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HOPE UNLIMITED CHURCH

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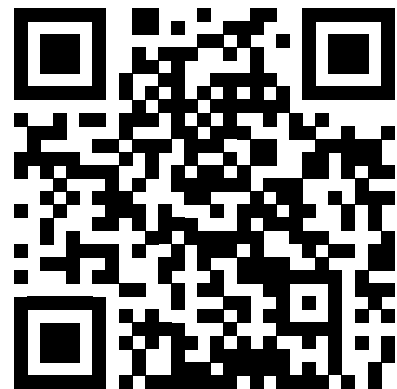
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Join us in making a difference

Our annual Legacy and Missions offering will be received over two weeks on the 23rd and 30th of June. This is our building and missions offering for 2024 and we ask you to prayerfully consider what part you can play.

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Dear Church Family,

What an incredible beginning to our year as a community of faith, with the foundational theme of “CORNERSTONE” guiding us for the next couple of years.

God’s faithfulness, His great grace and His leading have been evident over the last 14 years as we have led HopeUC. This year, the urgency of the hour has only strengthened our church’s mission and calling.

In Luke 19, Jesus rides into Jerusalem and ‘weeps over it’, highlighting His passion and compassion for the city. We pray that we, too, would be moved with compassion and love for the people in the places where God has entrusted us to steward His Kingdom alongside so many other great churches.

These are vital days for the global church, and together, as we trust in God’s word and His plans, we will serve His agenda to the best of our ability.

We continue to witness the Holy Spirit moving powerfully in all our campuses, homes, services, and mission expressions, and continue to lean in with prayerful expectation for more people to find life in Jesus.

We will be stepping into new mission initiatives with Hope Global and Hope Local, expanding our properties, and taking further steps toward building a new home for our Gosford campus. We are grateful for the generosity of many families over many years across our church who faithfully support the work of the Church, locally and globally.

In 2024, we want to empower you to have more involvement with your personal giving for building projects, mission work, or both. Your support in these areas is a vital expression of God’s heart.

We deeply appreciate your continued prayers, generosity, tenacity, faith, and faithfulness on this journey. We believe that our part of Legacy adds to longevity and permanency of this church, so we pray you enjoy this Legacy update as we aim to leave a lasting impact for God’s glory.

With much love,

Ps Mark and Darlene

Lead Pastors





Hope Unlimited Church

By God's grace, we pray that HopeUC will always be a body, a church, a family, and a home defined by God's presence. Worshipful, missional, prayerful, generational, creative, generous, thankful, authentic, and completely passionate about people responding to the message of salvation, we pray that we will always reflect through every part of our lives that HOPE is a person and His name is Jesus.

HopeUC is a church where everyone's welcome. There is a place for you here. When we come together, we are a diverse, beautiful expression of God's church, gathering around His love, His presence, His Word, and His purpose for our lives.

Our Vision

At HopeUC, we aspire to be a lighthouse of hope for our community. Our Vision statement embodies the heart of hope: 'Follow Jesus, and your tomorrow will be greater than today.' We believe that when we commit our lives to following Jesus Christ, we unlock the door to a future filled with hope and purpose. Together, we are on the great faith adventure, journeying toward a greater tomorrow as we follow Jesus.

HopeUC Elders



**MARK & DARLENE
ZSCHECH**
LEAD PASTORS
& ELDERS



BRUCE ROBERTSON
ELDER



Our Values

WORSHIP IS OUR HONOUR

Psalm 29:2 NLT

Honor the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

COMMUNITY IS OUR HEARTBEAT

Luke 4:18-19 TPT

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to be hope for the poor, healing for the broken-hearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, 'You are set free!' I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of God's great acceptance has begun.

THE WORD IS OUR FOUNDATION

2 Timothy 3:16 TPT

God has transmitted his very substance into every Scripture, for it is God-breathed. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness.

HIS PRESENCE IS OUR PASSION

Ephesians 1:23 MSG

The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.



PAUL MCCULLOCH
ELDER



DAVID BALESTRI
ELDER

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➤ *Timeline (so far)...*

1986: PLANTING THE SEEDS OF HOPE

A small group of pioneers, led by Pastors John and Joan Pennicook, gathered monthly in a lounge room to pray and plan for the birth of a Christian Life Centre Church in the Wyong Shire. Their unwavering faith and commitment laid the foundation for what would eventually become Hope Unlimited Church.



