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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
narrabri



annual general
meeting
NOVEMBER 3RD 2024



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NARRABRI INC.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for 2024 will be held on Sunday November 3rd 2024

The agenda will be as follows:

Welcome

Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Pastor's Report

Financial Report

Betty's Place Report

Storehouse Report

Election of Leadership Team, Safety Technician and SRE Co-ordinator

General Business.

Close



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 5/11/2023

Meeting commenced at 11.50 am

Present: Keith, Margaret, Tim Bates, David & Margaret Baxter, Tania Baxter, Grant, Rozina Mison, Kerry Nipperess, Sandra, Jasmine, Rose, Danielle Weekes, Brad, Leanne, Taylah Cork, Luke Longworth, Troy and Amber, Heath & Evelyn Cooper, Mick & Kellie Cooper, Ben Ballengary, Daren & Debbie Baxter, Dana Shepley (visitor)

Apologies: John & Janey Duncombe, Simon & Grace Bolton

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted with the following amendments:

Janey was removed from the "Present" list, Tania Baxter was only present once.

Moved Kerry, Seconded Troy

Pastor's Report was presented. Moved Keith Bates, seconded Troy. Carried

Financial Report was passed. Moved Keith Bates seconded Grant. Carried

Storehouse Report Moved Keith, seconded Grant. Carried

Election of Leadership Team moved and carried that the Leadership Team be Keith & Margaret Bates, Grant Mison, Simon Bolton. Elected by acclamation.

Election of Safety Technician- David Baxter & Tim Bates to share the role

Election of SRE Co-ordinator. Margaret Baxter was elected by acclamation

Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to Sections 2.2, 6.1, 25.1, 25.5 as detailed in the reports book were presented by Keith. These amendments are necessary to reflect our core values as well as to ensure that the processes for resolving disputes are clear. Moved Kerry, Seconded Grant. Count of members voting was 13 in favour 0 against. Carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.59 am

PASTOR'S REPORT

The last 12 months have been full of turmoil, to say the least.

At the personal level, my parents had some major health scares which saw me making several trips to Canberra and Batemans Bay. I am thankful that they are both in more stable health, but they are at an age where things happen unexpectedly.

Last year I mentioned the departure of several people who had been very special to us, and important members of our Worship Team. In April we were hit again with the decision of the Cork family to leave us. That has left us with just two regular Worship Leaders- Greg and Kerry. I really value their commitment to leading worship every second week.

On the positive side, it has been really exciting to see Jesse Weeks step up to play keyboard regularly. He seems to grow in ability and confidence almost every week. We should also mention Luke and Darren who play guitar almost every week. Rose and Danielle are also taking steps towards singing, so we have quite a team emerging.



The last couple of months it has been great to welcome Helen Smart and Anthony Bootes into our fellowship. Both of these people have come through a time of extended prayer and consideration, knowing that this is where they belong. It has also been a great joy to have Abhilash and Feba in our congregation. They are both very quiet people but they are here in the middle of everything that goes

on, and introducing us to some very tasty Indian food.

Cell groups have always been central to what we do at New Life. People often mention the strong sense of community that we enjoy, where people genuinely care for one another. Cell groups are a big part of that.

I am currently leading the Saturday group, and I am enjoying these times of fellowship immensely. Over the last 6 months, we have all grown more comfortable with one another and have some deep sharing at times.



Margaret and I share the leadership of an online cell Group on Sunday evening. We started this group for people whom we know that live beyond Narrabri and who can't get themselves into a local church. Now that Anthony has moved to Narrabri, it is more of a hybrid group with 3 of us in the office and one or two others online.



The visit of Ada Boland in July was a great time of awakening in people's hearts the desire and ability to tune into the Holy Spirit and hear Him. We will have occasional cell group times for these so-called "Activations", so that we can build on that weekend.

I want to thank all of you for the support and encouragement that you give to Margaret and me. Some of this comes from just being here with enduring friendship. Sometimes it is a phone call or text message. Despite the occasional set back. I love what we are doing together in building a new thing, a rich community of faith.

