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Looking Back, Looking Forward

Recently I sent out a communiqué regarding having been in the CEO's chair here for three years, and like all incoming executives in the first few months the first order of business is to look back over the recent years to assess where the organisation is and how we got to where we were at.

There are always the day to day things that need decisions or attention, but the ability to look back and assess our history (*good and bad*) is imperative for being able to look forward and see where we are going. However the time to develop a vision for the future is time needed in both prayer (*lots of that*) and un-cluttered thought.



When I first started at MMM three years ago, a good friend who had also just taken on a national leadership role gave me some advice; to take two hours each week to just think, no screens, no phones, no people, just think. This is a practice that I continue and derive much benefit from, I go for a walk (*weather permitting*) and just clear the mind of other things and think, dream, and imagine what we could do and how we should do it. But one thing I've discovered along the way is this; Vision is the ability to see things others can't, and leadership is all about enabling people to discover the vision.

We have some exciting things planned for the future, some will start to happen very soon whilst others need to be envisioned a little longer before they can become reality, in the meantime I'll continue to find two hours each week to think! What I ask our MMM community to do is to pray. Pray for the Board, Pray for the CEO, Pray for the Region Managers and state teams. Pray for our finances, pray for our volunteers, pray for our future!

Much Blessings

Terrence Baxter - CEO



Board Member Recruitment

The Board of MMM Australia is seeking a qualified accountant to join the board to add to the skills matrix that makes up the Board. If you (*or someone you know*) have these qualifications and would like to contribute to the governance of the organisation please contact the MMM



Office in Mitcham on (03) 9837 2700 and chat with our CEO about how you can help. Board involvement with MMM is a voluntary position and includes engagement on Board Sub-Committee's to ensure governance and accountability across all areas of administration and MMM activities.



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Nyngan Baptist Fellowship, July 18th - 29th

Nyngan is located 170km west of Dubbo on the Bogan River and has an abundance of productive agricultural land for sheep and cattle production and large scale cropping enterprises, with most of the essential services one would require.

Nyngan Baptist Fellowship are a small church and Richard Milligan is both pastor and chaplain to the primary and secondary schools. Their main outreach is to youth, and their dream was to renovate and convert the local Scout Hall to run their youth groups, kids club and be a space they can call their own. Through God's provision, MMM were able to help the dream become a reality.



Nyngan Before MMM Inside

With some local planning and donations by Bunning's Dubbo, we were able to get straight to work with all the materials onsite. Battens up, insulation installed, the plywood ceiling commenced by the end of the day - WOW did it look good! The men then started the final coat of paint on the ceiling, the ladies painted three meeting/store rooms and the kitchen, all doors and frames as well as putting the morning teas and lunches together (*supplied by the congregation*). The men also carried out general maintenance on the building, painted the fascia's and barges outside, including the front entrance.

The church commissioned an electrician to remove and reinstall the lights, plus new GPOs (*all time and materials donated*) and an air-con man to install two split system air conditioners (*1 donated by the manufacturer*) both of these contractors had to come out from Dubbo. There were so many blessings on this project, donated air conditioners, stove, and BBQ as well as volunteer licenced tradies all to complement the MMM team.



Nyngan After MMM

The small congregation farewelled us on the final night with a Chinese meal and informed us that the new youth group will be starting next Friday night! You could sense the overwhelming feeling of excitement in the air with thanks to the Lord and the MMM Team.



Ladies Painting Crew Nyngan

The team included Bruce & Pam Collard, Neil & Chris Thompson, Neil Parker & Phill & Gwen Hall (*Team Leaders*).



Nyngan team at work

NSW Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project
1-11 Nov	Boragul	New kitchen for retired minister
7-12 Nov	ONE80TC Kurmond	Renovation of laundry
14-25 Nov	KCC Katoomba	Misc work
16-27 Jan 2017	Flo Harris Lodge at Lewisham	Painting (<i>on site accommodation</i>)
1-17 Feb	Bethsham Wyee	Renovate green room, demo chimney & ramp install
Feb (TBA)	WEC Baulkham Hills	Granny Flat

Power Tool Drive

Do you have too many tools?

Have you just updated your tools and couldn't bear to part with your old faithfuls?

The **MMM Power Tool Drive** is a fundraising project for the volunteer ministry of MMM Australia. Our ministry is using tools and skilled workers to bless Christian ministries through Maintenance and Building projects.

