



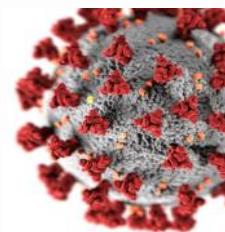
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# MMMTEAMNews

AUSTRALIA

## From the CEO

Across Australia we are slowly emerging from the impacts of the Covid pandemic but I think it's fair to say that the effects of this on our mission will be with us for some time to come. We certainly have seen the grace and protection of God throughout the last 20 months, I'm not aware of anyone directly associated with MMM that has suffered with the Covid-19 virus and whilst our ability to complete projects has been impacted our teams have patiently been waiting for the day they can once again get out and make a difference in the community.



From May through to August a team of people from all over Australia managed to escape the various lockdown orders to serve on the TopEnd Safari in the Northern Territory. There they completed 7 projects with more than 4,000 hours of effort over a twelve-week period. Across other regions work went on whenever permitted by regulation. The eagerness of our teams to serve God is amazing and a joy to see firsthand.



In the midst of what seems like an endless stream of negative news stories we have continued to see the goodness of God. Our prayer news in this edition has some great news that we have been overjoyed to share. Throughout September our National Office team have been coordinating with our Auditors remotely to complete the finance review for this year, and I can share that we will be reporting very positive outcomes at our AGM in December.

Many will have heard me say over the past 20 months that "God is still in control" and at times this has been the only message that has brought me peace, it has been a tough time but God is good! We recognise that no matter whose hand delivers it to us – God is the ultimate supplier of all our needs, and we have seen Him use governments, business, and individuals to bless this ministry throughout the pandemic.



We continue to trust and rely on God for all our needs, all we need is for people to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and be obedient in their giving. I'm not just talking about money here, I'm talking about all our needs especially with volunteers, people to pray, project team members, people to help in admin, communications, TeamNews production, mail outs, PrayerForce production. Sometimes money isn't the answer, sometimes it's just people to commit to helping wherever they can. There are many ways to serve, you just have to say yes!

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# TopEnd Safari Roundup

As project schedules thin out towards the Christmas & New Year period we thought we would give you some images of the TopEnd Safari team at work and play (mostly work) across the Northern Territory this year.

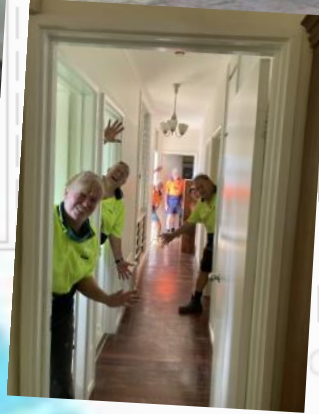
A huge **THANK YOU** to all the team and everyone involved.



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# TopEnd Safari Roundup







## Anticipation of Things to Come

It is with great anticipation and just a little excitement that we look ahead to the remainder of 2021 and the coming year. I suspect that our readership shares that excitement also.

We haven't experienced the fellowship enjoyed on MMM projects since the painting of that massive hall at the Newcastle Civic Presbyterian Church. This was reported at length in last Team News. It was a rewarding job. The Newcastle clients were so pleased that they've asked us back in 2022.

We were to have worked on the Bethshan camp site but a nasty virus got in the road. Many of you know Bethshan and its relationship with MMM. Bethshan is the Central Coast retirement village upon whose land is built the NSW headquarters. Up until recently MMM worked on Bethshan annually. We haven't done so for several years largely because the Bethshan nursing home had become all consuming. With the assistance of Federal funding the nursing facility had been modernised and renewed. It became too big for the management of Bethshan. They sold it last year and now have the time and desire to attend to other matters. One such matter is the youth camp they have operated for many years. We have been engaged to repaint the boys and girls dormitory. We anticipate that job will proceed toward the end of the year. If you nominated yourself earlier we have written to you to explain the situation and a further email will be sent once a time can be agreed on.



After appraisal on a site visit by Phil Hall the decision was made that the annual sojourn to KCC at Katoomba will not go ahead this year, *(the first year in a long time)*. Phil Hall was going to manage that project, but with Covid impacting their operations, a lot of the tasks we would have taken care of have been done by the staff during the lockdown period.

It looks as though 2022 is going to be a very busy year. Jobs in the pipeline include the postponed jobs at Torrington, the Wesley Methodist church at Lismore and the Uniting church at Coonabarabran. In addition, you will receive information about jobs at Warialda Anglican, Quiz Works at Yagoona, Construction at Doyalson Baptist and Bowral's Attunga. Painting at Tur-

vey Park in Wagga and St Mary's Presbyterian round off the list. The NSW Committee meets later this month to plan for next year.