1987: HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

On February 1st, 1987, they held their inaugural service in Gorokan High School Hall, with just 70 attendees. A regular morning service started on the 7th of June that year, and from there, the church continued to grow.

2011: NEW LEADERSHIP, HOPEUC CHARMHAVEN

From 2011, Pastors Mark and Darlene Zschech relocated from Sydney to become the Lead Pastors of Hope Unlimited Church Charmhaven. HopeUC began to expand rapidly, setting the stage for a new chapter in its history.

2012: HOPEUC GOSFORD

Our Gosford campus began as a life group in the home of Mel and Matt Hope and officially started as a campus in 2012.



2013: HOPEUC PENINSULA

Our Peninsula campus started when Sam and Kylie Collins from Good News church joined HopeUC in April 2013 and has a history that stretches back to when it was started by Pastors Pat and Brian Donovan in 1980.



2018: HOPEUC NEWCASTLE

Our Newcastle Campus was started in the 1980s and grew to become Globe Church with Pastors Bruce and Kate Robertson, and is now known as our HopeUC Newcastle Campus.

2019: HOPEUC MAITLAND

HopeUC Maitland, planted by Grant and Megan Atherton in 2004, joined the church family in 2019.



2021: HOPEUC PORT STEPHENS

Baylife Church, planted by Pastors Greg and Robyn Mckewin in 2002, became part of the HopeUC family, adding to the growing presence of the church in the Hunter Region.



TODAY: A THRIVING COMMUNITY WITH GLOBAL REACH

HopeUC stands as a thriving church with a global presence, touching the lives of many through its unwavering commitment to faith, sacrifice, and prayer. With hearts full of anticipation, we look forward to the future and are excited for all that is yet to come.

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
Because the Lord has anointed and commissioned me
To bring good news to the humble and afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up [the wounds of] the
brokenhearted,
To proclaim release [from confinement and condemnation]
to the [physical and spiritual] captives
And freedom to prisoners,
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance and retribution of our God,
To comfort all who mourn,
To grant to those who mourn in Zion the following:
To give them a turban instead of dust [on their heads, a
sign of mourning],
The oil of joy instead of mourning,
The garment [expressive] of praise instead of a
disheartened spirit.
So they will be called the trees of righteousness [strong and
magnificent, distinguished for integrity, justice, and right
standing with God],
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.*

ISAIAH 61 (NKJV)

HopeUC Kids Update

Throughout the year, we've seen our Kids ministry expression go from strength to strength in each campus. We've also been thrilled to welcome many new families to our HopeUC community, and it's been wonderful to see people from various backgrounds and experiences adding to the vibrancy of our campuses. From each age group and Champions Club expression, we would be unable to do all we do without the wonderful leaders that facilitate these awesome programs for our kids! We have taken opportunities to unite our team leaders across all campuses, coming together during events like the Gathering and the Kids Team Family Fun Day. These gatherings have allowed us to connect and strengthen our bond as a team.

Our Kids' direct method of being involved in the Legacy giving story has been through Legacy Bake Sales, which have been a huge success this year, surpassing previous fundraising efforts. Well done kids (and parents!) The dedication and hard work of everyone involved have made this achievement possible, and we use these funds to buy backpacks and school supplies for kids in developing nations.

And of course, one of the best aspects of the year has been witnessing many children respond to the call to make Jesus their forever friend through salvation. It's inspiring to see their faith journey unfolding and their relationship with Jesus deepening as they grow in their understanding and love for Him.

HOPEUC KIDS jr.

HOPEUC KIDS





Creative HQ Update

In the past 12 months, we've seen over 100 students attend lessons in Newcastle and Charmhaven. Approximately 40% of these students are community-based and don't attend church. We have supported families walking through life challenges with flowers and meals, and have had community families attend HopeUC events (Easter, Christmas, HopeUC Kids Creative Days) and feel welcomed and loved by our church. This year, we're reaching all ages, running new classes such as toddler music and dance fitness. Our youngest student is one year old, and the eldest is 84!

We are praying and believing for more growth this year via new team leaders and students. We'd also love the opportunity to sponsor more local kids in our communities to attend lessons.



