



Thank you, Jane, for this sunrise photo at Blackwall.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 28th August 2025

From The Pastor:

As he approached 80 years old, George Ardill “retired” to Warrimoo in 1936. But though he had retired from paid work he never retired from the Lord’s work. He was excited to be retired as, in his words, he had more time to tell his neighbours about Jesus. He built a small Gospel Hall and ran services every week. Many of his neighbours were introduced to Jesus and some went on to serve in full time ministry around the world.

His church continued to grow, even after his death in 1945 and in 1965 it joined the Baptist Association of NSW, becoming Warrimoo Baptist Church. It continues to have a significant ministry today, and Margy and I will be attending it’s 60th Anniversary as a Baptist Church this Sunday.

Even in his retirement God had a significant ministry for George Ardill, and the legacy of his ministry lives on today. What will your legacy be?

Sunday Morning Service, 31st August 9.30am:

Thank you to Greg Beckenham who is preaching in our 9.30am service this week.

Kerrie, Peter 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/rskG5wBjKqI?feature=share>

SHOUT!! This Sunday 31st August 3.30pm:

We are having games and a quiz. All welcome.

Meeting for the Paraguay Mission Trip 2026, this Sunday, 11am:

As previously arranged a meeting is to be held 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

Alpha Tuesday 2nd September 12.30pm – 2.30pm:

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

Spring Fair: Next Week, Saturday, 6th September:

The Spring Fair is NEXT WEEK! Please continue thinking and praying about whom you can invite.

Flyers are available for distribution 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. We need greeters we can speak with the customers, and be a friendly face for all who visit our Fair. 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.
- The church has some bibles available to give away to those who need one.
- Home made simple craft items are still needed for sale. 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.

Please Make Cakes for our 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.
- Please wrap your cakes/slices/biscuits securely and ensure you list the ingredients you have used.
- Please also state the day the goods were baked.
- 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 Spring Fair:

- Pray for good weather.
- Pray many locals visit and that we will make them feel welcome.
- 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.

Rectangle 2L Ice Cream Containers Needed For The Fair:

- We are looking forward to Heather's home-made Ice cream again at this year's Spring Fair, unfortunately, the empty ice cream containers have grown feet and gone missing. If you have any, please give them to Heather or leave at the church office for her.
Thanks. Heather.

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.

Ministry Of Leftovers Will Be Closed On The Dates Below:

- Monday 1st September - Thursday 4th September inclusive.
- Tuesday 9th September
- Tuesday 16th September.

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

There is no Ladies in Fellowship Together Lunch this September:

The LIFT Lunch, which should take place on Friday 5th September, has been cancelled, as so many will be busy preparing for The Spring Fair on Saturday 6th.

Our next lunch will be on Friday 3rd October.

Contact: Marion. 0401 344 814

Skills for Life Events:

- **13th September** – Picnic at Mt Penang Gardens, to be moved to the Waterfall Café if bad weather.
- **18th October** – Ferry to Palm Beach
- **Friday 14th November** – Games Day and possibly craft at Jan Harris's home.
- **Saturday 20th December** – Sydney, meeting at Town Hall to walk around looking at Christmas decorations, ending at Circular Quay for dinner (we will possibly visit St Andrews Cathedral).
- **Saturday 10th January** – A visit to the Art Gallery.

Contact Les for times and all other information, also to RSVP: 0412 866 513

Thank you for helping Wheelchairs for Kids':

A big thank you all who have crocheted and knitted colourful acrylic blankets and soft toys. One of each will accompany an individually fitted wheelchair that grows with the child it is donated to, having been made especially for that child by volunteers in Wangara, north of Perth WA.

Meg will be sending a carton of these beautiful toys and rugs to 'Wheelchairs for Kids' in mid-September, and they will be forwarded with the special wheelchairs to disabled children overseas!

So far 50,000 fully adjustable wheelchairs have been sent to children in need in over 80 countries worldwide free of charge!!

If anyone has soft acrylic yarn left over a few more 30 cm high, soft acrylic toys such as teddies are needed and would be very much appreciated. Please phone Meg if you can help on 0414 238 614. For more info see wheelchairsforkids.org

Church Water to be shut off both Tuesday 9th & 16th September:

With the roadworks that are happening around our building the water will be turned off on Tuesday 9th of September and 16th of September between the hours of 7am -4pm.

MOL will be closed these days, as advertised above.

Transport for NSW apologises for the inconvenience.

Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

- If you would like prayer, please send your request to: ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com

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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