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MMMTEAMNews

AUSTRALIA

Board Transition

Board Transition is a subject matter that is on our Board agenda for most meetings. We recognise that those who serve on the MMM Australia board have a specific skill set that completes the skills profile necessary to fulfil the demands of a not-for-profit board.

The MMM Australia Board is a volunteer operation with men and women who feel called to serve in this capacity committing to three year terms. Some of our previous Board members have served faithfully for 10 or 11 years. We are always looking for skilled individuals to join the Board.

This year we have welcomed two new members to the Board. In our February meeting Andrew McCulloch joined the Board and in our April meeting Paul Bradley committed to serve.

Andrew McCulloch

Andrew is on the leadership team of Global Interaction at its national office in Melbourne. He is a Mission practitioner and Urban and Environmental Planner with a diverse background in Intercultural Mission, International Development, Environmental Management and Strategic Planning.

Andrew served for 9 years in South-East Asia serving with Global Interaction amongst one of the largest least-reached people groups in the world.



Paul Bradley



Paul has served for over 15 years with various Christian organisations at executive level in organisations like Anglican Retirement Villages, Calvary Health & most recently Fresh Hope Care. He has been responsible for delivering over \$500m in projects over that time.

Paul has had a passion to volunteer in whatever capacity will add value to Christian not-for-profits and felt led to respond to our call for Board members in late 2020. His broader skills lie in the strategy and decision making piece for organisations. He now has his own consulting business that supports his endeavours to contribute to the volunteering passions he has.

Welcome onto the team at MMM Andrew and Paul.

TopEnd Safari Team

In Mid may a team of MMM volunteers from 4 states will be converging on the Northern Territory for the 2021 TopEnd Safari, where they will undertake 7 projects in the three months to late August. As in most MMM teams it's an eclectic group of people with a wide ranges of skills. They have two things in common, a desire and passion to serve God through MMM, and a willingness to go!

This year we have two Team Leaders looking after a variety of project work from concrete replacement to internal building reconfigurations. One of the most interesting projects will be to paint a church with now walls.... Interested in knowing more on how they will achieve this feat? Make sure you get a copy of the next edition of TeamNews!

We are calling on all MMM supporters across the nation to pray for the team who are quite literally travelling 1000's of Kilometers to the project sites which stretch from Alice Springs to Maningrida. Pray for their safety on the roads, and on the jobsite. Pray also for their health and vitality over the 12+ weeks of the Safari. Lastly pray for the churches they will be assisting that through these efforts their communities will be better served for Christ.



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PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES



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



Gin Gin Baptist Church **QUEENSLAND**

Project ID: QD-20-987

When: May 24— June 4

Paint of Church and general maintenance.

Volunteers needed

Contact: John Cooper for details.

John: 0407 696298



Tamar Valley Christian Church

Project ID: TS-21-1094

When: To be advised

Toilet block and playground renovations.

Enthusiastic volunteers needed

Contact: Shane Goelst for details.

Shane: 0407 696298



Yandina Baptist Church **QUEENSLAND**

Project ID: QD-19-926

When: May 4—11

Paint Church.

Volunteers needed

Contact: John Cooper for details.

John: 0407 696298



Blue Lagoon Campsite **TASMANIA**

Project ID: TS-21-1098

When: To be advised

Painting and Maintenance.

Lots of volunteers needed

Contact: Shane Goelst for details.

Shane: 0439 632729



Marloro Church of Christ **QUEENSLAND**

Project ID: QD-19-9267

When: June 7—18

Renovations to Church and Painting.

Volunteers needed

Contact: John Cooper for details.

John: 0407 696298



GLO Ministries Smithton **TASMANIA**

Project ID: TS-20-1064

When: To be advised

Final project before relocation.

Lots & lots of volunteers needed

Contact: Shane Goelst for details.

Shane: 0439 632729



Dirranbandi Community Church **QUEENSLAND**

Project ID: QD-20-1060

When: July 13—30

Lining interior and Paint Church.

