



The Informer

Renewing our Vision

Our Vision statement draws us into nurturing our relationship with God and, because he has first loved us, sharing his love in relationships and service with others.

Our Vision and Mission

Love GOD
PEOPLE

The term *others* is very broad and this is appropriate, as the *others* we serve are the sum of all whose lives may be touched by all who relate to Tuggeranong Baptist Church as their

spiritual home.

This means that when people use the term 'community', they may not be using it in the same ways that you understand.

A number of our ministries actively seek participation of people who do not regularly come to the church and refer to this as *serving the community*.

However, in each case, the ministry is of interest and likely to serve only a specific group.

For example, the Op Shop attracts people who frequent Op Shops, the Boys' Brigade is for boys and youths seeking adventure, the Connect through Craft group attracts people who are into craft.

Although many people now have cars and travel kilometres to

play golf, go to work or to go on holidays, the idea, that a local church serves the suburb where it is physically located, persists in churches and limits people's understanding of what God's call to be the workers in His harvest field might look like.

Simply put, if God has placed you in an occupation, learning institution, sporting, study, recreational or fellowship group, that is the community where you are to *love God and love people*.

The purpose of our Gathering is to worship God, to hear His Word and build each other up in our faith so that we might mature to do the work of the ministry [Eph 4].

Each of us is to love and serve where we are planted.

Community defined

A community is a social unit (a group of living things) with commonality such as place, norms, religion, values, customs, or identity. Communities may share a sense of place situated in a given geographical area (e.g. a country, village, town, or neighbourhood) or in virtual space through communication platforms. Durable good relations that extend beyond immediate genealogical ties

also define a sense of community, important to their identity, practice, and roles in social institutions such as family, home, work, government, society, or humanity at large. Although communities are usually small relative to personal social ties, "community" may also refer to large group affiliations such as national communities, international communities, and virtual communities.

Human communities may have intent, belief, resources, preferences, needs, and risks in common, affecting the identity of the participants and their degree of cohesiveness [Wikipedia].

All that we all do may be an expression of love for People, and each is of equal value in building God's Kingdom.

Special points of interest:

- > All service in Jesus' Name serves the community
- > Hit the ground running in 2023 to set us up for the rest of the year. Check out events in January, February and March.
- > New activities introduced in 2023
- > About the Operations Team and Use of the Building

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**We protect
the future
ministry of
our church
when we fill
in forms
and follow
the
Volunteer
Process.**

Why the formal Volunteering Process?

We are now required, by law to implement policies and to keep records that are the evidence that we are committed to ensuring the safety of all who attend any of our activities.

Claims may be made against churches and other organisations many years after the alleged incidents. This means that there may no longer be anyone still in the church who knew either the alleged victim or alleged offender.

Unlike all other legislation where innocence is assumed unless proved guilty, the onus of proof that the incident did not or was unlikely to have occurred is on the church or organisation.

We protect our future church community, when we fill in the required forms.

Throughout our nation churches have had to sell property in order to meet the legal costs associated with claims of past abuses.

**AN INVESTMENT OF TIME
NOW MAY SAVE MONEY IN
THE FUTURE.**

Electronic Giving

Direct Deposit to: BSB 704 922,
Account: 100 014 987
Name: Tuggeranong Baptist Church

Cash Deposits

Cash Deposit to: BSB: 032-636
Account: 125788
Account name - Tuggeranong Baptist Church General Account

Finance

Our budget estimates that weekly offerings of \$5528.85 are required to meet our expenses for the year 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023.

Our total offerings for December, were \$16,090 or \$4022.50 per week.

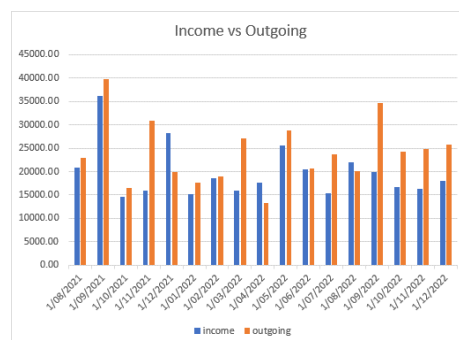
Our income for December was \$17,972.04

Our outgoings for the month were \$25,765.06 including \$1919.08 building loan repayments.

Audited Reports have been distributed to all.

The Annual General Meeting to confirm the financial accounts, will be held on Sunday 19 February, at 23 Garratt St, following the morning service.

Questions about the accounts should be submitted in writing by 12 February to projects@tbcchurch.com.au.



All who call TBC their spiritual home are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Use of Building

The Operations team allocates spaces for various ministries or activities.

Each and every group should consider themselves to be *hirers* of the space for the duration of their activity and when their activity concludes the space should be ready for the next *hirer*.

Spaces are permanently allocated for the exclusive use of

their *tenants* are the Auditorium, the Op Shop, Jack's Gym, the Administration area and the Kids' Space with its child-friendly décor and signage.

All other spaces are allocated when proposals and risk assessments for various activities are considered.

Each space is self-contained (has its own safety and cleaning

kits) and fully equipped for each activity using the space. Some storage is provided and secondary storage is available in the basement.

Church family members may enquire about use of the building for private functions.

Not-for-profit organisations with their own public liability insurance will be considered.



The Garratt Street Centre

What's New in 2023

Food Events after Sunday Morning service for all each term.

Community Dinners for all at Town Centre Vikings each term.

Women's Mini Conference in May.

Kids' Church recommences.

Canberra Bible College recommences after its pandemic break.

