



# WEEKLY NEWS



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## BARBIE - THE MOVIE

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This week I joined the masses (and Jael) and watched Barbie. For a full review and analysis of the movie, check out [davidrietveld.com](http://davidrietveld.com). Here is a brief review and an exploration of one theme in the movie.

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Barbie wakes up in her perfect world – a fantastic, hot-pink but still a plastic world where she is everything she ever wanted to be, everyone is nice, life is a beach, and Ken adores her. This is the dream world of the 1960s and 70s feminism (called 2nd wave feminism), where women can do anything men can do, but better.

Somehow her world breaks down, and Barbie must travel to the real world to fix it. Barbie anticipates a real world where she has inspired a generation of young girls to be empowered, liberated, and fulfilled women. Instead, she discovers a world where gender wars continue, patriarchy still oppresses, and females have lost faith in Barbie and her 1970s plastic promises. In the process, Barbie begins to question herself.

Poor (but still beautiful) Barbie has an existential crisis. Who is she, and what does she contribute? She yearns to be an agent of real change, not the plastic product of the male-driven multinational – Mattel.

At this point, Barbie is struggling with what it means to be a person, to be human. She realises the answer involves more than just being someone else's creation. Barbie desires to be creative, to shape something, to make a difference, and to leave a legacy.

At this point, the movie parallels our current sermon series – Vice Regents. The birds of the air and the fish of the sea are just creatures. Humans are that and more. As bearers of God's image, humans carry his authority to order. The life of pleasure and consumption is ultimately unfulfilling. We were made for more and have an innate sense of calling and purpose.

When and where is your life more than plastic and consumption?

# Youth Camp 2023

This year's Youth Camp ran from the 21st to the 23rd of July at Wedderburn Christian Campsite. We are still buzzing with joy, thankfulness and excitement (plus some slight tiredness). We had approximately 30 youth, 12 leaders, 4 cooks and 6 visiting band members. Praise God!



Camps provide us with this amazing, intentional opportunity to open God's word regularly. At camp, youth and leaders heard from the Bible in Sessions, G-Groups and in their own Time With God. This year's theme was 'In Uncertain Times', where we looked into the book of 1 Thessalonians to see that it is by God's grace that we have been saved. It is only in Him that we can have hope in eternity. We should walk in love, encourage one another and stand firm in His promise. It's worth living for Christ, even in a world that pushes back.

Activities were another level of excitement. Youth and leaders were transported right back to the Wild Wild West, where they completed activities in mixed-aged and gendered groups called Marshals, Bandits and Rangers. Whether we were chasing down Buffalo (leaders dressed in pillows/party hats), completing mini-games in a fast and energetic Train Heist, solving the mystery of the town's murder; youth and leaders had a huge grin on their faces.

A huge thank you to all those who served. To our youth leaders, who put every inch of their energy (even with extremely tired eyes) into loving, serving and guiding each of our youth, and for all they did to prepare. To Nathan Gray, who faithfully led our youth leaders, continually reassured us of God's plan, used his wisdom to guide and encourage, and for his gift of speaking, seen at 5 different talks over the weekend. To our amazing team of cooks, Kerrie and Peter F, Lorraine M, Miranda J (and all those who made homemade snacks for us to enjoy), for not only cooking some of the most delicious camp meals, but for continually serving with a smile, getting up early in the morning to prepare and for running leader devotionals. To our band, for giving up their time to both practice and play, leading us in worship. We thank you all!!

- Amy David (Head Leader of Junior Youth)



# Men's Pot Luck Dinner

Connect Men's Potluck Dinner is on Saturday, July 29th, at 6:30 PM in The Foyer, Ministry Centre. Bring a main dish, dessert, or drinks to share and participate in the fun game of "Whose Item Is This?" by bringing a small personal item hidden in a shopping bag. It's an evening of fellowship, delicious food, and interactive entertainment you won't want to miss.

