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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025 EDITION.

Dear All. Welcome to the start of 2025 and I hope this reaches you rested and refreshed. The Board and I are back in the office and ready for another great year of advancing St Barnabas and the cemetery. A lot has happened since the December 2024 newsletter, and in this edition of St Barnabas news you will be brought up to date on the many exciting projects earmarked for 2025. All these projects if successful, will help the Board reach its goal of getting to that point where the Hall and facilities can not only be used by the ministry team, but importantly for community groups. It will become a place for community members to conduct social meetings/workshops/gatherings/book sales and much more. The Board's aim is for the church to become more connected with the wider peninsula residents.

In no order of precedence or importance, the following is an update on various stages of existing projects, as well as news of new projects currently underway. The Board is hopeful that all projects mentioned will be completed by December 2025.

10000L Poly Water Tank.

New down pipes and connections from the roof of the church to the tank are yet to happen, due to our volunteer plumber recovering from a hand injury. We hope to have this completed & start collecting water in the tank by the end of this month, (it must rain of course!) providing a reliable source of water for the ground maintenance crew involved in establishing and looking after the cemetery gardens.

Stronger Communities Programme – Round 9.

The Board received an invitation from the office of the Honourable Julie Collins MP to submit an *“Expression of Interest Form”* for Round 9 of the Stronger Communities Programme. After on-site meetings with staff from Julie's office, the Board's application was submitted on Monday 3rd February 2025 for a community project to undertake the following work.

- Fix inherent building structures and OH&S issues concerning the Gellibrand Hall.
 - Remove & replace rotting cladding timber from the front facing walls of the Hall. Replacing the rotten timber boards will enhance the structural integrity of the building preventing further damage. It will also improve safety for occupants and community visitors who use the hall, and it will be aesthetically pleasing to the eye, with fresh timbers improving the visual appeal of the building.
 - Install timber blocking between rafters and gables to stop birds nesting and entering the Hall. Minimizing bird droppings can reduce health risks associated with pathogens and allergies.
 - Remove existing hollow entrance doors to the Hall and replace with solid core doors. Installing new “solid” core entry doors will increase security and improve insulation and be more energy efficient.

Quoted cost: \$5,455.00. Note, painting of the Hall is not included in the project cost.

Donations towards the maintenance of St Barnabas Church & Cemetery can be electronically deposited into:
BSB: 067103. Account: 10696070



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- Purchase and have fixed to concrete hard standing at rear of the church, artificial grass (putting golf green style grass). **Quoted cost: \$7,869+GST**. Artificial grass will be more aesthetically pleasing than hard grey concrete. It will also provide a softer surface, reduce the risk of injuries from falls and make the area more comfortable for activities and events, particularly for elderly people.

Total cost of project funds sought: \$14,110.

Gable style Roof over concreted area rear of Church.

The Board has received a quote from **Fair Dinkum Builds (One Stop Shed Shop)** in Mornington for the purchase & installation of a gable style roof to cover the concreted area at a cost **of \$37,279.00**. The Board wrote to the Honourable Julie Collins MP on 30th January 2025 outlining the benefits of having a roof and requested the amount be included in any available **“Election Commitment”** the Federal Labor Government might consider.

Please note it is the Board’s primary aim that both significant projects, the Stronger Communities Programme submission and Gable style Roof project to be funded without using any of St Barnabas’s limited finances.

New Garden Cemetery.

A quote has been received to establish a new **“Garden Cemetery”** as available space for new graves in the cemetery becomes an issue. The Board has engaged South Tas Concrete & Building Pty Ltd to excavate an area 14m x 18m. The excavation required is to remove the top layer of soil & weeds and prepare the site for two concrete strips of exposed concrete (with pebbles) slabs boxed, poured and finished. The project will be done in 2 stages.

- Excavate the site and cover with a road base material – like the material used for the car park. Cost \$976.
- 2 concrete strips of W800mm x L12m. Cost \$3,640.00.

St Barnabas to fund this project.

New Kitchen for Gellibrand Fellowship Hall.

Good news. The Board is happy to advise that on 20th January 2025, the Premier of Tasmania, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP advised in writing that a **grant of \$9,000.00+GST** has been made available from the Premier’s Discretionary Fund towards the cost of the kitchen upgrade. The grant funding has been received and deposited into St Barnabas’s bank account. The Board takes this opportunity to acknowledge Councillor Alison Ritchie, Deputy Mayor Clarence City Council for her advocacy work in securing this significant funding. We also acknowledge the Honourable Jacque Petrusma MP as well for her assistance in this matter.



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Donation of \$5,000.00.

The Board also acknowledge Carol (South Arm Shop) and Justin Hetrel for their very generous donation of \$5,000 towards the purchase & installation of a new kitchen.

Total funds now secured: \$14,900.00. This amount covers the purchase and installation of a new kitchen. See design plans below. However, we are **still short \$3,000** to cover the cost of electrical & plumbing work that will need to be done as part of the project.

160L Hot Water Cylinder.

