

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NARRABRI



ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
NOVEMBER 3RD 2019



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NARRABRI INC.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for 2018 will be held on Sunday November 3rd, 2019

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 11/11/18

Meeting commenced at 1.25 pm

Present:, Keith, Margaret Tim, Josh Bates, Tania Baxter, Darren, Debbie, Joel & Jordan Baxter, Simon, Grace, Sarah & James Bolton, Siobhan & Gus Rolland, Grant, Rozina & Alex Mison, May & Aniesha Krishna, Noel Carry, Julie Mahony, Kerry & Holli Nipperess, Sandra, Jesse, Kate, Veronica, Jasmine, Reuben, Rose & Danielle Weeks, Luke Longworth, Alexa, Addison & McKenzie Woods, Kate, Hugh & Millie Fenwick, Ken & Lyn Thomson

Apologies: David & Margaret Baxter, James & Susannah Tolson, Greg & Susan Nash, Bethany Mison

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted subject to the following alterations:

1. Kerry Nipperess was not present
2. The vote on same sex marriage should have had 1 against and 1 abstain

Moved Josh Bates, Seconded Grace Bolton

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

Financial Report was passed. Moved Josh Bates seconded Tania Baxter

Keith thanked Kerry for auditing the books.

Keith noted that a cheque for \$20000 had been received. This has been put in to the building fund.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.32 pm

PASTOR'S REPORT

Looking back over the last 12 months, it has been a year with many ups and downs.



In the background of everything has been the ongoing drought which seems to affect people in all kinds of ways. For all of us, whether we are directly affected financially or frustrated by dust storms and the relentless needs of watering gardens, the call of God is to trust Him and see what He will do.

As always, we started the year with Family Camp. There were fewer people in attendance than the year before but it was a great time as always, worshipping and having fun together. This is a really important part of our process of building community, the knowledge that we belong together.

A weekend visit from John Alley in April gave us a great opportunity for teaching about apostles and community in mini-conference format. I really appreciate John's teaching and the ongoing relationship that we enjoy.



Our church continues to contribute heavily to Special Religious Education in Primary Schools and in the Schools ministry in the High School. I enjoyed teaching two SRE classes at the West School after a few years of absence. The Schools Ministry had two successful events, one of which celebrated 10 years of the Living Room.



We invest a lot of time and energy into children's ministry. Margaret runs a cell group for children every Friday afternoon. This year this has all been for the benefit of children from other churches, or no church at all. Messy Church and the weekly Family Input segment keep children integrated into the worship life of our congregation.

We have had to say “Goodbye” to many people over the course of the year. Some of these have moved to other towns for a variety of reasons, others have chosen to change churches. It seems that, in terms of numbers, we are in a time of pruning. We have always believed that the primary need in any church is for people to know that they belong to a place and to a people above all things.



Property has been a big issue through the year. We purchased No. 6 in April, seeing its availability as an opportunity to provide for future growth in the church. David Baxter and Tim Bates have been working on (and under) the house ever since then. It has been a good alternative venue during the renovations in the church, and has hosted many meetings and one Messy Church. The house was financed by a loan from us (Keith & Margaret) to the

church and will possibly get repaid eventually. We are looking for the Holy Spirit to direct the use of this wonderful asset.

Our long awaited renovations in the church building have been completed. A new office will allow us to make more space for more people in the meeting area. More importantly, the front verandah has been reconstructed with a greater slope on the roof, hopefully keeping water from leaking inside and beating the white ants permanently. We have come a long way since we first bought the building in December 2017, as the accompanying photo shows.



So it has been a busy year, with many challenges and joys. I am looking forward to whatever God has in store for us in 2020.

NEW LIFE FUTURES

We have known from the beginning that God has a big plan for this congregation. Before we started the church 23 years ago, the Holy Spirit told us we were to do a “new thing.” We didn’t know what the “new thing” would be, and in many ways we still don’t know what God will mould us into.

Early in the life of the church, God spoke to me and said that he would grow us to be 1000 people. Later still the verse Isaiah 60:22 leapt out at me in church one Sunday evening: “The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly.” So at the right time this small group will rapidly grow to be something completely different to what we are now.

It is very hard to describe something you see only dimly as a future thing that is completely new. But we know there are some key values that we must continue to embrace:

- 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

Over the last 6 months I have been working with cell leaders and other in our church to articulate what this church would look like, that is the destination that we believe we are heading towards.

From that long range vision we developed a shorter term goal (over the next three years) that enables us to focus on particular emphases each year that keep us on track.

So first, the big vision:

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.
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 Inc.

Income and Expenses

01/07/2018 - 30/06/2019

Income	
Bookshop Sales	A\$ 2,441.90
Children Ministry Donations	A\$ 197.80
Fund-Raising Income	
Pram Sales	A\$ 1,544.12
Fund-Raising Income - TOTAL	A\$ 1,544.12
Interest	A\$ 14.10
Offerings	A\$ 7,145.55
Rental House Income	
Rental House Donations	A\$ 200.00
Rental House Income - TOTAL	A\$ 200.00
Schools Ministry Income	A\$ 4,159.00
Special Offerings	
Building Appeal	A\$ 21,520.50
Drought Aid	A\$ 210.00
Ministry Trips	A\$ 500.00
Special Offerings-Other	A\$ 2,492.00
Special Offerings - TOTAL	A\$ 24,722.50
Tithes Received	A\$ 100,473.30
Income - TOTAL	A\$ 140,898.27
Expenses	
Accommodation	A\$ 1,141.41
Advertising	A\$ 760.18
Bank Charge	A\$ 137.34
Bookshop Expenses	
Purchases	A\$ 122.03
Bookshop Expenses-Other	A\$ 14.73
Bookshop Expenses - TOTAL	A\$ 136.76
Building Expenses	A\$ 1,834.91
Cell Ministry	A\$ 25.45
Charity	A\$ 128.50
Children's Ministry	A\$ 1,385.07
Council Rates	A\$ 4,188.07
Donations	A\$ 1,516.40
Family Camp	A\$ 586.25
Fund-Raising Expenses	
Prms	A\$ 536.19

