



## Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2021

### Who'd Have Thought?

Above is a photo of the top level of Woy Woy commuter car park, 8am last Tuesday morning. Exactly 12 months ago I tried to find a park in this same car park. It was full of cars. There was no way I could find a spot. Who would have thought that twelve months later the top floor of this car park would have just 8 cars parked on it?

Our world has changed over the last 12 months in ways we could never have imagined. We have had restrictions on the number of people we can have in our building. Many of our ministries have had to change the way we do things that we might remain COVID-safe. We have to register our name and phone number everywhere we go for contact tracing. We have to wear masks on public transport.

Yet with all these changes God hasn't change. In fact none of this pandemic has been a surprise to God. He created this world. He knows this world intimately. He holds us. Our futures in his hands. As a church we need to trust in the Lord. We need to seek his leading and we can know that we are held by him.

**Please join us this Sunday for our church quarterly meeting.** This meeting will be very different from others. We will remember our past and celebrate the good things the Lord has done through us. We will reflect on our present, and seek to understand who we are as a church. We will look forward to our future and understand that the best is yet to come!

We will have a cup of tea or coffee after the 9.30am service and will start the meeting around 11am. We are unable to run this meeting on Zoom, and will only be holding the meeting in our building. I hope you can join us.

Blessings

David Gilchrist



## COVID restrictions to remember:

- The church needs to abide by the 2 square metre rule. This means we can have up to 124 people in our Church Auditorium and up to 74 people in the Downstairs Hall.
- Please be careful to socially distance and keep 1.5 metres apart from each other. Avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing. Couples and families are able to sit together.
- Although masks are encouraged and welcomed, you don't need to wear face masks indoors.
- We are unable to sing as a community. The Baptist Association are working with authorities to try and have this restriction lifted. They encourage you to approach your local state member and let them know your concern about no community singing.
- Food and drink in all our ministries and worship services needs to be served. Please don't help yourself. Please que using 1.5 metre distancing.
- Please sanitise all furniture, such as chairs and tables, after every meeting or event.
- Please use the Service NSW QR code to register your name and phone number for contact tracing whenever you come on to our property.

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021:

### Worship By Request:

Back by popular demand! This Sunday night, 7:30pm, tune in to YouTube Live to worship with us!

If you have a worship song you'd love to sing, you can post your requests in the chat on YouTube. If Joey knows the song, he'll lead it so we can sing it. If you want a better chance of getting a song played, you can text through your requests to Joey before Sunday to 0432 838 765.

Use this link to join us on Sunday night, and feel free to share it with anyone else you think would be keen to tune in: <https://youtu.be/AKMcv0u6W6o>

See you in the chat! Blessings,  
Johnny



### 9.30am Worship Service & SHOUT:

Our 9.30am service is also livestreamed at: <https://youtu.be/ZhK6x2hFb3M>

If you join us on YouTube we would love to know. Please send us a message or join the chat. If you don't want your comment read out in the service just indicate that in the message.

This Sunday "SHOUT" continues in the Hill Hall also at 9.30am. This is church for the whole family and all children and parents are very welcome. "SHOUT" is also on Facebook!

As we cannot sing in our Worship Service we have put together a playlist on YouTube you can use to worship the Lord with singing: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDAa9SEvIGqBsnlGEkmlJ86PPZji2hI6o>

### 5pm Worship

We meet as a small group at 5pm to study the Bible together. We pause to reflect and listen for God's voice. Some weeks we meet outside so that we can sing together. We are currently studying "The Sermon On The Mount" in the gospel of Matthew. All Welcome!

## Sunday Morning Prayer:

More than ever our world needs us as Christians to be praying. Every Sunday morning at 8.30am a few very dedicated people meet to pray in the downstairs hall before the morning service. You are very welcome to join us.

## Giving:

Due to COVID-19 we are not taking up offerings in our services. Please give your offering either:

- 1). Through direct electronic transfer.** You can do this using online banking or ask your bank teller to set up an electronic transfer for you.
- 2). Deposit your offering directly into the church account** at any branch of the Westpac Bank.

