



Thank you, David Gilchrist, for your photo of storm brewing, at Umina Beach.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 6 June 2024:

From the Pastor:

Following on from two weeks ago note, this week I want to sing the praises of the Mainly Music team. This is a thriving ministry with an average of about 20 mums and carers and upwards of 30 children. I've only poked my head in for the opening songs and confess my admiration for the stamina of those who lead and help throughout the morning. The first part of the morning is high energy. I'm sure the parents and carers appreciate the way the children can burn so much energy away from their homes.

Beside the music leaders there is a dedicated team who handle registrations and attendance, the important job of taking morning tea orders, those who help with video projection and other technical issues, the vital role of barista/barristers, and scones baked in church kitchen, for the conclusion of the formal program.

My sincere thanks to all who are part of this significant ministry to the families of the area. Please continue to pray for this work. It is wonderful to hear the sound of children's voices echoing around the property, and we should value this point of connection with many who have no other association with any Christian fellowship.

Grace and peace,

Phil Grebert

PS: I'm aware that some of you have received text messages purporting to be from me. We're still investigating exactly what happened, but please be very careful about replying to any message with my name attached. I certainly don't ask anyone to text me while I'm in a meeting. If in doubt, please phone me directly on : 0414 632 089

Sunday Morning Worship 9th June at 9.30am:

Join us this Sunday with our Interim Pastor Phil Grebert, as he talks about "Love your enemies".

We will also hear a Bible reading from: Luke 6:27-36

Prayer will be available to you at the front of church, after the service, with Marion, and others. The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/OOD4cMi8YWg?feature=share>

4pm SHOUT This Sunday, we will be talking about Jesus' childhood:

This Sunday afternoon we will be finding out what Jesus was like when he was growing up.

Please join us, all are welcome to SHOUT!!

Condolences. Pat LeMay Passed Away Suddenly & unexpectedly:

Sad news, Pat LeMay died suddenly and very unexpectedly last night. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Rita Manders funeral will be on this Friday 7th June, at 12:30pm:

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Hillside Chapel, Palmdale.

Condolences to the family and friends of Rita Manders.

Last Sunday was our Annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea:

We all had a such a wonderful time last Sunday morning at this year's BMT fund-raiser. So many happy faces, lots of joyful conversation, laughter and enjoyment of the smorgasbord of absolutely, scrumptious food available.

Thank you to the generous people who brought along so much delicious food for this special fund-raising event.

I also would like to thank all who generously donated, we raised almost \$1000, that's an epic effort everyone, thank you. I know this money will go towards helping many people.

Thank you also, to those who helped decorate, it looked amazing! (I am sorry I ran out of time to take photos), served food onto tables, and the people who helped with the big job of cleaning up afterwards.

None of this would have been possible without your dedication and support,

I thank each, and every one of you for your help and support of this fundraising event, you truly touched my heart.

You are beautiful, caring people, and I feel so privileged to have not only received your help, but witnessed this event unfold.

Many, Many, Thanks! Lynette.

Thank you on behalf of Margy Gilchrist.

Robert Mead is walking to raise money for Prostate Cancer:

Robert has been doing the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia fundraising walk this week and would appreciate your help. This was a shorter walk over 1 week from 10th to 16th of June.

Donations can be made by clicking on the link below or I can accept cash and put it in. Thanks Robert

<https://www.walkforhim.org.au/fundraisers/robertmead/walk-for-him>

Lift Lunch this Friday 7th June at Yi An Chinese Restaurant Woy Woy:

Ladies, please join us tomorrow, Friday 7th June, 12:30pm, at YI AN Chinese Restaurant in Woy Woy.

All ladies are welcome to join us for fellowship and a delicious lunch. Please contact: Marion. 0401 344 814

Men's Breakfast 8am on Saturday 15th June at BBF Café Woy Woy:

All men are welcome. Please advise Graham Checkley 0403 520 278 or Ian Makepeace 0411 012 125 if you are attending.

Skills For Life Fundraising 20th July, BYO BBQ LUNCH at Lions Park:

Skills For Life is having a fundraising event planned to raise important funds for Mango Tree Academy in Kisii Kenya. Saturday 20th of July, BYO BBQ at Lions Park. Please give a donation on the day. RSVP, please see Les Baker or phone: 0412 866 513.

Terrific Band Concert and Afternoon tea. Saturday 3rd August 2:30pm:

Due to popular demand, the missionary committee has asked the Tempo Terrific Band to return to our church to put on another concert to raise funds to support our 10 Missionaries here and overseas. Come along and enjoy the music and the lovely afternoon tea.

- Ticket Price \$15 adult, \$10 concession, \$5 school students and family ticket \$30.
- Tickets available from Kerry and Peter Brown in July. (phone); 4324 4412

Bethshan Women's Retreat August 16 – 18 2024:

Yes, amazingly it is that time of the year again. Women's Retreat @ Bethshan, we realise the need for deep discussions, sharing of lives, connections with like minds, relevant Bible teaching, great food and contagious laughter. If you need a break from life, a recharge of spiritual batteries and a safe place to share, this is the retreat for you.

Registration: 01/06 - 26/07/24

Retreat Date: 16-18 August 2024. See Jane Keuning for details or phone: 0425 263 763.

Spring Fair Countdown has begun only 3 months until our Spring Fair.

- Please continue to keep this activity in your prayers for all the preparation that is happening now and in the future.
- **Christmas Samaritans Boxes** will also be on sale, ready to be sent. All you have to do is purchase one already filled. There will be a stall selling these so think about supporting this well recognized outreach and mission activity at the Spring Fair this year.
- It is not too early to sign up for duties, see the chart on the notice board in the large hall.
- Keep planting those seedlings for the pot plant stall, they are always a good seller.
- Would Heather be able to find 1 or 2 volunteers to run a new stall for the Spring Fair. The EBC tour group have discovered in Rome quite a different range of ice creams we could sell. Heather would organise the store, food etc. just needs someone to sell them. Please email her heatherlcrawford@bigpond.com.au if you can help. Thank you, Heather. 0419 297 496

Sewing for The Ministry of Leftovers:

Maria Janos is looking for volunteers to help with sewing for MOL. Please contact Maria if you are willing and able to assist, so that she knows what to bring. Thank you. Phone: 0404 009 300

Used greeting cards needed:

We are needing more cards donated. Could you please leave them in the tray in Church foyer or get in touch with Maria Janos on 0404 009 300. Thank you.

Do you love music? Have you thought about joining our Worship team?

Anyone who enjoys singing and or playing a musical instrument, are welcome to join our Worship Team. Please contact Joseph on 0432 838 765, for more information. Thank you.

Crossroads Counselling with Meg Toon:

Just a reminder of this service available to everyone. **Phone:** 0414 238 614

Zoom Prayer Group:

Tuesday morning group 10am,

Tuesday evening group 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Sunday Morning Prayer Group 8.45am to 9.15am:

A small group of people meet to pray each Sunday morning before the 9.30am service at the back of the Downstairs Hall. You are welcome to join them.

Phil Grebert Interim Pastor

Contact Phil by phone.: **0414 632 089** or by email philbertgre@outlook.com

Ettalong Baptist Church Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact:

Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone:0448 431 234) or Deacon—Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)

Giving:

As Christians, we believe it is especially important that we give financially to support God's church. Prayerfully consider and budget what God would have you give.

You may give your weekly offering using the following methods:

- 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 using the bank details below.
- 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
- 3). Use the box at the main entrance door to the auditorium for cash or cheques.

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