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chairperson of the City Mission Board, Miss Janet Laing, cut the giant birthday cake.

The lawns in front of Parliament House provided a great setting for a picnic afternoon. The mission provided a free sausage sizzle and drinks, balloons and face painting for the kids and an excellent concert band played happily away in the background.

The mission's flagship as it were, "The Mission Belle", an early model fire-truck decorated with mission logos, stood by and watched several hundred family and friends soak up a relaxing and sun baked afternoon of celebration.

The mayors of surrounding cities, Hobart, Glenorchy and Clarence, have all hosted receptions for valued business supporters of the mission in those areas, as well as long-term donors.

The annual report of the mission has taken the form of a short history, unfolding the fascinating story of the places and pioneer workers that formed the foundation of this great Christian charitable organisation.

— Colin Dean



Choir with the cake



Richard Woodall speaks with Prince Edward

## Golden awards

"Australia is a magnificent country. I think you are very fortunate. Serve Australia well because the future of every country depends on the spirit of its boys and girls," said the then Duke of Edinburgh (later **King Edward VIII**) in 1920.

He was speaking at the presentation of gold Duke of Edinburgh awards and his words were repeated on Monday, 25 November, at The Strand in Williamstown, Victoria, when His Royal Highness **Prince Edward**, the Earl of Wessex, himself a Duke of Edinburgh gold awardee, presented gold awards to four young Australians.

The recipients were **Clare Dunin**, from Ruyton Girls' School; **Charlotte House**, an independent awardee; **Chris Toolley** from Braybrook College and Scouts Australia; and **Richard Woodall** who gained his

award through Boys' Brigade.

Prince Edward said, "The Duke of Edinburgh award is designed to be a challenge. Well, you have achieved it. It is an international award for young people. Many people may say, 'I can do that'. The difference is, you know you can."

The award, begun in 1956 and available now in 100 countries, is for young people aged 14-25 who must achieve in the areas of physical recreation, expedition, service, skills and a residential project. Last year, 1,813 people achieved the gold award.

Speaking of the award Richard Woodall, 18, a member of Mitcham Baptist Church, said, "My relationship with God definitely improved and I made lots of new friends. It's the people you make friends with that make it so great."

— Helen Woodall