



Thank you, Janine, for this photo of a soaring eagle.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 21st August 2025

Sunday Morning Service, 24th August 9.30am:

“A Small Step to Big Changes,” 2 Kings 5:1-19

Heather, Jane 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/gKzsAEn6eQY?feature=share>

Annual Church Congregational Meeting, Sunday:

Our annual church meeting is this Sunday 24th 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 be affirming the following nominations:

- 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.
- Winda Indriawati – Deacon (Church Administrator) – 3-year term.
- Jean Lynch – Venue Hire Coordinator (this is a new Ministry Leader position).

We still have a need to nominate a Deacon (Church Administrator). We have a need for a Property Manager and a Coordinator for the Missionary Committee.

Merryll Mead (Chairperson)

Annual Report Addendum:

The Annual Reports have been emailed to church members. After they were sent the office realised the financial pages are out of focus. This has been corrected. If you are unable to read the financial pages and would like a clear copy, please email office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

SHOUT!! This Sunday 24th August 3.30pm:

We continue our series on the life of Joseph, son of Jacob.

Coast Baptist's Prayer & Worship Night. Sunday 14th September:

This combined worship night will be hosted by Narara Valley Baptist Church, 149 Narara Valley Drive, Narara

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

Flyer attached. To help with numbers please register using the QR code on the flyer, before 11th of September 2025 or let EBC church office know you want to attend and any dietary requirements and we can register for you.

Carpool and Drive Together: We will be meeting in the EBC back car park, leaving at 5pm.

Spring Fair, Saturday, 6th September, 2 Weeks to Go:

The Spring Fair is only 2 weeks away! Please continue 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 tasty BBQ lunch.

Flyers are available for distribution over the next couple of weeks. I have attached a copy of the flyer to this newsletter.

A Reminder from Heather Crawford:

- Heather has reminded us that the Spring Fair offers our church the opportunity to meet new people and to meet their spiritual and physical needs whilst they are visiting our church. If you feel that you can't serve on a stall, hand out notices or help set up and pack up, maybe God is leading you to be available to greet people, speak with the customers, and be a friendly face. Denise Psaila has agreed to coordinate our greeters. Please speak with Denise, or pray for opportunities to connect with strangers or our customers, whilst you enjoy a cuppa, etc.
- Heather is hoping to have some bibles available to give away if needed.
- It isn't too late if you wanted to make 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 this Sunday.
- Please wrap your cakes/slices/biscuits securely and ensure you list the ingredients you have used.
- Please state either the day of making the goods or the 'best before date'.
- Cakes can be delivered to the church on Friday before the fair, before 3pm, or you can deliver them to the cake stall on the day of the fair before 9am. 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 are well prepared and 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.

Operation Christmas Child 2025:

- The option to purchase filled boxes will again be available for \$35 each at our Spring Fair.

Alpha Tuesday 26th August 12.30pm – 2.30pm:

Alpha is on in Hill Hall every Tuesday 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

Meeting for the Paraguay Mission Trip 2026, Sunday 31st August 11am:

As previously arranged a meeting is to be Sunday 31st August after morning tea in the Hill Hall. It is important all those going on the 2026 Short Term Mission trip to Paraguay attend.

All interested persons are also invited. RSVP to Heather Crawford.0419 297 496

Operation Christmas Child 2025:

Yes, the 2025 season is now upon us. Boxes are available for \$1 each from the church office now. Please be thinking of how you can bless a child with a box filled with toys, clothing, school items, hygiene needs and the opportunity to take part in The Greatest Journey discipleship course learning the truth about the good news of Jesus in their own language.

The option to purchase filled boxes will again be available for \$35 each at our Spring Fair. Following the fair, the display will be set up in the foyer.

New to the “Do not include” list is SOAP. It has been found that it can sweat and cause damage to the boxes when sitting in containers for a time.

If you have any queries, please see Beth or ring 0431 749 743. “

Thank you. Beth

Skills for Life Lunch Tomorrow, Friday 22nd August 12pm @ Pelicans:

- **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

Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

- If you would like prayer, please send your request to: ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com
Just a thank you note from Maria Janos and Margaret Baird, who are so appreciative of your prayers, thanks.

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.

Giving:

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church – Bendigo Bank
BSB Number: 633 000
Account Number: 225 369 099

We encourage you to use Direct Deposit for giving, but you may also give using cash or cheque by placing your offering in the box at the main entrance door to the auditorium.

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)

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