

Tuggeranong Baptist Church

Ian's Update— 14 December 2020

COVIDSafe Christmas Celebrations services

Because we want as many people who wish, to have a face-to-face Christmas service, we are spreading our celebration of Christmas this year over two dates



and asking that you attend only one of the services. Each of the services and the recorded service will have the same content.

The times for services at the **Garratt St Centre** are:

Sunday 20 December at 10:00 am
or

Christmas Day Friday 25 December
at 10:00 am

The **church on-line service** will be

available from 8:00 am on Sunday 20 December and may be view at any time.

How to Book:

Both dates for the Christmas service will be included in one Event.

Choose only one date

2 Options will be included in the Event and you may **choose only one option**.

The App will not allow you to submit your RSVP if you choose more than one option.

Guests

If you are bringing guests, please record them in your RSVP and also send an email to events@tbcchurch.com.au to let us know who your guest is.

If your proposed guest has their own access to the App, then it would be simpler for them to book themselves in and no email would be required.

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Name: Tuggeranong Baptist Church

Elders/Corporation Committee

Ian Reid (President)
Rob James (Vice President)
Mike Ashford (Secretary)

Singing

The changes to restrictions include the following:

Singing carries a high risk due to increased droplet spread. When singing, congregation/attendees should maintain a minimum of two metres from each other and cleaning of areas or equipment in range of singers/performers should be increased.

We contacted the ACT Govt hotline, and they provided clarifying advice about this statement. The Elders have now decided that congregational singing will be allowed at the Christmas Celebration services on both Sunday 20 December and Christmas Day 25 December.

To minimise the risks associated with singing (increased droplet spread), the advice emphasised the requirement to always maintain social distancing between individuals and groups (apart from family/household groups) and that people should face the same direction when singing.

People may also choose to wear a mask as extra protection.

No Church Services – 27 December 2020



There are no services on-line or at the Garratt St Centre on Sunday 27 December 2020.

There will be no Church On Line services released on this Sunday.

Enjoy a blessed Christmas break!

January break



Physical services at the Garratt Street Centre will be suspended to give the teams who have expended extraordinary amounts of time and energy through the pandemic, so far, a time to be restored and re-energised for whatever is in store.

Church On-line will continue throughout the same period, when the series **The Ripple Effect** will be uploaded each Sunday via the Website and App. The series will include songs, information and a teaching session from **Jesus, the Game Changer 2**.

There will be **no physical services at the Garratt St Centre** on:

Sunday 27 December 2020

Sunday 3 January 2021

Sunday 10 January 2021

Sunday 17 January 2021

Sunday 24 January 2021

Sunday 31 January 2021



Care and Administration



I will be available throughout January and can be contacted on 0401 301 193 email tbchurch@internode.on.net or use the Enquiry option in the App.

Prayer Requests

Use the App to Compose your prayer request. If you wish the request be circulated to the Prayer Team only, choose the Private option so that the request can only be seen by the team or choose Public if you wish the request to be seen by anyone using the App.

The Prayer requests are checked twice a day.

January On-Line Church Services



The series is called **"The Ripple Effect"** will be uploaded each Sunday morning in January and includes songs, info and a teaching session from **"Jesus, the Game Changer 2"**

Join us for Church On-line from 3rd to 29th January where there will be no physical services at the Garratt St Centre.

Jesus the Gamechanger sessions:

Sunday January 3 Paul and the Early Church

Sunday January 10 Bible Translation

Sunday January 17 Reformation

Sunday January 24 Jesuits

Sunday January 31 Persecution

Activities during January

The building will not be completely shut down during January. Activities will include:

Administration and Ian's office may be in use

Auditorium – preparation of Church Online and IT/AV improvements

Maintenance, gardening, and IT/AV/Electrical improvements

Op Shop operating Tuesday to Thursday each week from 12 January

Private use of the Community Room 9 – 10 January. Opening hours 10.00 am to 2:00 pm.

Craft Group 15 and 29 January

Girls' Brigade ACT Conference in the Board Room on 30 January

If you wish to do anything in any part of the building during this period, send a message to events@tbchurch.com.au or call Ian to check the availability of the space where you wish to use or work in.



