

## “LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



### UPHILL OR DOWNHILL?

Australia Day: that day of the year when, as a country, a community, an individual, we focus on where we have come from, where we are now and where we are going.

Will our journey be uphill? Are we eager to “put in” even though that may entail effort, sacrifice? Are we willing to put aside differences in pursuit of a common destination which will be good for all?

On the other hand, has it all become too hard? Is it easier to coast along, heading downhill until it all grinds to a stop?

Will complacency, lack of dedication, with the well known Aussie mantra; “She’ll be right mate”, become, “I don’t know what went wrong mate”, as we coast to the bottom of the hill, lose momentum and fall over?

Jesus, the Son of God, who was right into the act of sacrifice for the good of others; for you and me, once said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”(John chapter 14, verse 6)

Of course, in that instance, Jesus was pointing to a real relationship of blessings and growth between people, God his father and himself.

He also offers help, understanding, a life ethos of care, commitment and sacrifice to grow a “Community of Hope”; a “Nation of Hope”.

Let's ask Jesus to join with us in celebrating this Australia Day with a rejuvenated and joyful enthusiasm of work together, moving our country, our community further upward; even if it means hard work.

God bless Australia! God bless our community!

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