



# MMMTEAM News

## AUSTRALIA

### What are God's Plans for you in 2021?

Welcome to 2021. After the events and challenges of 2020, I am certainly looking forward to returning to some level of normality. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted us all in one way or another. Personally, we had numerous plans that never eventuated; including a long-awaited overseas holiday to Norway and adjacent Scandinavian countries. I'm not sure when we will get to fulfill these plans.

As 2021 commences I have been reluctant to allow myself to start thinking about planning future activities. I figure why bother; circumstances will just change. But one of the most important things that I learned throughout my working career in heavy industrial maintenance is that planning is the most important action you can take to ensure the successful completion of work. The better you plan; the better the chances of success. Good planning includes considering all risks and having actions ready to mitigate the consequence of any forced change. So, I have been encouraged over the past couple of weeks, as I receive emails from our Regional Managers outlining their work plans for 2021. It is great to see that we are planning work for 2021. This has challenged me to stop being reluctant to plan for 2021 and start thinking and praying about what God wants me to do this year.

As our Region Managers put their plans in place, they will need many volunteers to help successfully undertake this planned work. MMM cannot be successful without volunteers. I have said many times that **our volunteers are the most important people in the MMM organisation**. So as you consider what you will do in 2021, please don't let the opportunities to volunteer and serve God go by. Think about how you can help and what you will need to do if circumstances change. Let's not be scared to make plans.

MMM is seeking more volunteers at all levels of our organisation. If you think you are able to help in some way or know someone who would make a good MMM'er then please talk to your Region Manager or ring the MMM Head Office.

We are also looking for opportunities to talk about MMM in local Churches. If you would like someone to come to your Church and talk about what MMM does and how God works through MMM then please contact our Region Managers or Head Office. May God Bless your plans for 2021.

**Dale Richardson**  
Board Chairperson



# PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES



**For specific information regarding any of these project opportunities please contact the Region Manager responsible for the project.**

<b>WA-21-1081</b>	WA	Kobeelya Conference Centre – Maintenance of buildings	Volunteers needed to assist Rod Heape
Feb 21			
<b>WA-21-1082</b>	WA	Camp Wattle Grove – Maintenance of buildings	Volunteers needed to assist Rod Heape
Feb 21			
<b>TS-20-1074</b>	TAS	Repair and Repaint at Perth Baptist Church	Volunteers needed to join some VIC/SA Volunteers
Mar 15-19			
<b>TS-20-1048</b>	TAS	More Painting with Fencing at Somerset Baptist Church	Fun, food & fellowship with Vic/SA Volunteers
Mar 22-26			
<b>NW-20-1056</b>	NSW	Young Life Australia—Maintenance repairs and painting. Internal and exterior work required.	Full Team required
Mar-21			
<b>NW-20-1050</b>	NSW	Coffs Harbour Wesleyan Methodist Church—Major construction, painting and repairs	Full Team required - Caravan parking provided
Mar-21			
<b>VC-18-835</b>	VIC	Belgrave Heights Convention, Work on the last of the A-Frame buildings	Full Team required
Feb-15			
<b>VC-20-1011</b>	VIC	St Marks Anglican church Thorpdale, Interior painting of main church building	Full Team required
Mar-8			
<b>TS-20-1048</b>	TAS	Somerset Baptist Church -Painting with Fencing	Full Team required
Mar 22-26			
<b>VC-21-1029</b>	VIC	Yarragon Anglican church, Exterior painting of windows and Bathroom development	Full Team required
Mar-15			
<b>QD-19-926</b>	QLD	Yandina Baptist—Painting	Team Leaders and volunteers required
Apr-20– May 7			
<b>NT-20-1005</b>	NT	Acts Global Churches - Alice Springs Church - Various minor building and maintenance jobs in new building	NT Safari Team Project
May 25-June 4			
<b>NT-21-1072</b>	NT	Anglican Church Manse - Ngukurr - Bathroom renovations to ensuite and New doorway installation to living area of Rectory Unit	NT Safari Team Project
June 17-June 25			
<b>NT-18-779</b>	NT	Church of Good Shepherd, Fred's Pass - Painting and colourbond cleaning and minor pavement repairs	NT Safari Team Project
June 29-July 7			
<b>NT-21-1071</b>	NT	Living Water Uniting Church, Humpty Doo - Painting interior and exterior of main church building	NT Safari Team Project
July 14– July 23			

