

# NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NARRABRI



ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING  
DECEMBER 5TH 2021



# NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NARRABRI INC.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for 2021 will be held on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

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 1/11/2020

Meeting commenced at 11.30 am

**Present:**, Keith, Margaret Tim, Josh Bates, David & Margaret Baxter, Tania Baxter, Darren, Debbie Baxter, Siobhan, Rolland, Grant Halbrow, Gus Halbrow, Grant, Rozina, Bethany & Alex Mison, Aniesha Krishna, Kerry Nipperess, Jesse Weekes, Luke Longworth, Troy, Amber & Heath Cooper, Peter, Kate, Hugh & Millie Fenwick, Janey Duncombe, Laurie & Helen McKenzie, Alexa & Mackenzie Woods, Kellie Cooper, Emmanuel, Ann & Noah Cuna

**Apologies:** John Duncombe, Simon & Grace Bolton, Luke Longworth

#### **Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted**

Moved Kerry, Seconded Margaret Baxter

**Pastor's Report** was presented. Moved Keith Bates, seconded Tania  
Keith mentioned that one of our goals for the future is to do better follow up of those who leave.

**Financial Report** was passed. Moved Keith Bates seconded Siobhan  
There was a shortfall, but this was due to the building project in 2019.  
Keith thanked all those who kept giving during the Covid crisis.  
Kerry mentioned that the church is very generous for the number of families.

Keith thanked Kerry for auditing the books.

**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, Tim to be his apprentice.

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

#### **General Business**

Election of Garden Committee: Tim (convener), Grant Mison, Grant Halbrow, Tania Baxter, David Baxter. Young people to be co-opted as needed,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.39 am

# PASTOR'S REPORT



25 years! Quarter of a century!

It is, in many ways, hard to believe that we are celebrating 25 years as a church. In November 1996, just 13 of us – nearly half of them were the Bates family – met together for the first time in Kogil St Preschool. We were excited about the future, even though we did not know what that looked like.



God has been wonderfully faithful over that time. Even though we drew no actual salary in the early days, we never lacked for anything. When God commissions you for a task, He supplies everything you need.

Here we are 25 years later somewhat bigger in number than in 1996. We still believe in God's promise that He will build this into a church of 1000 people,

and that He will do something different in us and through us. While many people of my age have retired, I am still looking forward to even better things under the Lord.

Even though Covid – particularly the new improved Delta version – has continued to dominate so many aspects of life, we can celebrate some big events this year.





Family Camp is always a big part of our year. I just love the fact that we are able to spend a weekend together learning about Jesus, worshipping and hanging out together. This year of course, we were blessed to have baptisms of Emmanuel and Jeana as the highlight, as well as some solid teaching by Apostle John Alley.

In April we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Emmanuel and Ann. Can these people party! It was a great night and gave us a great opportunity to have fun and enjoy each other's company.

As I said earlier, Covid has again punched a huge dent in our momentum as a community. A couple of months of meeting outdoors to side-step mask mandates has brought simplicity to worship. We are learning to look less to technology and more to the Lord, I think. Thank you to everyone who helps weekly with the set up and pull down of the sound gear, chairs and morning tea.



While most groups have kept meeting either in person or on line, the Friday afternoon Kids Cell has had to take a break for the remainder of the year. I expect that when school resumes next February, Margaret will be rearing to go again.

Finally, I have to mention my book "Heaven On Earth. This started as a study of Ephesians because I believe that the Lord has much to say in this book that the church needs to understand. I realised at the end of the project that it really was worth turning into a book so that more people can read the insights I gleaned.

I am not going to make any attempt to suggest what next year might look like. I do know that God is with us, and regardless of the challenges ahead of us, He will be glorified.

# New Life Futures

Two years ago, we developed a “Dream for New Life” that articulated the long term vision that we have for the church. The past year has been difficult in terms of moving forward. The second half of the year, especially, has been about surviving rather than advancing.



Having said that, we have formed a group of young and young-ish men who will be leaders in the church in the near to long term future. We meet once a month to impart some deep christian values and principles. This, like everything else, has been impeded by Covid, but I am really looking forward to next year, when we should be able to get some momentum building.



As I wrote last year, moving to Prayer Weekends every 6 weeks is something that will yield fruit in the longer term. We cannot do anything without prayer!

In our process of developing our Dream For New Life, we identified four keys to 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)
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Key 1: I have done, and continue to do, a lot of teaching on the topic of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. I also encourage Cell Leaders to be sensitive to the Spirit in their cell meetings.

Key 2: I am hoping to work on some cell- based evangelism training early next year.

Key 3: Schools ministry has been greatly impacted by the Department of Education rules in dealing with Covid. We continue to support both SRE and the Schools Ministry as much as we are able.

