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Double bronze

A Seventh-day Adventist pastor from Victoria, Australia, has won two bronze medals at the 2023 World Transplant Games.

Pastor Fraser Catton was among 150 athletes in Team Australia competing in the Games, held April 15-21 in Perth, Western Australia. He won both medals in tennis– one in the men's singles and the other in doubles.

"It was pretty special to represent Australia and come away with something to show for it," said Pastor Catton.

"The atmosphere was certainly competitive but also very encouraging and supportive. At the end of the day everyone was there to push themselves and celebrate organ donation."

Having lived with kidney disease most of his life, Pastor Catton underwent a kidney transplant in early 2022 and is a keen advocate for organ donation.

"I know that this is a sensitive subject for some. However, I would encourage people to consider their final gift. If we believe we are called to make disciples and that requires hearing and responding to Jesus, then people deserve that chance. Your donated organ could allow someone the extra years of life to have a chance to hear about Jesus. That's worth signing up for."-Tracey Bridcutt

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Reaching out

Students and teachers from Epauto Adventist Senior Secondary School in Port Vila, Vanuatu, demonstrated the spirit of community service and collaboration by helping clean their neighbouring school, Freshwota Bilingual School on April 13. Epauto, which currently has more than 600 students, and Freshwota, with more than 1000 students, came together to foster a sense of unity and cooperation. The joint efforts resulted in a cleaner and more welcoming learning environment for the Freshwota school community. –John Tausere



Healthier Kiribati

Residents of Tabiteuea North, southern Kiribati, were empowered to take charge of their own health after a week-long health program run at the local Seventh-day Adventist church from April 16-22. The program was conducted by Kiribati Mission (KM) health director Tera Tarataake with the support of local church minister Bakarereua Tomoniko. The initiative offered free medical check-ups to staff members of the Tabiteuea North council, the Kieia Ataei Southern national hospital and police officers. Mrs Tarataake also led a public awareness campaign to educate the local community on how lifestyle can impact overall health. Minister Tomoniko expressed his gratitude to Mrs Tarataake for conducting the program, adding that he believes it "will have a positive impact on the community's health and wellbeing".-John Tausere