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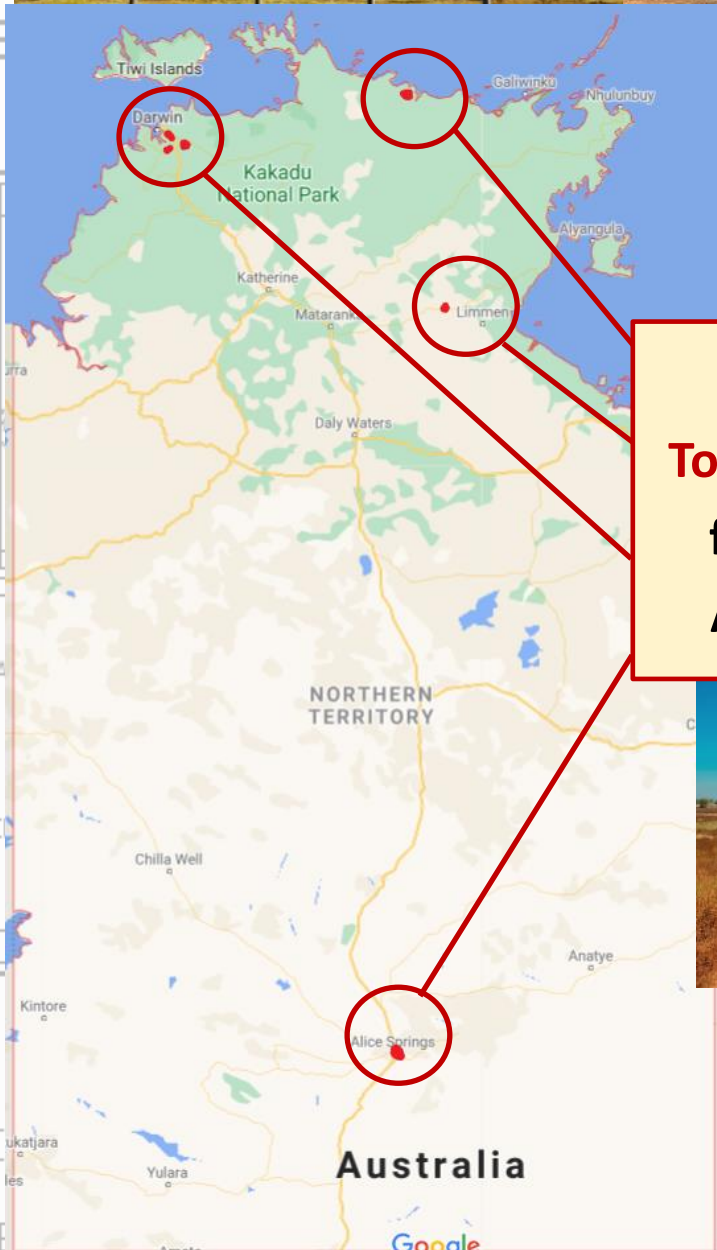
# Announcing the 2021 Top-End Safari

Expressions of interest are sought for the 2021 Top-End Safari team to visit the Northern Territory for several MMM Projects. Planning is now well advanced and we are now looking to confirm team members and Team Leader(s) for the 6+ projects scheduled.

First draft plans have the team starting in Alice Springs on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and then a generous schedule with several extended breaks between projects to allow you to relax and explore the beauty of the Northern Territory.

Project sites include: **Alice Springs, Ngukurr, Batchelor, Fred's Pass, Humpty Doo, and Maningrida.**

If you are interested in serving with the 2021 Safari Team please contact the projects team at: [projects@mmm.org.au](mailto:projects@mmm.org.au) or give Terrence Baxter a call at head office.



Join the  
**Top-End Safari**  
for a 2021  
Adventure





## Great Times, Events, and Gatherings

At the end of 2020 the annual Christmas dinner was cancelled due to concerns about COVID. Instead, we held a very enjoyable gathering at the home of John and Joyce Blade on the Central Coast. Whilst not everyone could make it, those who did enjoyed good food, beautiful surrounds and pleasant fellowship. Speaking of good fellowship, the annual sojourn to Red Rock is currently underway. This is an unofficial MMM gathering of NSW and QLD volunteers who gather to fellowship and renew friendships. From all accounts it's going well.

