

Annual Report 2025



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21 Baptisms

Over \$50,000 Given to Missions
Budget in Surplus Again

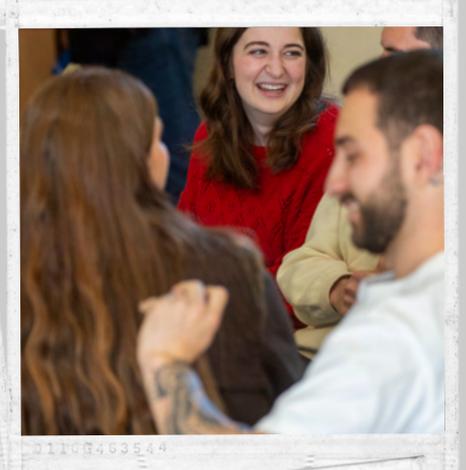
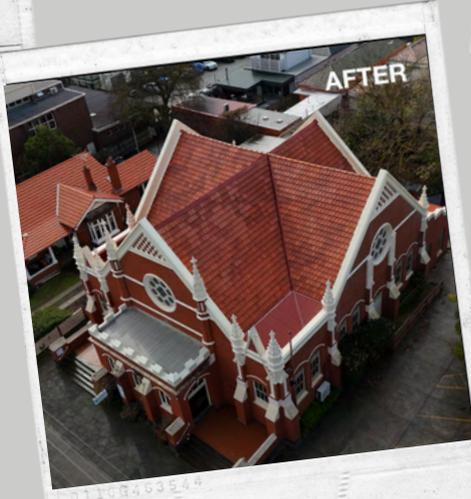
180 People in Connect Groups

Youth Group Started

Children's Ministry Flourishing

Church Renewal Program has
Begun





KEW MIXED NETBALL

From 8pm Monday nights @ Blackburn Primary School
Season starts 11th August



REVEREND RICHARD CHIU

SUNDAY 27TH JUNE @ BOTH SERVICES
Singleness and whole-hearted devotion to Jesus

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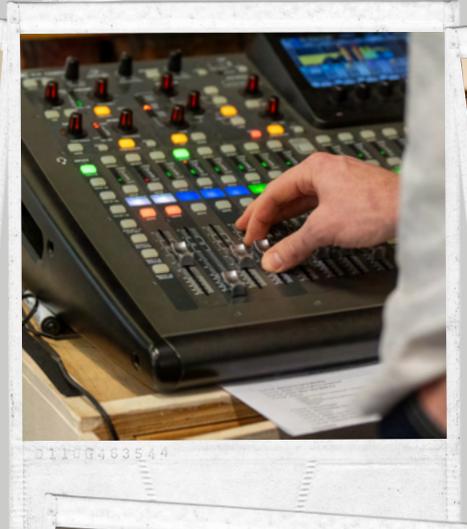
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**REV DR
TANIA HARRIS**



TUESDAY 20TH MAY @ CATALYST
Hearing and Encountering the Spirit

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**ROLLER
BLADING!!**

FRIDAY 29TH
AUGUST



RSVP by 5pm
Tuesday 26th August

7:30-10:30pm
Roller One, Burwood

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Message from the Chair



Dear Friends, this past year has again been a year of growth and rich blessing for Kew Baptist Church. It has been wonderful to see our numbers growing at both morning and evening services, the increasing numbers of families and children as part of our church community and many baptisms with people saying, “Yes to Jesus.”

I am grateful for the leadership of our Senior Pastor Mark Edwards and particularly his leadership of the Ministry Team, responding and adapting to new and emerging ministry needs. I urge us all to continue in prayer for our Ministry Team and bring them to our Heavenly Father daily.

Significant progress has been achieved with the Renew project and we are now preparing to award contracts and move into the construction phase in 2026. There has been so much work done in the last year to get us to this point. This has included extensive work on developing and refining the design, undertaking major repairs, cleaning and painting of the Chapel roof, removal of the organ, clearing and sorting of the back rooms in the Chapel building, and the commencement of the process to select a builder to undertake the construction.

I am very grateful to David Constatine who has been leading the Project Implementation Panel, and to each member for their contribution. David Atkinson has directly led the “on-ground” work including working with our architect on finalising the design drawings, engaging with the builders as they prepare their bids for the construction, arranging the removal of the organ, and overseeing the repairs to the Chapel roof, among many other things!