REECE Plumbing Mornington were approached and have kindly donated a 160L Hot Water Cylinder to St Barnabas as part of our kitchen upgrade. This means that the kitchen, when installed, will have running hot water and there will be no need to boil kettles. The Board extends its appreciation to Brad Carr, Branch Manager and his team. The Cylinder is currently stored in our shipping container.

Wizard Kitchens have advised the Board the earliest date they can fit installation of the kitchen is late June 2025. Disappointing as this may appear, it does give the Board extra time to raise the outstanding amount of \$3000 to cover the electrical & plumbing work associated with the installation.



	Client: Terry Roe	Top Colour: 35mm Portofino Stone Smooth Laminate
	Description: Kitchen	Base Door Colour: 16mm Stone Grey Matt O/Head Door Colour: 16mm Stone Grey Matt
Date: 18/09/24	Job Number: 3337 South Arm Rd	Sheet No. 1 of 5



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Surplus gardening tools.

Do you have any spare gardening tools that you no longer have a use for? Why not consider donating them to St Barnabas. Gardening tools that our ground maintenance crew need to maintain the cemetery grounds and gardens are.

- Rakes.
- Shovels.
- Mattocks/picks.
- Wheel Barrows.
- Whipper Snipper.
- Leaf Blower.
- 5L plastic fuel container.

Bill Linton has generously donated a lawn mower, which the ground maintenance crew appreciate. Under the current situation, volunteers use their own equipment, loading and unloading in & out of vehicles & transporting equipment can be an issue. Having a range of gardening tools on site would make it much easier for everyone.

So, if you have any of these tools you would like to donate, please contact myself on email troey1@bigpond.com or Bill Linton on mobile 0408 399 731 or via email williamlinton61@gmail.com.

Ministry News.

On December 15, St Barnabas held its “Festival of Carols” - 9 Lessons and Carols Service, which was very well attended with 80+ members of the community taking part in the service. The Christmas Day Service was also well attended with 19 community members in the congregation.

With 2024 now behind us we can look forward to 2025 and the continued growth of our church. Plans are underway for our Easter services.

51 community members attended services in January.

At the end of this newsletter, is the Ministry Programme for February, March & April.

St Barnabas web page. www.stbarnabas.au.

If you haven't already checked out our web page, please do as it provides you with all the information and forms relevant to St Barnabas and the cemetery, minutes of Board meetings as well as the membership application form. The web page is continually being developed and up dated and if you have any suggestions on how to improve it, or if there is information missing you believe should be available, please let me know by email to troey1@bigpond.com and the web page managers and I will look at making changes. Our web page managers are Reverend Paul Elliot and Tom Humphreys.



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South Arm Community Market.

One of St Barnabas's regular major fund-raising projects is the market stall at South Arm Community Market. (The first Sunday of each month). We rely on and welcome donations of pre-loved items in **good saleable condition**. If you have items that you could consider donating, please contact Linda Roe on 0438 679 320 to organise a time for dropping goods off at the church hall.

Please note we are unable to accept electrical items as we cannot offer them up for sale.

Thank you for your continued support, it is very important. The Board is always happy to receive feedback on any matter raised in this February edition of St Barnabas's news.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Roe JP
Director

On behalf of the Board of Management, Community Church of St Barnabas – South Arm inc.



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Feb 2025

Saturday	1st	10am	Working Bee, Church & Cemetery
Sunday	2nd	10am	Hans Kelder from the reformed Church South Arm Market Stall 9am –1pm
Sunday	9th	10am	Iona Service — Rev Beverley Elliott
Sunday	16th	10am	Holy Communion—Rev Andrew Lake
Sunday	23rd	10am	Holy Communion - Rev Paul Elliott

Mar 2025

Saturday	1st	10am	Working Bee, Church & Cemetery
Sunday	2nd	10am	Lyn Prayer & Praise Plus Market Stall
Tuesday	4th	5pm	Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Tea
Wed.	5th	7pm	Ash Wednesday—Rev Paul Elliot
Sunday	9th	10am	Iona Service — Rev Beverley Elliott
Tuesday	11th	11am	Mothers Union —Rev Celia Hooker
Sunday	16th	10am	Holy Communion—Rev Andrew Lake
Sunday	23rd	10am	Holy Communion — Rev Paul Elliott
Sunday	29th	10am	Holy Communion. Rev Rodney Curtain

Apr 2025

Saturday	5th	10am	Working Bee, Church & Cemetery.
Sunday	6th	10am	Lyn Prayer & Praise Plus Market Stall
Sunday	13th	10am	Palm Sunday with Rev Beverley Elliott
Thursday	17th	6pm	Maundy Thursday with Rev Paul Elliott
Friday	18th	10am	Good Friday - Rev David Le Rossignol
Sunday	20th	10am	Easter Sunday with Rev Andrew Lake
Sunday	27th	10am	Holy Communion— Rev Paul Elliott

Bible Study recommences Friday 7th February at 10:30 am in Church Hall