GU

Generation Unlimited

Generation Unlimited has been incredibly fruitful these past 12 months. We saw 490 brand-new teenagers walk into our youth ministry, and 147 committed their hearts to Jesus. Our youth leaders are passionate about making disciples and have rallied 31% of our Friday attendees into a regular life group where we teach God's Word and pray together. Our youth pastors and teams serve in seven high schools each week of the school term. They work with chaplains and welfare workers, running breakfast clubs where they make pancakes and connect with students. In Newcastle last December, a 14-year-old wandered into church from the breakfast program at Hunter Sports High and committed her heart to Christ. Through Hope Local, we've purchased a number of BBQs for local high schools and have blessed many with food hampers and meals.

In January, Summer Camp saw hundreds of teenagers encounter God in a fresh new way, which continued into semester one. A parent fed back to our youth pastors in Port Stephens, boasting of the change she'd seen in her son who had recently committed his heart to Christ. She mentioned he'd been reading his Bible regularly and had genuinely changed. We're so thankful to God for all He's done and have faith for more! Thanks to our church family at HopeUC for always believing in our youth and youth leaders.



Matt & Beck Wilesmith

HopeUC Youth Pastors



Sisters of HopeUC

What God has been stirring within the women of HopeUC has been nothing short of miraculous. After the COVID season, God spoke to my heart about re-engaging the women, and so we have, creating weekly spaces of Bible study, prayer, and friendship in every campus, both on Wednesday mornings during the school term and for Night Sisters at times specific to every campus.

We see these spaces as invitational, arms open to the women of our house and our community where God has placed us, as we stand together contending for our friends, our kids, our schools, our church, our families, all the while being strengthened in the Word of God.

Additionally, we have created a Sisters Society Podcast, where I interview women in our world who inspire us to live bold and purpose-filled lives.

Come and join us, the Sisters of HopeUC, friendship and faith for every woman.



Pastor Darlene Zschech

Lead Pastor





Global Missions

We are incredibly excited about what God is doing through Hope Global around the world and in Hope Local right here in Australia. Since June 2023, we have received over \$248,000 in Legacy Missions and have already released over \$225,000 to the field as of May 2024. Well done HopeUC, and thank you for your incredible generosity to see extraordinary things happen in mission, both globally and locally.



hopeglobal



01. Rwanda

Fruits of Hope School

02. Sri Lanka

Narel & Alison Atkinson

03. Vietnam (& Beyond)

Paul & Deb Hilton

04. Philippines

Scott & Ruth Buchanan

05. Vanuatu

The Going 2023 Trip

06. Philippines

Partner Project - Mindoro Church construction

07. Ukraine

Wayne & Olya Zschech

08. Bali

The Going 2023 Trip

09. India

The Going 2023 Trip

10. Australia

Hope Local Projects & Peak Hill Trip



ONGOING PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

We continue to work with our five key mission partners in Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Rwanda. We have committed to long-term partnerships and ongoing financial support with these ministries and projects for the coming Legacy year.

WAYNE & OLYA ZSCHECH – UKRAINE

The wood waste briquette production continues to produce solid heating fuel wood briquettes to bless war-affected families, particularly the elderly. In partnership with the Zschechs and Operation Mobilization, we are seeing people find hope in Jesus and practical solutions to heating and unemployment within war-torn Ukraine.

NAREL & ALISON ATKINSON – SRI LANKA

The Atkinsons continue to impact lives throughout Sri Lanka. Some recent highlights include 1000 women attending the Alokaya Women's conference in the East and 122 low-income families positively impacted by attending the HelpKids Centre.

PAUL & DEB HILTON – VIETNAM & BEYOND

The Hiltons have continued to mentor and coach mission leaders globally, including recent missions in the Middle East and Kenya. It's amazing to see their faithful work in Vietnam for the last 30 years being multiplied in nations worldwide.

SCOTT & RUTH BUCHANAN – PHILIPPINES

The Buchanans report exciting new church planting efforts through Mindoro. They are a huge encouragement to local leaders through coaching, Bible teaching, and we are pleased to report great progress with the church building at Lapantay, which we are partnering to build.

FRUITS OF HOPE & HOPE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CENTRE - RWANDA

Our Fruits of Hope Academy is growing, and with that, the need for student sponsorships is increasing. We have been able to contribute towards student sponsorships as well as funds towards the nutrition program, ensuring children have access to a healthy breakfast and lunch during their school day.

