

## From our Interim Senior Pastor David Underhill

The world seems to be changing very quickly and for many this can be a fearful and scary time. The west is in a time of cultural transition which can produce in us a fight or flight response. That is perfectly normal, however I want to suggest a third way to respond, the way of opportunity.



God is sovereign... government, media, business, famous personalities etc. do not control the flow of history. I love Jesus' words to Pilate in John 19:11, "*You have no authority over me except that which is given from above*". Jesus knows God controls history, he is the only one with that kind of power.

Some times we can't see what God is doing and sometimes it even feels totally wrong, as if God could not possibly be in control. A bit like when Peter tries to persuade Jesus that he shouldn't go to the cross in Matthew 16:21-23. It just seemed wrong and yet God was in control.

So instead of withdrawing away from the world or getting into a fight over the changing values you can see, why not look for the opportunities. Things like, as identity politics creates more and more division let us focus on being a community of unity in the Spirit and have true inclusion. Different people with differing ideas and yet let us still respect and love them for they are fellow human beings. Or as postmodern moral relativism creates more and more confusion, isolation and anxiety in people let us focus on having a strong sense of moral guidance from the message, mission and method of Jesus.

If we do these kinds of things we will be, as Peter comments in *2 Peter 1:19*, a light shining for those struggling in a dark and lost world.

*Blessings Dave*

*Following the Premier's announcement of a 5 day Stage 4 lockdown commencing at midnight Feb 12.*

MEETING IN PERSON IS NOT PERMISSABLE ON SUNDAY FEB 14.

But

The service will be broadcast online Sunday 9:30am via the YouTube channel.

*(Please note for the Rosebud congregation the message will be the same one heard on Feb 7. To hear the message from Julia planned for this week, please listen to the Feb 7 message on YouTube.)*

REAL FOOD will NOT be held this week.



## Business Manager VACANCY at New Peninsula Baptist Church

2 days per week.

### Scope of Role:

To provide a high level of financial support and management to New Peninsula Baptist Church (NPBC), its members, staff and volunteers.

To manage the NPBC Property interests including the possible income generating aspects of the campuses.

The Business Manager will need to be a mature Christian with the following gifts and competencies:

Leadership, Administration and Financial Acumen.

Competent using Xero or similar accounting packages and have a sound knowledge of Excel and spread-sheeting skills.

A PRD can be obtained from Vivienne Holbrook on [viv@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:viv@newpeninsula.com.au)

Applications close NEXT **Sunday 28 February, 2021.**

## COVID UPDATE Effective 12 Feb

Masks are now mandatory in all but your private home.

[There are only four reasons to leave home:](#)

1. Essential shopping.
2. Care giving.
3. Essential work.
4. Exercise for a maximum of 2 hours per day.

(For more details please refer to the DHHS website.)

*This is planned to only be a 5 day lockdown, so 'watch this space'!*

## An 'IN PERSON' thank you on 28 Feb @ MM



We are pleased that we are finally able to thank and celebrate David and Marianne Reitvelds' ministry with us [in person!](#)

Due to Covid, we haven't been able to have them back live with us, but David and Marianne plan to be here to join us at the MM Sunday morning service on 28 February.

This will be an opportunity for us to thank them both, as well as spend time with them, as we share in a special morning tea after the service.

If you would like to contribute towards a 'thank you' gift, please place your gift in an envelope marked 'Reitvelds' and place it in the offering box at the back of the auditorium (or in the offering bowl at Rosebud), or you can contribute online into the Church General Account, mark it 'Reitvelds'.

## In the family:

### ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Ross & Elaine Dell who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Feb 18.

*What a wonderful time to look back and celebrate the Lord's guidance and provision - have a wonderful day!*

### BEREAVEMENT

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Ted Hand, a long term member at Rosebud, who passed away on Saturday Feb 6. A thanksgiving service for the life of Ted will be held on Tues Feb 16 @ 2pm. (*Due to restricted numbers the service will be live streamed*). To leave a tribute and streaming details go to

<http://bethel.tributes.com.au/tributes/edwin-hand/>

Our sympathy also goes to Simone Wright, family and friends, on the passing of Simone's father on Saturday Feb 6. And to Bev Porter, family and friends on the passing of Bev's husband Frank on Monday Feb 8.