COVID Update - Current restrictions

Each time restrictions are changed they are published in the App under About Us/COVID Safety Plans.

Restrictions have been eased changing the capacity of spaces from 4 sq mtrs to 2 sq mtrs both inside and outside of Places of Worship provided that we use the CBRapp to record attendees' details.

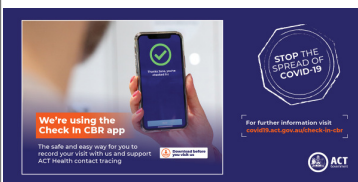
For churches with very large auditoriums/sanctuaries, this makes significant changes to the number of people who can be accommodated. However, because the 1.5 mtr distancing rule is still in force, this makes very little difference to the numbers we can have in our Auditorium for Sunday services. Any extra seats that can be correctly distanced do not provide good visibility.

We have registered for the App and we will be displaying the QR Code from ACT Health at our Christmas Services. This means that people who have downloaded the App to their phones may choose to record their attendances using their phones

The Visitor Book sheets will continue to be provided for people not using the CBR App.

CBR Check In App set up

The following is the experience of one of our members trying to use the CBR Check In Ap



I was trying to use the booking system associated with the Check In CBR app.

I was under the impression (because of similar systems used by MacDonalds, Hungry Jacks, etc) that I didn't need to use anything but my camera on my phone to scan the QR Code, and that would take me to the appropriate web page to register my attendance.

I have now learnt that individuals DO NEED TO DOWNLOAD the Check In CBR app onto their phones before they can use the QR Code which has been supplied for any establishment using that app. So for those who would want to use the Check In CBR option (instead of signing in with a pen upon arrival), they would need to download the app onto their phone.

It is straightforward to do this (and provides access to a whole lot of businesses using it). I downloaded the app, put in my name and contact phone number (or email, or both if people wish), and give the app permission to use my camera. And it is set to go for church or any business using that app. If I want to register any guests I have with me, I can do that easily with that app.

How to Download the App :<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr>

Manage 1.5 mtr distancing

The Transition and COVID Safety teams have taped the floor of the Auditorium and place chairs at the correct distance and have carefully worked out how ushers are to group chairs for couples and family groups to ensure you are safe and compliant.

But what about after the service when people leave their chairs?

The legislation states that it is the responsibility of the individual to maintain safe distancing. An easy way to get the distance right is that there needs to be two of the carpet tiles on the floor between you and the next person. If this is not possible, then a mask may help to keep you safe.

The COVID Safety team wear masks as they often need to be less than 1.5 mtrs from you.

Finance

We will continue to be eligible for Jobkeeper until the end of March.

Missions Partners

For the next 3 years, we will provide financial support to the Pioneers representatives who visited on 13 December which makes us partners in their work of teaching English and leadership training. For security reasons, this team these partners will be known as *the Alongsiders*. They join Michele Black (Rwanda), Paul Kyalimpa (Uganda) and the Hay family (South Africa) on our list of Missions Partners.



Community of Givers – Christmas Cheer Campaign

I have been honoured to deliver vouchers to many of the sole-parent families we support and others who we have come to know because of the pandemic. We have received a number of donations for this year's campaign. Thanks for your generosity that makes you a partner in this important work of blessing people in the Name of the Lord. The gratitude of the recipients is overwhelming.



Contributions should be by transfer to the following bank account:

Direct Deposit to: BSB 704 922,

Account: 100 014 987

Name: Tuggeranong Baptist Church

Label: COG – Christmas

The App - Events – when do things start next year?

The Events section of the App has already been loaded with the start date for many of our ministries including when the School Holidays, Easter and Mother's and Father's day are.

Other content



During the break, you can touch base with information about Our Groups and their leaders, find out About Us and take a trip around our App as well as view the Church-On-line series that will be added during January.

Op shop donations

An event of special note is the opening date for the Op Shop which is Tuesday, 12 January. Each year many of us de-clutter and re-sort just after Christmas to make room for the new things and Sue asked that we remind you to pack these up and hold them until the shop

opens on 12 January.