Plans for the Hope Global Leadership Centre Rwanda have been finalized. Partnering with architects Silvester Fuller in Sydney, the result is a centre that we believe will provide a greater opportunity than ever before to serve and empower the wonderful people of Rwanda and beyond.



THE GOING 2023/2024 & MORE

We have witnessed many teams, pastors, and leaders released into global mission fields through the GOING 2023/2024 initiative, including trips to India, Vanuatu, Sri Lanka, and Bali. Each trip has raised significant funds and seen incredible impact through projects and ongoing relationships. We have four trips planned for the latter half of this year to Bali, Vanuatu, the Philippines, and Rwanda.

Through the various 2023 Going teams' fundraising efforts, we raised \$115,000 towards building projects, community outreach, and leadership events. We aided team leaders with partial financing for some of these trips.





THE GOING

India Testimony

The trip was truly incredible and life-changing; words can't fully capture its impact. I urge you all to consider joining one of the teams.

Reading “No Longer a Slumdog” years ago opened my eyes to the millions in India affected by the caste system, lacking hope in Jesus. It compelled me to act.

When the opportunity to go to India arose, it was a no-brainer. It was all I had ever dreamed of—my first time overseas, going to a place I had prayed and dreamed of, and sharing the love of Jesus with all people.

My favorite moment was volunteering in our HopeUC Kolkata church and being part of their kids' outreach day. The kids from the “Daisy Project,” coming from challenging backgrounds, stole my heart. It was mind-blowing to see how this ministry was changing their lives.

I donated money to support their cause, but it didn't go through right away. However, God's timing was impeccable. In the process, I learned that one of the girls from the Daisy Project had a simple birthday wish: to have a meal at a restaurant with her friends. The money came through a week later, exactly in time for her birthday, and also sponsored 5 children for a year.

This is just a glimpse of what God can do. I can't even begin to imagine what He will do if each of us says, “God, I'm willing to go.”

BROOKE - PENINSULA CAMPUS







Local Community Mission

MEALS OF HOPE, THE WELCOME PLACE, AND MORE

It is incredible to see many come to faith and find community at HopeUC through a meal and a smile. We are continuing to see these things transforming people's lives, physically and spiritually. Across our campuses, we are giving out thousands of meals and hamper packs every year. Four out of the six campuses now have a Foodbank account, and many continue to partner with Ozharvest and Aldi for food distribution.

HOPE LOCAL TRIP TO PEAK HILL

Our Peak Hill team recently returned from a hugely successful second trip this Legacy year, partnering with local churches through a combined men's breakfast, kids' fun afternoon, and a worship night, plus a combined Sunday service. This visit, the team stayed at Engeti ministry and were able to paint the dorms throughout.

SRE & GU IN SCHOOLS

We continue to invest in our local schools across all campuses through GU school ministry programs, SRE teaching and booklets, and with the purchase of new BBQs for several schools. Our youth teams continue to flip pancakes in seven schools across the regions and provide great connections for school welfare teams and in our youth programs.

HOPE LOCAL PROJECTS

We continue to identify needs within our community and partner with quality charities like CAP, Hope in a Suitcase, and Got Your Back Sista. Last Christmas, in addition to distributing thousands of hampers, we also gave hundreds of toys to Hope in a Suitcase to support vulnerable families across the holiday period.







Charmhaven Campus

OUTREACH, COMMUNITY & LIFE GROUPS

Our greatest joy this year has been watching the doors of the church open wider and the community finding 'home' at Hope. Three mornings a week the church is a hive of activity: Meals of Hope, Sisters, Platinum, maintenance, cooking, admin, pastoral care, sewing for missions. On a Thursday, 15-20 community members participate in a Bible study before the food arrives, enjoying friendship. Some now serve on the team, and some also attend Sundays.



EVERY NATION CELEBRATION

Since July 2023, we have given 1923 hampers, plus dozens of frozen meals each month. 'Return & Earn' brings people on the property daily. New community opportunities included a circus and dance school hire. Creative HQ had up to 28 students - church and community. We have a weekly presence in two local high schools and a fortnightly presence in an aged care facility.

Another highlight has been the continuity of the Next Steps and Foundations of Faith programs. In the past nine months, there have been 133 salvation responses (Sundays + GU).