### Our account details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church

BSB Number: 032 527

Account Number: 350 062

## Ministry Of Leftovers:

Do you have any used greeting cards you can donate for card making? Any sort will do. Please give your used birthday cards, Christmas cards, and greeting cards of any kind to Caroline Murphy.

Ministry of Leftovers is in need of plastic storage containers for sorting & storing market donations. Any unwanted containers that you have at home would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Ministry of Leftovers is commencing a book club, studying Boundaries, by Henry Cloud. We are planning to meet Monday afternoons, 2pm. See Caroline if you are interested.

## Church Office:

An important ministry of our church is our church reception office. Through the reception office we keep in touch with our community, and provide a point of contact for the church. The office is open 9.30am to 12.30pm weekdays.

**We need a volunteer to work in the Reception Office on Tuesdays, and to be in charge of typing hand written names and phone numbers into a database for Contact Tracing.**

We also need relief volunteers for the office, who can be available when our regular office volunteers are unable to attend.

Please see Jean Lynch if you are interested or to find out more. Phone: 0425 749 224

## Praying For Revival:

A joint regional prayer meeting of all Christian churches on the central coast is to be held at 7pm to 8.30pm Tuesday 2/3/21 at Liberty Church Gosford. We will be praying for revival in the Central Coast and across Australia, for the issues associated with our local council, and for activities of all churches. Heather Crawford is going if anyone needs a lift.

## Church picnic – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of March:

Put this in your diary now. Details soon. See Heather. Phone 0419 297 496.

## Safe Spaces, Next Saturday 27 February 2021, 1pm to 4pm

### 10am to 12noon for the online / pre meeting module

It is a requirement for leaders of our church, and anyone who works with children or vulnerable people to complete a Safe Spaces course. Members of our church will be taking part in a Safe Spaces course on Zoom on Saturday afternoon 27 February 2021. You can participate in this course on your own device or you can join a larger group that Pastor David will be organising here at the church. If you are participating on your own device you are welcome also to join us at the church where Pastor David can assist you if necessary.

The cost of the Safe Spaces course is \$35, (\$25 for the Zoom workshop, and \$10 for a personal module that you need to complete in your own time before the workshop).

David's group will also be meeting in the morning from 10am to 12 noon to complete the Online module together.

**Please see Beth Wykes for details.** There are some other possible dates you can participate in the Zoom Course that Beth can also let you know about. Phone 0431 749 743

### Missionary Support:

Ettalong Baptist Church is committed to supporting our mission partners financially as well as in prayer. Due to COVID-19 there will be no Fete again this year. We will share other opportunities for fund raising however throughout the year.

**Saturday 20th March** will be a craft preparation day in the Downstairs Hall, from 9.30am - 2.30pm. In place of our annual fete, Pastimes has agreed to organise various "street stall" type activities and one larger home made craft event later this year. For more information contact Heather on 0419 297 496.

### Report from Beatrix in Philippine islands and Kalimantan

I have the pleasure of liaising with a dedicated missionary who is working among a Muslim people group in islands in the South Philippines and Kalimantan.

Beatrix is a West Papuan born University trained worker who has been working to translate Christian epic films like the Jesus movie, Road to Emmaus using Muslim translators.

Already small numbers are turning to Christ in the island villages and Beatrix also supports an FM radio as well as social media to present Jesus. She is presently doing an on line course in media and learning ways of weaving the movies' narrative with present day stories and lessons.

Beatrix also has children programs and also works with Uni students when possible. She is a tireless worker and greatly appreciates our Church's continuing support.

With the Pandemic her movement among the islands is limited and let us pray for God's hand of protection. Pray for recent converted Muslims to be established and to reach others in their communities.