*May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ bring loving comfort to you all at this time.*

## *A reflection from a Hospital Bed 2021 -AH*

*Lord, why am I here?*

*There's no pain now.*

*That poor woman wailing through the night, sounded like a spirit in torment.*

*This hospital is so clean, the nurses efficient and kind.*

*What a great system we have!*

*It was good to come here in the middle of the night.*

*The ambos were like angels; they lifted me up.*

*You say "I am the Lord who heals you."*

*I am impatient, after being here a few days.*

*What about the man who'd been waiting thirty-eight years by a smelly pool near the Sheep Gate?*

*"Do you want to get well?" you asked; And he made an excuse.*

*Yet you healed him.*

*Lord, forgive me for ever making ill-health an excuse for not loving, forgiving or caring.*

*Heal me, Lord, make me whole; for you are the same yesterday and today and forever.*

*Glory be to you. Amen*

## Do you want someone to pray for you?

Contact the prayer chain. This is a confidential group who will pray as the Lord directs. You do not need to give your name or specifics.

Email: [prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au) or

Phone 5973 8888

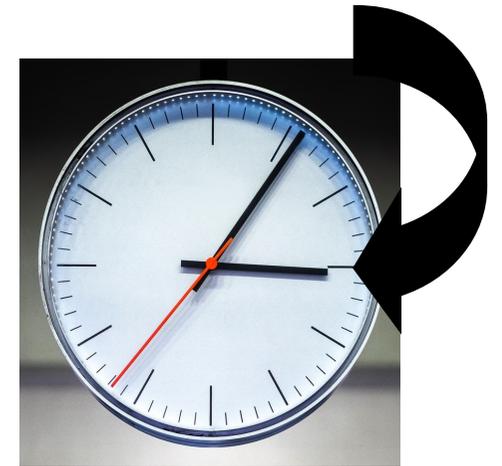
## Have you got 15 minutes to spare?

Be intentional – set the alarm, and let us do as Jesus taught us to do:

Let us pray the **Lord's Prayer**, open our hearts up and let the Spirit lead us.

Our nation needs healing, our people need healing.

God will work through our prayers.



## Let us praise God:

- ◆ For the great start to Kids Church, for the commitment of the leaders.
- ◆ For the large numbers of enthusiastic youth who have attended Youth Group on Fridays.
- ◆ For the Worship team.
- ◆ For the Op shop team of staff and volunteers.
- ◆ For the little daily reminders we each are given of God's presence with us.
- ◆ For this great country, state and the area we live in.
- ◆ For the successful restart of the Wednesday Night Community at Rosebud. 25 – 30 folk have been eagerly meeting again on a Wednesday evening for a meal and the subsequent worship service. The atmosphere is so positive and the Spirit's presence so evident. PTL for Mark Matthews and Simon Fee as they coordinate this work.

## Let us continue to pray:

- ◆ For Paul, Kate & family as they conclude their ministry at Gisborne.
- ◆ For those who are grieving.
- ◆ For those who are facing / recovering from surgery.
- ◆ For those who are struggling to adjust to new routines or environments.
- ◆ To see God more clearly.
- ◆ For our local, state and federal leaders.
- ◆ For our kids and youth.
- ◆ For our Life Group leaders.
- ◆ For those who work 'behind the scenes' at NewPen.
- ◆ For our NPCCI team.
- ◆ For God's chosen person to apply for the position of Business Manager.
- ◆ For a reduction/elimination of the virus in Myanmar, Mbale and in other parts of the NP Missions outreach. For a return to some sense of normality and work opportunities for the people.

## ROSEBUD COMMUNITY GROUP

Even in the Covid-19 year of 2020 the Rosebud Community Hub continued to have kingdom impact amongst those experiencing poverty and struggle in our local district.

The Rosebud Community Hub kept meeting each week via zoom and opened its own Facebook group. Through these mechanisms participants were able to share and consider the gospel with each other and be accountable to one another to act on what they were hearing God say to them.

The group is very strong in developing healthy inter-dependence. One of our values is to use our strengths to meet each other's needs, therefore we all grow stronger.

In a challenging year, people were able to remain connected, through our weekly "RU okay?" culture, that encourages each other to consider and connect with others who are isolated within our community, supporting them to get through some very difficult times in 2020

Through our culture of engendering a sense of being "Family on Mission", we are empowering and equipping our Participants to follow the words, ways and works of Jesus and to see themselves as "being and bringing" the Good News to others in their social space. The impact of this culture, resulted in kingdom growth as we saw three baptisms in November 2020. This was a direct consequence of one group member Kelvin, who had been released from prison and challenged by homelessness, discussing the message of salvation and value of our Community Hub with one other person in his social space. This person in turn, shared the gospel message with two others who were experiencing homelessness. All three then chose baptism and two of these three people are now contributing to the Community Hub by cooking the barbeque to feed their social peers!

