



'Let there be light' Thanks, Jane, for this photo.

## Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### From The Pastor:

This Sunday we are taking part in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea after our 9.30am service.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a meaningful community event where we come together to share food, enjoy each other's company, and support an important cause. During this event, we are raising money for the Cancer Council to help fund vital cancer research, provide support services for those affected by cancer, and promote education and prevention programs. Every contribution made helps the Cancer Council to improve treatments, support patients and families, and ultimately work towards a future without cancer.

Please join us for a delicious morning tea and raise money for this important cause. Please bring a plate of something sweet or savoury to share. This can be dropped into the kitchen before the service. Alan Crutcher and Ian Makepeace 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/>

What makes a healthy church? As I said in last weeks edition of our newsletter, over the next few weeks in our 9.30am services we will be thinking about how we can continue to grow as a healthy church.

At 3.30pm on Sunday please join us for Coffee and Prayer. During this time, we continue to bring our family ministries before God and prayerfully seek his will, guidance and blessing.

Have an awesome week,  
Pastor David

### 9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 14<sup>th</sup> of June:

**Topic:** Vital Signs of a Healthy Church; **Bible Passage:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Greg, Elizabeth 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/xMGnoOO-nVM?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 to 5pm:

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hill Hall.

### Finance Update:

For the month of May we surpassed our tithes and offerings monthly budget by \$717. Thank you for your generous giving.

Please be aware, as at 9th June we are still \$14,000 short of our tithes and offerings 12month budget goal for this financial year.

Thank you to everyone who has given to our May Mission Partners Appeal. Since the beginning of May to the 9<sup>th</sup> June the congregation has given \$3,344.70 to support our missionary partners.

Regards Liz Edminson.

Treasurer

### Annual Reports: Now is the time to write your report:

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, plans and visions for the future, and/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

### New Morning Tea Roaster:

A new roster is being compiled for our Sunday after church morning tea fellowship time. We would appreciate some new people on the roster so if you are able to help with either set-up or clean-up approximately once a month (or less if more people can join us) please see Beth.

Beth Mobile: 0431 749 743.

Also, if you are aware of any dates, you will not be available, please let Beth know.

Thanks so much.

Beth

### Important Message about the Ministry of Leftovers:

Today we had a meeting with the company who are installing our disability lift. It's happening this year!

Because of the work that will be going on and the rearranging of the op-shop to accommodate the lift, we are NOT able to except any more donations for MOL, until at least the end of this year.

If you have donations please give them to YouthLife Op Shop in West Street, Umina, or phone 4341 7091.

### Men's Breakfast, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 if you can attend. Text 0411 012 125

## Thank you:

Ruth and John MacFarlane would like to thank the church family for their thoughtful care and prayers following her nasty fall and recent loss of her dearest sister. We have received many cards, phone calls and flowers which have been a comfort at this time.

Blessings to you all.  
Ruth and John MacFarlane

## Skills For Life Fundraiser, This Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of June:

**Last week!** Please contact Jean Lynch 0425 749 224

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, this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June Lunch: 12.00noon at Peter Dentons Australian Landscape Gallery, Somersby.

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

## Free Workshop – Beaded Fabric Tassel, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

## Tempo Terrific Band Concert, 27<sup>th</sup> June:

Ettalong Baptist Church is hosting Tempo Terrific Band again on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 2pm, to raise support for our Mission Partners both locally and overseas. Enjoy the music and a delicious afternoon tea.

The band will be playing music from movies, musicals, jazz and more!

**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.

## Save the date, Women's Retreat at Bethshan:

This year's Women's Retreat is 14 to 16 August, at Bethshan, Wyee.  
More details later. Speak to Margy Gilchrist for any enquiries, 0447431234.

## Save the date, Prayer and Worship – Combined Churches:

Coast Baptists annual prayer and worship night is Sunday 16 August 2026 at Green Point Baptist Church. 5.30 Dinner. 6.30 to 7.30pm Worship Service. Come along and enjoy dinner and community before we gather in prayer for the Coast and lift our voices in praise to God.

## Accommodation Still Needed Urgently:

Lemon, who often sings with our worship team, received a message from her head tenant, that the landlord has raised the rent, so the head tenant wants to increase Lemon's rent. Lemon will have to start paying extra rent from next week. Lemon thinks she will have to move. Is there anyone that can help Lemon with the legalities of this? **Does anyone know of any rooms available, close to Woy Woy station?**

## 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), **available 7 days a week.**

## 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)

## 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.

## 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!