Volunteers needed

Contact: John Cooper for details.

John: 0407 696298

Check with your local Region Manager for upcoming projects in your state or region.....

TopEnd Safari Update

A lot of planning has gone into the **2021 TopEnd Safari**, and we have had significant interest from volunteers from around the nation, and now the team is all set and ready to start their first project in Alice Springs in Late May. Praise God for the commitment and dedication of our volunteers who are crossing the continent to complete 7 projects between Late May and the end of August.

The teams are being lead by two Team Leaders (*Peter Lewis (Vic) and Graham Thompson (NSW)*) and the project sites stretch the length of the Northern Territory. Please pray for the team, for safety and protection on the roads, and on the job sites. Pray for good health, and good fellowship. Pray also for the churches and communities they are serving on this great adventure.

Peter & Rhonda Lewis, Don & Bonnie McCauslin, Graham & Jodi Thompson,
Peter & Jan Leach, Gary & Hilary Brewer, Hank & Helen Vandersteen,
David & Robyn Freeman, Maarten Van Prooije, Mal Bell,
Geoff & Bronwyn Bauer

Living Hope Church

Alice Springs

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Project ID: NT-20-1005

When: May 24— June 4

Various minor building and maintenance jobs in new building.

Pray for the Team's first project together.

Team Leader: Peter Lewis.

Give them a call to encourage the team
0414 257039

Anglican Church House

Ngukkur Community

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Project ID: NT-20-1072

When: June 14— 25

Internal alterations to create additional accommodation unit.

Pray for the team in this remote community.

Team Leader: Graham Thompson

Give them a call to encourage the team
0418 907524

Church of Good Shepherd

Bee's Creek

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Project ID: NT-21-1072

When: June 28— July 9

Painting internal Steel Structure, Cleaning Colorbond, Painting wall inserts and windows.

Team Leader: Peter Lewis.

Send the team an encouraging email

lewis.pr163@gmail.com

Living Water Uniting Church

Humpty Doo

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Project ID: NT-21-1071

When: July 13— 23

Interior and Exterior painting of church.

Pray for Gary & Jodi Thompson as this is their last project with the Safari Team.

Team Leader: Graham Thompson

Text Message the team to

Hannuscheck Mission House

Karama (Darwin)

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Project ID: NT-19-907

When: June 15— 23

Repairs and Maintenance around the house.

Team Leader: Peter Lewis

Send a text message to encourage the team
0418 907524

Uniting Church House

Maningrida (Arnhem Land)

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Project ID: NT-20-1025

When: August 17— 27

Construction of new unit under the house.

Team Leader: To Be Advised

Pray for the team as they begin the long journey home

St Francis Church

Batchelor

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Project ID: NT-18-780

When: July 28— August 6

Interior and exterior painting, and various minor maintenance tasks.

Pray for this local community and this church that serves them.

Team Leader: Peter Lewis.

Give them a call to pray with the team
0414 257039



NSW Flooding

Praise God that the MMM forebears who built the NSW headquarters did so up high and out of danger. This month has seen torrential downpours and flooding in many parts of NSW but the MMM Wyee house is above the problem. That's not to say the flooding problem doesn't exist for thousands of NSW residents. We feel for all those who have suffered losses. We are aware that church buildings may not have fared so well in some places and we are ready to help when required.

Two of our early jobs are at Coffs Harbour and Kempsey with Armidale in between.

The Coffs Harbour job has gone smoothly with team leader, Ian Dawson, reporting that:-

"From the start of the project there was enthusiasm among the team to complete the work. The work was completed to a high standard". And, "The completed job looked excellent, and the client was very happy with the result, giving the church much encouragement in their future ministry".

The task was to paint a large section of the Coffs Harbour Wesleyan Methodist Church. The spray gun was put to good use in certain sections of the building.

