



# COMMUNITY NEWS

3rd May

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CBC?

### HOPESTREET

Another successful HopeStreet Breakfast ministry was held last Sunday. Thank you to all who provided food for the HopeStreet pantry. A big thank you to Ashley, the manager at the new Woolworths Woollooware Bay, who kindly donated so much food. I just managed to fit everything into my station wagon. The HopeStreet team were so grateful to receive it as their pantry was almost bare.

This month we were faced with an extra challenge. On Tuesday I received a call from Glenbrook Baptist who normally partner with us and provide more than half the sandwiches. The team that normally attend were very ill after a cruise and their backups were on vacation in NZ. This meant we needed to prepare over 150 sandwiches ourselves. I reached out to Neil's small group (of which I belong) with a call for help. On Saturday afternoon we not only had most of the Fellas we also had the help of their wives. Within an hour we had the sandwiches made, packed and into the fridge. It really showed the mateship and spirit that the small groups deliver. Thank you all. Our next breakfast service is Sunday May the 26<sup>th</sup>. Richard Outten



## OUR SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING



Last Sunday over 100 members met to vote on the Lead Pastor recommendation of Ian Altman. We are grateful to the Search committee for leading us through a special time of reflecting on God's faithfulness to us in the journey we have been on these last 15 months. We appreciate the time and effort of all those who have been part of the pastoral search process. We look forward to this next season as Ian and his wife Carolyn join with us. Pray for the Altmans as they conclude their current employment, have a break and prepare to start at CBC early July.

## OUR MONTHLY BARBECUE

Thanks for the flexibility and efficiency of our Barbecue team last Sunday as we were able to grab a quick sausage roll with chips and attend the business meeting. Over 60 meals were served and \$693 was received supporting our food ministry. Earlier in the week 30 food boxes were packed and distributed to local families in need.

## MAY MISSION MONTH

This coming Sunday we begin our focus on Mission. Over the month we will hear from our various Mission partners. We are aiming to raise \$120,000 as we support financially and prayerfully our local and overseas mission initiatives. Giving can be done via the website using the Give tab or in the offering box on the Pathways desk. Label your envelope for mission.

Preaching Series: Mending

AM & PM Service: Renewing Galatians 5:16-17, 22-26 Speaker: Pastor Ken

During the service we will be updated on Asia's Hope and the LIGHTHOUSE Cambodia.



## INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

We invite you to add your voice and signature to a petition against OSEC (Online Sexual exploitation of Children) that's headed to the Australian Government. This would be a great way to partner with IJM's work and speak up for the voiceless on the most despicable of crimes. Visit <https://ijm.org.au> and sign the petition to help stand against the sexual exploitation of children on the world's major tech platforms.

**THE ALPHA COURSE** Alpha commences this Monday night 6th May at 7:30am at CBC. Pray for Michael Ditchett as he leads the course and for those who have indicated their interest to attend. The course runs for several weeks.

## CBC Men

**THE MEN'S RETREAT** is coming up at the end of the month on 31st May till 2nd June. Held at Wedderburn Conference Centre. Register on the sheet in the foyer following the services. There is opportunity for those who can't make the entire weekend to attend on just the Saturday, \$60 for the day. For information speak with Ed Ramirez or Don Murphy. Use the QR code to register and for more details. Registration closes 6th May.



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*Ebc Ladies*

**LADIES**, join us for morning tea on Monday 20th May at Hazelhurst Cafe, 782 Kingsway Gympie 10am -11.30am. A great menu - order and pay individually. Bring a friend, ask a neighbour and get to know other ladies

from CBC. Please complete the SIGN UP SHEET in the foyer or contact Beverley 0414 954 487 or Penny Miller 0413 599 678. Bookings close Thursday 16 May.



## CREATING SAFE SPACES THIS SUNDAY 5th MAY AT CBC

### THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL WHO NEED TO BE INDUCTED AS CHILD RELATED WORKERS

TIME/LOCATION: 12-3pm / CBC Auditorium

For those who have registered, don't forget to complete the online section of the course prior to Sunday.

## A CURE FOR THE HURRY SICKNESS

A few Sundays back, Pastor Ken challenged that many of us are exhausted and overwhelmed by our hectic pace. Why do we do that to ourselves? Perhaps it is related to our lack of clarity on the purpose that God has created us for. We struggle to say NO to distractions, comparisons, the never-enough syndrome and worldly success.

**Join Omar Djoeandy for an ONLINE workshop on Discerning God's Purpose or Mission.**

Saturdays 4, 11, and 18 May 3 to 4.30 PM

- Discover blind spots and barriers to our discerning.
- Explore a process that seeks to be Biblical, holistic, and interdependent.
- Exercise our God-given capacity to choose.

Contact [omar.djoeandy@sim.org.au](mailto:omar.djoeandy@sim.org.au)

## A RESEARCH STUDY BY ONE OF OUR PM SERVICE MEMBERS Claire Bryan Ellis

Conducted through Wollongong University

TITLE: "Christian perspectives on statements about God, family, partners and friends"

PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH:

You are invited to participate in this study being conducted by Claire Bryan-Ellis as part of a Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) project. The purpose of the research is to explore how individuals with a Christian religious affiliation perceive various statements about God, family, partners and friends. Your participation may help inform future research into the development of sensitive and appropriate therapeutic tools for religious clients.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please click on the following link to provide consent and complete the questionnaire: [https://uow.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0fAEzDb3qmO2vv8](https://uow.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0fAEzDb3qmO2vv8) Your data is important to us, so we encourage you to take the task seriously.

Further information can be found in the foyer pamphlet stand.

## CBC PRAYER LINK

Our prayer link is active with its members supporting those who are currently facing serious challenges. Lyn Street is the coordinator. If you have a crisis prayer need that concerns someone in our CBC community or close to them, please text Lyn 0422 706 530 or email [prayer@ecbc.org.au](mailto:prayer@ecbc.org.au) and Lyn will send out the request by text message to the group members. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Network, please contact the CBC office..

## GRANNY FLAT AVAILABLE

A granny flat in Engadine is available to rent. For further information speak to Catherine 0406 903 217

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