



11,330,126

SHOEBOXES PACKED WORLDWIDE*

218,215

SHOEBOXES PACKED IN AUS & NZ*

71,202 NSW	24,550 WA	14,107 NZ
38,006 QLD	18,196 SA/NT	6,482 ONLINE
32,358 VIC	13,314 TAS	

* In 2023

SHOEBOXES* FROM AUS & NZ WERE SENT TO:

95,949 CAMBODIA	15,281 PHILIPPINES
63,044 PAPUA NEW GUINEA	10,611 UKRAINE
26,848 FIJI	6,482 SENSITIVE COUNTRY

Country name undisclosed for security reasons

Operation Christmas Child

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 5th September 2024:

From the Pastor:

It's our Spring Fair again this Saturday. We have handed out over 3000 flyers, advertised the Fair on the Radio and on Facebook*, and Geoff is putting up his display of flags again which colourfully let our neighbours know the Fair is on. Most of all people have been talking about the Fair and inviting others to come. I saw Pastor Phil Grebert on Wednesday and he and Heather are looking forward to visiting the Fair. I have heard from many others who are looking forward to the Fair.

Thank you so much to all those who are volunteering to help at the Spring Fair. Thank you especially to Ruth Chamberlain, Thelma Minto, Margaret Baird, Ruth McFarlane, Heather Crawford and others who will be walking around the site, meeting people, praying with people, handing out information about the church and simply helping to make our guests welcome. Thank you to those who are operating our card readers so we can offer cashless transactions for the first time.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend.

Blessings
Pastor David

*PS: If you're on Facebook please share the notice about our Fair that's on the Ettalong Baptist Church Facebook page. We want as many people to see the notice as possible. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Service 8th September at 9.30am:

In our 9.30am service on Sunday we continue to look at our church Purpose, Values and Vision statements. We value many things, but we are passionate about the bible, prayer and our community. Our Bible Reading is from Hebrews 4:12-13.

Prayer is available at the front of church, after the service, with Denise, Joy and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/SunfbneYrqw?feature=share>

SHOUT!! will be on this Sunday 8th September:

Please come and join us this Sunday 8th September at SHOUT!! from 3:30pm with coffee, afternoon tea games and activities for the children.

This week at SHOUT!!, our Sunday afternoon service, we will be hearing about Daniel who spoke the truth to King Belshazzar even though he could have been killed for bringing such bad news!

Only 2 Days Until Our Spring Fair, Saturday 7th September:

Thank you to all who have been busy doing letterbox drops and leaving flyers in public places.

1. A reminder to all that cakes, slices and sweets would be welcomed to sell on the cake stall at the Spring Fair on the first Saturday in September. Cakes sell out very quickly, so we need lots of cakes, slices etc. If you are not a cook but would like to donate SR flour, eggs or butter please contact Julie Shannon or Heather Crawford.
2. We have a new Italian Ice cream stall. Special thanks to Jimmy and Ruth Chamberlain, John Stagg and Winda Indriawati for running the stall. Heather is making ice cream for our ice cream stall at the Spring Fair
3. Heather needs volunteers to set up on Friday afternoon and pack up on Saturday afternoon. Please let her know if you can assist with this. She has arrived home from overseas.
4. Please keep praying for this event. It is an important outreach to our community, please pray for those who have volunteered to welcome and chat to visitors at our fair.
5. Christmas Samaritans Boxes will also be on sale already filled, ready to be sent. If you would like to purchase one, there will be a stall selling these, so please think about supporting this well recognised outreach and mission activity at the Spring Fair this year.

Thanks, Heather. Email: heatherlcrawford@bigpond.com.au and Phone number: 0419 297 496

Spring Fair Stall Holders and 'Greeters':

On Saturday morning before 9am, could you please collect some EBC leaflets with our church information, to hand out to people visiting our fair. There are 200 printed, they will be on front desk of our Reception Office.

Thank you, Pastor David.

The Reyes Are Visiting Next Sunday 15th September:

Ettalong Baptist Church supports Mauricio and Michelle Reyes and their family, working in Paraguay. The Reyes will be taking part in both our services on Sunday 15th September. We will have a special morning tea with them after the 9.30am service.

