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# MMMTEAMNews

AUSTRALIA

## A Generous Donation

Back in April we ventured into a different type of fundraising event, a garden party at Como House in Melbourne which was a Board sponsored event. We invited several business and philanthropic partners to come along and see first hand what we can do. As a showcase for this 'different' type of event Our CEO commissioned the Build-A-Bond team to design, and manufacture a 4.5m Gazebo (*which was a geometric challenge when we are used to doing rectangular buildings*).

The idea behind the Gazebo was to demonstrate the type of building we can design, manufacture, and ship anywhere in the world for a quick and sturdy construction. On the day we auctioned the Gazebo to a generous benefactor who simply said, "Donate it to a worthy organisation who can use it!"

As we have looked back over the years we have had a continual involvement with Plenty Valley Christian College in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. Many of our MMM Staff's children attended the college when we were located in Whittlesea. We have done many projects at the college over the years, and we continue to sponsor an annual Student Missions Award. We made the decision to donate the Gazebo to PVCC, and following the initial discussions with the college staff in mid-May they set about selecting and preparing the site for the placement of the Gazebo.

During September a small team consisting of Noel Taylor, Owen Bayliss, Kim Roediger, and Terrence Baxter delivered and erected the Gazebo on the nominated site at PVCC. It now provides a shaded retreat for outdoor classes and sporting teams using the lower sporting oval. It was a great opportunity to once again sow back into the college that has for many years supported the work of MMM. To quote MMM CEO Terrence Baxter *"Engaging with Christian colleges is vital to maintain links with younger members of the Christian community and in building the awareness that MMM is a Missions Outreach where practical skills can be used for the Glory of God."*



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## CORNERSTONE at DUBBO, August 2017

Once again a team from MMM New South Wales met at the Cornerstone Campus in chilly Dubbo, where days started out COLD (*perhaps freezing is a better adjective*) and warmed up during the day to dry the cement and paint being applied.

Many of the team (*lead by Paul Barnham*), travelled hundreds of kilometers to be present. Rob and Shirley Saunders from Victoria also came to give a hand.

The primary activity was to renovate the male bathroom consisting of 6 showers, 4 basins and 2 toilets, by overlaying the dark small floor tiles (*from the 1960s*) with lighter and bigger tiles, to brighten the room. This also included replacing the huge urinal with 2 extra toilets and installing the basins into a new bench top



While the team were there we were also able to repair and paint the inside of one of many houses and do more tiling in the female bathrooms and install a vanity in each.

Special thanks goes to Cornerstone people, especially Chris Merx for getting building materials and equipment and those who provided morning teas and lunches. It was great that Paul Roe from Cornerstone could provide some of our devotions.

The team consisted of Rob & Shirley Saunders, Frank & Yvonne Wilkey, Les and Fay Schwebel, Greg & Robyn Jackson, Seite Woldhuis, Neil Thompson, Rob & Joy Edwards.



### People & Places

#### New Leadership for NSW



In September Greg and Robyn Jackson committed to serving as Region Managers for MMM NSW. Greg and Robyn have been with MMM for around six years working on projects across New South Wales, and into Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Please commit to pray for Robyn and Greg as they take up responsibilities from late-October. If you're not sure who they are or have not had the pleasure of meeting with them, they will be attending the NSW Region Luncheon at Wyee on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Come along, say giddyay, and get to know them personally.



# NSW Local Projects

## Attunga Campsite at Canyonleigh September 2017

The team (lead by Ian Dawson) consisted of Ellen Dawson, Frank and Yvonne Wilkie, Phil and Ros M<sup>c</sup>Neice, Neil and Norma Parker, Brian Stirk, Neil Thompson, Les and Fay Schwebel, Bob Brook, Ray and Charlie Wilkinson, and Paul Barnham.