Finally, I want to thank the Leadership Team who really stepped up when we encountered an intractable pastoral issue at the beginning of the year. I know that they spent hours in prayer, meetings and study in their endeavours to resolve the issue. A big thank you to Simon, Troy and Grant, whose wisdom and actions literally saved the church from a potential disaster.

New Life Christian Fellowship Narrabri Inc.

Annual Financial Report

01/07/2023 - 30/06/2024

Income

Betty's Place Income	
Betty's Place Donations	\$ 600.00
Betty's Place Income - TOTAL	\$ 600.00
Cell Ministry Donation	\$ 72.00
Conference Income	\$ 1,670.00
Emergency Fund Donations	\$ 1,150.00
Fund-Raising Income	
Betty's Place	\$ 190.35
Fund-Raising Income - TOTAL	\$ 190.35
Interest	\$ 1,013.15
Offerings	\$ 2,606.00
Schools Ministry Income	\$ 6,854.70
Special Offerings	
Allowah Children's Hospital	\$ 535.20
MAF	\$ 268.00
School Students	\$ 1,700.00
Special Offerings-Other	\$ 271.00
Special Offerings - TOTAL	\$ 2,774.20
Storehouse- Income	\$ 20,066.41
Tithes Received	\$ 260,770.98
Income - TOTAL	\$ 297,767.79

Expenses

	\$ 18.00
Accommodation	\$ 1,304.54
Advertising	\$ 908.41
Bank Charge	\$ 240.35
Betty's Place Expenses	\$ 6,448.23
Books	\$ 11.98
Building Expenses	\$ 5,252.86
Cell Ministry	\$ 107.70
Charity	\$ 44.50
Childrens Ministry	\$ 40.54
Council Rates	\$ 8,015.64
Donations	\$ 3,804.20
Hospitality	\$ 960.60
House Expenses- No 6	

Mortgage Interest	\$ 7,264.72
House Expenses- No 6 - TOTAL	\$ 7,264.72
Imported Transactions	\$ 608.12
Incorporation	\$ 229.00
Insurance	\$ 6,056.62
Leadership Team	\$ 178.22
Ministry	
Medical Benefit	\$ 6,225.00
Subscriptions	\$ 486.36
Superannuation	\$ 6,754.37
Ministry-Other	\$ 262.43
Ministry - TOTAL	\$ 13,728.16
Miscellaneous	\$ 245.91
Motor Vehicles	
Fuel	\$ 3,146.25
Registration & Insurance	\$ 4,458.17
Service	\$ 812.29
Motor Vehicles-Other	\$ 182.41
Motor Vehicles - TOTAL	\$ 8,599.12
Music	\$ 842.64
Office	\$ 1,066.36
Overseas Missions	\$ 1,778.00
Pastors Benefit	\$ 13,000.00
Payroll- Gross	\$ 53,551.44
Schools Ministry Worker	\$ 6,341.50
Sound Equipment	\$ 72.77
Storehouse- Outgoing	\$ 11,634.90
Subscriptions	\$ 127.28
Telephone	
Landline & Internet	\$ 1,363.67
Mobile	\$ 312.79
Telephone-Other	\$ 65.83
Telephone - TOTAL	\$ 1,742.29
Tithe	\$ 28,750.00
Utilities	
Electricity	\$ 3,557.50
Gas	\$ 600.60
Water	\$ 1,193.52
Utilities - TOTAL	\$ 5,351.62
Worship	\$ 301.54
Expenses - TOTAL	\$ 188,627.76
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ 109,140.03

Account Balances

As of: 30/06/2024

Bank Accounts

<u>Emergency Assistance Account</u>	\$ 969.19
<u>New Life Ministries S1</u>	\$ 2,618.02
<u>S1.1 Storehouse</u>	\$ 3,071.40
<u>S12 Storehouse Savings</u>	\$ 4,755.86
<u>S12.1 Building Fund</u>	\$ 64,161.89
<u>S2- Fund-Raising</u>	\$ 190.35
<u>S2.1 House Fund</u>	\$ 20.21
<u>Storehouse Term Deposit</u>	\$ 14,906.93
Bank Accounts - Total	\$ 90,693.85