After the morning service the missionary committee will also be taking them for lunch at Everglades Country Club. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please rsvp to Heather by Saturday 7th September

Operation Christmas Child:

"Here are the numbers of box packing and distribution for 2023. These worldwide numbers are amazing! That's a lot of children being blessed and reached for the Kingdom.

Australia and New Zealand seem to distribute in the Asia/Pacific region with the inclusion of Ukraine and some undisclosed sensitive regions. It will be the same for 2024 except for Solomon Islands replacing Papua New Guinea. If you seek more information, please see Beth."

Alpha From February 2025:

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith. It involves 12, two-hour sessions and a day away. It is a simple clear outline to the gospel of Christ. We hope to start an Alpha course in February 2025. Please see David Gilchrist if you are interested.

LIFT Lunch Yi An Chinese Friday 13th September at 12:30pm

The LIFT ladies will meet for lunch at Yi An Chinese Restaurant Woy Woy, on Friday, 13th September at 12.30pm. (NB. Changed date due to the Spring Fair)

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

Skills For Life Trivia Night 21st September:

RSVP **Les Baker** Phone: **0412866513** if you wish to attend event, so that catering can be organised.

New Date 19th October - 5:30pm Christian Comedian Show:

We have Nath performing a FREE 1-hour Clean Stand-Up Comedy Show in our Auditorium this October.

Uncle Nath has been doing comedy in local Churches for seven years, to spread laughter and Joy into the community in churches.

Everyone welcome. More information will be posted closer to the date.

We would love to have your photos for the Newsletter please:

Our weekly Newsletter is looking for more of your beautiful photos. Please send them to Lynette at: office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

Stay Up to Date with Worship At EBC!

As you read this Newsletter, a separate, Worship Newsletter is also being released each week. It keeps all who receive it up to date with new songs, new plans, and opportunities to contribute in ways small and large. Join up to receive the Worship Newsletter if you're interested in contributing to Worship now, or in the future, or even if you'd like to suggest and request new Worship songs or provide feedback on individual services.

Everyone is welcome to join, because Worship music is about praising God as a whole congregation, not about simply playing instruments.

To join, send an email to josepharrua@gmail.com, letting me know that you're interested – I'll add you straight onto the mailing list! If you don't have email access, you can also contact the EBC Office, and I'll get you connected. - Joseph Arrua

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.

Zoom Prayer Groups every Tuesday at 10am and 7pm:

Tuesday morning group 10am,

Tuesday evening group 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Crossroads Counselling with Meg Toon:

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

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)

Find important Church Documents on Website Documents:

You can download and print documents, or simply read and fill in documents online!

<https://ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au/documents/>

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.

Items Needed for Mainly Music and SHOUT!! Craft:

Mainly Music & SHOUT!! need Wafer roll tins and pringles containers please for their craft projects: If you are able to help, please see/contact, Jane Keuning phone: 0425 263 763

Thank you to those that have donated, Jane.



Thank you to all who helped EBC boys doing the MS Readathon:



Two brothers from our Sunday afternoon program SHOUT!! have just completed The MS Readathon, where they read extra books daily during the month of August, to raise awareness and money for MS –

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic illness that affects your central nervous system.

The brother's read over 60 books and raised \$344.52, excellent effort boys.

This was Isaac's 5th year of doing this challenge and Dominic's 2nd year. These brothers look forward to doing this every year.

Isaac and Dominic extremely grateful to those who have sponsored and supported them.

Thank you, Lynette Tilden.

Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday Morning:

If you would like anything added to future Newsletters, please send notices to the email below, or leave a note for Lynette in the office, thank you:

office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

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we are **passionate** about

THE
BIBLE

*Knowing God
through his
Word*

PRAYER

*Communicating
with God*

OUR
COMMUNITY

*Loving people
and making
disciples*

The poster features a vibrant, abstract floral background with various flowers in shades of yellow, pink, and teal. The text is centered on a light green rectangular background.

Ettalong Baptist Church

Spring Fair

Saturday 7th September

9am to 1pm

8 Barrenjoey Road

on the roundabout with
Memorial Avenue and
Maitland Bay Drive

Devonshire Tea

Pre-loved Clothing, Bric-a-brac, Toys, Books,
DVD's, Crafts, Plants, Homemade Cakes &
Jams, Sausage Sizzle, Cake & Coffee and
heaps more.

All proceeds provide aid and support
to Australian and overseas missions