Please reach out to Warren Southwell for more information.



# The City Youth Returns This Week

This Friday, the 28th of July, Youth Ministry will be launching into their Term 3 program. We are going to be opening up our Bible's to learn more about our great God, who is our Father. Not to mention we have some pretty epic activities lined up for you this term. Junior Youth (for those in Years 6 to 8) is on from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Senior Youth (for those in Years 9 to 12) is on from 7:00pm-9:30pm. We would love to see you!

The City Youth also meets every Sunday. Oxygen is a free youth program run during the school term for those in Years 6 to 9. Our team of leaders love opening up the Bible each and every week, to explore more about God and His word. Oxygen runs from 10am-11:30am (during the family service). Consider joining us this week.



# Empty Nesters Soup and Games Night

Come and join us on the 5th of August from 5pm for a soup and games night at the Ministry Centre! Warm your heart surrounded by friends and warm your stomach with a delicious meal! A payment of \$10 will get you soup, rolls, sweet treats and tea/coffee. RVSP to Miranda Janzen on 0402 308 290 or contact the church office on 4261 1001. Please bring your favourite board or card game to play! We can't wait!

# Parish Council Update

- Thank you to our Church family for your generosity in June! While we still faced challenges meeting our monthly target of \$47,000 (-\$4011 below budget in June), the total giving in June was \$94,313! The tax effective giving was very generous.
- Thank you to those who attended the Hamilton Street working bee to support our Op Shop
- Thank you to those involved in organizing the Service of Lament and to those who attended
- We've seen an increase across a number of services and programs. Children's ministry is up by close to 10 children per week.

## Safe Ministry

Dapto Anglican Church is committed to Safe Ministry Practices. If you have a question or concern, we are here to help.

Please contact:

- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email [safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au) or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us to raise fund for



Dishwasher



Fence



Saturday 12th August

Starting at 5pm

For the Whole Family

\$15 per person - Dinner Included  
Under 12's Free Entry

Book a Table of 10

Or Join a Table on the Night

[www.dapto.church/events/trivia](http://www.dapto.church/events/trivia)

# PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Most merciful God, we pray

for those who doubt your love;

for those who find it difficult to believe or to pray;

for those who have lost a faith they once possessed.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten their minds

And lead them into all truth,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### MOURNING

Continue to pray for the family of the late Reg Barker (9.30am and Piper House) who died recently. The funeral for Reg will be held on Wednesday, 2nd August at 11am at the Ministry Centre, Moombara Street.

### HOSPITAL

Continue to pray for Lynne N as she recovers from Bowel surgery. She is hoping to get home over the weekend.

### EXPECTANT PARENTS

Please pray for Tara and Nathan O as they are expecting their first baby in December.

### VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please continue to pray for our people in Residential Care Homes: Jean W, Kath H, Phyllis D, Audrey & Alan R, Gae & Allen Q, Elsie N, Barbara L, Pamela B, Betty B, Gordon M, Beth W (Piper House, Dapto); Robyn K (Digger's Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H, Trevor W (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Wendy C (Farmborough Uniting, Unanderra); Graham S (The Links, Wollongong); Brian B (William Beach Gardens, Dapto).

### 8AM / WED 2PM

Please continue to pray for Barbara H for freedom from pain and healing of her shoulder/arm. Also, please continue to pray for Deb P's son, and her brother.

### 10AM

Please continue to pray for Phil P as he waits to have a CT scan, then to see a Specialist following that. Continue to pray for Trudi O that her arm will heal well; Also continue to pray for Cheryl T and her family as they manage her transition to a care facility; Pray for Janice S that her knees will heal; Also continue to pray for Andrew W as he continues with his treatment.

### 6PM

Please continue to pray for Jael and Seb R, that Jael's health will improve.

### CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Please continue to pray for Lynne N's brother, Stephen, as his Targeted Chemo will need to be adjusted. Please pray for positive results.