Despite COVID, NSW managed to complete 10 projects in 2020. The year started with work on the Wallsend Presbyterian manse. Wallsend Presbyterian has been one of our best 'customers' in recent times. We have restored their worship centre; church hall and manse. We thought that it would be good to find out how our contribution helped their ministry. The 'epistle' below is Pastor Mark's summary of our visits:

### How MMM has helped our church.....

*Wallsend Presbyterian Church has been undergoing a process of revitalisation for the last few years. As the church grew and changed, we wanted to renovate our church buildings to make them even more attractive to a new generation. The problem was we had little money, and most of our congregation members had young families and worked full time, and so had little time to work on the building.*

*I contacted Mobile Mission Maintenance after hearing about the great work MMM teams had done on the church building a few decades back. The MMM teams which have visited us have been a great encouragement to our church and have made a significant contribution to our church revitalisation.*

*Even though our church building is 150 years old, it now feels like a modern space where adults and kids can feel comfortable as they hear the Bible taught and fellowship together.*

*After having MMM teams two years in a row, I thought I'd push my luck and ask if a team might be available to help us renovate an investment property which our church owns, the income from which makes up a significant part of our budget. Thanks to MMM we did a great renovation, got a good tenant, and increased our weekly income from that property significantly, which has meant we are able to do more ministry.*

Matt Crocker





## God's People Still Reaching Out

As the new normality's of life begin to take shape and we adjust to the changes that have taken place, MMMWA is still in the business of "serving those who serve". It has been interesting to hear the testimonies of organisations about how they have been blessed through these difficult times and others that have made changes to their ministries, that have put them in touch with a whole new people group within their outreach community. God is never asleep and His people take reassurance that He is always in control.

Over the last month Rod Heape has been continuing to complete maintenance work at both the Providence Christian College and Camp Wattle Grove. This month he heads down south to Kobeelya Conference Centre in Katanning for a couple of weeks' work. MMMWA feel blessed to work alongside these ministries and do our part in equipping them to further reach out into the community through our practical ministry of the building or maintenance of their buildings.



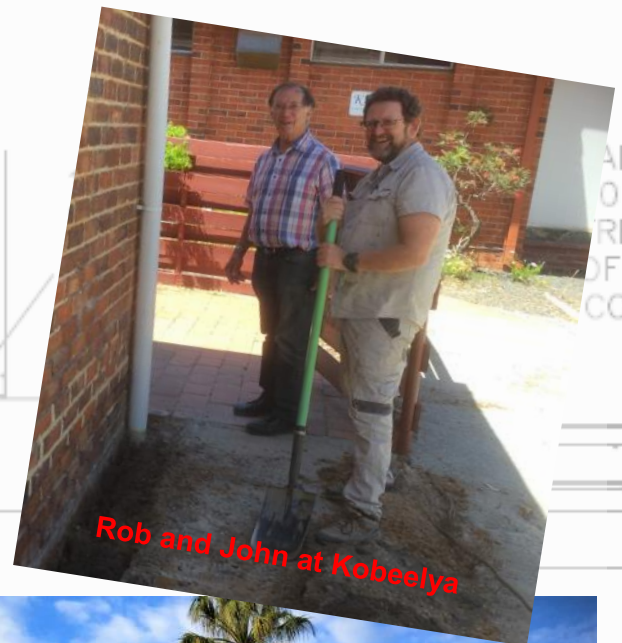
Sir Rod ready to go

Recently MMWA has received requests for major work projects that require project management, multi licensed trades and use of heavy plant equipment. It is great that we have on board a couple of Partner Builders who support the ministry of MMM and are willing to assist in these specialised fields. At times we can use a combination of our Partner Builders and Volunteers to get the best outcome for the organisation we are assisting.

We have been limited in our opportunities to have fundraising events this year but MMMWA has now scheduled its Celebration Dinner for **Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>**. It is always a fun night with something to eat, a guest speaker and an opportunity to hear about the ministry of MMM.

Another fun way that individuals and churches can help out is to participate in "**Containers for Change**" and donate proceeds back to MMM WA fundraising. Collection of containers can be done by individuals or church's as a one off event or regular program. Need more information call Trevor at the MMM Centre.

If you have an idea how to help support MMM, give Trevor a call..... Your idea may change someone's world!



Rob and John at Kobeelya



Kobeelya Conference Centre

MMM Western Australia - Trevor & Karen Beard.