Could you donate some tools to MMM? Tools will be sold for MMM and need to be in good working order.



Monthly Prayer Group

You are warmly invited to join us on the 1st Friday of each month to pray for the ministry of MMM Australia. Our next gathering will be November 4th, 10am at the MMM State Centre, 70 Wyee Rd, Wyee.

For more information ph. Kelly 4357 2921.

Dates for Diary

NSW Annual Dinner 12pm
Bethshan Gardens, Wyee
on

Saturday 5th November,
please RSVP to Kelly before October 22nd.

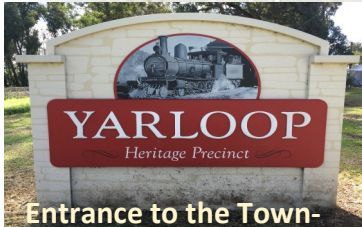
Prayer Support

- Praise for the opportunity to promote MMM at two events in October.
- Prayer for more new enquirers to attend our Annual Dinner on 5th November at Wyee.
- Praise for the dedication of our wonderful volunteers.



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Out of the Fires, a New Desire is Born



Entrance to the Town-

September 2014, Pastor Bob Chapman and team visited the town of Yarloop and prayed in the central park. Following those prayers they walked the town each week, introducing themselves to the locals. As the weeks passed several others joined them to pray and serve the community, ministering to them on the

streets, in the shops and their homes.

Eventually the community of Yarloop requested Pastor Bob and Team to begin a church and so the Yarloop Christian Fellowship was born. In January 2016 a fire devastated the town and destroyed 161 homes. Every resident was dramatically affected. Just two weeks prior, the Fellowship had letterboxed every property with a Gideon's New Testament. After the fire some folks shared how they had



Fires destroy the township of Yarloop

saved those New Testaments and were grateful for the gift. Since the fire the Yarloop Christian Fellowship has continued to minister to the few folks still living in the town or by walking the streets of Harvey to catch Yarloop locals shopping. Additionally they publish a weekly Jesus centred outreach article in the local paper, which is widely read and resulted in many interesting conversations.



(L-R) Trevor, John, Bob, and Rod helping out

A call was made to MMMWA for assistance in restoring an old Anglican Church Hall in Yarloop, which had sat idle for ten years. Out with the paint brushes and let's get rid of those bees. The building will not only be the permanent home of the Yarloop Christian Fellowship but will also be a meeting place for counselling and encouragement. Pastor Bob Chapman and the Fellowship are very grateful for the

provisions and support they have received over the years from so many including the Band of Brothers Motorcycle Club, Bunbury Anglican Diocese and recently MMM Australia. Out of a small flicker, God has continued to honour His word and been a guiding light to those who are faithful. We look forward to the news of more lives being touched and changed in the community of Yarloop. ***"We're here to rebuild with you" (YCF)***



Rod camping onsite at Yarloop

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WA Local Diary

WA Caravan Safari 2017... Join the Stampede

Planning for the first MMM Caravan Safari to cross the Nullarbor and head west is well underway and starting to take shape. A number of organisations have expressed their desire to have a work team visit them and complete a much need project. Co-ordination of these projects and the logistics have been left in the hands of Trevor Beard MMMWA Regional Manager and Phill Hall MMMNSW Team Leader. Subject to some refinement, the Safari will take place from **Mar to July 2017**, and track the following route

- 27 Mar-07 Apr **Esperance**, work on farm stay and church
22 Apr-30 Apr **Busselton**, SU Camp Geographe Bay, refurbish 5 dorms, replace bunks and paint
Mundijong, paint exterior of church hall
08 May-20 May **Perth**, Camp Wattle Grove, maintenance of camp facilities and huts
Perth, construct church extension and toilet block
29 May- 09 Jun **Geraldton**, Wandalgu Mission, renovate dormitory and cottage, fix plumbing
19 Jun- 30 Jun **Carnarvon**, construct a children's playground
10 July-21 Jul **Port Hedland**, construct a walkway between 2 buildings

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

If you would like to be a part of this Western Australian Caravan Safari 2017, registered your interest today, you can join for part or all of the safari and it is open to all MMM Volunteers from the either east or west

Contact Trevor 0409 778 799 Email mmmwa@mmm.org.au
or Phill 0428 233 317 Email phill.gwen1@bigpond.com