I am also grateful for the generosity of our people in contributing to the Renew project through giving and pledges, and through increased regular giving. This has been an important element of preparing ourselves to move into the construction phase, and the engagement with Baptist Financial Services for the provision of a loan has been very positive so far.

At last year’s Annual General Meeting (AGM), Benji Taylor (Secretary), Jordan Cullen (Treasurer) and Ebony Remyn were re-elected as members of the Leadership Team. Andrew Pither concluded his term on the Leadership Team at last year’s AGM, and Georgia Leaney concluded her term in May 2025. We are grateful for their contribution and service in those roles. The members of the Leadership Team (LT) are Ann Rogers, Jordan Cullen (Treasurer), Ebony Remyn, Mark Edwards, Peter Todd (Chair) and Benji Taylor (Secretary).

Once again it has been a privilege to serve the Church as part of the LT, and I thank each member for their contribution and passion for the mission and work of KBC. A key focus of the LT has been ensuring good governance and stewardship. The Leadership Team has identified some opportunities to modernise and improve our governance and will be working on those options in 2026. These will be presented and discussed at future members’ meetings.

As I said last year, I encourage us all to be praying continually for the Church, our leaders and our missional calling – God has blessed us abundantly and there are exciting times ahead as we encourage everyone to say yes to Jesus at every point of their lives!

Peter Todd
Chair, Leadership Team



Senior Pastor



Helping people say “YES” to Jesus at every point of their lives.

This is our church mission statement and drives our decision-making processes.

It has been an extraordinary year in the life of Kew Baptist. I don't know whether I've ever had one quite like it. All our measurements are up, including Baptisms. But the culture within the church is the most pleasing. I have noted an increase in reception to the Holy Spirit and God working in people's lives. There was high engagement during our Hebrews series with a deeper understanding of the Word of God. I have seen God at work in many conversations I have had with people across the generations. Our morning service continues to grow, and space is a concern. Our evening service has gone through quite a transitional period. I am looking forward to our under 25's in particular taking a increased sense of ownership over this service. There is a possibility we may need to come up with creative options in terms of space as we find ourselves in Newnham Hall for both services in 2026.

Our Key Goals for 2025 were:

1. To be a generous church providing resource for the next generation.

To raise \$500,000 for our redevelopment through a targeted fundraising campaign.

We continue to move towards this goal.

2. To be a community fully engaged in worship services.

Our morning service in particular has seen a cultural and numerical shift towards a thriving and passionate church community. Our evening service is being reshaped positively and will continue to move towards more of a youth feel with the majority of attendees being under 28 years old.

3. To be a community with a growth mindset in every area of our personal and church lives.

We launched our successful Catalyst program and delved in the book of Hebrews. There was a shift towards more spirit filled worship while also having deep biblical studies both in-service and mid-week.

Ministry Team

It has been great to welcome new members to our Ministry Team and I encourage you to read their reports. We have a lot of fun supporting and encouraging each other. They are all hard working, passionate and motivated. My heart is that Kew Baptist would be a growing and encouraging community. I am pleased with all their initiative and endeavour. Please read their reports for more details

Renew Project

It was begun in 1970, and this generation may be the ones who see it finished. This project is not about us anymore than our mission statement is about us. It is about helping people say “YES” to Jesus at every point of their lives. I would encourage you to be involved, to take ownership. It will be because God's people bring an offering to the project that the next generation can enjoy it, as we enjoy the current facilities.

Mark Edwards
Senior Pastor

Kew Baptist Mission Statement

To Help People say “YES” to Jesus at every point of their lives.

Aspirational Values

Passionate and Equipped.

Kew Objectives and Measurable Strategies for 2026

1. To be a generous church providing resource for the next generation.

- To see work begin on our renewed facilities program.
- To establish and maintain a youth program in our church.

2. To change our structure, and continue to change culture, towards being equipped and involved in ministry.

- To change our constitution to reflect our practice and desired practice.
- To have 3-4 equip nights to inspire, educate, train and celebrate ministry within the active attendees of KBC.

3. To be a community inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit combined with the deep work of meditating and growing in our understanding of the Scripture.

