



FRIENDS OF THE SABBATH, AUSTRALIA

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AUSTRALIAN SABBATARIANS MEET TO PROMOTE DAY OF REST

Australia's 100,000-strong seventh-day Sabbatarian movement will stage its third ever conference in Australia (Auditorium, Student Centre, Brisbane Adventist College, 303A Broadwater Road, Mansfield, Brisbane) from 24 – 26 November 2006. The **Australian Sabbatarian Conference** will bring together speakers and members of different seventh-day Sabbath-keeping denominations.

The conference will aim to promote the seventh day as a national blessing if kept by Australians. The aim of the Australian Sabbath Conference is to provide an opportunity for different seventh-day Sabbath-keeping churches and groups to come to know one another better, while benefiting from the religious heritage they share.

Organisers, *Friends of the Sabbath, Australia*, claim that keeping God's day of rest (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset) would help solve national economic and health woes.

"Australia is the envy of other nations with her myriad material and physical blessings, but sets aside no special time to revere and worship the Giver of these great gifts", a spokesperson from the *Friends of the Sabbath* stated. "The Seventh day – God's Sabbath ordained from creation – is one very special way to do this".

The spokesperson said the Sabbath is under more attack and criticism than any time for centuries.

“Mainstream Christianity has not only watered down the truth of the Sabbath, but is leading future generations to believe that any day is good enough to rest from the week’s work and duress” he said. “Obedience to God’s seventh day command found in Exodus chapter 20 brings us into His orbit of favour, blessing and protection.”

The Sabbatarian conference has attracted two world-class speakers promoting the seventh day. They are prolific author **Professor Samuele Bacchiocchi** and **William Bradford**, a leading United Church of God pastor. Other representatives will include pastor John Camenga from the Seventh-day Baptist Church, Geoff Robertson of the Christian Educational Services, Australia and Andy Patey, from the Five Rivers Church of God.

Professor Bacchiocchi is well known in academic circles internationally for his definitive scholarly works on Sabbatarian history such as ***From Sabbath to Sunday***. This definitive and unique work was actually researched at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Vatican City.

Pastor William Bradford is author of ***Jesus Christ. The Real Story***. Thousands of copies have been distributed on each continent.

Both men have spoken before audiences numbering into the thousands during their long and illustrious careers.

In 1996 Prof. Samuele Bacchiocchi, spoke at the conference held in Sydney. He and other presenters were interviewed in such media outlets as ‘Sunday Night Live’ (2GB), ‘Today’ (Channel 9) and ABC Radio.

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