



A typical January afternoon in Australia! @ Nobbys Beach Newcastle.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 29th January 2026

From The Office:

We pray that you enjoyed a restful and joy-filled beginning to the year. As we step into 2026 together, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness and for each of you who makes our church such a special and caring community.

This new year brings fresh opportunities to grow in faith, serve one another and journey together in God's purpose. We are excited for all that the Lord has in store and look forward to worshipping, learning, and growing alongside you in the months ahead.

May 2026 be filled with hope, grace, and abundant blessings.

Please also find attached updates from some of the Mission Families we support here at Ettalong Baptist Church.

Pastors Leave:

David Gilchrist is on leave until to Tuesday the 17th of February.

Blessings

Pastor David Gilchrist

9.30am Sunday Morning Communion Service, February 1st 9.30am:

We are very fortunate to have Phil Grebert again this Sunday, to give this week's sermon from Psalm 49.

During this service, Heather Crawford will be giving a 5min testimony and telling us a little about the mission team going to Paraguay in March.

Jean, Merryll 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/ffGu_vTP_-0?feature=share

SHOUT!! is in recess:

SHOUT!! Will resume February 22nd.

2026 Communion Roster needs a few more volunteers please:

The first draft of the **communion roster** has been placed on the notice board in the Downstairs Hall.

You will note, we are short of several people to undertake this essential role in our church. If you are able to help, even once, please chat to Heather Crawford to have your name added to the roster. Thank you.

Aldi Grocery Ministry, volunteers needed please:

ALDI Pick up

We are looking for some volunteers to help with our Sunday evening food pick-ups. Please pray if you can help in this ministry. It is a real blessing to be able to help people in this way. So, if you think you could help, please see Jane after the Service or contact her on 0425 263 763.

2026 Connect Groups Starting next week:

There are a range of these available and if you are interested in joining one, please see the updated list of the groups on the board in the large Hall and then speak to Heather or the Group leader as mentioned on the notice.

Thank you, Heather Crawford 0419 297 496

Pastimes Resumes Friday 6th February @ 10am - -12pm:

New crafters are very welcome

This group meets weekly during school term.

You are welcome to join a card making table or a scrapbooking / junk journaling table. Many crafters bring their own craft along and enjoy crafting in a social setting.

There is a small charge for morning tea. This group supports a sponsor child through Baptist World Aid and other missionaries nominated by our church.

Thank you

Sheila Hooper on behalf of the Pastimes Committee.

Ladies In Fellowship Together:

LIFT is an activity where our ladies in this church get together to enjoy each other's company over a lovely meal. LIFT stands for Ladies In Fellowship Together.

This notice tells you about arrangements for the first 2 events of the year. Please note all ladies are invited at any or all times. if you need a lift at any time just let Marion know on 0401 344 814

The first LIFT lunch event for 2026 will be on:

- **Friday 6th February at 12.30pm at Yi An Chinese Restaurant Woy Woy.**

The 2nd event will be a High Tea at Heather's home on Friday 13th February:

- This is a fund raiser for the Paraguay Mission Trip

The tickets cost \$20 and you will have a lovely large spread of goodies to eat.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 21st February 8am @ BBF Café Woy Woy:

The first 2026 men's fellowship breakfast will be held Saturday 21 February, at 8am.

All men are welcome. This will be held at BBF Cafe (Woy Woy).

Thanks, Ian Makepeace Ph: 0411 012 125

2026 Church Calendar:

The 2026 church calendar is being prepared. If you or your group has any changes, additions or deletions that need to be made, please email the office or let Beth know on 0431 749 743.

The calendar commences in February – next week.

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Please send your Newsletter items to: office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au by 12.30pm Wednesdays.

If you would like a copy of our weekly Newsletter emailed to you, please send an email to the address above, with your name and email address on it.

There are always printed copies in the church foyer and it is also placed onto our Ettalong Baptist Church Website.

Thank you, Lynette.

Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

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

Giving:

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church – Bendigo Bank

BSB Number: 633 000

Account Number: 225 369 099

You may also give cash or cheque by placing your offering in the box next to the main entrance door in the church auditorium.

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/>

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