### Upcoming Project Bethshan Ministries

**Project ID:** NW-20-1066

**When:** Early November

**What:** Painting & Carpentry

**Who:** Ian Dawson  
0468 768 004

To finish on a very exciting note we hope to have a functioning email system after October 8. We are having a line installed to hopefully take care of our band width problems and make it much easier to receive emails and talk to you via that method.

Keep rejoicing that we have Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and that we are able to continue to 'serve those who serve'.



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## A Dinner, A Project, and Fundraising

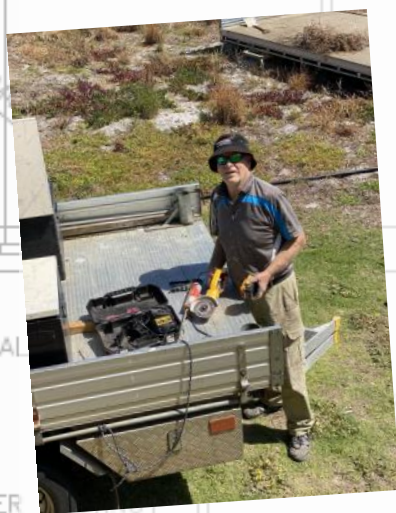
This month has been exhausting but we have finally made it to the end. The Celebration Dinner was held at Camp Wattle Grove and we had over 80 guests who enjoyed a spectacular 3 course meal, had fun bidding for our auction items and were inspired by a message brought by Amit Khaira. The dinner was an ideal time to catch up with friends, learn more about

MMM and the different ways that we can support the ministry. The State Committee is very appreciative and thankful for the work that was done by so many to make the event such a success.



Recently we received a request for assistance in repairing some damaged external sheeting on a hall at the Aboriginal Christian Church Training Centre. The job was not too big, but did require some additional thought on the "system of work" to ensure that all was completed safely. It was very encouraging to have scaffolding supplied to MMM from Providence Christian College and cement sheets from Camp Wattle Grove, another example of

different ministries using their resources to support each other to see that God's business is done. Trevor (MMM WA Regional Manager) was also able to put on the tool belt and work onsite. At the end of the project Clive and Wendy were pleased to see that the weather elements had been shut out and that the building was again ready to use.



Rod has been completing a kitchen renovation over a number of months for missionaries Vic and Dawn up in the hills at Mundaring. He has had to draw upon many of the skills both carpentry and cabinet making that he has picked up over his years of service with MMM, but the nearly completed project is looking good and it will not be long before the kitchen will be available for serving some lovely home cooked meals.

If you would like to join Rod on the next MMM project, feel free to contact us



The response to **Containers for Cash** has been good, with persons and organisations using the MMM Australia ID numbers when returning their containers to their local collection site. Can we encourage you to get on-board with this fundraiser as every dollar helps 'serve those who serve'. (see page 11 for details).