This project consisted of rebuilding one deck, repairing another deck, and refinishing yet one more deck. We also managed to pull out a kitchenette bench top and a new one constructed. A cracked shower base was replaced plus minor maintenance in another building. Guttering was replaced on the hay barn and platforms were constructed for the new flying fox. This is one of many visits we have made to the Attunga campsite and there is always lots to do.

As usual the staff spoilt us with great food and friendship, even though they were very busy with a large camp on the site whilst the team were there. It was great to work under the guidance of Chris Greech the builder working with Attunga.



### Committee Chairman

Paul Barnham has been working alongside the region managers as committee chairman for New South Wales for the past 6+ years. Paul has stepped up over the past 12 months to fill in significantly in the absence of a region manager.



A huge thank you Paul for all your efforts and leadership for the great efforts in keeping projects moving along with the region Committee.

### Prayer Support

**Praise God** for new region managers Greg & Robyn Jackson

**Pray** for Greg & Robyn as the transition to the leadership in late October

**Pray** for more project volunteers for the large number of projects ahead of us

**Praise God** for the safe arrival of the latest in the "Prior Clan" – **Ruby Grace** arrived September 27<sup>th</sup> to balance out the Prior household!





## WA Caravan Safari Comes to an End



*"What a pleasure it was to be involved in organising, meeting and participating in the 2017 Caravan Safari to Western Australia. The Team were so committed to Serving those who Serve, their presence and willingness to get the job done impressed so many.*

*Nothing seemed too much for them to handle and often they accomplished more than was expected. All Team Members left their mark on WA and it was with a little tear we watched them turn their Caravans around and head back East" (Trevor*

*Beard MMMWA Regional Manager. The final leg of their journey took them first to Wandalgu Mission located 130 km East of Geraldton. Meeting up with David and Shayne Tinker the team were given the task to paint and renovate 12 accommodation rooms and amenities.*

Completing this project has increased Wandalgu Mission's capacity to take on new participants, at a time when they had become stretch to the limit. The Team had plenty of opportunities to talk with participants who are struggling daily with life controlling issues which directly impact their ability to maintain tenancies, employment and stable personal and family relationships.

At Wandalgu a number of programs specifically developed to assist participants to move to an independent, healthy lifestyle in their chosen community are offered. The Sun City Church expressed their extreme thanks for the efforts of the Team who had come at the most appropriate time, a welcomed blessing. After their stay at Wandalgu some of the Team headed further North to explore other regions of WA, this flexibility of being able to join and leave the Safari at different times, is a real benefit for some of our MMM Volunteers as it allows them to "Serve and Explore".

The rest of the Team travelled to Karawang Aboriginal Fellowship Kalgoorlie where they were given that task of completing repairs to the Community Chapel. The local Christians were very excited to once again have MMM Volunteers working on the maintenance of the Chapel which will become the centre point for Christian outreach into the community. Coolgardie People's Fellowship was the last project for the Caravan Safari volunteers to complete. Simon Shirt, a member of the Fellowship with the assistance of the MMM Team installed a new ceiling, then painted it and hand railing fitted to outside porch way.



### HUGE THANK YOU!

The MMM WA Regional Committee give thanks for the wonderful work Phil and Gwen Hall (NSW), Geoff and Bronwyn Bauer (QLD), Ian and Marilyn Wilson (VIC), Peter and Lyn Groves (NSW), David and Dorette Westrope (NSW), David and Robyn Freeman (VIC) and Rod Heape (WA) have completed and for the blessing they have been to so many, we are already planning for the next "Caravan Stampede to the West"



# WA Local Projects

## Local Projects under Construction

Applications have been received for a reroofing and installation of windows project at the **Miling Community Church**, a small renovation of the inside of the **Ballajura Baptist Church** and also return visits to WA Caravan Safari Projects at **Coolgardie Peoples Church** and **Kurrawang Aboriginal Christian Community Kalgoorlie** to complete follow up work. MMMWA is looking for a Team of 4-8, to assist in carry out the scope of these projects. If you could make yourself available, Trevor Beard (WA Regional Manager) would like to hear from you.