These three baptisms now bring the number to twenty six people who have taken this step of faith since 2016.

Sharon Jose is a woman from our community who experienced significant housing insecurity in 2020. With the support primarily of Alison Bond and Simon Fee, Sharon drove the desire to see Alpha presented. She assisted with its presentation within her community. This is a remarkable feat, given that over the duration of the ten week course, Sharon had three housing moves!

*Mark Matthews* – Rosebud Hub Team Leader



# Regular activities:

## SUNDAYS:



### MOUNT MARTHA:

CRECHE & KINDER –go straight to the room

PREP - YEAR 7 church and as directed.

Register in leave



Our evening service is @ 5pm in Auditorium 2 MM.

## TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS:



Meets Tues & Thurs 9am - 1pm MM

**WEDNESDAYS:** Numbers are capped, so bookings are essential. (currently there is a waiting list)



Please email [office@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:office@newpeninsula.com.au) for more information.

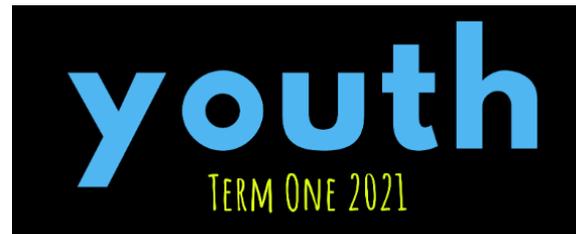


Please contact your individual leader for the details of when and where your Life Group is returning.

### Want to join a Life Group?

Please email [office@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:office@newpeninsula.com.au) and someone from the team will be in contact with you.

## FRIDAYS:



Feb 5: Pie Face

Feb 12: Check In

Feb 19: Who's got game?

Feb 26: Check In

Drive-Ins

CONTACT

## STARTING SOON:

PRIME TIME: (MM)

2nd & 4th Thursdays MM



BOOKSHOP & LIBRARY (MM)

Sundays after am service.



Alpha online @ NewPen is coming!

Watch this space!

If you are interested in being on the Alpha team please email

[alpha@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:alpha@newpeninsula.com.au)

The current Covid restrictions still affect the ability of some groups to meet in person, but many will be returning over the next few weeks.

For more information please contact your leader or the church office. E [office@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:office@newpeninsula.com.au)

Or phone 597388

(Please note the offices are still closed to the public, except by appointment, due to current restrictions).

## Thought for the week:

‘Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;  
say to those with fearful hearts,  
Be strong, do not fear .....’

*(Isaiah 35:3-4a)*

## How to stay connected:

- ◆ 'Like' our Facebook page @newpeninsula
- ◆ Follow our Instagram account newpen\_bc
- ◆ Subscribe to our YouTube channel New Peninsula Baptist Church
- ◆ Listen to Podcasts? You can subscribe to New Peninsula Baptist Church to listen to the sermons.

*Pop onto our website - our 'church online' button on the home screen will take you straight to our YouTube account.*

Alternatively, click on the 'media' tab on the website to access the podcasts, YouTube channel for sermons and our weekly Navigate.

## For more information:

Our offices remain closed to the public, except by appointment, for the time being, however you can continue to contact us through the following means:

**Website:** [www.newpeninsula.com.au](http://www.newpeninsula.com.au)

**Email:** [office@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:office@newpeninsula.com.au)

**Phone:** Mount Martha 5973 8888 (Mon-Thurs 9am - 4pm)

**Phone:** Rosebud 5982 0889 (please leave a message)

**To contact a pastor urgently:** 0407 311 185 (After Hours only)

**PRAYER CHAIN email:**

[prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au)

**DVD or CD's of the messages**

can be ordered through the church offices.

## Regular tithes & offerings:

Thank you to everyone who supports New Peninsula with your tithes and offering.

For online giving the details are listed below.

For those who prefer to bring their offerings there will be a box available at Mount Martha at the back of the worship center, and a collection will be taken at Rosebud.

## GIVING TO NEW PENINSULA & BEYOND:

### NPBC General offerings

*(Please indicate whether it is for MM or RB)*

**BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1038 8044**

### NPBC Donation Fund

*(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)*

**BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1060 5168**

### NPBC School Building Fund

*(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)*

**BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1060 5272**

### NP Community Caring (NPCCI)

*(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)*

**BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1031 4088**

***These accounts can be used for internet banking or local branch deposits.***