Key 4: Follow up of former members. This will continue to be improved.



# New Life Christian Fellowship Narrabri Inc.

## Financial Report

01/07/2020 - 30/06/2021

### Income

Children Ministry Donations	A\$ 499.35
Family Camp Donation	A\$ 880.00
Interest	A\$ -77.21
Offerings	A\$ 7,155.05
Other Income	A\$ 10,000.00
Rental House Income	
Rental House Donations	A\$ 650.00
<b>Rental House Income - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 650.00</b>
Schools Ministry Income	A\$ 4,025.00
Special Offerings	
India Appeals	A\$ 4,655.00
Special Offerings-Other	A\$ 640.00
<b>Special Offerings - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 5,295.00</b>
Tithes Received	A\$ 116,642.90
<b>Income - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 145,070.09</b>

### Expenses

Accommodation	A\$ 903.64
Advertising	A\$ 1,448.00
Bank Charge	A\$ 470.99
Books	A\$ 93.13
Building Expenses	A\$ 2,173.09
Childrens Ministry	A\$ 1,134.42
Council Rates	A\$ 4,898.27
Donations	A\$ 5,235.00
Education	A\$ 190.91
Family Camp	A\$ 1,914.33
Fund-Raisng Expenses	
Prms	A\$ 110.00
Fund-Raisng Expenses-Other	A\$ 60.00
<b>Fund-Raisng Expenses - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 170.00</b>
Hospitality	A\$ 374.72
House Expenses- No 6	
Maintenance	A\$ 2,067.04

Mortgage Interest	A\$ 3,071.23
House Expenses- No 6-Other	A\$ 4,533.94
<b>House Expenses- No 6 - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 9,672.21</b>
Insurance	A\$ 3,136.23
Ministry	
Medical Benefit	A\$ 5,852.13
Superannuation	A\$ 5,464.00
Ministry-Other	A\$ 137.56
<b>Ministry - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 11,453.69</b>
Miscellaneous	A\$ 125.86
Motor Vehicles	
Fuel	A\$ 1,467.03
Registration & Insurance	A\$ 3,399.18
Service	A\$ 730.64
Motor Vehicles-Other	A\$ 642.04
<b>Motor Vehicles - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 6,238.89</b>
Music	A\$ 340.66
Office	A\$ 2,516.24
Overseas Missions	A\$ 576.00
Pastors Benefit	A\$ 6,700.00
Payroll- Gross	A\$ 52,200.00
Schools Ministry Worker	A\$ 3,452.21
Subscriptions	A\$ 500.00
Telephone	
Landline & Internet	A\$ 1,356.25
Mobile	A\$ 327.00
<b>Telephone - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 1,683.25</b>
Tithe	A\$ 11,820.00
Utilities	
Electricity	A\$ 2,785.92
Gas	A\$ 880.28
Water	A\$ 595.35
<b>Utilities - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 4,261.55</b>
Worship	A\$ 94.05
<b>Expenses - TOTAL</b>	<b>A\$ 133,777.34</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>	<b>A\$ 11,292.75</b>



# Account Balances

As of: 30/6/2021

Account	Amount
Emergency Assistance Account	A\$ 1,010.78
Journal	A\$ 955.00
New Life Ministries S1	A\$ 819.03
S12.1 Building Fund	A\$ 0.68
S2- Fund-Raising	A\$ 3.00
S2.1 House Fund	A\$ 100.00
ANZ Visa	A\$ -5,967.59
Assets	A\$ 345,521.31
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>A\$ -334.32</b>
AGL	A\$ -66.24
Exetel	A\$ -119.98
Hillsong	A\$ -398.88
Narrabri Shire	A\$ -8.27
Word	A\$ -0.02
<b>Subtotal for: Accounts Payable</b>	<b>A\$ -927.71</b>
Benefit Fund	A\$ -215.47
GST	A\$ 1,099.47
K & M Bates Mortgage	A\$ -246,974.39
Payroll- PAYE	A\$ 0.00
Tax- Keith Bates	A\$ -462.00
Tax- Margaret Bates	A\$ -462.00
<b>Subtotal for: Payroll- PAYE</b>	<b>A\$ -924.00</b>
Schools Ministry	A\$ -955.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>A\$ 93,545.11</b>

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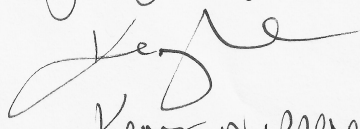
9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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To whom it may concern:

I Kerry Nipperess have checked the books  
for New life Christian fellowship, including  
debits + Credits, Bank Statements, Credit  
Card Statements + invoices and find everything  
to be true + correct.

Yours faithfully

  
Kerry Nipperess  
9/10/2021

# 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.

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.
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