

Focus on Today's News

"REACHING OUT , REACHING IN. "

For 43 years, North Turrumurra CoC has stood for outreach. In the tradition of evangelical churches we believe that good news is for sharing.

We have reached out to our community in many ways in the past and dozens of people are Christians today because of this church. We continue to reach out today and outreach will always be a top priority for us.

These days we proclaim the good news and call people to commitment to Christ in our church services, special weeks of outreach, community events, e.g. "Footsteps" Easter and Christmas on the lawn. Through our youth programmes, dozens of young people hear about Jesus every week.

Through our children's programmes, playgroups, R and R, patch and chat, Friday friendship group, we reach out with the love of God and the message of Christ. Our desire is that our whole community would know the Good news of Christ. But we cannot reach out unless we first reach in. In fact, reaching out and reaching in are like two blades of a pair of scissors, both are needed to be effective.

Reaching in could be viewed in two ways. It can mean, developing our relationship with God, through prayer, after all any outreach is meaningless without prayer and co-operation with God. Reaching in also means that we must continue to care for each other and build community within our church.

As our reaching out grows, we must also reach in, by expanding our pastoral care, small groups and nurture. If we neglect to build up the body of Christ, there will ultimately be, nothing to invite people to join.

Acts chapter six, is a perfect example of reaching out and in. As the Apostles did all they could to build the church numerically, they also appointed deacons to care for the needs of those within the church.

As we come to our AGM. today, let us keep the Apostles balance in view. We will continue to build real community as we reach out and in. *Richard*
PS. A big welcome home to Stephen, Tina and all the China team.

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INFLUENCE (Inc AGM)

Our *Influence (inc AGM)* is on **TODAY** at 11:15am in the hall. It will be an opportunity to hear about the past year and to understand how we can *influence* people for the future. Then afterwards we will have the opportunity to share together in a soup lunch.

Changing our World

There are ways to change the world and one of them is to impact and shape the lives of young people. We can do this by:
Teaching 6-9 year olds on Sunday morning 3 times every 8 weeks at WWJ (Walking With Jesus)

It's in the envelope

There are a number of ways that help us to be planned strategic givers to the Lord. There are two common ways to give:

1. Envelopes - these are available in the foyer. They are dated so that you can give each week in a systematic planned way. Please take a packet of envelopes
2. If you would like to give your offering by direct debit please use the following and see your bank to begin the process of being a planned deliberate giver to God. BSB 032188 A/C 132924

THANKYOU to those who contributed to the morning tea biscuit barrel. It is getting low again and donations will be welcome from all who enjoy a bickie with their cuppa. —
Lorraine

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the opportunity to impact our world in China.
- Pray for those who are grieving over the loss of their family member or friends. We continue to pray for the Finnie family, the McMahon's, Bunny and Birch families, and Walker family; It's one year since Peg Lake's son passed away.
- Pray for Jo Mohr as she concludes her "paid" work at church and begins a new phase of life.
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community.
- Pray for the world travellers—Saxbys at World Convention of Church of Christ in Nashville, and Harold and Jill who will join them this week.
- For Rae's dad, Lin Wilson, as he adjusts to Turramurra House.
- Praise God that the China team has returned safely from China and God blessed them and expectations were exceeded.
- Peg Morris is making a good recovery after hip surgery on Friday the 18th of July. Still NO visitors please.
- Geoff Stewart and Norma Todd are on the mend.
- Pray for our AGM. and pray for our HSC students.
- Pray for Marie and Denby Holmes, Kris and Elizabeth Van Veen, Bruce Dart and others who can't be with us in church regularly.

Live, Learn, Love

John 14:34—35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Prayer for Teens and Twenties

Our teens and young adults really need our prayers. If you are interested in praying for our teens and twenties please join our weekly prayer time at 10:15am Fridays at the church. *For further information please contact Chris Joyce 91445121.*

Prayer for Les and Kerrie Stewart

Les and Kerrie Stewart ask for prayer for the next institute courses to take place in October:

1. Can no longer go to Uzbekistan for the course - have had to move to Kazakstan or Kurkestan. Turkmenistan is closed completely.
2. Pray for the ground crew who are looking for a safe location and all the preparation.
3. Many of the pastors and leaders have had to leave Uzbekistan and move to surrounding areas. In doing so they can lose their citizenship and become passport-less refugees, and the local churches are left without leadership.
4. Because tourism has dropped off so dramatically in these areas, flights are sometimes only weekly. So getting to these places can take as long as a week on either end of the courses.
5. Please pray for WISDOM for those on the ground making decisions, for WISDOM and SAFETY for the pastors and leaders, and for GUIDANCE and PROTECTION for Stewarts and others teaching the courses.

For sale: Sharp phone/FAX Machine FO-P610 model with replacement film. Purchased January 2006 only used 5 Months **Price \$100.** *For further information please contact Gael Boon on 9144 6060*

T H A N K Y O U

Thankyou to those who contributed to the China Mission. The money and resources that were donated were greatly received by the Jaglemans and Seth Home. Alex and Joshua would like to thankyou as they and their ministry have been greatly blessed by your generosity. The team would like to thankyou for the prayer coverage they received while they were in China. They really felt supported and protected by your prayers.

Church Ski Weekend

When: Nights of 27, 28, 29 & 30 August

Where: Old Adaminaby (www.eucumbeneunits.com)

½ hour Mt Selwyn, 1 ½ hours Perisher/Thredbo

Cost: \$85 a bed for the whole 4 nights

For details contact Scott on 9487 3883.

Be quick only 1 place is available!

The Future

The elders and the ministry team are keen to recruit a person to oversee the music at both the SoulCare and Connect services on Sundays. At present this is a volunteer position but into the future could become a paid position.

For further information please speak to Ivan Joyce.

Feel like a break? Then this is for you...

Adults only GETAWAY at The Tops Conference Centre, an activity of Prime Time Ministries. Roger Foletta is the guest speaker and will speak on "MANAGING CHANGE." From 11th to 14th August. Cost is a reasonable \$180 per person twin share, (including all meals). *For further information grab a registration form or see John Hunter.*