Invitation Yarloop Christian Fellowship

Opening of their new Hall

Sat 29th October 2016

9:30am –2:30pm

Sausage Sizzle Onsite

Official Ceremony at 11:00am

RSVP Malcolm 0414 533 585

SHOPPING TOUR SAT 15TH OCT \$40 PP

Visit Outlets and Specialty Shops searching for those unique gifts and surprises

Bus departs and returns to MMMWA Centre, Furley Rd Southern River

Register your interest with Karen Beard 0419 197 695



Prayer and Praise

Pray for Mike and Melody Nicholls (MMMNZ) as they make their way back east and then home to New Zealand. They were a real blessing throughout their

WA travels and will be missed by many.

Pray for additional persons to be prompted to become involved in the ministry of MMMWA, by joining either the WA Regional Committee, Prayer Group or part of a work team.

Pray for the health of MMM Volunteers, as many are now in their senior years and the bodies are feeling the strains of heavy manual work.

Give thanks for the projects completed at Yarloop Christian Fellowship, South Perth Baptist Church and WEC International and that each of these ministries will be blessed in their works in the communities that they serve.

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

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Project Updates - Benwerren & ACMA

Over the past 12 months we have experienced a significant increase in project requests in the VIC/SA region with over 25 project requests received from churches, and mission organisations, and the team have done a great job on the project sites they could get to. We still have a large number of projects to look at, and the requests continue to come through at steady rate.

We need more project teams, more volunteers, and more team leaders. David Graham and Kim Roediger are doing a great job reviewing, and planning projects for the region but we just need people on the ground helping out, people willing to server those who serve.

Two projects currently on the go are "Benwerren" and ACMA.

Benwerren is a refuge for women and children where we have assisted on several occasions. A team lead by Ian Knowles is working to convert an old



farm shed into a much more workable storage room with a decent floor.



ACMA (Australian Centre for Mission Aviation) needed some racking built and bird-proofing around the hanger. With help from the men at 1330 Church in Scoresby a concerted effort was put in to assemble some pallet racking for them (*a miracle how that was sourced through MMM also*), and Kim Roediger worked on plugging the gaps where aviators of the feathered kind were sneaking into the hanger (*and leaving calling cards on expensive aircraft*). With limited resources this project was co-ordinated by our CEO Terry Baxter with the project all happening on a Saturday when the normal work in the hanger is not happening.



Vic/SA Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
Late Nov	Belgrave Heights Convention	Room painting & playground assembly
Urgent—ASAP	Samoan Church Campbellfield	Shower construction
Oct—Nov	Dream Stitches Box Hill	Playground fencing & gate
Jan 2017	Henson House	Floor repairs & painting

Help Wanted

The Vic Team are planning a garage sale fundraiser to be held on Saturday November 19th. We have collected a large amount of great product for sale all of which is stored at the factory in Mitcham. We need a team of helpers to assist Marg Taylor to sort, clean, and prepare the items ready for the big day.

If you can help out any time could you please contact Marg Taylor on 0434 992 460 or Robyn on the Mitcham office number 9837 2700.



MMM Caps

Keep the sun off your head and fly the MMM Flag at the same time!!!

You can help support MMM by purchasing the great caps for just **\$15**. Contact Head Office on (03) 9837 2700



Prayer Support

Pray for our garage sale on November 19th, that much needed funds will be raised. Pray that we have a good number of volunteers to help on the day. Pray we have a great number of visitors eager to purchase items.

Pray that the garage sale will be a good outreach into our community.

Pray for a region manager to commit to working with MMM and move the region forward. Pray for God to challenge the heart of the right person.

Pray for Kim Roediger and David Graham as they plan and manage projects. Pray God gives them wisdom and vision.

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Blue Lagoon

On the 22nd of August we started the project at Blue Lagoon Campsite – Dodges Ferry (*Southern Tasmania*). The task was to build stud walls and a roof on the new slab off the side of the recently constructed gymnasium. This building we built contains an entrance to the hall, craft room with a kitchenette, female and male toilets with showers, and a storage room.

In the first week the stud walls went up and the roof went on. The second week involved installing the sound-proof insulation and ply board sheeting in the gym/hall area. We also plastered the smaller rooms, entrance way, and storage area. For the third week, we sanded joins in plaster architraves, painted, and fit out the rooms.

