

23rd June

NOTE ON PHONE CALL FROM GARTH HAWKINS 21st June.

Garth rang to ask that his name be put on the list for Deloraine, not realising that the Patronage Council has already been held. He said one of his reasons for this was that Di, his fiance, would be prepared to marry him if he were to go to Deloraine and they could set up their new life there. One of the advantages would be that she would be near enough to the North-West Coast to continue her involvement with musical education.

He said however that if he did not go to Deloraine he would have to consider going to Avalon for some period of 6 to 12 months because while he can say 'no' to a drink, he is still finding the pressure very great where he is. He knows that people are supportive and that Triabunna has been growing since he has been there (it is the first parish that has shown sign of growth in his time). Yet he feels that he needs to break away to Avalon.

If he were to go to Avalon he would need to declare himself bankrupt as he owes the sum of \$23,000 to the bank. Some of this money has to do with the purchase of a block of land, but I'm not certain how much of it represents other debts. He would need to declare himself bankrupt for he would not be in receipt of a stipend if he were a resident at Avalon and certainly not enough to pay his debts.

He said that he still feels there is some place for him in the Parochial ministry, but that he does recognise he needs the support of a community. Deloraine is his first choice, but I pointed out that his chances of getting Deloraine are slim, as it is already under offer to somebody else through the Patronage council nominations. He also said that Di could be interested in going with him to Avalon where she has gifts that would fit into the community; the gifts of music, ability to organise, and cook.

I encouraged him to think more carefully about what he really sees his future to be, suggesting that a new start in their married life would be probably better than remaining where he is. Privately, my own thought is that he would do best were he to go to Avalon and be right away from former associations. I am to let him know what the situation would be in Deloraine and have promised that should it be possible, his name will get a mention at a future Patronage Council.