



Thanks, David for 'Stormy Beach' photo.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 7th August 2025

From The Pastor:

Last Sunday, we were going to look at the account of Elisha raising the son of a couple from Shunem. The wife had an incredible trust in God and knew that God was working miracles through Elisha. Elisha's prayer and method of raising the dead boy show God's personal care for hurting people. We must express genuine concern for others as we carry God's message to them.

Sunday Morning Service, 10th August 9.30am:

Elisha: Life for the Dead: 2 Kings 4:8-37

Denise, Joy 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/XcPdqd4EpVs?feature=share>

SHOUT!! This Sunday 10th August@ 3.30pm:

Everyone is welcome! We start a new series on the life of Joseph, son of Jacob.

Annual Church Congregational Meeting, 24th August:

Our annual church meeting is 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 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). Please see our church leadership document that outlines the position, Jean Lynch said she can explain the position to you, or one of the nomination committee (David Gilchrist, Graham Checkley, Helen Brooks or Wendy Creamer).

Merryll Mead (Chairperson)

Important update on last week's incident:

Tonia had a medical emergency in our 9.30am service last Sunday. The good news is Tonia is home from the hospital, and the doctor could not find anything wrong with her.

I want to thank everyone who helped with Tonia's care last Sunday. Everyone showed what a wonderful caring church we are and worked together beautifully as a team. Thank you so very much.

Betty, Tonia's sister, apologised for the "drama during the church service", but said she is very grateful it happened at church and not at home and thanked everyone for their concern.

Please pray for Tonia as she lives alone and Betty lives in Brisbane. Pray for wisdom for decisions made for Tonia's future care and for her safety.

Thanks,
Melanie de Jager

Men's Breakfast, Saturday 16th August:

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

Margaret Baird:

Margaret has settled into her new home. She invites you to visit her. Please just call-in advance. Her phone number is still 0402 282 622

Margaret's new address is Villa 7 Tarragal Glen Retirement Village, 110 Karalta Road, Erina NSW 2250.

The easiest entry is from the gate next to Macca's, then it's the 1st road, Fern Ave- at the end.

Margaret is having Heart Surgery on Tuesday August 26th at St Vincents Hospital in Sydney.

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

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/>

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)

Spring Fair, Saturday, 6th September: 4 Weeks to Go:

The Spring Fair is only a month 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 The Plant Stall:

Don't forget to get your plants-and other items ready for our Spring Fair. It's only a month away.

- Final week to pot up cuttings so they are well rooted come sale time.
- Clean up your garden and put aside any unwanted pot plants or pot up those overgrown plants that need thinning out.
- Please bring any empty unused pots to the church for other gardeners to use.

Contact Joy Watt 0417 443 372 if you need help with potting or if you need some potting mix or pots to allow you to pot up.

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.

From Julie Shannon:

It is now time to start preparing for the cake stall, for our Spring Fair!

- I will be handing out plates 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.

Skills For Life Upcoming 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

Wheelchairs for Kids, mailing date postponed:

Re: Blankets and soft toys for children's wheelchairs. It has been decided for practical reasons, that the mailing date needs to be postponed until after next Month's Spring Fair,

Thanks again, Meg

Giving:

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church

BSB Number: 633 000

Account Number: 225 369 099

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