Fund-Raising Expenses - TOTAL	A\$ 536.19
Hospitality	A\$ 370.73
House Expenses- No 6	
Maintenance	A\$ 1,298.97
Mortgage Interest	A\$ 781.55
House Expenses- No 6-Other	A\$ 3,343.57
House Expenses- No 6 - TOTAL	A\$ 5,424.09
House Purchase	A\$ 25,999.52
Imported Transactions	A\$ 3.12
Incorporation	A\$ 92.36
Insurance	A\$ 5,469.57
Ministry	
Medical Benefit	A\$ 5,374.23
Superannuation	A\$ 4,420.00
Ministry-Other	A\$ 130.32
Ministry - TOTAL	A\$ 9,924.55
Miscellaneous	A\$ 66.00
Mission Expenses	A\$ 125.18
Motor Vehicles	
Fuel	A\$ 2,233.58
Registration & Insurance	A\$ 2,430.58
Service	A\$ 604.55
Motor Vehicles-Other	A\$ 54.55
Motor Vehicles - TOTAL	A\$ 5,323.26
Music	A\$ 256.09
Office	A\$ 793.95
Overseas Missions	A\$ 606.00
Pastors Benefit	A\$ 5,200.00
Payroll- Gross	A\$ 44,200.00
Schools Ministry Worker	A\$ 4,434.00
Sound Equipment	A\$ 1,116.00
Stationery	A\$ 9.09
Subscriptions	A\$ 300.00
Telephone	
Landline & Internet	A\$ 1,642.88
Mobile	A\$ 295.25
Telephone - TOTAL	A\$ 1,938.13
Tithe	A\$ 19,590.00
Utilities	
Electricity	A\$ 3,317.90
Gas	A\$ 537.28
Water	A\$ 590.48
Utilities - TOTAL	A\$ 4,445.66
Worship	A\$ 1.35
Expenses - TOTAL	A\$ 148,065.18
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	A\$ -7,166.91

Account Balances

As of: 30/06/2019

Account	Amount
Emergency Assistance Account	A\$ 2,230.00
Journal	A\$ 325.00
New Life Ministries S1	A\$ 1,995.48
S12 Investment	A\$ 2.99
S12.1 Building Fund	A\$ 21,158.41
S2- Fund-Raising	A\$ 119.55
ANZ Visa	A\$ -3,176.09
Accounts Receivable	A\$ 20.00
Assets	A\$ 345,520.89
Emergency Loan Accounts	A\$ 0.00
Client 03	A\$ 8,807.78
Subtotal for: Emergency Loan Accounts	A\$ 8,807.78
Accounts Payable	A\$ -229.57
Exetel	A\$ -119.98
Hillsong	A\$ -398.88
McKechnie Brothers	A\$ -62.80
Telstra	A\$ 29.80
Word	A\$ -0.02
Subtotal for: Accounts Payable	A\$ -781.45
Benefit Fund	A\$ -124.29
GST	A\$ 1,319.15
K & M Bates Mortgage	A\$ -261,101.55
Payroll- PAYE	A\$ 0.00
Tax- Keith Bates	A\$ -180.00
Tax- Margaret Bates	A\$ -180.00
Subtotal for: Payroll- PAYE	A\$ -360.00
Schools Ministry	A\$ -400.00
Total	A\$ 115,555.87

19th October 2019


Kerry Nipperess
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Narrabri NSW 2390

Re: New life christian fellowship

To whom it may concern,

I Kerry Anne Nipperess have checked
the New life christian fellowship
books of 4 Macleod Street, Narrabri
including statements and invoices and
find everything to be true and correct.

yours faithfully


Kerry Nipperess



New Life Christian Fellowship Narrabri Inc.

Proposed Budget 2019-20

Income	
Children Ministry Donations	\$ 200.00
Offerings	\$ 8200.00
Schools Ministry Income	\$9,000.00
Tithes Received	\$115,000.00
Income - TOTAL	\$132,400.00
Expenses	
Accommodation	\$1,815.00
Advertising	\$470.00
Bank Charges	\$200.00
Building Expenses	\$2,000.00
Children Ministry	\$ 1,500.00
Council Rates	\$ 3,100.00
Family Camp	\$900.00
Incorporation	\$ 140.00
Insurance	\$ 3,200.00
Medical Benefit	\$ 5500.00
Superannuation	\$ 4,420.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00
Motor Vehicles	
Fuel	\$ 1,850.00
Registration & Insurance	\$ 3,300.00
Service	\$ 1,500.00
Music	\$ 350.00
Number 6. Rates etc.	\$6000.00
Office	\$ 1,000.00
Outreach	\$1,000.00
Overseas Missions	\$600.00
Pastors Benefit	\$5,200.00
Payroll- Gross	\$ 44,200.00

Subscriptions	\$600.00
Telephone	
Landline & Internet	\$1,500.00
Mobile	\$700.00
Tithe	\$25,000.00
Travel	\$300.00
Utilities	
Electricity	\$3500.00
Gas	\$750.00
Water	\$1,500.00
Expenses - TOTAL	\$120,495.00
Income- Expenses	\$11905.00

NOTES

1. Figures are based on last financial year
2. Tithes assumed to increase by 15% on 2017-18 amount.
3. Other amounts assumed to remain more or less constant on previous year.
4. Arithmetic errors prove the pastor is better at pastoring than accounting.



