



“Norah Head Lighthouse; A light on the hill, built on the rock!” Thank you Peter Denton

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 9th July 2026

“A light on the hill, built on the rock!” by Peter Denton:

The photo above is hanging in the Fellowship Hall and is well worth a look! It is on loan from Peter Denton’s gallery and Kariong Community Baptist Church. Peter has many awesome photographs in his gallery at 87 Kilkenny Rd, Somersby.

From the Pastor:

This week in our 9.30am service we again looking at how we can be a healthy church. We will be looking together at Paul’s opening words in 2 Thessalonians 1. In this passage Paul draws attention to the spiritual health of the Thessalonian church and the qualities that made it a model congregation. As Paul gives thanks for their growing faith, increasing love, and steadfast endurance under persecution, the passage invites us to examine whether those same marks are evident in Ettalong Baptist Church’s life and witness.

Blessings
David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 12th of July:

Topic: An Unstoppable Church, **Bible Passage:** 1 Thessalonians 1. During the message we will particularly focus on the first 5 verses.

There is no Kids Church this week, but instead David will be telling a very exciting story about a church of ducks, led by Pastor Webster, the Preacher Duck.

There will be some awesome activity sheets based on the story for you to complete during the service or at home if you prefer.

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/C-VPQVkz0Yo?feature=share>

Family Picnic; Next Sunday 19th July 11.30am @ Lion’s Park, Woy Woy:

Join us for a casual picnic lunch from 11.30am onwards. Catch up and get to know other church families. BYO everything (food, drinks, chairs, picnic rugs fishing rods etc). BBQ's are available in the park to use. There are also limited tables and chairs, but being the end of the holidays, it may be busy, so bring your own chairs or a picnic blanket to sit on.

All welcome. Please pray for a beautiful day.

3 Weeks until the Annual Reports Are Due:

Every year we compile a booklet of Annual Reports for all our church ministries.

These reports are DUE BEFORE THE END OF JULY! Email your report to Winda: angklungrus@gmail.com

Ministry leaders, church leaders and coordinators, 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.

Alpha:

Alpha is an excellent introduction to the Christian Faith. We will be starting Alpha in Semester 2 on Sunday afternoons from 4pm to 6pm.

Are you interested in helping with Alpha? Please see Pastor David now.

- We need child minders, caterers, and group helpers
- Most of all we need people to be praying. Please consider joining our Alpha prayer team. You can pray at home and will be given a list of things to pray for each week.

Are you interested in joining Alpha as a participant. An invitation sheet will be available in the next week with all the planned dates.

Please see David by email or phone 0448 431 234



EBC Spring Fair:

It's just under 2 months till our Spring Fair. This major event is when we raise most of our funds to raise financial support for our 9 missionary partners.

Heather Crawford, our Fair coordinator, would like to ask:

- Please place your name on the volunteer board in the Fellowship Hall (Downstairs Hall). Talk to Heather for clarification of what needs to be done.
- Is there was anyone with some basic machine sewing skills who could help out with some sewing of small quick and easy items to sell on the Craft Stall? Heather has all the supplies needed. Please see Heather, if you can help in this way.
- Small Ice Cream containers are needed for our home made ice-cream stall. Please give them to Heather or leave them in the church kitchen.

Thankyou. Heather Crawford ph. 0419 297 496

Plants for Spring Fair:

Spring Fair small pots needed urgently please July 12th.

Our green-fingered professional Horticulturist friend and her Agronomist husband are happily potting up lots of cuttings including his high protein Wing Beans, for the EBC Spring Fair, so lots of small plastic garden pots are needed. If you have any please bring them to church this Sunday July 12th so that I can pass them on before we go away next week. We need the pots ASAP PLEASE so that the plants are well rooted and established by 6th September. Thanks, Meg

Ancestral Country Heritage Flags:

Is your flag included in our auditorium display?

Were you, your parent or grandparent born in another country?

If you are unsure, please check with me, either after Sunday morning service or by phone. I intend to order flags early next week.

Geoff ph.0405 020 649

Register now - Women's Retreat at Bethshan Wyee August 14 - 16:

This year's Women's Retreat is 14 to 16 August, at Bethshan, Wyee.

The Women's Retreat registration forms are available on the information table in the church foyer.

More details later. Speak to Margy Gilchrist for any enquiries, 0447431234.

Ecclesiastes: A Dramatic Encounter:

	<p>Ecclesiastes A dramatic encounter All is vanity</p> <p>2pm Saturday 22 August 2026 Lutheran Church 8 Jumbuck Cres, Woy Woy</p> <p>Tickets \$5 payable at the door</p> <p>RSVP to Gerda - gerdaforster@iinet.net.au or Angela - angelafoley1973@outlook.com 0419361448</p>
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<p>Ecclesiastes A dramatic encounter</p> <p>"Ecclesiastes - 'All is Vanity' is performed by Neil Modra, a graduate of NIDA (Australia's National Institute of Dramatic Art). If your not familiar with the book of Ecclesiastes it is suggested to read it prior to enjoying the production."</p>
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Funds raised will be given to support Youth Life (REM).

St Dal four Jars Needed for Margy's Homemade Lemon Butter:

Margy's lemon butter has proved to be extremely popular and she has almost run out of jars. If you have bought lemon butter from Margy before, and you still have the jar, could you please return it. Alternatively, could you eat lots of St Dalfour's Fruit Preserve, available at Coles and Woolworths, and give the empty jars to Margy please.

Each batch of lemon butter raises \$40 that goes into our church funds. Thank you. Margy

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 is in recess for the holidays.
- **Tuesday Zoom Prayer group.** This is in recess for the holidays.
- **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.**

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)

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/>

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!





COAST BAPTISTS

PRAYER & WORSHIP

COMBINED CHURCHES NIGHT

Our annual prayer and worship night with all the Baptist churches on the Central Coast. Come along and enjoy dinner and community before we gather in prayer for the Coast and lift our voices in praise to God.

16 | AUGUST 2026
GREEN POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

SCAN HERE
TO RSVP



5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm - 7:30pm Worship Service

Address:
386 Avoca Drive, Green Point
Green Point Christian College MPC

A FREE EVENT