Blue Lagoon is a fantastic place where Peter and Kathy Jack serve with lots of energy as groups come in to use the great facilities. This new addition will be well used by many school and community groups! The gym/hall has a rock climbing wall at one

end and the ability to host many sports – like basketball, netball, badminton etc. And the additional craft room will be used to do many creative projects. It is great to partner and support this organization.

Thanks to the many who gave their time and effort. A BIG thank you to our team: Darrel House, John de Jonge, Nigel Anderson, Joe Harder, Graham & Gloria Scott, Lance & Maree Reeves, and Joshua Richards.

Yes, if you need a place to take a youth, women's, men's, or family group away for an inspirational time, please consider Blue Lagoon Campsite ph. (03) 6265 8192!



New Addition



On the 10th of September at 6:05am Louisa Maree Milgate was born 7lb 5oz and 45cm to smitten parents Lydia and James Milgate, and, celebrating with them, grandparents Rod and Lynn Dowling. Praise God for our perfect little granddaughter. We are so blessed!! Lots of cuddles, healthy Mum and Dad adjusting to broken nights, but all going well. Thanks for your prayers!

Tas Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
Completed	Blue Lagoon Campsite	
TBA	Worldview	Cafe set up in dinning hall & upgrade kitchen/dining
TBA	Glo	Property maintenance
TBA	Pilgrim Hill	Approved. In need of finances
TBA	Zions Hill	Prayer tower. Waiting council approval

People & Places



Zion's Hill Prayer House Launch Dinner was held on the 12th of August at 6pm. Invitations went out to all the pastors and leaders in Launceston, northern, north-western and southern Tasmania, and any interested partners. It was a night of vision, celebration, and a time to get together and catch up with many friends at Zions Hill church in Ravenswood. Great food from the church and caterers The Gold Roast was enjoyed by all.

The night was held to tell us about the vision of Zion's Hill, with the first speaker, architect Les Penzes, explaining the rooms and highlights of planning. The next speaker was Carol Bryden, representing "Your Town", who will support the build by partnering with workers who are unemployed in order to integrate them back into the workforce. Then Rod spoke about MMM and how we support Christian organizations. He was great, informative, encouraging and relaxed as he explained our organization. Merrilyn Billing took the next section on her vision and the journey. It was a special night with a great church.



MMM Tas End of Year Celebration Picnic

11am on the 10th December

Please keep this date free!

Shared Picnic Lunch

Bring savory dish and dessert to share.

Please bring your own camping chair.

Myrtle Park Sites 13 & 14

We are booking a couple of camping sites for our group, so if you would like to bring your caravan or tent for a night or so...it's \$10 a night (pay on the day), free showers and use of camp kitchen.

Ring Colleen on **6399 3368**

Please R.S.V.P. ASAP

Prayer Support

Praise God for the safe arrival of Louisa Maree Milgate.

Praise God for all who helped in the Blue Lagoon Project.

Praise God for His enabling, His wisdom, His love and many blessings.

Praise God for the safe travelling for committee members as they travel to other countries and back home.

Pray for Tas Projects, volunteers, leadership, Board, CEO, and state leaders.

Pray for the health of the MMM community.



Humpty Doo

In early June, work began at the Living Waters Community Centre and Op. Shop. This was a new building associated with the Humpty Doo Uniting Church. The building was in the last stages of completion by a private contractor and our task was to build and install the tables and shelving required for the fit-out. Fencing around the proposed play ground was also required. Initially there was a team of ten but with four of these joining the Goulburn Island team, work proceeded with a core team of Tom and Gaye Redsell (*Leaders*), Adrian and Caren Behrens (*with Sophia and David*), Geoff and Bronwyn Bauer.



Access to the building was denied for several weeks as the building had not been given final certification. Tables and shelving were constructed and stored under the Manse in readiness and the fence completed. After three and a half weeks, the furniture was moved in and the Bauer's returned home and the Redsell's moved on to another job in Maningrida.

Adrian remained for another three weeks to enable construction of the front counter and lockers for the staff, and some change rooms. He also had to install all that had been made in the previous three weeks. There were a few men from the church who helped out at times and this was greatly appreciated.



Tom and Adrian Cut frames for sorting tables



Adrian Behrens, Gaye Redsell, Bronwyn Bauer and Tom Redsell

Before moving on again, it was a joy to see the shelves being filled and the excitement on everyone's faces as they prepared for opening day. The op shop has a great impact on the surrounding community and will be a blessing to all who enter it.

