



Thanks, Jane, for this beautiful photo of Woy Woy Channel.

## Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### From The Pastor:

Do you belong to our church? Are you a Ministry Partner of our church?

At Ettalong Baptist Church, Ministry Partners are active in the implementation and fulfilment of the church's vision, purpose and values, and provide a place of accountability and support in ministry oversight.

#### Living as Christians we...

**Believe** - *"BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved"* (Acts 16:31)

**Belong** - *"You are a member of God's very own family...and you BELONG in God's household with every other Christian!"* Ephesians 2:19

**Become** - *"From the very beginning God decided that those who come to Him...should BECOME like his Son..."* Romans 8:29

**As Christians therefore it is really important that we are actively involved in a local church. As Ministry Partners we commit to the church in the following ways:**

1. To assemble regularly for the public worship of God.
2. To maintain in ourselves and inspire in others an active spiritual growth.
3. To do my part in proclaiming the truths of the Bible, by which people experience salvation, and lead those who believe, into membership of the Church, and to become fully committed Ministry Partners themselves.
4. To do my part in promoting Christian love to all people.
5. To do my part in proclaiming the gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ to all.
6. To do my part in financially supporting the church using the biblical precedent of the tithe as a goal to reach or exceed.
7. To do my part in assisting all people who are in need.

If you trust Jesus Christ as your forgiver, leader and Lord, and evidence of a life transformed by Christ, and if you have publicly been baptised as a believer, by immersion or other meaningful and appropriate method (such as confirmation) and if you accept the faith and practice of the church, I strongly encourage you to apply to be a Ministry Partner. Please speak with me or one of our Deacons.

Pastor David

## 9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 17<sup>th</sup> of May:

**Topic:** Living as Beautifiers **Bible Passage:** Psalm 19:1-6, & John 5:1-20

Melanie, Marion and others will be at the front after the service for anyone who would like prayer.

The service will be livestreamed: <https://youtube.com/live/QKmKWwhdGFY?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!! Sunday afternoon from 3.30pm:

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

## EBC Quarterly Meeting, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am:

Please join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting for 2026. It will be held in the auditorium after morning tea.

You are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

## Annual Reports:

Every year we compile a booklet of Annual Reports for all church ministries. It is now time for all Ministry Leaders to start preparing these reports for 2025-2026.

**Ministry leaders, church leaders and coordinators, please send your reports to Winda Indriawati by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July for compilation of the Annual Reports booklet.**

Please describe what Your ministry is, who you minister to, a review of the past 12 months, and plans and visions for the future, or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

Please email your report to [angklungrus@gmail.com](mailto:angklungrus@gmail.com)

Thank you.

Winda Indriawati (Administration Deacon)

## Aldi Food Boxes – Helpers Needed:

This is an amazing ministry 6.30pm Sunday evenings where you can assist those who are struggling and bless them by helping pack and deliver much needed boxes of food. If you are interested, please phone Jane on 0425 263 763

## Communion Setup – Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers for Communion setup on the following dates: **2<sup>nd</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October.** Please see Lynette Tilden in the Church Office (or reply to this newsletter).

## National Day of Prayer – Saturday 23rd May:

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

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.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 6pm to 7.30pm at Bloom Co Church on Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach.

Contact Jane Keuning if you are interested: 0425 263 763

## Margy's Delicious Homemade Lemon Butter on sale Sunday:

Margy Gilchrist has lemon butter for sale during morning tea this Sunday. Cost is \$4 a jar and all proceeds go to our missionary support. Cash only. The lemon butter needs to be kept refrigerated so if you're not going straight home after church bring a chiller bag with an ice brick.

## Men's Breakfast, Saturday 8am, June 20. BBF @ Café Woy Woy:

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday 20 June 8.00am at the BBF cafe Woy Woy. Thanks Ian.

## Youthlife (REM) Prayer Meeting, 8am May 16<sup>th</sup> @ Anglican Church:

**May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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:

- **August 1st**
- **October 17th**
- **November 21st**

Thanks, Melanie

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 14<sup>th</sup> June after the 9.30am Service:

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Free Workshop – Beaded Fabric Tassel Wed, 24<sup>th</sup> June 9am -2pm:

### **Ministry of Leftovers Workshop.**

Come and join Margaret Crawford who will be in the Fellowship Hall (Downstairs) from 9am to 2pm as she leads you in the making of your tassel. Suitable for all levels of crafters. Come at any time that is convenient for you – no need to book in.