### Upcoming Project Thornlie Church of Christ

**Project ID:** WA - 21 - 1151

**When:** Jan - Mar 2022

**What:** Foyer Renovations

**Who:** Trevor Beard

0409 778 799

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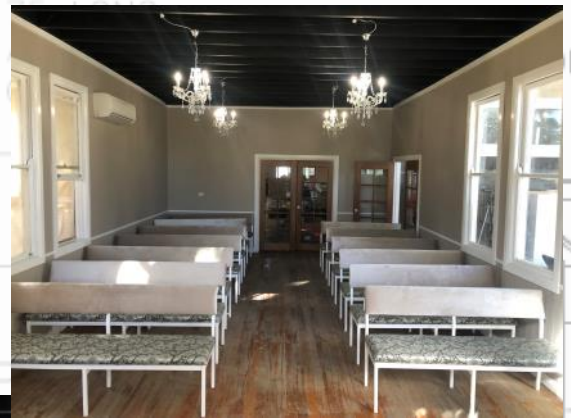
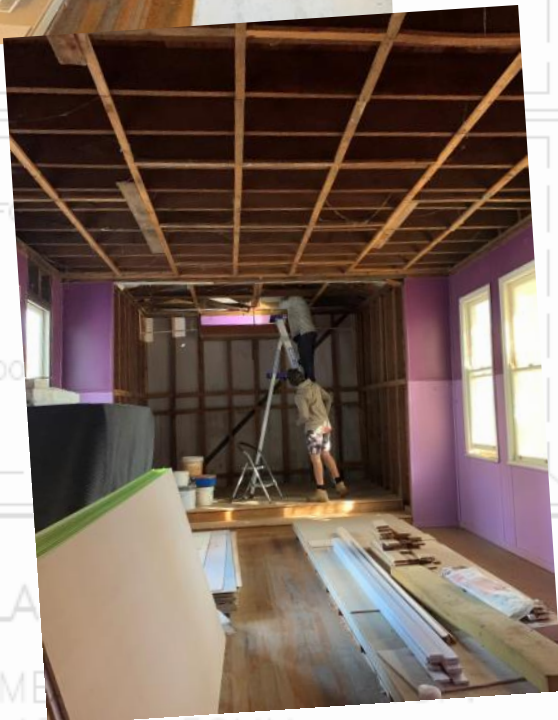
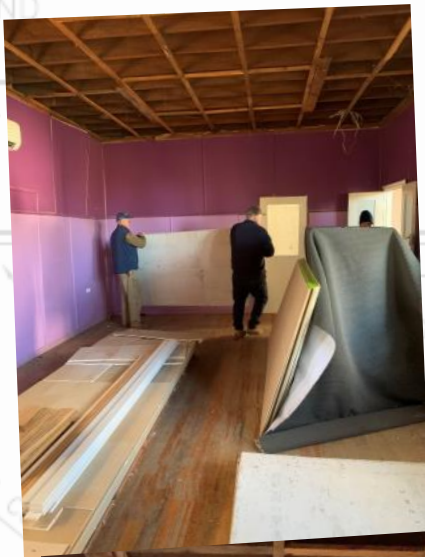


## Dirranbandi Chapel

In August we had a team of 11 head out west to a little town named Dirranbandi. Joining our team was board chairman Dale Richardson who came up from Melbourne for the duration of the job. The team spent 16 days there renovating an old church chapel. This chapel is connected to an old boarding house which was built in the 1950s. The house now serves as a home and office for Nikki and Scott who run the Dirranbandi caravan park (which is located on the back of the property). Whilst there, the team was able to strip the walls, sheet, plaster, paint, put in lights and windows, pour concrete paths, build an arbour and restore some old church pews. We also had some members of the team who helped to reorganise and clean other areas of the property.



Now that the chapel is ready for operation, Nikki and Scott hope to open it up to the community as a safe place for people in the town to have fellowship, community and even seek help. The chapel will also be available as a wedding venue, which is fitting as Nikki is the only Christian wedding celebrant in the area. The team loved hearing about the heart behind the chapel and were glad to be a part of such a rewarding project. The team was able to explore the little town and it's surrounds and were even blessed with a tour to Cubbie Station on the weekend! It was also lovely for the team to be a part of many conversations and fellowship with the locals and travellers every evening in the caravan park's communal kitchen area.





## Escaping to Warmer Parts

As we endure the restrictions of the pandemic into another month we've had very little to report on in terms of our project work. When we last communicated in TeamNews several of our Vic/SA Team were busy at work in the sunshine (and freedom) of the Northern Territory as a part of the TopEnd Safari Team.

Peter & Rhonda Lewis, Peter & Jan Leach, and David & Robyn Freeman all managed to escape the lockdown in May and made it into the Northern Territory by late May to start work in Alice Springs. In July Rob & Shirley Saunders caught up with the team for a few weeks in and around the Darwin region. Victoria has a long and proud history of supporting project teams all across Australia for the past 46 years, a tradition we hope to continue for a long time to come.

With much thanks to the TopEnd Team, we've included some photos of the team in the Northern Territory.



## A Light in the Distance

We're holding out for a dim light we see in the distance that is the reducing of the current pandemic restrictions that will allow us to resume project work again. It's unlikely that any project activity can be undertaken before Christmas this year, so 2022 looks like being a big year for project work.



While things have been quiet Region Manager Geoff Jarvis has taken some time off to relocate to Colac as he feels this is a better location to use as a base between Victoria and South Australia. Geoff has purchased a property in Colac and is taking the time off to do some renovations and upgrades to the house. Please continue to pray for Geoff, and continue to support Him in his ministry with MMM.



In the meantime, the Victorian State Committee have been busy keeping things going and making sure that when that light we see now as dim, turns fully on that we can go forward with purpose and intention. Special thanks to Owen & Jane Bayliss for their continued support and hard work through the past year, and also Peter & Rhonda Lewis for their unwavering efforts. The Garage Sale planned for November has been postponed until early 2022, meanwhile the team have been utilising Facebook marketplace to sell items as a fundraiser.