Gaye Redsell and Caren Behrens.



Qld/NT Local Projects

Start Date	Project Description	Project Team Required
10-14 Oct	Liberty Haven	Respite and help for teens—Full team
17 –28 Oct	Bundaberg Baptist	Painting & Maintenance—Everyone
12 Nov	Stafford Heights Baptist	Fund Raising Dinner—All Welcome
TBA	Toowoomba	OM Worker Residence—carpentry/painting
TBA	Acacia Ridge	Maintenance—1x volunteer
7-11 Dec	MMM Mango Hill	Garage Sale—Everyone

People & Places

John and Meg Mackenzie

John and Meg Mackenzie have a long association with MMM and recently I asked them how they became involved. Before they met, both had read “Miles of Ministry and Miracles”, and with considerable excitement found, when they were married 33 years ago, they both had a copy and a desire to contribute to the MMM work as some stage. Sixteen years ago they joined a team and have worked each year from a week to three months with teams and have greatly assisted with QLD garage sales for many years.



Annual Fund Raising Dinner

The Northern Australia Region Committee invites you to attend their annual dinner
“Tradie” themed night
Come dressed to be ‘on the job’ or in casual wear
Prize for best dressed tradie!

Saturday November 12th

Stafford Heights Baptist Church,
268 Appleby Road, Stafford heights
6pm for 6:30pm start

Cost: by donation Bring coins for fun and fines

SILENT AUCTION AND STALL

Book a table and bring your friends for a fun night out to support us into 2017.

It is our hope that all tables will be sponsored so that 100% of money raised during the evening will go to the work of MMM Australia for 2017.

PLEASE RSVP BY 4TH NOVEMBER

If you would like to sponsor a table and/or make a booking please contact Anne Cooper - 0430 200 942 or email anne@mmm.org.au

They have enjoyed the fellowship of the various teams tremendously and felt stretched at times but never disappointed in the Lord who called them to this work. They are a great asset to our team and we are the richer for sharing in mission together with them in MMM.

Prayer Support

Praise God for a great team project at Gayndah with a full team and great result in getting the manse repainted after 30 years and some maintenance completed on the church.

Praise God for Ian and Ellen Dawson driving up from NSW to join the team and Ian’s dedication to assisting managers and team leaders to be diligent with WH &S.

Pray for the Behrens as they lead the project at Bundaberg – for wisdom and guidance with the team and energy for Adrian to manage the project

Pray for preparations for annual fund raising dinner on 12th November – it will be well supported, a fun night and a celebration of Gods goodness to organisations and team members throughout the year.



Benwerren

The following is from Benwerren's website - "Benwerren aims to strengthen families, by supporting women and children in need, ministering to their physical, educational, emotional and spiritual well being. Benwerren aims to share the love of God, the healing power of the Holy Spirit and the salvation of Christ."

www.benwerren.com.au

MMM has had the privilege of helping this amazing ministry on numerous occasions over many years. Team members love going to this very picturesque location in the Yarra Valley in Victoria. The MMM workers always come back from these projects inspired by the great impact this ministry is having in the lives of the women and children who are blessed to spend time there and hear of the ongoing support given by Benwerren's staff and volunteers.

Praise God for the opportunity for 155 women and 130 children to stay at Benwerren throughout 2015. Praise God for the wonderful donation of land adjoining the original Benwerren property (*new land shown in the photo*).



Pray for refreshment and God's blessings for Dawn, the Managing Director, who is now on 6 months leave after 23 years in this role. Pray for spiritual and physical refreshment for all staying at Benwerren and for the staff and volunteers.

"We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties."

~ Oswald Chambers

Pray for God's blessings on Ian Knowles, MMM team leader, and our volunteers helping in October with painting, carpentry and possibly concreting in a shed. (*The existing shed is shown beneath the large tree in the photo.*)

Give thanks for the appointment of Graeme Janes as the new CEO for CVA. Pray for God's wisdom and peace for Graeme in this leadership role in Australia. Pray also for the many CVA campsites where MMM teams work throughout the year.

Make a Donation

Want to help support the work of MMM Australia.

Our banking details are below:

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Description: (Your Surname) Donation

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Mail to:

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Prayer for Flood Victims

Please pray for all who have been adversely impacted by flooding throughout NSW, VIC & SA.

2 Corinthians 1 : 3-5

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

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