



'Our' resident Kookaburra directing people to EBC. Thanks Janine, for the photo.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 1st October 2026

9.30am Sunday Morning Communion Service, 4th of October:

Topic: "Thinking About The Lord's Challenges"

Bible Passage: Malachi 3:16-18

'Kid's Church' will not be on this Sunday due to school holidays.

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/vuOu2-9GtY8?feature=share>

Pastor's Annual Leave:

For emergencies, please contact the church office and they will refer you to someone who can help you.

Thank you to Greg Beckenham who will be preaching for the two Sundays Pastor David is absent.

Ettalong Baptist Church Database:

We are using a new database system that is going to assist with all our record keeping

To get this new system started we need current information, please send your name, address, email address and phone numbers to office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au, or bring it to our office during office hours Mon – Fri, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Thank you to those who have already done this.

Many thanks. EBC Office Staff.

Young Mums Connect Group - 10.30am Tuesdays in Hill Hall:

Ettalong Baptist has started 'A young mums Connect group'. Bring the kids, enjoy a relaxed coffee or tea in Hill Hall here at EBC. Let the kids play while you learn about some of the vital faith passages in Scripture in a relaxed environment.

If you are interested in joining us, please chat with Heather. Phone: 0419 297 496

Ladies In Fellowship Together Lunch. Tomorrow Friday 2nd October:

When? Tomorrow, Friday, 2nd October at 12.30pm

Where? at 'Diggers' Ettalong

All ladies are invited to join us, and we look forward to sharing in fellowship with you.

For info, Marion Edwards 0401 344 814

Mens Breakfast:

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be held **Saturday 17th October 2026** at 8am, at BBF Cafe (Woy Woy). Regards Ian Makepeace.

Church Family Picnic:

Our next Church Family Picnic will be held at the Lions Park Woy Woy on Sunday 25th October, after the 9.30am service. There will be activities for the children.

There is a sign on notice board in the Fellowship Hall.

Please get in touch with Heather if you are able to assist. Phone: 0419 297 496

Save the dates - Christmas Events:

Gingerbread Man Decorating Day 5th December @ 2.30 - 4pm



- **HELP! Gingerbread Men are running rampant again! We've caught them but need your help getting them to the children so they can decorate them.**

Gingerbread Man Decorating day is Saturday 5th Dec at 2.30-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Gingerbread men kits are \$18 each and have to be booked by 13th November, gluten free orders to be in by 30th October.

For more information grab a flyer and contact **Joy** for bookings on **0417 443 372**.

- **Save The Date for our Nativity Service & Christmas Market Saturday 12th of December are our Nativity Service and Christmas Markets.**

All money raised at our Christmas Markets will be given to the Ford family in Ukraine.

Please sign up to help by writing your name on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Carols In the Stadium**

Saturday 19th December 2026. Tickets are \$10 for single tickets and \$25 for a family ticket (which admits up to 6 people: 2 adults and 4 juniors). Children under two are free. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek NOW.

Ministry of Leftover Announcement:

MOL will be closed Monday 5th October as it's a long weekend.

Free Tempo Terrific Concert @ Diggers Club: 7th November @ 1.30pm:

This is a free concert, but it is ticketed, so go to Ettalong Diggers to get your ticket!

EBC Lost Property Box:

Our lost property box is FULL! If you have lost anything, please come to the office and look in the box.

Office Hours are Monday – Friday 9am – 12.30pm.

Reminder, Daylight Saving starts this Sunday 4th October:



Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

Can We PRAY For You? Available 7 days a week.

Please send your Prayer requests or Praise Points to ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child 2026:

Filled Operation Christmas Child boxes are still available for those who would rather not fill one themselves at \$35 each. Unfilled boxes can be purchased from the church office or from the display in the foyer for \$1. Pick up a flyer too as it has all the information you will need for what to include and what not to include, how to pay for shipping and the label to attach to each box.

This is a fun way to bless children around the world with school supplies, hygiene products, clothing, toys and the opportunity to hear the gospel of God's love. The 2026 collection time is 12th-26th October.

For further info, contact Beth – 0431 749 743.



Thank you from Gosford Hospital:

Diane Nagle has been asked by the staff at Gosford Hospital to thank everyone that have donated toiletries for the patients who have come in unexpectedly, they are truly grateful to receive these items.

Please keep them coming!

There is a basket for toiletry donations on the table in the church foyer, under the notice board.

Thank you

Diane Nagle.

Skills For Life Events:

OCT 27 - 11.00am -Broken Bay Pearl Farm visit, Mooney Mooney: Learn the secrets of the Akoya pearl cultivation from seeding through to pearl harvest - 1 hour \$46 / adult; \$40 / concessions

[Please indicate as soon as possible if you are able to join us, as we need to book the tour](#)

NOV - Saturday 21st: Hatters Tea House, Ettalong - Devonshire Tea: 10.30am \$13.50pp

DEC - date to be confirmed - Ettalong Diggers Bistro Secret Santa lunch

To RSVP and for more information please contact: Jean Lynch 0425 749 224 or Diane Harris 0412 291 065

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

We encourage you to use Direct Deposit for giving, but you may also give using cash or cheque by placing your offering in the box at the main entrance door to the 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)

Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:

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

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