

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NARRABRI



ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
NOVEMBER 1ST 2020



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NARRABRI INC.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for 2020 will be held on Sunday November 1st 2020

The agenda will be as follows:

Welcome

Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Pastor's Report

Financial Report

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

General Business.

Close



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 3/11/19

Meeting commenced at 11.32 am

Present:, Keith, Margaret Tim, Josh Bates, David & Margaret Baxter, Tania Baxter, Darren, Debbie, Joel & Jordan Baxter, Simon, James Bolton, Siobhan, Rolland, Grant Halbrow, Gus Halbrow, Grant, Rozina & Alex Mison, Roanya, May & Aniesha Krishna, Kerry Nipperess, Sandra, Jasmine, Rose & Danielle Weeks, Luke Longworth, Jill, Mabel, James & Susannah Tolson. Greg & Susan Nash, Troy & Heath Cooper

Apologies: Bethany Mison, Peter, Kate, Hugh & Millie Fenwick, John & Janey Duncombe

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted

Moved Kerry, Seconded Josh

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

Financial Report was passed. Moved Keith Bates seconded Kerry Nipperess

Keith thanked Kerry for auditing the books.

Budget for 2018/19 was presented. Kerry said "We need more money!"

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

Election of Safety Technician-. David Baxter was re-elected by acclamation

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

General Business

Margaret Bates said that David Baxter does an amazing amount of work, and that he and Tim have done a great job on the No. 6 house.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.42 am

PASTOR'S REPORT

I finished last year's reports with these words: "I am looking forward to whatever God has in store for us in 2020." Famous last words indeed! Regardless of all that has happened in 2020 we know that God was not taken by surprise by any of it.

At the end of last year I felt that God was saying that this year would be a year of transition. I did not realise that in some senses it was a word for the whole world and not just our little church in Narrabri.



Last year ended with the drought in full swing with little sign of relief, but that changed with the heavy rain at the end of January and into February. As I write this, farmers all over the region are preparing for a great harvest of winter crops.

The end of last year saw me undergoing some serious health challenges for the first time in my life. I remember sitting like the old uncle on the edge of our family Christmas celebrations too weak to get excited about anything. By that stage, the doctors had determined I had an overactive thyroid which was removed in January. My recovery from that was delayed by severe allergic reactions to some unknown factor.



Also early in the year we lost the Tolsons and the Nashes who moved to Toowoomba. It was a great shock to lose these families who have been a part of New Life from the beginning.

Then there was Covid, which has been the defining event for the whole world in 2020. Whole industries have come crashing down and economies have been restructured. As the world has been numbed by the events of this year, we know that God is still in control and is using this disease to turn people to Him.

Because of Government regulations, we had to shut down our Sunday worship services for two months from April 5th to May 31st inclusive (Palm

Sunday to Pentecost). We discovered the world of Hangouts, Zoom and other technological ways of meeting. Cell groups were able to meet for much of this time, with technology helping us through the worst of it.

What did I learn from the shutdown? Technology, no matter how good, is a poor substitute for being together in person. Also God is bigger than a virus and bigger than any Government restriction on worship.

So now we are meeting as normal with a few changes to our practices. We use prepackaged food for morning tea, spread out our seating, encourage hand washing, and modify our Communion practice.



We have not had Messy Church this year nor Family Camp, and I think these have been a big loss in the way that we experience community together. I hope that it will not be too long before we can “safely” do Messy Church and I hope we might do Family Camp early next year.

After taking a bit of a battering earlier in the year, I think Cell Groups are coming back. I have handed on leadership of the Wednesday group to Grant and started a new Family Cell group that meets on Saturday afternoons. That has been a learning curve! For anyone serious about following Jesus, cell groups are the best way of growing in spiritual maturity. It's not just about getting the inspiring messages on a Sunday morning, but about sharing our lives together, learning to pray for one another and applying the gospel to daily life.