- To host Hub Nights and Catalyst nights to educate and inspire our church in ministry and practice.
- To have a ‘big book’ study in 2026 during our preaching series.
- To emphasise the value of reading the bible.
- To emphasise the value of awareness of the Holy Spirit, His work, empowerment and gifting. .

Proposed Changes to KBC Constitution in 2026

It has been 5 years since we last reviewed our church constitution. We are due for a review and there are some areas we will be suggesting changes in.

There are some parts of our constitution that suit a small church well, however, as we have transitioned to into a larger church we will be looking to modernise parts of our constitution to suit the current size and needs of our church.

The constitution has served us well in previous seasons, but there is a need to adapt to different seasons. The proposed changes are common in the constitutions of other Baptist churches. Details of the proposed changes will be made more clear in the new year, however we will be addressing the following areas:

- Changes to number of mandated Members Meetings
- Changes to number of mandated Leadership Team meetings.
- Church discipline issues will be handled by the Leadership Team



Young Adults and Connect Groups

Young Adults

2025 has been an exciting year for our Young Adults with the launch of our new young adults ministry. Kew Young Adults have been gathering once a month on a Friday night for fellowship and community building.

It has been incredible to see Josiah Keam and Madeline Unmack step into leading these events for their peers. They have taken every opportunity to learn and improve in order to make each event more accessible and catered to what brings young people together. I look forward to how we can build upon and grow the ministry into next year.

We have seen many new young adults join the church this year, and they've put considerable effort into making Kew Baptist their home. With 17 young people making the decision to say "YES" to Jesus and be baptised in the church this year. It has been such a joy and privilege to see them grow in their faith and make it their own.

A number of other young people have said "YES" to Jesus this year in heeding His call to spread the Gospel through a number of different missions, and also to use their gifts and talents to serve the body here at KBC. This is occurring across both congregations, with many choosing to join morning church for Sunday services, and to serve in kids ministry, on worship teams or welcoming.

Night Church

The Night Church congregation is ever growing and changing, yet I am encouraged to see many making the decision to call Kew Baptist home for longer seasons. It is also encouraging to recognise that our body of young people at Night Church is diversifying beyond the walls of the Res. A way has been made way for people from all walks of life and parts of the city to call this Church home. This shift has been the beginning of an increased ease for new people connecting into the congregation.

Night Church maintains a majority makeup of young adults. Many people I speak to outside of the Church believe that young people are no longer attending churches. I am always encouraged to share that we consistently have one hundred plus young people in the building each Sunday. We are also incredibly blessed as a congregation to have a number of people from older demographics who have made a commitment to attend the night service and support the discipleship journeys of the young adults who attend. Their contribution to the body is greatly valued by all.

Spiritually I see a hunger in so many at Night Church to know more about who Jesus is and deepen their personal connection with Him in varied ways. It is an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing amongst the congregation.

Connect Groups

We currently have 180 people at KBC who are part of a Connect Group. This is split across seventeen different groups (9 of which only began this year). We have seen some changes in the second half of the year, changing life circumstances saw one group dissolve and another two merge together. I have been encouraged to see the flexibility of leaders as group need shifts throughout the year.

Connect Groups are an important part of church life, as they are a place where people can take what they are learning in Sunday services, and unpack it with others in a safe environment, encouraging each other to live out what they are learning. Each group looks different, and it's heartening to hear stories of each group growing together in ways unique to their group. From refining conversations, to worshipping together and serving the community as a group. I look forward to the continuation of this through our Connect Group ministry into next year.

Maddie Westbrook
Young Adults

Worship Ministry



Authentic and creative worship has always been a big focus for our church. This year through our sermon series 'Worship' and 'There Is More' we have seen a notable increase in engagement during worship times. The start of the year saw quite a turnover in worship leaders with Phoebe, James, and I stepping up to lead worship. Then Claudia and Valentina came on board later in the year. One of the joys of my job is meeting with people who are interested in joining the worship team, and this year we've had plenty of new faces come onboard. Many of the people who have joined this year primarily attend our morning service, which has been a lovely shift, allowing us to regularly have fuller bands, and create more engaging times of worship across both services.

Psalm 96:1 - *"Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth"*

It's a verse we're familiar with singing in our church, and it's important that we do it. New songs push us to consider God in new ways and while it can be comfortable singing the songs we've grown up with, comfort isn't where we grow. We've had several new songs introduced this year with a few of them having been written by our own congregation. Songs written by people in our congregation give us words to sing that are most relevant for our context and encourage creative worship within our church. In the coming weeks we will learn a new Christmas song written by Beth Hanlon called Hark! (Heaven's Come) and we can't wait for you to sing along!