Life group engagement is growing, and Sunday services are flourishing. A team committed to regular prayer and intercession undergird all activity of the church.



BUILDING UPDATE

- Multipurpose Room upgrade: sound desk / children's bathroom toilets
- Kitchen: new freezers / exhaust fan / air conditioner
- Junior Room: paint refresh
- Rear exterior wall painted
- Car park bumpers
- CCTV cameras: internal and external

Looking ahead, we are excited for an all-weather courtyard space for connection, both midweek and Sundays with the addition of a portico (plans are underway). Our Meals of Hope program will expand to include Alpha, money coaching, and regular chaplaincy, and we are looking to create a community garden space. We look forward to strengthening and building connections and partnerships with other local community organizations. Our prayer is that by God's grace Charmhaven will

continue to grow in the prophetic mandate to be a lighthouse to our community.



Brad & Lee Cameron

Charmhaven Campus Pastors



Gosford Campus

OUTREACH, COMMUNITY & LIFE GROUPS

As we reflect on the past year, we're grateful and excited to share some incredible updates with you.

In the past year, we've witnessed numerous individuals finding salvation within our community, with many also requesting Bibles during our Christmas Eve services. Additionally, we celebrated multiple baptisms, signifying new beginnings and spiritual growth. Our Easter Kids production successfully engaged 115 children with the story of Easter, while the Alpha course has significantly grown, fostering spiritual exploration and clarity. Through our Meals of Hope initiative, we've supported 140 families during challenging times, distributing 1000 meals to those in our community facing a cancer journey. Our partnership with MMAD (Musicians Making A Difference) has extended our reach, particularly among young people facing tough circumstances. Meanwhile, our Life Groups continue to thrive, offering deeper community and discipleship opportunities, with more people joining weekly.

BUILDING UPDATE

Our commitment to enhancing our campus facilities continues fervently. With regards to the Kids Room upgrade, we made significant improvements:

- Full repaint of the Primary and Junior Room using jute colour to create a calming atmosphere, replacing the previously bright and overstimulating colours.
- Purchased new rugs, toy boxes, clocks, and toys for the rooms.
- Utilized paintings and other decorations from the rooms and in our corridors to brighten the walk down to the kids' spaces, addressing the previous hospital corridor feel and reducing the sense of overwhelm for some children by the time they reached the rooms. Champions Club remains a great blessing for many wonderful kids.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team has been working on plans for our new Gosford building. (Refer to page 24-25 for more details).



Adrian & Trine Westbrook

Gosford Campus Pastors



Testimony

My journey has been filled with struggles and darkness. Addiction, crime, and despair consumed me, leading to a stint in jail. The pain of losing my younger brother to suicide only intensified my anguish. After my release, I fell deeper into the grip of addiction and alcoholism, unable to find a way out.

But everything changed when I found myself at church, searching for something greater than myself. It was there, amidst the congregation, that I encountered Jesus. I felt His presence envelop me, filling the emptiness within. It was an indescribable moment of transformation. Before that encounter, the weight of the world burdened me, dragging me down with each passing day. But with Jesus, that weight was lifted. His love and grace gave me hope and purpose, guiding me towards a brighter future.

BRIAN - GOSFORD CAMPUS





Future Gosford Campus

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team has been working on plans for our new Gosford building. This endeavour has led us to engage in meaningful discussions with the state government, exploring opportunities to address community needs, including affordable housing and essential services.



The approximate boundaries of our three-acre property situated on Faunce Street within the Gosford CBD



Newcastle Campus

Our Newcastle campus is experiencing remarkable growth, and we are incredibly excited to witness people of all ages becoming part of our church community.

OUTREACH, COMMUNITY & LIFE GROUPS

Our Welcome Place ministry continues to thrive, welcoming an average of 26 families per week for groceries, free coffee, and lunch. Many of these families have visited or joined the church as a result of this ministry.

Our EAPA relief program operates midweek. In the first quarter of 2024, We have administered \$7500 in electricity vouchers to 20 families in need.

Our youth ministry is flourishing, with an average of over 100 young people attending every Friday. We also run a Brekkie Club every Tuesday at Hunter Sports High. Our Scripture teachers also minister regularly at Dudley Public, Floraville Public, and Mt Hutton Public.