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## Christmas Lunch 2020

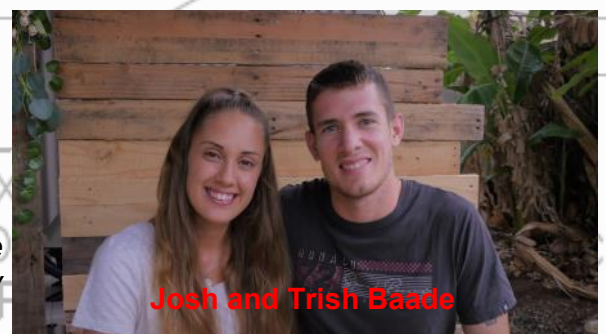
Our Christmas lunch was held at the MMM Centre, Mango Hill on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. This was well supported with 65 people in attendance. Despite rain in the previous days, fine weather enabled the event to be held outside. As in the past few years, a cold lunch was shared with desserts to follow. John gave a summary of the year's projects which of course were seriously affected by COVID lockdowns and restrictions.



### People and Places

We are delighted to welcome Trish and Josh Baade to our MMM team. Here is what Trish wrote about their journey to the ministry.

*Mid 2020 we started praying about where God wanted us in 2021 as a newly married couple. We had a few ideas, but we didn't feel peace until we felt a calling to travel with a ministry focus, which sounded a little crazy to us as it was peak COVID. Nevertheless, we believed God had given us a goal to share about Jesus but also practically serve churches across Queensland/ Australia (as Josh was doing his carpentry apprenticeship). As we began to discuss with our local pastors how we could make this vision a reality, we were directed to MMM. We love the heart and passion they have for their ministry which aims to serve those who serve. We have no doubts that this is the ministry God has called us to and we are both super excited to see how God is going to work in and through us in this next season.*





## A New and Better Year - We Pray

As we get involved in the New Year, the usual happenings occur, back to school preparations, council rates etc. you know the drill. However, for the first time in my MMM life, MMM Victoria/South Australia only slowed down over the Christmas break.

In early January, a small team went up to Granite Flat Baptist Church, to install two windows. Then the MMM Victoria work trailer got some adjustments and a repaint.

Some ladders were purchased via Facebook marketplace. And later in January, a team of twelve offered to return to Sandy Life (ex Sandringham) Baptist church, to

work on a major cleanup of the property and buildings. As this story gets typed, in 24hrs, a group of young people hope to meet at the church, after a whole year of being unable to do so. In that

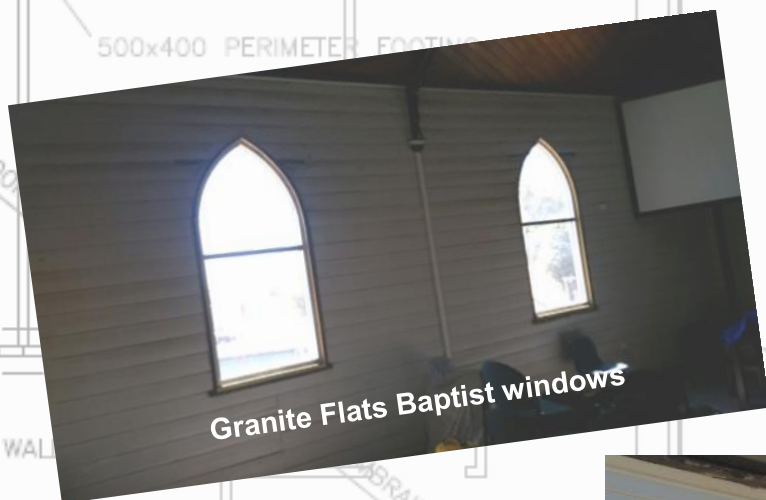
twelve months, very few have been able to help to do maintenance at the site. Rusting rooves have started to impact sadly. We were met with a partially collapsed kitchen ceiling. And whilst there, it poured with rain. Nothing more to say.

This is just a sample of the many works MMM help with, on projects. And we love doing it. We love blessing others, as it helps them to be on the front line, and do their work more effectively.

**Sandy Life Baptist Crew**



**Granite Flats Baptist windows**



In South Australia, we still wait to get safe and solid access over the border. The small team establishing over there, have got 6 large projects, waiting for a start. We need to get over there to assist them ASAP.