Credit Cards

<u>ANZ Visa</u>	\$ -6,495.76
Credit Cards - Total	\$ -6,495.76

Assets

<u>Assets</u>	\$ 345,521.31
Assets - Total	\$ 345,521.31

Liabilities

<u>Accounts Payable</u>	\$ -717.30
<u>Amaysim</u>	\$ -36.12
<u>Exetel</u>	\$ -95.00
<u>McKechnie Brothers</u>	\$ -42.85
<u>NRMA</u>	\$ -387.00
<u>Red Energy</u>	\$ -273.06
<u>Accounts Payable - Total</u>	<u>\$ -1,551.33</u>
<u>Benefit Fund</u>	\$ -967.68
<u>GST</u>	\$ 943.09
<u>K & M Bates Mortgage</u>	\$ -97,894.29
<u>Payroll- PAYE</u>	\$ 0.00
<u>Tax- Grant Mison</u>	\$ -52.00
<u>Tax- Keith Bates</u>	\$ -462.00
<u>Tax- Margaret Bates</u>	\$ -462.00
<u>Payroll- PAYE - Total</u>	<u>\$ -976.00</u>
<u>Schools Ministry</u>	\$ -220.00
Liabilities - Total	\$ -100,666.21
Total	\$ 329,053.19

Financial Review of New Life Christian Fellowship Narrabri Incorporated

01/07/2023 – 30/06/2024

To whom it may concern,

New Life Christian Fellowship Narrabri Incorporated's total revenue for the year is less than \$500,000 and is considered a small charity organisation. As such no financial review is required to be undertaken according to the Australian Charities & Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). ¹

Even though a review is not required, I was asked to conduct an independent review of the financial accounts for the financial period 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024.

Records checked:

The income and expenditure reviewed appeared to be recorded correctly and substantiated with supporting documentation.

Recommendations:

If/when New Life Christian Fellowship Incorporated has an annual revenue exceeding \$500,000 (or is no longer a 'small' charity according to the current ACNC rules), an independent audit review by a registered Accountant would be recommended to ensure continued compliance is met.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ <https://www.acnc.gov.au/tools/topic-guides/charity-size>



Betty's Place has been established as a place where women can come to talk about pregnancy, especially unplanned or unexpected pregnancy.

Each Wednesday, Margaret Bates and Kaylene McClenaghan meet and pray as well as being on hand to receive any potential clients. There is also a phone number (0493022640), a web site and a Facebook page for people to reach out to.

They have made some good contacts with some of the health agencies around town, especially the ones who support indigenous women.

There have been a couple of really good experiences over the course of the year.

One young lady was pregnant and asked if we could help with adopting the baby out. She was definitely not in favour of aborting the baby. We made enquiries about procedures for adoption. She hadn't talked to her mother about her pregnancy so we suggested she do that. Her mother happily took on the baby when it was born a week later.