Volunteer Workshops after the Sunday Service in the Community Room to assist with Safe

Church training and form filling. Each month in term 1.

Creating Safe Spaces Workshop.

Leadership training including WHS and Safe Church aspects.

Working Party—Saturdays once per term to add to efforts of the Weekday Workers who take care of the building.

Cash Offerings re-introduced.

Calendar—To find out above what is happening this year,

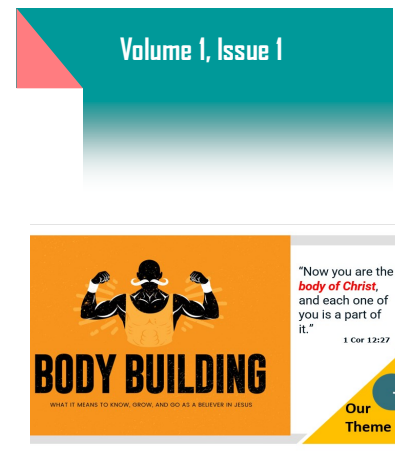
view the Events section in App or Website.

What's retired:

Sign up sheets are replaced by booking via Events in the App or on the Website.

Working Bees—replaced by Saturday or Weekday working parties.

The Information Desk has been closed to allow the Sound Desk to extended and the App and Website have taken over its functions.



Building a Sense of community

RSVP Now...

On Sunday 29 January 2023, we will be opening the Seminar, Board and Community Rooms so that we can share an early lunch or mid-morning snack.

As the COVID case numbers are still high, we want to continue the COVID-Smart advice to not share platters of food etc, Instead of the asking you to

bring a plate to share with others, we ask that you bring your own sandwiches or salad (or other choice) and share fellowship with others.

Please RSVP by 25 January so that we can organise sufficient tables and chairs for your comfort.

The Operations Team of General

Volunteers will serve tea or coffee.

Sign up now :

[Lunch to Launch the Year](#)

[CAP Money Course](#)

[Leadership Training](#)

[Explorers](#)

[Community Dinner](#)

[Volunteers Workshop](#)

[Canberra Bible College—Wednesday afternoons](#) classes enrolment form

[Canberra Bible College—Wednesday evening classes](#) enrolment form

Follow the links for more detail and to register.



Here to Serve—the Operations Team

On Sunday mornings, you will see some of our General Volunteers on duty.

Team members greet you and answer your questions. They receive and count the offering, prepare communion and can help you set up the App on your phone. They can introduce you to ministry leaders. They empty bins and lock up the building after we leave.

At other times, they clean the building and prepare it for internal and external events. They are responsible for risk management for all church activities.

Recruiting Now

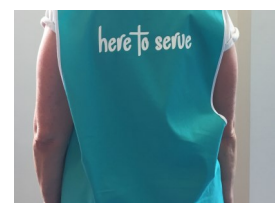
If you are interested in helping with the many behind-the-scenes practical tasks that support our ministry, help build

a sense of community and honour God.

- read the [General Volunteer role description](#)
- complete the [Application Form](#)
- talk to the Team leader

Vests printing donated by [On the Fly Designs](#).

Join the team of General Volunteers



Communications

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The official communications channels of Tuggeranong Baptist Church are:

- App
- Website
- YouTube channel
- Sunday Notices
- Notices published on boards
- Facebook (temporarily not in use)
- Emails to our distribution/mailling list.

Mailing List

You provide us with your email address when you complete the [Request to have personal details recorded](#). You also provide us with some of your personal details when you Create and Account in our App or Email or RSVP to attend an event.

Changes for our database of personal details should be notified to tbchurch@internode.on.net. Have moved house or changed email address?

Prayer Requests

Compose your request in the App or on the website Follow these [guidelines](#)

Tuggeranong Baptist Church

Love God Love People



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The Last Word

As we launch into this year, we have a raft of activities in the first couple of months of operations. You could say that we are inviting you to *hit the ground running* after the lifting of COVID restrictions and our January break.

We aim to have our team of volunteers Safe Church compliant by 19 March 2023 when we will be running the *Creating Safe Spaces workshop*. The Operations team has scheduled Volunteer Workshops in February and March when you can work with others to complete your Safe Church training and be guided through the Volunteer Process. As the workshops will cover the parts of the process that are applicable to all roles, all are invited to these workshops whether you have decid-

ed to volunteer or have applied to volunteer as:

- General Volunteer
- Worship Team
- Op Shop
- Children's Ministry

The Leadership Training session on 1 February is for all volunteers who are responsible for our various events and who need to know about the safe running of the events—risk assessment, health and building safety.

The Community Dinner in February will be hosted by the church Elders. This initiative is to provide a time of relaxed fellowship off site. This means that none of us is *on duty*. The purpose of the dinner, and the dinners throughout the year, is to building relationships be-

tween those attending TBC.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place after the service on 19 February and I wish to thank our Treasurer who has overseen another year's finances when the Auditor says *the accounts have been kept in good order*.

I see that participation in Church On-line has been high and trust that you have been blessed by the content.

I have been involved in pastoral matters and in planning and meetings with some of our leaders as they have returned from their breaks.

As a start-up for the year when we focus on *Building the Body—What it means to know, grow and go as a believer in Jesus*,

the beginning series are:

1. [Hope Rising—Trusting God for More](#)
2. [Building Inspection—things that tear down the body](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions that arise from the teaching or other matters.

May God guide you to be, and to do, all that he has planned for you in 2023 so that we may continue to Love God and to Love People.

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for the Leadership Team