*"Working on a MMM project gives you an opportunity to use the skills and talents that God has given you to bless and encourage others in God's Family"*

## People & Places

### MMMWA launches into Social Media

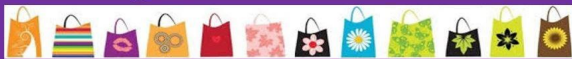
For a number of years now we have tried to extend our Network of Contacts through the avenues of Social Media including Facebook and Website.

To get the word out about the ministry of MMM Australia, "Serving Those Who Serve" requires our current supporters to share their experiences about their involvement in MMM to others. Even though many organisations whom we come in contact with now, recall how they have seen the work of MMM, there are others who say that they have never heard of us. One way to get the word to a greater number of Organisations and Individuals is by way of Social Media. If you have a smartphone, then you are already familiar with "like" and "share" buttons. Please take a few moments to like and share both the MMM Australia Homepage (<http://www.mmm.org.au/>)

and

MMM Australia Facebook Page ( <https://www.facebook.com/mmmaust/>). Let's make 1000 likes before our next Team News. Who knows who may learn of the ministry of MMM Australia through your simple "click, click"

## CREATOR'S CORNER Crafters Markets



**HELD MONTHLY—10am-2pm**

Thornlie Christian College  
19 Furley Road, Southern River

Do you have a few hours to spare  
one Saturday per month  
MMMWA are looking for some Volunteers  
to man a Garden Tea Garden at this  
event.

**Phone Karen - 0419 197 695**

### "MMM WA Volunteers

**We need your skills and time – support the ministry of 'Serving those who Serve' Either On the Road, On your knees, On a desk, On the tins or On the stage. Much Reward contact Trevor  
MMMWA Now Mob 0409 778 799**

## Prayer Support

**Pray** that MMM Volunteers and friends will be challenged to consider serving "On the Road, On Their Knees, On a Desk, On The Tins or on a Stage", wherever they feel comfortable and inspired.

**Pray** for the regular "Prayer Gathering" that will shortly commence at the MMM Centre and for prayer warriors of MMM to become involved

**Give thanks** for the Volunteers on the MMMWA Caravan Safari and the positive and uplifting impact they have had on so many lives and ministries throughout their journey. Pray for their safe travels as they return home.

**Give thanks** for the donations received, that allow the ministry of MMM to continue to serve those who serve.

**Give thanks** for the opportunities MMMWA have had to share about the ministry of MMM to Churches and Christian Organisations, pray for even more to come.





## ..... and away we go

Yes, the first work effort is completed. Nyora presented the team with wind, rain, more wind and more rain. But GOD is in control and over all things. The rain was around when we were not painting large areas of walls. Special thanks to Daniel for his great work on the fascia's. Also thank you to all the team that made their way (even from N.Z.), to Nyora. A very special thanks to the church folks that looked after us with food and accommodation they opened their lives up to bless us in so many ways. They are a great bunch down there. By the way, how about dropping in on Sunday at 10.30am, they love visitors.

Currently, we are down at Morwell, at the Lighthouse church; in the middle of moving a kitchen. Of course nothing is clear sailing with building however we are on track to finish in the second week of October. Over in South Australia, we had a wonderful get together of a few past MMM'ers and many from the Happy Valley Church. MMM C.E.O Terry and Region Manager Geoff cooked a good ol' BBQ which went down very well. Seems they love a cook out in Happy Valley. We got into the presentation of the Associates program, and again enquiries were many. We are a bit short of Volunteers to help with the Happy Valley project but we will press on. We have a great God, and he will stir the hearts of who he needs to help.

While we were over in South Australia, we had the opportunity to visit the Christian radio station LIFE-FM. They have a special job for us in painting much of the inside, and some outside areas of their radio station. This is a big one, and we need HELP. We need painters. Can you help please? The work will need to be carried out in November 2017.