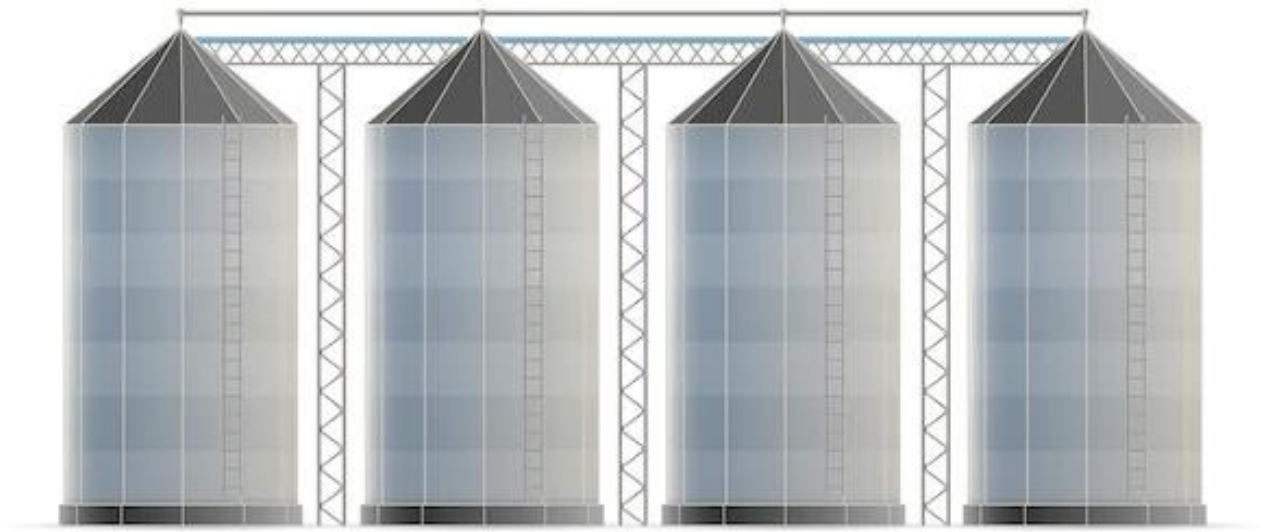
Recently we have made contact with a woman who already has children, one of them with a chronic health condition. The partner demanded that she abort the baby but she refused. She has recently had the baby. We have offered a pram and other baby stuff to her. We hope to make contact soon, but she leads a very complicated life.

At the moment Betty's Place is also serving as a temporary (more or less) accommodation for Anthony and for Matt Cochrane when he is here to do plumbing and other work. That is providing us with ideas about how to help

men who are hurting over broken relationships and the inability to connect with their children.

Betty's Place is going to be a wide ranging source of hope to many people in the years to come.





STOREHOUSE REPORT

The Storehouse commenced in January 2023. The idea is to collect money from our members, distributing half of it to external mission groups and saving half of it to invest at higher returns. We hope that over the course of a few decades we will amass a sizeable fund that might be used for some useful goodly purpose.

The Storehouse was originally set up as a separate incorporated association, Narrabri Mission Support Group Inc. However, recent changes to taxation and charities laws meant that we could possibly be denied tax exemption and be liable for company tax on our surpluses. The Storehouse is now included in the New Life accounts.

In the past twelve months, we have been happy to send good donations to Schools Ministry, Shared Table, Tent of Promise and Lifequip.

As of June 30th 2024, the Storehouse had a total of \$22734.19 in the bank, including \$14,906.93 in a Term Deposit. We will be looking at higher return investment funds when that term deposit expires.

A Dream For New Life

I see a church in Narrabri where people in their hundreds come to find water in the desert of their lives. The presence of God refreshes their spirits and the love of God's people brings hope to refresh their hearts.

I see a church in Narrabri that gathers weekly in homes and other places around the town and beyond. I see a church with a hundred cells meeting each day as lighthouses, shining Jesus' love in each street and neighbourhood. Our cell groups will be places of friendship, encouragement, evangelism and growth in our knowledge of God.

I see a church in Narrabri that brings together the diversity of cell groups and shows each person that they belong to something bigger. Each week we will celebrate what God is doing in our community. We will worship together and we will learn together.

I see a church in Narrabri where God's presence is experienced in every meeting, whether a cell group or a Sunday celebration. When we meet we will pursue the power and grace of the Holy Spirit and allow Jesus to transform us. As He changes us, we will find grace to take Him to our friends and neighbours. Encounters with the living God will ripple out across the Shire of Narrabri as we live in God's presence every day.

I see a church in Narrabri where anyone can become all they were created to be. We have been called to restore those who are broken, to walk with those who are lonely, to heal those who are wounded, to accept those who are rejected. We will be a community where every person has a chance to receive the healing grace of Jesus. We will be a community where every believer has the chance to be a pipeline for the healing grace of Jesus. We recognise that a true community finds ways of practical, emotional and spiritual support for its members as they are lifted from brokenness.

I see a church in Narrabri that sends evangelists, pastors, teachers and missionaries. We will equip those who belong to the church to go beyond the church. We will send them out to take God's grace to the region, the nation, the world.

I see a church in Narrabri that makes it easy to belong, to be healed, to believe, and to grow.

By the grace of God, New Life will be that church.