Additionally, our life groups continue to grow and flourish, providing avenues for deeper community and discipleship.

In term three, we plan to launch “58,” a devotional-style study group operating during the Sunday message for kids from Years 5 to 8. Our aim is to empower our kids to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and prepare them for youth ministry.



BUILDING UPDATE

We expanded volunteer parking onto cleared land at 51 Pacific Highway, significantly easing Sunday parking congestion.

Plans are underway for a large weather awning for the front fascia area, providing shelter during inclement weather and alleviating foyer congestion.

In April, we completed the PA system upgrade, improving the quality and clarity of our Sunday and youth services.

We're exploring options to renovate our children's area downstairs, aiming to create a more spacious and engaging environment for our kids' ministry. Though in the early stages, this project holds great promise for enhancing the experience for our youngest members.



Chris & Beth Gleeson

Newcastle Campus Pastors





Maitland Campus

Something special is happening in Maitland and the Hunter Region. Our campus has witnessed 45 people choosing Jesus since Legacy time last year until now (excluding our GU Friday Night program). Additionally, many individuals have publicly declared their faith through water baptism.

YOUTH

There's been a seamless transition in leadership from Lissa Dragostinov, who led GU for the past six years, to Asher Gale. He is now building on the great work that Lissa and the team did over many years, as our youth ministry continues to grow, nurturing young leaders and helping young people encounter Jesus and become His disciples.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

This year, we established a community garden. By selling the old shipping container at the back of our campus, we obtained funding for fencing. Turf was donated, and together we created a garden for both us and the community. During the official opening, a gentleman from the Welcome Place declared it open and cut the ribbon, making it a very special moment.

BUILDING UPDATE

We've also installed new soundproofing boards in the Kids Primary space. This space is increasingly used during the week, hosting Sisters in the day and Sisters at night Bible studies, as well as the Strong Disciples program and our HopeUC Kids Primary programs.

Other campus updates include new speakers in the auditorium, a lighting system upgrade, new ceiling tiles, and the installation of CCTV for added safety and security.

In the upcoming year, we aim to refresh and renovate our Kids Primary and Junior rooms with murals, additional soundproofing, and new carpeting with underlay. It's time for our kids' rooms to get a makeover.

COMMUNITY, DISCIPLESHIP & LIFE GROUPS

Our December Christmas Festival has become an annual highlight, combining services into one 9:30 am gathering, followed by extended outdoor activities in the side car park for all ages to enjoy. It's a beautiful expression of our church family coming together, and it's an easy invitation for people to bring their friends along.



Strong Disciples, a course deepening one's walk with Jesus, is becoming more integrated into our church's discipleship pathway.

Our Life Groups are thriving more than ever, with various options including art groups, Sisters, Brothers, and families, inviting more people into community and discipleship.

We are earnestly praying (and knocking on doors) to establish a pancake program in a local high school. While we've encountered closed doors, we're not giving up. Can you join us in prayer for an open door into the schools?



Stephen & Jessica Bruce

Maitland Campus Pastors

Testimony

While I was in Melbourne for work, I suddenly woke up one morning with facial paralysis and couldn't move my arm. I couldn't speak properly and swallowing was difficult. Despite delays, I made it back to Newcastle and went to John Hunter Hospital, where they discovered I had suffered a stroke caused by a clot from a hole in my heart.

After spending a few days in the hospital, they operated on my heart. When I returned to the doctor's office, they were amazed to find no damage on the second brain scan, despite evidence of damage on the first. It was described as a full alignment, as if there had never been any damage at all. It truly was an absolute miracle.

RICH - MAITLAND CAMPUS





Port Stephens Campus

Reflecting on this past year, we're overwhelmed with gratitude for everything that God has done and continues to do in the Port Stephens region.

OUTREACH, COMMUNITY & LIFE GROUPS

Almost 50% of our church community have actively participated in life groups, fostering deeper connections and spiritual growth. We've maintained our commitment to serving the community with hundreds of Meals of Hope prepared and delivered during challenging times. During the Christmas season, we partnered with Hope in a Suitcase to donate thousands of presents to families in need.

BUILDING UPDATE

We've enhanced our campus facilities to create a warm and inviting space. This includes a new waterproof sail over the kids' playground, a 40ft container for storage, and a renovated back room serving as a versatile meeting space. Efforts to maximize auditorium space have ensured comfortable seating arrangements for our growing congregation.