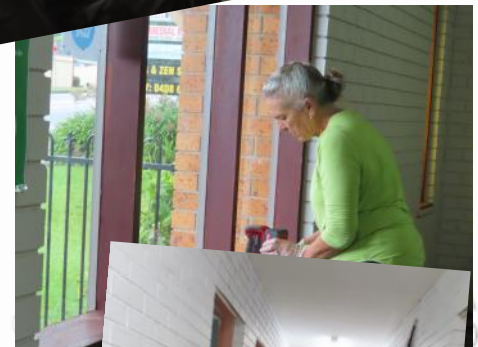
God provided a team of 14 enthusiastic souls who managed very humid conditions as rain continued throughout their stay.

Kempsey Presbyterian church is on the eastern side of the River and protected by a large flood levee. At the time of going to press we understand that Kempsey has

been largely saved from flooding by that levee. Praise the Lord.

As you read this the Armidale job will have concluded with many rooms painted and renewed. More about this job in the next edition but expect a good report as is invariably the case for MMM jobs.

We have many jobs to attend in the remainder of the year. We remain indebted to the many volunteers who are only too happy to serve those who serve. We are especially grateful to the team leaders who are prepared to provide the management skills to ensure jobs go smoothly. Finally, we remain very appreciative of God whose business this is. It is His enabling that brings the jobs, the volunteers and the wherewithal to complete jobs in a way that is satisfying to all concerned.





Kobeelya “A Place of Rest”

Over its long life Kobeelya Conference Centre has been the family home of the town founder Frederick Piesse, a Girls boarding school, and is now run as an accommodation and conference centre by the Baptist Church. The local Baptist Church services are held in a hall behind the main house every Sunday. MMM WA has made a number of visits to Kobeelya to assist the staff with maintenance and upkeep of the historic buildings. Recently Rod made the 3hr journey down to Katanning to complete pointing, painting, trenching and water proofing. He stayed 2 weeks onsite and was well looked after by Heather and also the folk of the Katanning Baptist church.

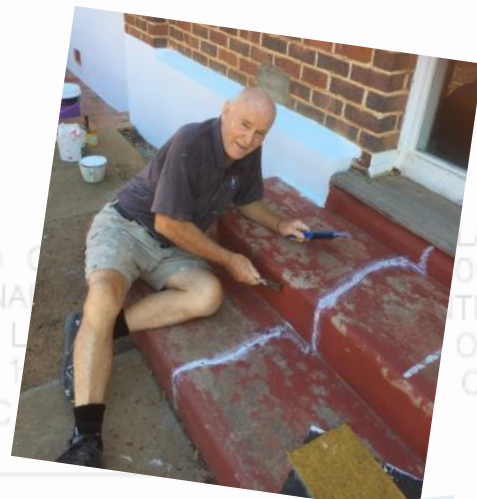


MMMWA was excited this month to be gifted a 6x4 trailer, it will be a real help in keeping the grounds of the Centre free from clutter and rubbish but also for getting materials to projects. The last trailer that MMM had seen better days with rust through the floor and wheels ceasing. A big thank you goes out to our supporters.

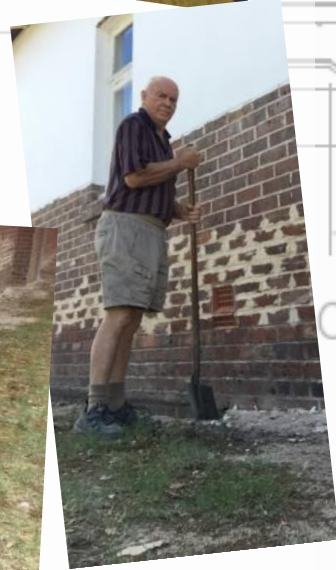


The annual Celebration Dinner planned for the 27th of Mar did not go ahead because of some unforeseen difficulties with catering, however we will be rescheduling to a date in June or July, so watch this space. The dinner is the biggest Event on our Calendar and we are always encouraged by the number of people who attend and show their support for the ministry.