Back in Victoria, we have several jobs developing that need your prayerful consideration. Sandringham Baptist church has just been given the green light. What a wonderful, God blessed, small in number, but big in prayer, church. Only around 10 older faithful believers, with a positive Pastor and a Youth Pastor that is amazing. Each fortnight, approximately 100 young people attend this meeting place and hear God's word presented. Wonderful. Praise God I hear you say. The need here is big, big, big. Again, we need your help. The building needs help, your help. We can do it, but only if you will offer to help.

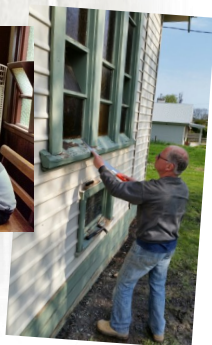
The garage sale is just around the corner, but we don't have much to sell yet. Have you started to clean out your garages (sorry guys), what about your cupboards? Please help us to have a great Garage Sale. We can take most anything you have to give us, be it big or small, in good sellable condition. There will be some lovely Orchids from QLD, as well as some Native plants from "them there hills". And leaving the best till last-Coffee, great coffee. And of course Tea etc. Also, we would love some helpers, if you can spare some time.



**Morwell**



**Nyora**



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# Vic/SA Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
Nov	Samoan Church	Shower facilities
Nov	Sandringham Baptist	Repairs / renovations
Nov	Belgrave Heights Convention (100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Paining inside and out
Nov	Upwey Baptist	Roof repairs
Nov	Happy Valley Baptist (SA)	Extend toilet ramps
Nov	LIFE- FM (SA)	Painting

## People & Places

### MMM Australia

Mobile Mission Maintenance

### HUGE GARAGE SALE

**When: Saturday 21st OCTOBER**

**Where: MMM VIC Office**

**5/621 Whitehorse Rd, MITCHAM**

**WANTED - TOOLS, BRIC-A-BRAC, TOYS, FURNITURE  
AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND  
BOOKS, GLASSWARE**

**SALE ITEMS :** books, household goods, furniture,  
building needs, collectables, orchid and native  
plants and so much more.

Sausage Sizzle and delicious coffee

**COME**—buy a bargain, enjoy some  
food and help support missions

- locally
- nationally
- internationally

**Contact:** Geoff - 0400 951 010



Stay tuned for an early  
advice for the 2018 Caravan  
Safari in the next  
Team News

## Prayer Support

**Pray** - for safety on the road and the job  
for Geoff as he drives between jobs in  
two Regions.

**Praise God** for the work that is being  
carried out right now, and for the rela-  
tionships being formed.

**Give thanks** for the people who have  
travelled far to join in with us –QLD and  
NZ.

**Praise God** for the invites slowly coming  
in for Geoff to speak at churches.

Pray for Ian Wilson and his family as doc-  
tors tend to him. Pray for peace and  
comfort for them.

**Praise God** for past MMM'ers, and how  
they were used by God to bless others.  
May they make themselves known to  
Geoff for reconnection.





## Ruth's Report

Well, here's the first of many challenges we'll be faced with as we take up this role of region managers for Tasmania, write an article for Team News when we haven't even started in the role!! So, I can't report on what has been happening in Tassie, only what has been happening for us.

Just recently, Shane and I met with the state committee for the first time; we also spent a couple of days in Mitcham for our induction and some training. We had the honor of meeting David Dawson in the time we were there as well as a number of other wonderful people all doing their part in the running of MMM. It made us realize just how much we are part of a team, one that has been running for a long time now, and what a privilege it is to be handed the baton for Tasmania to help keep our state's part in the race going. We're new to this race, we've never run this way before, with this team, even though we have been in the race for some years now. We could be feeling nervous, apprehensive, overwhelmed, after all, there is so much to learn, but the sense of acceptance, the encouragement, care and concern that we've been shown has given us joy and an excitement for the future. We look forward to starting to run with the baton that we've been given and we thank God for choosing us for this time. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for us and those we have met who have welcomed us so warmly.