Worship and Prayer Nights have continued to be a highlight this year. Relocating the September Worship and Prayer Night into the hall provided greater flexibility and freedom for worship. Setting up a space with comfortable chairs at the back also allowed for prayer, where a team of people were stationed ready to pray for people. It was a powerful night for all who attended, and we are excited to see how the flexibility of the hall inspires creativity for more events.

It has been a great year of learning and growing, and I'm very thankful to you all for your encouragement and support. I continue to be blown away by the team I have the privilege of leading and I'm excited to see what God has in store next!

Peter Westwood
Worship



Church Administration

It has been an encouraging start to my time as Church Administrator as we've seen the re-establishment of our Mentoring program, plenty of new faces on our Welcome Teams, and a number of encouraging signs at our Morning Church service.

Mentoring Program

Our mentoring program has continued to strengthen our culture of discipleship and enhance connections across generations. The mentoring program is all about encouraging people to grow deeply in their relationship with Jesus. We have seen 20 mentors and 30 mentees engaged this year! A number of these people are engaging in the program for the first time. I am so excited to see the program continue to expand in 2026.

Welcome Teams

Welcome Teams have always been a crucial part of our church life, creating a warm and inclusive environment for newcomers and regulars alike. This year we have had 18 new people join welcome teams, all eager to serve and play their part. Our Equip Night in September was extremely helpful in ensuring all of our teams were on the same page; coming together to understand the 'why' and the 'how' of church hospitality. Looking forward, I am excited to see our Night Church take advantage of the hospitality options at Newnham Hall, and I am very eager to see a number of people looking to join our teams in the new year!.

Morning Church

Our Morning Church service has been bursting with life. We have seen a growing number of families attending the morning service and many new families joining the congregation. We have also seen many of the families that attend the morning service grow, with several babies born this year! We were delighted by the dedication of baby Maebel in October and are so encouraged to see the Hinkins family standing strong in faith. Thank you to everyone who has contributed time, prayer, and energy to the work of Kew Baptist church this year. It's a privilege to serve alongside such a dedicated and faith-filled team.

Michael Cooke
Church Administrator



Kew Student Residence

It has been another busy and rewarding year at Kew Student Residence (KSR), with our community of 50 university students filling the halls with energy, laughter, and friendship. This year was marked by a shared commitment to making Kew not just a place to stay, but a true home away from home.

Welcoming Our First Years

From the beginning of the year, it was clear that our newest residents were going to bring something special to the community. The first-year students settled with ease - a testament to the welcoming spirit of our second-year students.

One of the fastest paths to feeling at home was through the pool table, which continued to serve as the unofficial heart of the residence. It didn't take long for newcomers to discover that skill with a pool cue carried significant weight - respect was gained and lost in the space of a single shot! Countless hours were spent perfecting techniques, challenging rivals, and celebrating victories.

Life in the Halls

Our communal spaces continued to be lively hubs of conversation, study, and support. Whether students were collaborating during study time, debriefing after a long day at uni or enjoying a well-earned movie night - the atmosphere remained one of warmth and belonging. The ongoing pastoral care and support from our volunteers ensured that everyone had someone to turn to - whether for academic guidance, personal advice, or a friendly ear.

This year also brought some wonderful home cooking to the residence, with several talented cooks and bakers among our group. The smell of fresh cookies and baked treats frequently drifted through the halls, drawing students together for spontaneous afternoon teas or late-night chats.

Staffing and Support

This year also brought a few changes to our wonderful volunteer and staff team. We said farewell to our beloved Chef, Ben midway through the year. While his presence will be greatly missed - we were delighted to welcome Samson to the team. Samson quickly won over the cohort with his delicious cooking, cheerful personality, and genuine care for students.

We are also deeply thankful for our dedicated volunteers who continue to put in tireless hours supporting the students - ensuring that Kew remains a safe, nurturing, and enjoyable place to live.