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 Covid 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. We 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.



Last month, MMMWA launched another fun way that individuals and churches can help support the ministry. By participating in “Containers for Change” and when returning to collection points donating proceeds back to MMM WA’s unique Scheme ID nos. Collection of containers can be done by individuals or churches as a one off event or regular program. Need more information call Trevor at the MMM Centre.



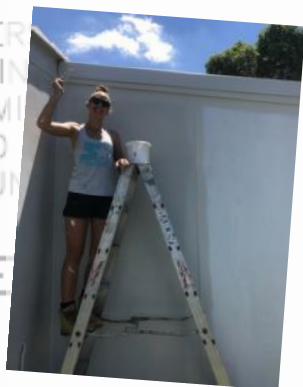
MMM Western Australia - Trevor & Karen Beard.

Post: 33 Furley Rd, Southern River, Western Australia, 6110; Mobile: 0409 778 799; Email: mmmwa@mmm.org.au



Practical Blessings

MMM Queensland's first job for 2021 was at Acacia Ridge Baptist Church to do building and maintenance. John, Josh and Trish helped convert a room into a Mothers' Room by adding sliding door access to the outdoor grassed area, putting in a door and painting the room to freshen it up. They also put a sliding door to separate the kitchen area from the main auditorium to allow versatility as the two areas can now be closed off from each other or opened as needed. John, with the help of an electrician, installed a hot water heater which means the church can finally use their hot water tap! Painting was done both inside and out, a security door installed and some other odd jobs completed.



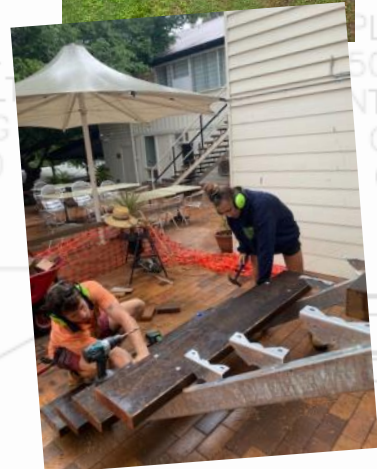
The team were encouraged to hear Pastor Paul talk about how MMM has blessed their congregation over a number of years. He told them about the many transformations that had taken place and how these have helped to create a safer and more practical space for them to come together as a church family. Pastor Paul was also excited to see how MMM's most recent work will create more opportunities for them to reach those in the wider community – such a great reminder of why we do what we do!



Out with the old, in with the new

The same team also went to YWAM in Mitchelton to help pull down and rebuild some old rotting stairs. In spite of the heavy rain, the team put up new stairs with help from two of the YWAM staff (Wayne and Regan). YWAM Brisbane were grateful and excited to have these stairs in operation as they are the main access to the second level and are used a lot by students and staff.

While there, it was good to hear about the YWAM mission which also operates on a Faith basis. They spoke about how they had adapted their outreach during COVID and are doing a lot more work in rural/local communities rather than overseas. The MMM team was able to encourage them in their ministry and pray with them at smoko. It was rewarding to serve with those who are serving at YWAM.



Planning, Planning and More Planning

Yes, this year is looking like being a busy one, if you stand still, you can sense it, feel it, amongst the traffic, amid the people as they walk by. I do not know about you, but this year is looking **BIG** for MMM Vic/SA. So, lets' get on with it.

Already this year, the Vic/Sa team have cannon-balled through several projects put before us, and that makes our hearts get excited. Jobs are getting done, and more jobs are coming in. Men and women are enquiring of what MMM is about, with some getting involved. **God is Good!!!!**

Our Region Manager Geoff has just returned from a quick trip through north western Victoria, and into South Australia, to renew friendships, and look at past and potential projects. A long drive, with good results for now and the future.