## Life Goes On ...

Whilst the north island struggles with lockdowns and border restrictions, down here in the south island life goes on with some sort of normality, particularly where MMM projects are concerned. Consequently, it's been another two busy months of project work both big and small, near and far.

Our first project in August was for Christchurch Anglican Church, Longford, who had decided to reach out to their small town community with a mid-week children's programme. In order to put this on, they needed to fence off a large area of grass next to their hall.



We were excited to hear that the locals have been dropping their children off for this programme, that teaches them about the love of Christ. The second project for the month was to help those in the opposite age group. Newstead Baptist Church run a Seniors' Club for those in the neighbourhood who need friendship and support. They also run a Chat'n'Choose programme for crafty ladies in the community. This is extremely well attended and as well as enjoying their craft, they have a 'think spot' to encourage them in their everyday lives. Unfortunately, they

had not been able to offer suitable bathroom facilities for some time. Over a few days, the team was able to change the nursery toilets to a senior's bathroom, add a kitchenette to their seniors' room and upgrade to hot water throughout making the whole area more comfortable and inviting.

We completed two more projects in September. The first one was mixed maintenance at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Cressy. Whilst this project may not have had the same impact on the community, it was certainly a blessing to the minister and congregation. In the last week of September, we had a great team travel to the south of the state to Blue Lagoon Christian Camp to paint out the managers' house as well as do maintenance on a deck and build a pergola. Peter and Kathy reminded us of the many times that MMM teams had been there in the past and all the work that they had accomplished. They and their team create opportunities to share the love of God with the children that come through the various camps. We heard

testimony of extended family coming to know Jesus because of the ministry that takes place at Blue Lagoon. What a privilege and an honour to be a part of this even if it meant painting for four days straight!!

We praise God that we are able to continue working, that ministry is ongoing in our communities, that the love of God is being shared and that some are coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



Steve and Steve



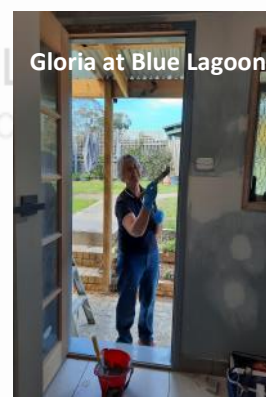
Demolition work



Clifton and Juanita



Alan and Bill



Gloria at Blue Lagoon



Margo's first project

### Upcoming Project

#### Ulverstone Gospel Church

Project ID: TS-21-1086

When: Nov - Dec

What: General Maintenance

Who: Shane Goelst

0438 016 961 (Ruth)





## Pedro - The Faithful Servant serving those who serve

Pedro has been busy working on projects that required more than one man, but he did them on his own again. He always does such a good job. He's a reliable and honest tradesman, uniquely different from secular tradesmen. He is often requested by missionaries and local ministry leaders to help with their projects. Pedro continues to work with the same ministries; often because he is the only one they trust to handle their repair jobs.



*Fixing one of the main water pipes that was broken for Chiangrai YWAM Base*



*Welding fence for S2S main entrance to keep S2S children safe*

We are forever grateful for your continued support and prayers. Thank you MMM in Australia for believing in us.

**MMM Thailand Staff**

## Donate Today

MMM Thailand own a vacant block in Chiang Rai where we hope to build a permanent base for our staff and guests.

If you would like to donate to the construction of this base please contact the MMM National Office in Australia.