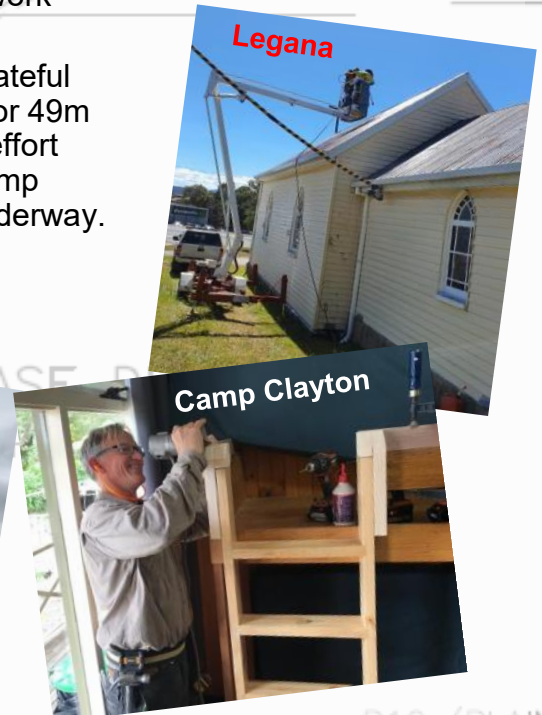




## A Relaxed Summer

After a couple of big projects in spring, our summer has looked a bit like a holiday in Tassie (minus the summer weather) with only a few days on projects (and a few hot days) throughout the last two months. If you're part of the wonderful team of volunteers in Tassie, we hope you're feeling rested and raring to go as there is plenty of work coming up as we head into autumn!!

Over summer we have helped: Citylight Church who were so grateful for the team that worked for a day to box and put steel in place for 49m of driveway; Legana Uniting Church who really appreciated the effort that a three-man team put in to prep and paint their roof; and Camp Clayton who were very happy to get their bunk bed upgrades underway.



## The Scotts

If you've been involved with MMM for a little while, you'd at least be familiar with the names Graham and Gloria Scott and you may well have met them on the road somewhere in Australia. Graham and Gloria have given much of their lives to the work of MMM over the last twenty plus years, both in Tasmania and across the country, on projects, behind the desk, doing promotions and helping with fundraising. At the beginning of the year, Graham was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. It's been a difficult month, to put it mildly, with surgery, seizures and ICU. They've had to leave their property (and Graham's cows) on the north-west coast for treatment in Hobart.



At the time of writing, Graham has been moved to a rehabilitation hospital where he is making slow but satisfactory progress. He has had some days during this time where he's not been able to eat ice-cream so we know the seriousness of the situation. Praise God, he's now enjoying his desserts once more and we look forward to more positive reports as God continues to work in his life.







## The Success from Covid

Covid-19 was a big headache for MMM in Thailand just like for many other organisations around the world. We have had to limit social contact and remain socially distanced. That means our ability to do work that requires more hands and bodies has been limited too. Therefore, since last September through January this year, we chose to work on projects that only needed one or two people to complete. We are saving the rest of the projects for later this year or when this pandemic is over. Here is a list of the projects we have been working on, all of them are for S2S property development.

- Put up a Gate on S2S's entrance and exit for the children's safety and to keep neighbor's pets from invading the property.
- Build a fence on the left hand side of the property. This is the neighbor whose dogs like to come visit.
- Fix the 2nd floor's ceiling. Replace the cloth ceiling that was old and torn with new cloth.
- Extend and create a Thai style open kitchen for the children. Because Thai dishes with chilies can cause serious breathing problems including coughing. Trust me, you don't want to experience any of this. I know first hand how awful this experience can be. I am glad Pedro was able to get this done for the children.
- Create a concrete driveway to the S2S boy's house. Some of the boys from S2S assisted us on this project. Pouring large amounts of concrete requires more people to help.

Currently we are building another carport for S2S on the boy's property. This is another project where the S2S boys have been helping when they are free from studying.

We love to serve those who serve in Thailand. The longer we serve the more we see how much MMM in Thailand is needed in this country. There are many Christian organisations both Thai and none-Thai ministries, who do not know anything about construction work. We are constantly getting phone calls from our Christian friends asking for help, with both big and small projects on their ministry sites.

I often wish I knew more about construction work so I could help Pedro with the workload.

Please know, your ongoing help from Australia is very much appreciated by us, MMM in Thailand. Thank you for believing in us and serving us with your prayers and financial support. We need you!