Please place in your diaries;

- ♦ Colac-VC-21-1076- 12th April- painting project for the Synergy church in Colac-(*contact Geoff*)
- ♦ Berri -SA-18-854- starts 3rd May 2021-Building work-new work and renovation
- ♦ Forward planning October/November-Belgrave South Baptist church-roofing,plastering etc BA
- ♦ Extra forward planning- Victorian Dinner on the saturday 9th October 2021 TBA
- ♦ Extra forward planning- Victorian Garage Sale on the Saturday 13th November 2021 at Mitcham.

A Big Achievement

This year, we have started and finished the last of the A-Frames at Belgrave Heights Convention. The work was hard, but we saw the light at the end of the tunnel, and kept going, straight into a total internal repair and paint of an Anglican church at Thorpdale. Completed in three days, the crew said "please can we have more"? More? You want more? Yes, we went straight into another church at Yarragon to paint the outside. Four days later, we were finished. I feel tired even remembering the projects. Well done Team. Without you, we cannot do a thing. Rest up and feel blessed,

and

Thank You!





= Many More Miles

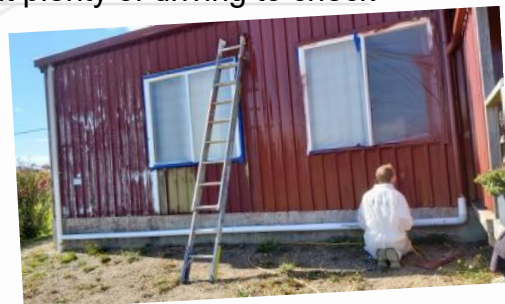
As we all know, it's a year since our lives were changed by a word none of us even knew – covid. The result in Tasmania for MMM was a complete stop of project requests as churches and organisations watched and waited. By the end of the year, requests were starting to trickle in again. However, in the last two months, we have had eight requests for assistance from small jobs to big projects, from the north-west coast to the south. This has meant plenty of driving to check out what needs to be done and how we might be able to help. It's looking like a busy year ahead!



In mid-March, Dale Richardson, took the time to travel the many miles across Bass Strait to join the team in Tassie for a couple of weeks' work on various projects. He discovered that we do things 'a little

differently' around here; he

worked on three different projects in the first week and then was only able to spend two days on project the second week due to weather conditions. We were delighted to have him come and help out and encourage us all in what we were doing. And the project at Somerset Baptist was completed the following week when the sun came out, the wind stopped blowing and Dale wasn't there to help anymore.



= Many More Meals

Border closures and openings meant that a visit from CEO Terrence Baxter ended up coinciding with Dale's Tassie trip which, of course, was a good excuse to have a get-together at the Perth Centre. We had a great evening with 30 people from across the state gathering for a BBQ tea and plenty of fellowship. It was especially encouraging to have lots of new people come along.



The team at Somerset Baptist Church were encouraged by a visit from Dudley Bakes along with Jack and Adrianna. Naturally,

there was food to be shared as well as stories of God's goodness and grace to those who are 'serving those who serve'.





Pedro - A Good and Faithful Servant

Pedro is the most needed man among Christian circles. Everyone knows he is a hard working, dedicated, trustworthy and skillful man, so they reached out to him for help with construction, renovation or repairing jobs. He has a very long to-do-list on his schedule. Knowing there are many demands for his service, he tackles jobs on the list according to need, the estimate of danger seen in each project.



Last month, Pedro helped renovate the pastor's house that the MAT team painted when they were here. Pedro determined that their house didn't have enough air circulation especially in their bedroom.

The pastor does not know how to fix problems like this. He asked Pedro to help with this problem. When Pedro checked the house, realized the only way to fix the problem was to add another window in the bedroom. That required breaking a hole in the concrete wall so that a window could be inserted. The pastor has a serious kidney problem, even though he doesn't drink or smoke, so he can't do heavy construction work. Window was a huge blessing to him.



