; Adults, \$2.75. Bed & Breakfast.

OTHER GUEST HOUSES ARE:

KATOOMBA: Beaucourt, 39 Waratah St.
Belfast House, 31 Lurline St.
Cecil, Lurline St.
Eldon, Lurline St.
Felton Woods, Lurline St.
Homesdale, 207 Katoomba St.
Jamieson House, Merriwa St.
Majestic, Waratah St.
Metropole, Lovel St.
Milroy, Clissold St.
Palais Royale, Katoomba St.
Redlands, Waratah St.
Swiss Inn, Lurline & Waratah Sts.
The Imperial, Lurline St.
Wykehurst, 219 Katoomba St.

Katoomba:
316
68
124
208
27
170
137
322
20
432
146
209
756
523
438

MEDLOW BATH: *The Chalet, Portland Road

Katoomba:
568

CABINS: (No linen or cutlery supplied)

BLACKHEATH: Lakeview Holiday Park, Prince Edward St.
MT. VICTORIA: Cedar Lodge, Great Western Highway
Glen-Ogie, Montgomery St.

Blackheath:
8534
Mt. Victoria:
256
262

CAMPING AREAS: For both these areas contact caretaker at:

BLACKHEATH: H. J. Collier Memorial Camping Ground
KATOOMBA: Katoomba Falls Camping Ground (near Scenic Railway)

Blackheath:
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* Fully booked

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Infants, \$1.00; children, 4-10 years, \$2.50;
Adults, \$3.75, Bed & Breakfast.

OTHER GUEST HOUSES AND

Katoomba:
318
58
124
208
27
170
127
322
30
422
148
208
128
522
428
Katoomba:
558

Katoomba:
Bendocourt, 29 Waratah St.
Belair House, 31 Laurina St.
Cecil, Laurina St.
Edon, Laurina St.
Fellow Woods, Laurina St.
Horseshoe, 20V Katoomba St.
Janssen House, Waratah St.
Katoomba, Waratah St.
Katoomba, Level St.
Katoomba, Gilsco St.
Palais Royal, Katoomba St.
Redlands, Waratah St.
Swiss Inn, Laurina & Waratah Sts.
The Imperial, Laurina St.
Wendover, 219 Katoomba St.

MIDWAY BAY: *The Grange, Portland Road

CABINS: (No linen or cutlery supplied)

Blackheath:

NE VICTORIA:
Cedar Lodge, Great Western Highway
Glen-Orie, Montgomerie St.

Blackheath:
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Early booking