**100% of all funds donated will go to Thailand**



*Fixing rain gutter for S2S*





# MMM PRAYER Needs

## KEY PRAYER POINTS TO UPHOLD BEFORE OUR GOD

Area	Prayer or Praise Point
<b>NSW</b>	Pray for Barry Campbell who is suffering a lot of pain and going in for hip surgery in November.
<b>WA</b>	Give thanks for the success of the MMM WA Celebration Dinner, the funds raised, the awareness of the ministry, the fellowship had and the interest ignited.
<b>TAS</b>	Praise God that we have been able to continue our work as normal .
<b>QLD</b>	Pray for a great outcome at MMM QLD's garage sale fundraiser coming up the first weekend of November.
<b>VIC/SA</b>	Pray for Geoff Jarvis as he takes some time off to establish a residence in Western Victoria. Pray for peace, blessing, and prosperity as he serves God.
<b>TAS</b>	Praise God that the work we do enables others to share the Gospel in our communities.
<b>NSW</b>	Pray for Paul Barnham who is still getting dizzy spells and quite a few unwell days.
<b>WA</b>	Give thanks for projects that can still be completed in WA, as COVID-19 outbreaks are minimal.
<b>VIC</b>	Pray for the Victorian State Committee as they have postponed the garage sale to early 2022 and prepare some more items to sell online as a fundraiser.
<b>QLD</b>	Pray- That the rest of the year would go smoothly and the team would easily fit in the completion of projects they have to do before the end of the year.
<b>NT</b>	Give thanks to God for the safe return and completion of work on the TopEnd Safari.
<b>NSW</b>	Pray for everyone who will be adjusting to a more open situation after the change in lockdown and for more volunteers into 2022.
<b>TAS</b>	Praise God that Gloria Scott was able to rejoin the team; continue to pray for her after the loss of Graham.
<b>QLD</b>	Praise and Prayer – Josh and Trish are going to be parents in February! Please pray for good health for Trish and safe delivery for this precious baby. The next door neighbours (MMM QLD Region Managers) are very excited too.
<b>WA</b>	Continue to pray for the health and safety of all our volunteers.
<b>QLD</b>	Praise - God has blessed Josh and Trish with a reliable car (Toyota Prado) as well as the finances to purchase it! This will come in handy to tow their caravan for away projects and for their growing family needs.
<b>National</b>	Pray for the Board as they look to recruit new Board members, to serve in the governance of MMM Australia. Pray for candidates with wisdom and influence who know how to seek God.
<b>National</b>	Pray for Robyn Fedrick as she continues through her pregnancy . Pray for an end to chronic morning sickness and for a health happy baby.





## Fundraising Activity

Start Collecting your Containers and return to any  
WA 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



## December 2021

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## National Day of Prayer

We will be encouraging everyone to put aside some  
time throughout this day Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> to  
pray for all things MMM.

**COMING  
SOON**

# WA BottomEnd Safari 2022

**DETAILS  
COMING  
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## GARAGE SALE

### WHAT'S FOR SALE?

Books, household + antique furniture, heaps of clothing, plenty  
of bric a brac, blankets, collectables and so much more...

### FOOD ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

Bacon + egg sandwiches, pancakes, sausage sizzle, drinks

All proceeds go towards supporting mission work  
locally, nationally and internationally

**WHEN:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

**WHERE:** 29 Lamington Rd, Mango Hill

**7.00AM START**

— No entry to property beforehand —

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one  
and only son that whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16 (BIBLE)*





# MMMPRAYERNews

## Good News

We quite often report on answers to prayer, it's exciting and encouraging to know that God not only hears our prayers but answers. Sometimes we don't understand the timing of, or even the response from God but that's because God is sovereign and "His ways are not our ways" (Isaiah 55: 8).

Sometimes His answers are exactly what we have prayed for, and it's uplifting to know that God is our provider, He knows our needs and is the provider of every need. I'm sure we all understand the difference between needs and wants. Out of Love, God sometimes supplies our wants or the "desires of our heart".

It's my great joy to report that in the case of our National Prayer Coordinator – Robyn Fedrick, God has indeed answered much prayer for the desire of her (and husband Aaron's) heart. We can officially report that Robyn and Aaron are expecting a child – due in April 2022. For those who receive our monthly PrayerForce this news is a few weeks old, and the reason why our CEO has been deputising for Robyn in the publication of PrayerForce.

This isn't the only baby news across MMM, we also rejoice with Josh & Trish Baade (Queensland volunteers) who are expecting their first child in February.

Looks like we're going to have to order a special run of tiny size MMM Team shirts to cope with these new MMM'ers.

God has also answered prayer in many ways over the past 20 months as we have coped with the impacts of the Covid pandemic. Our team have been well and Covid free, and God has provided through many hands for the financial needs to continue to 'serve those who serve'. The imperative to come before God in prayer for every aspect of our mission is never lost, so we will continue with all our regional prayer fellowships and publications to ensure this remains our focus.

One focus we have at this time is our National Day of Prayer for MMM. Owing to circumstances (mentioned above) we delayed this year's NDoP from early October to early December. We will be encouraging everyone to put aside

some time throughout this day, Sunday December 5th to pray for all things MMM. As in previous years, we will also be asking churches nationally to pray for MMM in their church service on that Sunday. I encourage everyone to chat with your own church leadership so see if they can support us in prayer (just 2 minutes in their service) on that day. We will have more details in the coming weeks.