Jenke Cct land – status report

The disposal of the land at Jenke Cct and application of proceeds to the loan on Garratt Street has been progressing in the background of this year's events. Mona Young, our treasurer was delegated to progress this project after the purchase of Garratt Street was finalised.

It's important to realise that disposal of the land is much more complex than selling a block of unencumbered residential land.

Preparing for sale

Her first task, completed in December 2019, was to have the land cleared of the storage containers and then to set about researching all of the steps to be taken and to proceed to deal with each item of the list so that the land was ready for sale.

The land was granted under a Crown Lease which, it is generally believe, was concessional. Confirmation of the concessional status needs to be confirmed.

Assembling required legal documentation

The lease was conditional, and Mona has obtained a number of documents to show that these conditions have been met as they were not in our church or, in some instances, the government's records as the acquisition of the land pre-dates both digitised/electronic records and the establishment of the ACT government.



Transfer of the lease to potential buyers

Mona obtained advice from the government that transfer of the leases would be considered if the purchaser can meet the same requirements for the grant of the lease as our church for example proof of registration as a not-for-profit entity, articles of association and other similar supporting evidence and evidence that they can/will use the premises in accordance with the crown lease conditions.

Defining potential buyers

Here are a couple of the clauses from the Crown Lease that set limits on who we might sell to:

Clause 3 (d) The lessee covenants to use the premises **only for the purposes of a church** and subsidiary thereto related church activities

Clause 3 (l) The lessee will not assign transfer or part with possession of the whole or any portion of the premises without the **previous consent in writing** of the Commonwealth (now the ACT Government).

The Trustees and transfer of the Crown Lease to Tuggeranong Baptist Church Incorporated

The lease was granted before the church became an incorporated body so has been held in trust for us by *The Association of Baptist Churches of the Australian Capital Territory Incorporated*.

This means that any sale would have included processes required by the trust and this would add to the complexity of the sale and time taken to complete same.

In the meanwhile, the Association is in the process of being wound up and will be transferring ownership to us. They will be meeting the legal costs of the transfer and will, as part of the process secure for us confirmation of the concessional status of the lease.

Discussions with potential buyers

Once the lease is in our own name and its status confirmed and now that we have all of the documentation required, we will be able to have reasonable conversations with organisations that have made tentative enquiries about the availability of the land.

Members vote

Any proposal to sell the land requires that a special meeting and a two-thirds majority of the Members in the affirmative before a proposal shall be deemed to have been agreed by the Membership. (TBC Constitution).

We will follow the procedure when a firm offer is received.

Prayer

Some suggestions for your prayers:

Request -

1. For people in all those countries that will have severe restriction throughout the Christmas period – for their physical, mental, spiritual and economic wellbeing.
2. For the scientists, manufacturers and distributors of the vaccines now being administered in other countries – that they may be able to cope with disappointments and setbacks and be energised in their work to produce effective and safe vaccinations.
3. For the Therapeutic Goods Administration, that we might be patient as they apply their processes to the vaccines proposed for distribution in Australia.
4. For patience and caution as Australians take to the skies and the roads for reunions with family and friends over the Christmas period.
5. For the many who are feeling lonely, anxious, discouraged and depressed
6. For those dealing with loss of income and jobs
7. For students whose lives and learning has been so different this year
8. For those we know and don't know – that they may come to know Christ to a greater degree as we move into another year
9. For those experiencing natural disasters and oppression



With thanksgiving – every good gift comes from God above

1. For the individuals and ministries that fund the COG Voucher program – especially at Christmas.
2. For the easing of restrictions in all part of our nation
3. For the blessings we have received during the difficult times, the opportunities that we have had to learn how to do things differently – especially the certainty that God is in control
4. For the things that we have overcome – anxieties, health and economic challenges.
5. For the greater appreciation that we have one for another as we learned how interconnected the world systems, organisation and individuals are.
6. For those who have demonstrated care and love for us and those with whom we have been able to share experiences and love

Blessings,

Ian Reid

for the Leadership Team

