



## Robert Turnbull

Biblical Storyteller

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## Profile

Age - 28 (7/7/1982)

Husband of Simone and father of Hannah & Bethany.

Reformed & Evangelical.

Attends St Augustine's Anglican Church, Moreland.

Robert became a Christian in Secondary School after reading the Gospel of Luke. He is passionate about people coming face-to-face with the Jesus of the Scriptures.

## Experience

### MONASH UNIVERSITY - RESEARCH ASSISTANT & SCIENTIFIC COMPUTER PROGRAMMER: 2003-2009

Robert worked as a lead programmer in a multi-million dollar government funded project to develop infrastructure software for the world-wide geodynamics research community. The resulting software has been used to produce research papers accepted by the journal *Nature*.

### AUSTRALIAN FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS (AFES) TRAINEE STAFFWORKER: 2006-2008

Robert was a core member of the Christian Union at Monash University from 2001. In 2002, he moved to live in residence at university to aid the staffworkers in initiating a ministry to college students. In 2006, Robert joined the AFES staff team at Monash and was given the responsibility of restarting the Christian Union at a satellite campus.

His ministry included:

- one-to-one evangelistic/discipleship Bible studies
- leading small group Bible studies,
- preaching and
- running training courses.

### BIBLICAL STORYTELLER WITH THE BACKYARD BARD

Leaving Secondary school, Robert dreamed of memorising a Gospel and performing it word-for-word. In 2002 he joined a group (later known as *The Backyard Bard*) for a theatre production of Mark's Gospel. In 2008, Robert began doing Biblical Storytelling as his main vocation. He has developed a repertoire of extended performances of *John's Gospel*, *Luke's Gospel* and *the Book of Revelation* (each 90 minutes), together with medium length storytellings such as: *Jonah*, *Ruth*, *Mission of Paul 3*, *Samuel*, *Pentecost* and *2 Timothy*. He has performed extensively in Australia, including in the Melbourne Fringe Festival and at Parliament House. Over the years he has performed over 10% of the Bible including 30% of the New Testament.



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## Education

Completed VCE on scholarship at Scotch College in 2000 (ENTER 99.70)  
Bachelor of Science Scholars (Maths & Astrophysics) - Monash University  
Graduate Diploma of Divinity - Ridley Melbourne (prizes received: *Christian Thought Award* and *Outstanding Academic Performance in a First Year of Study*).  
Currently completing Master of Divinity at Ridley Melbourne.

## Theatrical Training

Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) Winter Intensives: 2007 & 2008.  
Monash University Short Course: 'Voice' with Christopher Snow (2008).  
VCA Short Course: 'The Dramatic Voice' with Stephen Costan (2008).

## Skills

Adobe Illustrator - Graphic Design Software.  
Apple Final Cut Studio - Professional Movie Making Software.  
Web development: HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript & MySQL Databases.  
Apple iPhone application development.

## Hobbies

In addition to the ministry described above, Robert enjoys:

- Guitar
- Photography
- Bush Walking
- Board Games

## Referrals

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