**Palita & Pedro**  
MMM in Thailand







## Prayer and Praise Points.!

Area	Prayer or Praise Point
<b>QLD</b>	Praise: That there are many local projects ready to be completed in the early part of this year.
<b>NSW</b>	Please continue to pray for Asher. He is making good progress and wants to return to school.
<b>TAS</b>	Pray for upcoming projects at Perth Baptist and Somerset Baptist Churches
<b>QLD</b>	Praise: For Trish and Josh Baade who have moved into the house at Mango Hill and are settling into MMM life.
<b>VIC/SA</b>	Praise God for the farmers showing interest and joining in on projects. What a blessing to all of us.
<b>SA</b>	Pray for the faithful volunteers from South Australia who are looking to do more in 2021.
<b>NSW</b>	Pray for Greg and Robyn Jackson as they lead the region. Pray for endurance and good health.
<b>WA</b>	Pray for a great increase in volunteers to work with the WA Projects teams.
<b>VIC/SA</b>	Pray that the borders will remain open so that volunteers from Victoria can go to SA to work on projects.
<b>QLD</b>	Prayer: For team members and leaders to come forward to assist John on projects during April – July.
<b>TAS</b>	Pray for Graham Scott as he recovers from surgery, pray also for Gloria and the family.
<b>NSW</b>	Pray for all the team leaders as they plan and manage project teams in the coming months
<b>TAS</b>	Pray for Shane and Ruth as Region Managers. Pray also for guidance and wisdom for the state committee
<b>QLD</b>	Prayer: For smooth running of the projects this year free from COVID restrictions.
<b>National</b>	Pray for more volunteers to join the Region Committees and support the Region Managers in their roles.
<b>VIC/SA</b>	Give thanks for Ian and Noel from MMM Build-A-Bond. Give thanks for their thinking outside the box and getting our steel frames, ready to become an A-FRAME for a project at BHC.
<b>Prayer</b>	Pray for Robyn Fedrick as she co-ordinates our prayer networks and publications. Pray for more prayer fellowships to be established around the nation.
<b>National</b>	Continue to pray for the finances of MMM. Pray for the various fundraising events that will take place across the regions in coming months. Pray about what you can do to make a difference and support for the work fo MMM.





YOUR INVITATION TO  
**MMM (WA)**  
**CELEBRATION DINNER**  
**SAT 27TH MAR 2021**

**\$49 PP INCLUDES**

DELICIOUS 3 COURSE MEAL  
 GUEST SPEAKER AMIT KHAIRA  
 PLENTY OF FUN

COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE  
 MINISTRY OF "SERVING THOSE WHO  
 SERVE"

BRING YOURSELF, A FRIEND OR  
 YOUR WHOLE CHURCH

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT CALL  
 KAREN 0419 197 695

**Our "Head Office" Prayer Fellowship starts up again in February!**

**If you can't make it to Mitcham, join us on Zoom!**

**Robyn Fedrick will have all the details on Facebook or contact her at  
[prayer@mmm.org.au](mailto:prayer@mmm.org.au).**

**MMM QUEENSLAND**  
**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WHEN: SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**  
**AT 5PM FOR A 6PM START**

**WHERE: STAFFORD HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
**268 APPLEBY ROAD, STAFFORD HEIGHTS**

**COST: - BY DONATION**

**DRESS: 'COUNTRY' OR CASUAL WEAR**

***SILENT AUCTION & CAKE STALL***





## God's Ways are Higher

The year of 2020 was a year of uncertainty and we may not know exactly how 2021 will pan out, but we do know who holds it, our faithful God! As MMM gets back into full swing, with many projects planned for the year ahead, we know that ultimately it is our God who holds everything in His hands. Whatever the year brings, God knows all our needs before we even ask, even so, He wants us to have a personal relationship with Him through prayer. He is our loving and gracious Father and He wants to bless us. We have our many plans but ultimately He desires us to trust Him with our path. This was evident last year, with the complete spanner thrown in the works, we were unable to go about our usual business at MMM. However, God still provided. He kept MMM open and answered our prayers for finances, more volunteers, for breakthrough with the pandemic in Australia and so much more. He makes a way where there is no way, and His ways are above man's.

This morning I was reading Matthew 7:21-23 which says *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"* It reminded me of the importance for us to both have a personal relationship with God and to do His will. They go hand in hand. As we leant into our God last year, I encourage you, let's continue to lean into Him together this year. He has work for us to do and is entrusting us to follow His will.

May you know God's peace, presence and blessings as you live your life to serve and honour Him.

**Robyn Fedrick**

National Prayer Coordinator



Please pray that many more prayer fellowships will be established throughout Australia during this year.

Is God prompting you to establish a group in your area to prayerfully support MMM or maybe join an existing one? I would love to chat to you.



Would you like to host a Prayer Fellowship?



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