Another factor brought in as a result of Covid is that we have not had the opportunity to have visiting speakers or go to conferences in the way we normally would. This can result in a feeling of isolation from the world wide church. I hope this changes next year! I have participated in a few online interactive seminars and webinars and really they are just not the same.

So let's pray that 2021 is different to 2020 in a good way. Regardless of what happens now or in the future, the key is to remember that God is in control and to find our hope in Him.

NEW LIFE FUTURES

Last year, I shared with you the dream that I have for this church. This dream has been carefully developed over a period of several months in 2019. We worked hard to develop a statement that incorporated the values and the prophetic words that form the DNA of the church.

- Cell church- we are a church made up of small groups, not a church that has them as an “extra.”
- Experiential faith- we want to experience God as reality not as theory, the Holy Spirit encountering us in worship and equipping us for mission.
- Apostolic- we will remain in relationship with apostolic leaders, receiving grace for community through the spirit of sonship.
- Inclusive- everyone is welcome regardless of social status, education or work.
- Christian unity- respecting, loving and working with other congregations to demonstrate the love of Christ in our town.
- Practical care for one another

This long term vision has to be chunked down to shorter term goals of three years and then annual.

The disruption brought by Covid may have slowed down any momentum we may have had, but I have achieved one of my goals in 2020 which is to emphasise the work of the Holy Spirit and to teach about the spirit realm more generally. It hasn't just been about sermons, though, as these topics have been followed up through cell groups.

We have also taken a step forward in the long term goal by moving Prayer Weekends to a 6 weekly basis, which is a step forward to moving to monthly Prayer Weekends.

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.

WHERE WE ARE	WHERE WE ARE HEADED (3 Year Vision)	HOW WE GET THERE
People find us on the internet	Maintain web, social media presence	A volunteer social media curator
30-40 on Sunday	80 people	Evangelism, witnessing
5 Cell Groups	10 cell groups	Cell evangelism
Comfortable with spiritual gifts	Greater transforming encounters	Training/ activation of gifts Training for worship leaders
Multi-purpose building	Remove present building constraints Use of No. 6	Complete renovations Demolish present office and old office
High School Presence	More growth Chips and chat move to hall	Ongoing financial, prayer, pastoral support for ministry
SRE	Still going, but dependent on Ed. Dept. policies	Continue developing teachers, compliant policies
Apostolic	Continue relating to John Alley	Ministry exposure trips domestic and international
Overseas church relationships	Continue to look at ways to support	Develop relationships
Prayer weekend	Maybe go monthly	Continuing teaching on prayer
Couches	As we grow we need to maintain homely feeling	Furnish with this in mind
Not good at following up people who leave	Every person who leaves the church will be followed up	Develop a process of follow up
Generosity	Develop culture of self-sacrifice. Provision for needy people here and overseas	Empower people for even greater generosity About painting a picture, giving vision

Four Keys To Future Growth

1. Greater emphasis on relating to the Holy Spirit- individually and corporately.
2. Practical training in cell evangelism, personal witnessing
3. Schools Ministry (SRE & High School)
4. Follow up of former members



New Life Christian Fellowship Narrabri, Incorporated

Income and Expenses

01/07/2019 - 30/06/2020

Income	
Bookshop Sales	\$ 226.88
Cell Ministry Donation	\$ 30.00
Children Ministry Donations	\$ 246.80
Conference Income	\$ 100.00
Fund-Raising Income	
Pram Sales	\$ 1,105.00
Fund-Raising Income - TOTAL	\$ 1,105.00
Interest	\$ -45.10
Offerings	\$ 5,820.85
Other Income	\$ 10,000.00
Rental House Income	
Rental House Donations	\$ 950.00
Rental House Income - TOTAL	\$ 950.00
Schools Ministry Income	\$ 5,370.00
Special Offerings	
India Appeals	\$ 5,150.00
Special Offerings - TOTAL	\$ 5,150.00
Tithes Received	\$ 93,672.60
Income - TOTAL	\$ 122,627.03
Expenses	
Accommodation	\$ 190.91
Advertising	\$ 272.72
Bank Charge	\$ 229.61
Bookshop Expenses	\$ 68.18
Building Expenses	\$ 30,675.85
Cell Ministry	\$ 45.23
Childrens Ministry	\$ 1,066.24
Conferences	\$ 168.71
Council Rates	\$ 5,611.18
Donations	\$ 5,420.00
Fund-Raisng Expenses	
Prams	\$ 81.55

