



Thank you Wendy Creamer for this photo of a beautiful hibiscus.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 30th April 2026

From The Pastor:

May is mission month:

- Baptist Mission Australia have asked Baptist churches in May, to make a special effort to support missions and to reflect on Jesus' command for all of us to make disciples for him. Let us unite in partnership with Baptist Mission Australia's intercultural teams and get excited about all that God is doing through his people in neighbourhoods near and far. We can only spread the message of Jesus together!
- Each Sunday through May our mission committee will be reporting on each of our mission partners. We support our mission partners by taking an interest in their work, praying for them and supporting them with a regular financial gift.
- On the 31st of May we will be taking up a special offering to help the church raise the money for the financial gifts to our mission partners. There will be a retiring offering on the 31st of May for you to give cash or you can give electronically into the church bank account at any time by writing Mission Offering as the transaction description or reference. Remember this offering is in addition to your regular tithe.
- On Sunday 14th of June, we are planning to run The Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, to raise money for Cancer Council. We will be serving barista made coffees and hot chocolates as a special extra.
- This Sunday we are having a welcome lunch. If you are new to our church please come and enjoy lunch with us. If you have been in our church a long time, please join us and welcome those who are new to our church. RSVP to the church office today, or phone Friday morning, PH: 4343 1237

Blessings, Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, May 3rd:

Topic: What Love Looks Like? 1. Living as Imitators; **Bible Reading:** 1 John 4:11-16 and Philippians 2:1-11

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

The service will be livestreamed: <https://youtube.com/live/-NMv13UanJI?feature=share>

'Kid's Church' is on during our 9.30am service. This is a good time for parents to be blessed in the service while the children are having fun learning about God in the next room. All children are welcome!

SHOUT!! this Sunday, May 3rd from 3.30pm:

Come and join us for Activities and Refreshments, followed by Worship for all the family.

Ettalong Baptist Church – Welcome Lunch, this Sunday 3rd May:

To welcome new people to our church, and them get to know the rest of the church family.

We will be meeting directly after the 9.30am service. David will be presenting Ettalong Baptist Church as we share in a cup of tea and coffee. There will be some fun getting-to-know-you activities followed by lunch. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Please place your name on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall (Downstairs Hall) or see Lynette Tilden (our church office manager) to indicate you are attending.

Ettalong Baptist Church Inaugural Men's Bake-off competition.

For the Welcome Lunch men are asked to bring a homemade cake or slice ready to serve for dessert. We have an experienced chef who will judge and award the trophy for the best dessert to the successful winner.

This is a competition for men not to be missed. You may gather advice from your wife or friends but the cake or slice must be yours.

Farewell Wendy and Len Creamer

After more than five decades, this Sunday we will be farewelling Wendy and Len Creamer as they move to Forresters Beach.

Wendy and Len have been a much-valued part of our church family for many years. Wendy particularly has been involved since the 1970's in Girls' Brigade and contributed in many other ways over the years. Wendy has also faithfully supported mission work, particularly through her annual efforts selling Christmas cards for Baptist World Aid Australia.

Wendy served in the church office for many years, even producing these newsletters in the past. Pastor David and Lynette personally appreciate the time spent working alongside Wendy on Thursday mornings.

Wendy and Len will be greatly missed and we pray that this new and exciting chapter of their lives will bring many rich blessings to them both.

With love and prayers

Your friends and church family at Ettalong Baptist Church.

Ladies In Fellowship Together Lunch:

Tomorrow is our next LIFT lunch Friday May 1st, at YI AN Chinese Restaurant, Woy Woy @ 12.30pm.

All ladies are welcome. This is always a great time of fellowship; we would love you to join us.

For info phone Marion: 0401 344 814

Peninsula Pastimes:

New crafters are very welcome

Every Friday 10am to 12 noon during school terms.

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.

Mainly Music:

9.45am every Friday during school terms, for preschool children and their parents, grandparents and carers. Children are introduced to music in a fun interactive way. Music sessions run for thirty minutes, with refreshments and playtime following. Cost is \$5 per family.

Games morning for FUN Raising!!

9.45am to 12 noon, every Wednesday in the Hill Hall.

Please bring a donation for cafe coffee / hot chocolate. Friends welcome!

Contact Meg 0414 238 614

National Day of Prayer – Saturday 23rd May:

The theme this year is "Consecration" and is based on Joshua 3:5.

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

May we join together in unity with Churches of all denominations to worship, pray and wait on our Lord to hear from Him on the National Day of Prayer. This will be a day of adoration and praise, honouring Jesus Christ as our Creator and Lord, repentance and renewal, taking communion together, and prayer for our National and Church leaders, for harvesters and disciple makers, and to lay down our lives and our nation before God. Please contact **Jane Keuning** if you are interested in taking part: **0425 263 763**

EBC Spring Fair 2026:

Just **4 months** to our Spring Fair. Please mark the date on your calendar, Saturday 5th September.

1. Heather needs small ice-cream containers for the ice-cream stall. Please start saving these for her.
2. Joy tells us it isn't too late to pot some plants up for the plant stall. Heather has a few empty pots if you need some.
3. Joy urgently needs extra clean glass jars please.

Youthlife (REM) Prayer Meeting:

May 16. 8am to 9.30am, Youthlife combined churches Prayer meeting at the Anglican church hall @ 147-149 Blackwell Rd, Woy Woy. All welcome. Youthlife is the trading name of REM (Religious Education Ministries).

Future prayer meeting dates for your diary:

1 August

17 October

21 November

Thanks, Melanie

Youthlife (REM) board Representative:

With Paul Hooper stepping down from the YouthLife Board, our church is able to have another representative to join Melanie on the board. Please speak with the nominations committee if you know someone who may be a good representative on the board. Our nominations committee are David Gilchrist, Jimmy Chamberlain, Di Wagemaker and Graham Checkley.

Communion Roster Setup needs a few more volunteers please:

We need 3 more volunteers for the Communion setup please. The dates are as follows:

August 2nd, September 6th and October 4th

Thankyou from Gosford Hospital:

Diane Nagle and Gosford Hospital wish to thank everyone for donating toiletry items for patients of the Hospital. These donations are helpful to people that find themselves in hospital unexpectedly and unprepared.

Diane has asked me to let you know that Toothpaste and Toothbrushes are the MOST needed items.

Can We Pray For You?

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.** A small group of people meet to pray each Sunday morning before the 9.30am service at the **back of the Fellowship Hall** (Downstairs Hall). You are welcome to join them.
- **Monday mornings 8.30am to 9.30am in 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 group.** This is held at 10am. Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.
- **Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain. Can We PRAY For You?** Please send your Prayer requests or Praise Points to ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com, this is **available 7 days a week.**

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/>

Ettalong Baptist Church, Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact: Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone: 0448 431 234) or Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)

Send Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:

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

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Thanks to those who have sent their photos for the Newsletter, keep them coming please!