You will receive a kit containing fabrics, beads and jewellery findings. It is anticipated that it will take you approximately 30 minutes to make your tassel.

A cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and a tasty treat will be available for you to enjoy.

Any questions, please contact Margaret on 0409 578 538



## Tempo Terrific Band Concert, Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June @ 2pm:

Ettalong Baptist Church is hosting Tempo Terrific Band again to Raise support for our Mission Partners both locally and overseas. Enjoy the music and a delicious afternoon tea.

**Ticket prices: \$15 single, \$30 family, \$5 student**

**John Stagg will be selling tickets at Morning Tea every Sunday after church.**

## EBC Spring Fair 2026:

Just **4 months** to our Spring Fair. Please mark the date on your calendar, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Now is also the time to volunteer to help at the Spring Fair.

1. **Heather needs small ice-cream containers for the ice-cream stall.**
2. **Joy tells us it isn't too late to pot some plants up for the plant stall.**
3. **Joy urgently needs extra clean glass jars please.**
4. **Caroline needs at least 10 people to help in Ministry Of Leftovers on the day of the fair please. The MOL Market is the biggest store at the fair and we need lots of volunteers.**

## Skills For Life Fundraiser:

A little while ago Benwel's brother passed away. EBC generously supported him with funds for his funeral. Now his widow is very sickly and needs a carer as there is no family to support her.

Skills for Life would like to raise funds for a carer. We are organising a fundraising Lunch on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of June at Peter Denton's Australian Landscape Gallery, 87 Kilkenny Rd, Somersby NSW 2250

Please save the date. More details to follow

## 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 – 12pm Wednesdays:

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



## 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.

## Report From Anna Davis: Scripture Teacher at Brisbane Water Secondary College

An update on my **first day** teaching SRE at Brisbane Water College! Be encouraged... it was AMAZING!! 🙌 Praise God!

The School Principal, Marisha Blanco, helped me set up at the Umina Campus, and we had a little catch up while we waited for the students. The principal has been so helpful.

At first it was a giant year 7 class and then we quickly realised that all the week B Scripture kids turned up to my class along with the week A 😊 Marisha sorted them out (told them to come back next week) and year 8 joined the "week A" year 7 kids.

We had 19 kids in total, with 2 away. These are encouraging numbers – a real testimony to the hard work of our primary school SRE teachers, as all the kids said they did SRE in primary.

Our first lesson was, "get to know you, get to know me and get to know JESUS". It was a lot of fun, with lots of prizes handed out during the 1-hour lesson. We are following the 'Think Faith' curriculum and I've printed off all the booklets at Officeworks.

It was a fantastic start for SRE. I'm thanking God for the favour I am experiencing from the school so far and praying for this ministry to grow and prosper. Although I am not from your end of the coast (I'm North Entrance), I believe the Lord is doing an awakening in this region - in your community, your churches and the local schools. Indeed, this is an exciting time ahead for the Peninsula region. The harvest is ripe 🙌

Please keep me in your prayers and thank you for partnering with me in this ministry.

*Anna Davis (YouthLife, REM, Central Coast SRE)*

## 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](mailto:ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com), this is **available 7 days a week**.

## Can We Pray For You?

If you would like prayer, please send your request to: [ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

## **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.

## **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)

## **Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:**

Please send your Newsletter items & photos to: [office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au](mailto:office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au) by **12.30pm Wednesday**.

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.

**There are printed copies in the foyer, the newsletter is also posted on our Ettalong Baptist Church Website.**

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter by email, please reply ALL to this email with the word **UNSUBSCRIBE** and we will remove you from this email list.

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

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For tickets phone Ettalong Baptist Church office on **4343 1237**  
between 9.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday,  
or purchase tickets after our 9.30am Sunday Service.  
**8 Barrenjoey Road, Ettalong Beach (at roundabout).**

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