Another immediate and emergency project that Pedro worked on was building a new kitchen for an elderly couple in a village about 2 hours away from Chiang Rai. This older couple lives alone and needed to have a room and space to cook. It is now easier for them to walk to their new kitchen for cooking and cleaning.

Again, we are grateful for MMM Australia's support and prayer. We can serve those who serve and help the least of the least because of you.





MMMPRAYERNeeds

KEY PRAYER POINTS TO UPHOLD BEFORE OUR GOD

Area	Prayer or Praise Point
WA	Give thanks for the extra people who attended the Centre's Prayer Meeting this month
NSW	Pray for Phill Hall, Peter Groves and Phil McNeice who all have health issues at the moment.
TAS	Praise God for good weather for the Fellowship Night with Terry.
QLD	Praise: For the blessings that Josh and Trish Baade have brought to MMM Qld and for the project applications that continue to be received
VIC/SA	Praise God for the Teams who are getting the projects completed
TAS	Praise God for all our volunteers. Pray for those who have recently shown interest in working on projects.
NSW	Pray for helpers to come in July to set up and man the garage sale. Pray for a resolution to all the tech problems we are facing.
WA	We give thanks for the safe completion of works carried out at the Kobeelya Conference Centre
VIC/SA	Praise God that South Australians are calling out for MMM to re-start soon in that region.
QLD	Prayer: For team members and leaders to come forward to assist John with projects during April to July.
TAS	Praise God that we have so many requests; pray for the volunteers to be able to fulfil those requests.
NSW	Praise for the regular sales online for fundraising.
TAS	Pray for Graham and Gloria Scott. Pray that God will undertake and do what man cannot. Pray for His will to prevail, and His glory to be revealed in this situation.
QLD	Prayer: For the Annual Dinner to be held on 17 th April. Pray that it may go ahead without interruption.
WA	Pray for the health and well-being of Rod Heape as he waits on consultation with Doctors in May regarding a Hernia
Zambia	Please continue to pray for the MMM Team in Zambia. There are always issues in managing a ministry like MMM, and Zambia faces both cultural and financial issues that need God's wisdom and provision
Zambia	Pray specifically for Florence N-Kaniki as she manages the Zambia office in Ndola. Pray for wisdom, pray for finances, and pray for peace over the work of MMM, the Centre, and the Staff. Pray for God's presence in discussion with the Board.
National	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 for MMM.



Fundraising Activity

Start Collecting your Containers and return to any Containers for Change return centre and Quote

MMM Australia (WA)
Scheme ID C10420441

Collect as an Individual or Church
On a Regular Basis or One Off
At a Function or Special Event

If you need any assistance call the MMM Centre for more details



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MMM QUEENSLAND

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

WHEN: SATURDAY 17TH 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 AND CAKE STALL

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GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYER

This time last year I was writing to encourage you to press into God, that He is always working, even as we were entering the pandemic. How encouraging that 12 months later we have come so far. God has answered so many prayers. In Australia we have been incredibly blessed to see the COVID numbers shrink to the point that at the time of writing this, we have no current community transmission. We can look back and see that God has carried us through the challenges and we are all very happy I'm sure to be coming out the other side.

Our CEO, Terrence Baxter, recently sent me this quote from Burk Parsons:

"We don't believe in the power of prayer. We believe in the power of God. That's why we pray."

Our prayers are to a powerful God. Not a weak God. Not a God who is careless or forgetful. But to a God who deeply cares, who thinks about us constantly, who is faithful and right by our side. He knows each of us intimately.

In Psalm 139:1-6 it says:

¹"You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. ²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. ⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain."

God...
knows us,
is with us,
made us,
hears us,
leads us.

New Prayer Meeting in QLD!

A new prayer fellowship is now meeting out our Queensland MMM Centre at Mango Hill.

If you are keen to join the prayer team, contact Trish Baade at Trishb@mmm.org.au

Everyone is welcome!

"pray without ceasing"