For now, we are finishing off a few things in Victoria before relocating to Tasmania in October. Family matters will take precedence when we arrive with an 80th and an 18th and a house (*not ours*) to be packed up before settlement at the end of the month. We feel so blessed with the provision of the house at the center in Perth and are looking forward to making it a home for the six of us. We are also looking forward to meeting many of our fellow Tasmanian team members at the Meet and Greet in November and putting faces to the names we keep hearing about, and, in the near future, we hope to have organized a project or two for them to 'serve those who serve'.



## MEET and GREET

Please join us

@ The MMM Centre  
40 Edward St, Perth  
on November 18  
from 12:00pm



RSVP to Ruth on 0438 016961 by November 13





# Tas Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
TBA	Pathways to Life (Devonport)	Contact 0439 632 729

## People & Places

### How Do We Say Thanks?

Rod & Lynn Dowling have stepped down as MMM Region Managers for Tasmania after three wonderful years of leadership. A little over three and a half years ago the Tasmanian MMM team had been coming to grips with a difficult period in our history. Differences in direction, goals, and personalities had culminated in genuine hurt and difficulty in many of the volunteers experiences.

At that time we were paid a visit by our new CEO – Terrence Baxter, and Rob Dux (*MD of MMM Build*) where we had a public gathering for all interested volunteers and supporters at the Centre in Perth. It was during that visit that discussions began with Rod & Lynn Dowling about the possibility of taking on the Region Manager role. In December 2014 Rod & Lynn met with the Board Chairman – Andy Boer as a final step in the process and the Board confirmed their appointment as Region Managers for Tasmania.

Over the past three years Rod & Lynn have done an outstanding job bringing the region back together, their heart and passion for MMM, and the people has seen a region transformed and doing great work for the Kingdom.

A lot has transpired in those three years, and we have seen new volunteers, many projects completed, and a new lease of life for the work across the region. Rod & Lynn with rightly say that it's not just them, they have developed a great region committee with John & Dianne de Jong and Daryl & Glenys House. As a team they have been united and committed to the vision of MMM and have been involved in all aspect of the ministry. This has been a partnership effort by a wonderful couple and they each have brought different qualities to the role. Lynn's heart for prayer and spiritual discernment has been a great influence on every aspect of the work, and Rods wisdom and leadership has guided the committee and volunteers through to much success. So what's next for Rod & Lynn, well in some ways its more of the same, their commitment to MMM in Tasmania hasn't ended, they have expressed a desire to stay involved on the state committee and to be there to support new leaders when they are appointed. They will continue to develop their Prayer Retreat 'up in the hills' and the many friendships and relationships developed over the past years will continue to be a focus in their lives. Their growing family (*to clarify we mean grandchildren*) will of course be at the centre of their world, but their wider MMM family will always be in their hearts.

How do we say thanks for all the sacrifice, effort, and love that Rod & Lynn have poured into the ministry in the past 3+ years, it's difficult to imagine what the place would be like without their efforts and vision. The only true way is for each of us to say **THANK YOU** from the depths of our heart.

Thanks Rodd & Lynn Dowling.

## Prayer Support

Praise God that our transition phase has been going very smoothly (almost all the time).

Pray for wisdom and understanding for Shane and Ruth in all that they have to learn.

Pray for John and Diane de Jonge as they lead the Pathways to Life project.







## Kilcoy Wesleyan

Graham Kapinga, QLD state committee chair, Peter Trebbin and Adrian Behrens travelled out to Kilcoy to replace a partially rotted veranda on the church building. Adrian was grateful to Ken Rutherford (Pastor), Ron Draper and Garry Newman who organised all the materials necessary for the job. A great time of fellowship was had by all working and sharing together. Ken has recently been commissioned to the church in Kilcoy.