Fund-Raising Expenses - TOTAL	\$ 81.55
Hospitality	\$ 166.13
House Expenses- No 6	
Maintenance	\$ 6,509.80
Mortgage Interest	\$ 4,201.19
House Expenses- No 6-Other	\$ 4,013.21
House Expenses- No 6 - TOTAL	\$ 14,724.20
Insurance	\$ 4,057.02
Ministry	
Medical Benefit	\$ 5,601.45
Superannuation	\$ 4,420.00
Ministry-Other	\$ 289.25
Ministry - TOTAL	\$ 10,310.70
Miscellaneous	\$ 191.24
Motor Vehicles	
Fuel	\$ 1,686.41
Registration & Insurance	\$ 3,679.51
Service	\$ 1,572.55
Motor Vehicles-Other	\$ 219.79
Motor Vehicles - TOTAL	\$ 7,158.26
Music	\$ 511.57
Office	\$ 380.84
Overseas Missions	\$ 606.00
Pastors Benefit	\$ 5,410.86
Payroll- Gross	\$ 45,900.00
Schools Ministry Worker	\$ 5,135.00
Subscriptions	\$ 600.00
Telephone	
Landline & Internet	\$ 1,132.67
Mobile	\$ 381.56
Telephone - TOTAL	\$ 1,514.23
Tithe	\$ 11,225.00
Utilities	
Electricity	\$ 2,580.54
Gas	\$ 525.46
Water	\$ 740.55
Utilities - TOTAL	\$ 3,846.55
Worship	\$ 48.88
Expenses - TOTAL	\$ 155,616.66
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ -32,989.63

Account Balances

As of: 30/06/2020

Account	Amount
Emergency Assistance Account	\$ 1,010.78
Journal	\$ 335.00
New Life Ministries S1	\$ 913.97
S12 Investment	\$ 2.99
S12.1 Building Fund	\$ 0.68
S2- Fund-Raising	\$ 0.01
S2.1 House Fund	\$ 50.01
ANZ Visa	\$ -4,262.12
Assets	\$ 345,521.31
Accounts Payable	\$ -518.43
Exetel	\$ -119.98
Hillsong	\$ -398.88
McKechnie Brothers	\$ -35.35
Narrabri Shire	\$ 38.98
Word	\$ -0.02
Subtotal for: Accounts Payable	\$ -1,033.68
Benefit Fund	\$ -875.55
GST	\$ 858.91
K & M Bates Mortgage	\$ -259,153.16
Payroll- PAYE	\$ 0.00
Tax- Keith Bates	\$ -210.00
Tax- Margaret Bates	\$ -210.00
Subtotal for: Payroll- PAYE	\$ -420.00
Schools Ministry	\$ -335.00
Total	\$ 82,614.15

Notes on Financial Report:

1. The “apparent” loss on the income and expenses account was due largely to the expenditure on the church building and one-off maintenance repairs at No. 6.

2. The item under “Other Income” is the Government’s Covid Cash Flow supplement. Another \$10,000 has been received since June 30th

3. There is no doubt that our Tithes and Offerings took a big hit due to the coronavirus, especially in Q2 of the calendar year (but God is faithful!)

Q1 (January to March): \$25349

Q2 (April to June): \$20549

Q3 (July to September) \$29708

Average in 2019 \$26167

2nd October 2020

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I Kerry Nipperess have checked the New life
Christian fellowship books + find everything
to be true and correct. I have checked
invoices, statements, deposits etc & everything
is correct and accounted for.

Regards



Kerry Nipperess