



*Steph playing Wheelchair Basketball for Sydney Uni Lions against Gold Coast Rollers. Lions won 71-56.*

## Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### From The Pastor:

Can you believe Mainly Music has been running for 10 years at Ettalong Baptist Church! This Sunday in our 9.30am service we will be giving thanks to God for our Mainly Music. During morning tea, we will be eating a cake and celebrating together. We have invited Mainly Music families to SHOUT!! at 3.30pm and will celebrate with another cake.

Mark 9:36–37 (NIV),

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”



### Sunday Morning Service, 17<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am:

“Why do we run Mainly Music?” Mark 10:13-16

Paul, Sheila and others will be at the front after the service for anyone who wants prayer.

The service will be livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/WAFAPJorH3A?feature=share>

### SHOUT!! This Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 3.30pm:

Everyone is welcome! We continue to celebrate Mainly Music anniversary. We also continue our series on the life of Joseph, son of Jacob.

## Annual Church Congregational Meeting, Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August:

Our annual church meeting is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of August, 11am to 1pm.

This is a very important meeting. Please make it a priority to attend.

The elders have a very important message for the church.

The finance committee will be presenting a finance report and the budget for this financial year.

We will also be affirming nominations for various positions in the church. Some church leaders who we will be affirming are:

- Jimmy Chamberlain – Nominations Committee – 3-year term.
- Jane Keuning – Elder – second 3-year term.
- Les Baker – Elder – 3-year term.
- Liz Edminson – Treasurer – 3-year term.

We will also have some Ministry Leader positions to affirm.

We still have a need to nominate a Deacon (Church Administrator). We also have need for a Property Manager. Please see our church leadership document that outlines these positions, or please see one of the nomination committee members (David Gilchrist, Graham Checkley, Helen Brooks or Wendy Creamer).

Merryll Mead (Chairperson)

## Spring Fair, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September: 3 Weeks to Go:

The Spring Fair is only 3 weeks away! Please start thinking and praying about whom you can invite. Start inviting your family and friends for a lovely home-made morning tea at the cafe or a lovely BBQ lunch.

Flyers have been printed and will be available for distribution over the next couple of weeks. Please see me if you need any now. I have attached a copy of the flyer to this newsletter.

### From Heather Crawford:

- It isn't too late if you wanted to make a few simple craft items for sale. We have some very crafty people in our church and craft items are always popular at the Fair.
- We have been given many porcelain dolls to sell this year, all brand new, in a range of sizes. Prices range from \$10 to \$20 and upwards for some large ones. A bargain not to be missed.

### Time to start preparing for our Ever-Popular Spring Fair Cake Stall!

- Due to popular demand, this stall sells out early in the day every year, so we need lots of your baked goodies please.
- Plates will be handed out at the church, 2 weeks before the Fair.
- Please wrap your cakes/slices/biscuits securely and ensure you list the ingredients you have used.
- Also please place either the day of making the goods or the 'best before date'.
- Cakes can be delivered to the church on the Friday before the fair, up until 3pm, or you can deliver them to the cake stall on the day of the fair. Any inquiries, please contact Julie: 0407 907 394

### Please be Praying for our upcoming Spring Fair:

- Please be praying for good weather on the day and for many locals to come to our fair and feel really welcomed to our church.
- Please pray for each stall, activity coordinator that they get done all the preparation they need to do and feel excited about the event.
- Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community while we raise money to support our Mission Partners.

## Men's Breakfast, this Saturday 16th August:

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on this Saturday 16 August 2025, 8am, at BBF Cafe (Woy Woy). All men are welcome. For more information, contact Ian Makepeace on 0411 012 125

## Prayer & Worship Combined Churches Night. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September:

### You're Invited!

Narara Valley Baptist Church is hosting this special Worship Night @ 149 Narara Valley Drive, Narara

- 5.30pm Dinner
- 6.30pm - 7.30pm Worship Service

Flyer attached.

## Skills For Life Events:

- **Friday 22nd August** – Lunch at Pelican's Restaurant, Woy Woy Hotel @12pm
- **September** – Picnic at Mt Penang Gardens.

Contact and RSVP: Les: 0412 866 513

## Houston Herald Newsletter is Attached:

There are printed copies in the church foyer.

## Letter from Beatrix:

Dear David, and Friends at Ettalong Baptist Church

Dave and Nathalie Houlsten, the CEO of MAF International, previously worked with MAF in Tarakan for 16 years.

During one of my visits to Maratua Island, I was invited to speak about Substantial SS UPGs on the Kalimantan side. As a result, the MAF ladies' group began praying for UPGs in the area, including SS.

Recently, while I was in the Philippines, we held a meeting via Zoom to discuss MAF's upcoming flight to Maratua, which will serve as a regular shuttle service for transporting patients to Tarakan.

Next week, there will be a meeting involving MAF Tarakan, the Association of Resorts in Maratua, AOG in North Kalimantan, the Health Department of Berau in East Kalimantan, the Badjao Sama Pesisir Foundation, and non-Sama believers residing on the island.

The purpose of this meeting is to arrange transportation for SS patients from Maratua to Tarakan in North Kalimantan. Pak Ganda, who owns the resort in Maratua and frequently hosts gatherings for believers, is responsible for organising this meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for August 13, 2025.

I have decided not to attend due to the rescheduling of the dates three times. Additionally, I need to finish the translation work from my recent trip to the Philippines before heading to Sydney in under seven weeks.

I want to express my deep gratitude for the financial support you sent to the Mission Office. It has greatly blessed me and helped with translation work and sharing this ministry among concerned believers.

Thank you once again, and God Bless. Beatrix

## EBC's Prayer Groups, All Welcome:

- **Sunday Mornings 8.45 – 9.15am.** Sunday morning before the 9.30am service at the **back of the Downstairs Hall.** You are welcome to join them.
- **Monday mornings 8.30am to 9.30am in the HILL HALL.** This prayer gathering is a time of praising the Lord and dedicating the week's ministries and the guidance of the Church to the glory of God.
- **Tuesday Zoom Prayer groups.** These are held at 10am and 7pm. Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

## Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

- If you would like prayer, please send your request to: [ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com)

## Find Important Church Documents on our Website:

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

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

## Sydney Uni Lions, Women's Wheelchair Basketball are in the Finals:

Some of us went down to watch Sydney Uni Lions vs Gold Coast Rollers play on Saturday afternoon, it was a great game. Our Steph van Leeuwen was playing with the Lions, and they won 71 – 56.

The Lions now play in the National League Finals at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports, 29th to 31st August. The event will be Live Streamed. See Steph for details.



## 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:

### Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church

BSB Number: 633 000

Account Number: 225 369 099

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