## YWAM, Mitchelton

John and Adrian have recently been working at YWAM to replace rusted box guttering with stainless steel guttering over the coffee shop area. They install flashing and installed emergency overflows in the gutters. There will be further work at the centre towards the end of this year and early next year and John and Adrian will need some assistance if you live close by or would like to assist for a few days.

The YWAM team were glad to have MMM's assistance and looked after John and Adrian with hospitality. They enjoyed connecting with Wayne and David again after some years of no contact.





# Qld/NT Local Projects

The following projects are on our planning board and we are seeking volunteers to join a team to complete them.

We are looking for a couple to team lead or a few individual people to lead, and enough volunteers to do the project. We are hoping to complete these projects this year in November and early December.

If you would like to join a team for any of these jobs, and can commit some time, please email the centre in QLD.

Biggenden Christian Brethren Church – painting the church and hall external

Burrum Heads Anglican – paint the external of church

Aboriginal and Islander Christian Fellowship, Eidsvold – various jobs including painting, plumbing, carpentry

Warwick Wesleyan project will continue in late October and your assistance is needed if you are able to help.

John is away most of October so if you are available to give Adrian a hand, please call him on 0407 730 558

## People & Places

### Thank you!

Thank you to the great team who once again committed to helping with the recent garage sale. We appreciate you all serving with us for this event and catching up with you. Praying together and fellowship with you is the highlight of the garage sale week and the result of over six thousand dollars raised is wonderful.



## Prayer Support

Praise for a great team to assist with Warwick Wesleyan Church at the moment.

Praise for another successful garage sale in September and great team effort by all who helped

Prayer – for the Cooper's as they take time off to celebrate Jessie's wedding on 7<sup>th</sup> October

Prayer for Adrian as he works on projects without John in October, that he will have enough helpers

### Annual Dinner Update

The Northern Region fund raising dinner  
Date Claimer – **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018**





## Trust in our Faithful Lord

**Jeremiah 29 : 11** Talks of God's plans for us and that his desire is to bless us. When we are doing his will he brings about blessings and encouragements.

One way this has happened for our new Tasmania Managers, Shane and Ruth Goelst and their family, is an answer to prayer with the blessing of a dog -just the breed their son had his heart on. It is in Tasmania already and has been purchased at a price that is greatly less than normal, with friends in Tassie paying a deposit for it and describing the puppy as quiet and delightful. Please continue to pray for God's provisions for this very faithful family who relocated to Tasmania from Victoria on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our new VIC/SA Manager, Geoff Jarvis, also testifies to God blessing him and his family in ways he was not expecting since he has stepped out in faith to serve in this vital role. I'm sure this is also happening for our new NSW Managers, Greg and Robyn Jackson, so I look forward to hearing what God has been doing for them and through them.



Your prayers for all the MMM Managers are greatly appreciated. We can wait expectantly on God for his answers.

**Proverbs 3 : 6** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, acknowledge him in every way and he will make your paths straight.

### GIVE THANKS FOR OUR REGION MANAGERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Region Committee members play an important support role for the Managers. My husband Owen and I have joined others to form the VIC/SA Committee. We have had a few meetings so far but all agree that these times together have been a special time of fellowship and prayer. We have lots to organize and do but have also really valued the opportunity to share with each other what is happening in our lives and pray into this, along with the needs of MMM. The NSW Committee have taken on many tasks over and above what is normally expected of those in this role. We give thanks for their wonderful dedication and commitment to this, for God's glory. I'm sure they and the Tasmanian Committee will be a blessing and great support to the new Managers in their Region. Please pray for wisdom and unity for all of them.

Please continue to pray for a National Prayer Coordinator to come forward soon as I am stepping down from this role at the end of this year.

God's grace, peace and blessings to you

Jane