



Thanks, Meg, for this photo taken at Hardy's Bay.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 28th May 2026

From The Pastor:

A lot of exciting things are happening around Ettalong Baptist Church and we have much to thank God for.

Tuesday 2nd June at 2.30pm Saqqeira Toleafou is being baptised in a short service in our Auditorium. Please pray for our sister in Christ as she prepares to follow Christ through the waters of baptism.

At our church meeting we agreed to install a lift to improve access to our Ministry of Leftovers Market.

At our meeting, I shared that a couple from Paraguay, Junior and Melissa Guerre, who work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, are wanting to volunteer with our church for a number of months to gain experience ministering in an English-Speaking country. Please pray as the details for their visit are worked out.

Our Nominations Committee shared that we are currently seeking nominations for the church AGM in August. These include:

- A new member for the Nominations Committee.
- A Church Secretary / Deacon.
- A church elder.
- A board member to represent our church on REM (Youth Life) board.

Thank you also to Jean Lynch who has joined our Finance Committee.

I also want to thank Jane Keuning who leads our weekly ALDI food boxes ministry and Lea Smith who leads our Kids Church on Sunday mornings.

May is Mission Month. Thank you to those who have been sharing and praying for our Mission Partners each week in our 9.30am services.

This Sunday we will be taking up a special offering to help with our Mission Partners support. This is in addition to your regular church offering. Please pray about what you should give. You can give in two ways:

- 1). Place cash or cheque into our retiring offering after our 9.30am service on Sunday.
- 2). Deposit your donation electronically into our church bank account with the reference Missions. Our bank details are BSB#: 633 000, Account#: 225 369 099

You can also give to our mission fund at any time by cash or cheque using the Mission Envelopes in the church foyer, or electronically using the reference, Missions.

Blessings, Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 31st of May:

Topic: Living As Collaborators **Bible Passage:** Matthew 4:18-22 and Acts 2:38-47

Paul, Sheila 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/iGTAZkA8XQo?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!

Sunday Afternoon Coffee and Prayer from 3.30pm:

SHOUT!! is in recess for the rest of this term, instead we will be holding a coffee and prayer time to seek God's direction for our afternoon family service and family ministries. Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer.

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

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 31st 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, plans and visions for the future, and/or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

Please email your report to angklungrus@gmail.com

Thank you. Winda Indriawati (Administration Deacon)

Ladies In Fellowship Together, Lunch at Diggers 5th June @12.30pm:

LIFT ladies will be meeting for lunch on Friday 5th June.

Where? - 'Diggers' Ettalong

Time? - 12.30pm

Please join us! - All ladies are very welcome.

For info. - Marion. 0401344814

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, June 14th after service:

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 14 June after the 9.30am service.

Our morning tea is raising money to help find a cure for cancer. Only 2 weeks away now. Please bring a plate of something sweet or savoury to share. Alan and Ian are making cappuccinos and hot chocolates. There will be donation boxes for cash donations, or you can donate electronically any time using this link:

<https://abmtengagement.cmail19.com/t/r-l-tkutzc-pyuudhrkkk-y/>

Margy Gilchrist

Men's Breakfast, 20th June @ 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. Please let Ian know you can attend. Text 0411 012 125

Tempo Terrific Band Concert, 27th June @ 2pm:

Ettalong Baptist Church is hosting Tempo Terrific Band again on Saturday 27th of June at 2pm, 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, or you can purchase tickets in the office Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.20pm or at the door of the concert.

Skills For Life Fundraiser, Saturday 13th of June:

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

Skills for Life is organising a fundraising Lunch event for a support carer.

Saturday 13th June

Lunch: 12.00noon

There are 6 door prizes to be won with your ticket numbers!

Peter Dentons Australian Landscape Gallery, Somersby

Flyers are available in the foyer and from the office.

Tickets: Please contact Jean Lynch 0425 749 224

A Report from Anna Davis, Scripture Teacher at BWSC:

Today, I taught my first Year 10 class at the Woy Woy campus. It was attended by all students on my class list and the kids really engaged in the SRE lesson. It was great to be able to build a connection with the kids.

At the end of our lesson, one of my students shared that he was hit by a car last week and shared with the class his story. He shared that it was pretty frightening. He cried out to God to help him. Well, God certainly answered his prayers, as he came away with just a broken shoulder!! 🙏🙏 Having this young boy share his story was powerful for the class to hear, and we were all able to pray together at the end, giving thanks to God for saving this young boy's life.

The school, and school principal, has been nothing but welcoming and lovely, really going above and beyond to help set the day up for success. I feel the Lord's favour upon me and so grateful to be able to share the GOOD news of Jesus at this school.

On Saturday, I attended the prayer meeting at Woy Woy Anglican. A HUGE thank you to Jeff Long for organising this. I felt so encouraged meeting many people from various churches and hearing from them that they are praying for this ministry everyday really brought tears to my eyes. It was also fantastic hearing from the School Chaplain, Craig, about what the Lord has been doing in the two high schools. I'll let you all know when the next prayer meeting for School Ministry is... I may have promised FREE Brisket and egg rolls at the next one!! 😊

Please continue to pray for Brisbane Water College and for school ministry in this school, for continued favour and for spiritual growth in the SRE kids 🙏 Especially, pray for Craig the School Chaplain, who is doing an amazing job ministering to these kids, and my 'partner' in the gospel at this school.

Anna Davis

Free Workshop – Beaded Fabric Tassel, Wednesday 24th June:

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

You will receive a kit containing fabrics, beads and jewellery findings. It will take approximately 30 minutes to make your tassel. A hot drink and a tasty treat will be available for you to enjoy.

Ministry of Leftovers Workshop. Any questions, please contact Margaret on 0409 578 538

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, **available 7 days a week.**

Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:

Please send your Newsletter items & photos to: 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!

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) Jane Keuning (phone 0425 263 763) or Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)