Dennis Arkapaw on behalf of Mission Committee

### Urgent Prayer Request For YWAM Ukraine:

Andrew and his team have a COVID-19 outbreak on their team. Mr and Mrs Yarbrough (who have a baby and a young girl) and another young man, Derrick. The team are all isolating.

"It's a bit of a blow to morale because in general Ukraine's case numbers are coming down and life was starting to feel normal again. Now we are locking ourselves away again and cancelling all our ministry."

"Thank you for your prayer for us."

Andrew Ford (YWAM Vinnitsa, Ukraine)

## Do you have an item for the newsletter?

Do you have a short testimony to share in the newsletter? Do you have a photo that you can share with us? Please email it to David Gilchrist at [david@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au](mailto:david@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au) or drop a note into the Church Office by Wednesday afternoon each week.

## Treasurer's Report for Quarterly Meeting Held 21st Feb 2021:

Greetings to all Ettalong Baptist Church Ministry Partners and Friends,

This quarterly report is to keep you up to date with our current financial position.

Our bank balances as of 31st January were as follows:

Westpac	\$15,294.65
BFS 0175	\$20,957.62
BFS	\$131,361.29

In our accounts we are holding the following amounts for the ministries listed:

- \$4,811 for our Mission support.
- \$1,863.19 for Girl's Brigade.
- \$482.52 for Mainly Music.
- \$7,128.95 for Ministry of Leftovers.
- \$651.44 for Pastimes.
- \$2,053.58 for Playtime.

A total of \$16,990.68 which is spoken for.

Our revenue for this period was \$173,296.00.

Our expenditure was \$162,458.25.

The average for our weekly tithes and offerings is \$3,587.32 for the 31 weeks (budget figure is \$4,442.00).

The table on the following page shows our budgeted figure, our figures for the QM held in November and our figures for the 7 months of this financial year 1st July-31st Jan 2021.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask me at any time, my email address is [treasurer@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au](mailto:treasurer@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au)

Yours in Christ, Colleen.

	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>July 2020- June 2021</b>	<b>November QM</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2020</b>	<b>February QM</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021</b>
<b>Income Revenue</b>			
Tithes & Offerings	231,000	67,981.05	111,207.00
Missions Income	14,000	10,584.00	10,793.00
Other Income	15,000	5,018.97	10,091.16
Coolabah Rental Property	16,000	4,760.00	9,180.00
Interest Income	2,600	621.47	1,024.84
Cash Flow Boost	0	5,000.00	10,000.00
JobKeeper Payment	0	21,000.00	21,000.00
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Administration</b>			
Audit	900	0	0
Electricity	7,500	2,471.22	3,857.66
General Supplies	5,000	1,468.69	2,224.84
Insurance	15,000	17,736.37	17,736.37
Licenses	1,000	1,387.91	1,447.53
Maintenance	5,000	636.56	1,560.00
Rates	2,500	834.91	1,287.36
Sundry	2,500	1,895.00	3,835.00
Telephone	1,700	580.56	1,014.43
Wages	7,400	2,585.28	4,847.40
Wages - Superannuation	700	245.60	460.50
<b>Building</b>			
Repair & Maintenance	10,000	332.00	1,272.60
<b>Coolabah</b>			
Agent Fees	1,600	750.09	1,040.37
Other	1,100	3,228.87	3,228.87
Rates	2,300	773.83	1,412.28
<b>Growth</b>			
Church Life	3,500	0	0
Training	500	0	0
<b>Mission</b>			
Local Outreach	15,000	2,360.00	5,173.95
Mission Partners	14,000	610.00	6,020.00
Baptist Partnership/Redress	4,000	750.00	2,458.80
<b>Ministry</b>			
Wages	131,000	40,696.00	71,850.00
Housing Allowance	19,000	6,080.00	15,960.00
Long Service Leave	3,200	1,557.00	1,557.00
Professional Learning	1,000	0	100.00
Other Expenses	4,000	2,306.86	2,757.76
Internet & Phone	1,500	659.95	1,014.47
Superannuation	17,700	5,508.68	10,341.06