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch new initiatives, including a drive-through coffee business on our front lawn. We're also so excited about the upcoming construction of our new portico, which is set to begin very soon. This addition will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of our building but also serve as an outdoor foyer, creating additional space in our auditorium for seating. Furthermore, it will provide a welcoming shelter from the weather for all who arrive at church.



Chris & Tristen Hum

Port Stephens Campus Pastors



“Throughout the year, we’ve poured our hearts into enhancing our campus facilities, ensuring they serve as a warm and inviting space for our congregation and community.”





Peninsula Campus

It has been an incredible year at HopeUC Peninsula! We've witnessed many people coming to Christ, and our church has grown beautifully. A real highlight for us has been the monthly baptisms down at Umina Beach on the first Sunday of every month. It's heartwarming to see people progressing in their discipleship journey with Jesus.

This year, we're thrilled to have seven interns. Watching their leadership journey at HopeUC Peninsula unfold has been wonderful. We've invested in each of these individuals and empowered them to serve and lead in our campus, nurturing their unique giftings and callings.

BUILDING UPDATE

Throughout the past financial year, we made several improvements to our facilities. We laid new carpet in both the auditorium and kids' room, painted both areas, and made adjustments to the decor of the auditorium, including painting the beams, extending the platform, and adding a new drum room to manage noise levels.



We're planning a building upgrade to increase the seating capacity in our auditorium. This upgrade will also involve sectioning off our kids' area to create separate rooms for juniors, primary, and mothers. It's an exciting step that will enable us to continue growing and expanding as a faith community.

OUTREACH, COMMUNITY & LIFE GROUPS

Our outreach efforts have also been thriving. We have a team that picks up from our local Aldi seven nights a week, distributing to many local schools and agencies to support breakfast clubs, feed those in need, and provide resources for community assistance. Additionally, we've successfully organized three community events this year—a fete, a festival, and a Christmas festival—that saw hundreds of families come to our site and engage with our team. These events united our community and raised funds for our local high schools. Our life groups are an important part of who we are at HopeUC, and we continue to see them grow weekly as more people are invited into community and discipleship.



Danny & Maddy Moses

HopeUC Peninsula Campus Pastors



Financial Overview

LEGACY BUILDING

INCOME LEGACY BUILDING \$923,051

EXPENDITURE LEGACY BUILDING \$324,825*

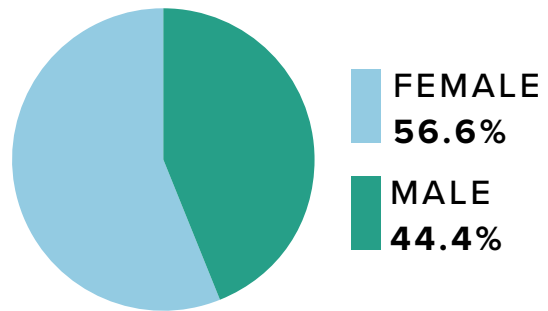
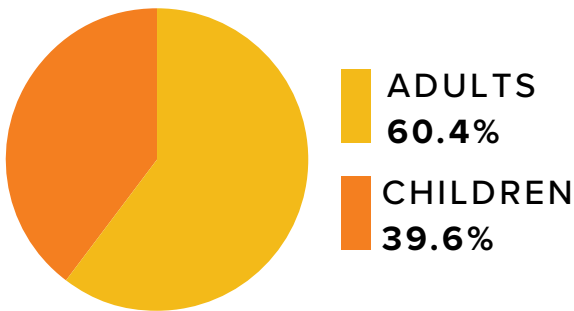
*Additionally, there is a planned expenditure of \$780,000, scheduled to be completed within the next 90 days.

LEGACY MISSIONS

INCOME LEGACY MISSIONS \$248,038

EXPENDITURE LEGACY MISSIONS \$225,261

Snapshot of HopeUC



*The church, you see,
is not peripheral to the
world; the world is
peripheral to the church.*

*The church is Christ's
body, in which he speaks
and acts, by which He
fills everything with
his presence.*

EPHESIANS 1:23 MSG

Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. In Him, the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him, you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:20-22 ESV

Join us in making a difference

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