Sport and Spirit

Sport has always been an integral part of Kew life, and this year was no exception. Footy Day was a major highlight, with our boys' team putting in a fantastic performance to win the Annual Res Footy day. Our girls' team also showed incredible spirit throughout the day and put up a good fight against some tough competition. The day was a beautiful representation of community spirit between the KBC and KSR community. The rain also managed to stay away for most of the day!

Meanwhile, Monday night netball became a fixture of the weekly schedule. The level of talent among our residents was truly impressive, and each match left the 'ressies' talking tactics the next day at breakfast. Whether playing or cheering from the side lines, Monday night netball remains a key part of the KSR year and is often a great way to make new friends.

Staff and Volunteers

Pastoral care remained a cornerstone of our community, ensuring that every student felt valued and heard. The volunteers and student leaders worked hard to create an environment of wellbeing, respect, and kindness. Their efforts helped shape a culture that balanced independence with support - allowing students to belong, explore and grow.

Looking Ahead

We are so thankful for the ongoing provision of God and His hand over KSR. Every year we meet wonderful students and volunteers who demonstrate His goodness and kindness. We're looking forward to another year at 25 Mary St and the wonderful new and old faces returning for another year.



Children's Ministry

It has been a delight to be involved with Kew Kids this year. I've been consistently encouraged by the many instances of children showing Christlike care for each other within our growing community - what an example they set!

Kids' Church

The growing number of children at church has allowed us to split our kids' ministry into three age groups. We welcome up to 12 creche-aged kids, 10 toddlers and 5 primary schoolers each Sunday morning, delivering Bible stories, discussions, games and crafts targeted to their respective stages of life. We use Orange Ministries Curriculum, which provides great resources allowing children dive deep into different biblical themes each month.

Toddler Jam

Each Wednesday morning, we host Toddler Jam, run with a beautiful energy by Valentina and supported by a group of amazing volunteers. Toddler Jam provides a space for toddlers and parents to connect through activities, snacks and MUSIC. We've had a range of community families join the program, with about three of them attending semi-regularly. It was also a privilege to welcome one of these families to our morning service recently!

Volunteers - THANK YOU!

At our first Equip Night, we discussed and prayed about the practicalities of kids' church, our mission for building relationships with God and each other, and brainstormed our vision for the future. I want to extend a massive thanks to our 25+ kids' ministry volunteers for modelling a genuine love for Jesus and enthusiasm in their faith, doing everything with a big smile! It's so valuable and greatly appreciated that the kids have such quality people to look up to.

Thank you as well to everyone who has helped our ministry improve this year, whether that be through your prayers, your help setting up and packing down various programs, or offering expertise on operations and content. I'm grateful to have this support from our church family!

As we move into a time of change with the Renew project, we look forward to a new year of progress and creativity, maintaining a space where kids are free to flourish in their own faith journeys and friendships with one another. Please continue to keep us in your prayers!

Arielle Taylor
Children and Families



Ministry Assistant

Hub Nights

This year, KBC organised three Hub nights in February and March to bring the church together at the beginning of the year and create an inviting space for new attendees and KSR students.

The series was based on Jesus within the Gospel of Mark and coupled with our Sunday series, “Who do you say I am?”. We were blessed to hear from three guest speakers as a part of these nights, Kimberley Smith, Darrell Jackson and most notably Tim Meyers.

The attendance on Hub Nights was consistent, with approximately 130 people on the first two nights and around 100 on the last night. The discussion groups were fruitful, offering opportunities for returning attendees to lead a group, and for new community connections to be established.

Catalyst Series - Holy Spirit: 20th and 27th May, 3rd June.

This series was long-awaited and marked the exciting launch of a new prototype idea and structure aimed at enhancing discipleship at KBC. The series commenced with guest speaker Tanya Harris from God Conversations, who brought a teaching on ‘How to hear God’s voice.’ Then, Nick Martin from Mitcham Baptist came and spoke about prophecy and how to discern it correctly. Lastly, Pastor Mark gave a teaching on the Holy Spirit as God and His general work in our lives.

Attendance of Catalyst nights averaged at 50-60 people per night over the three weeks. There were practical activities that everyone engaged in, regardless of their prior knowledge, and it was a very encouraging, discerning and supportive environment. In the last week, we held open worship and created a space for people to pray and share words of encouragement with one another, which was received very positively.

Catalyst Series; Sanctification: 19th and 26th August, 2nd September.

Following on from our previous Catalyst series, we began a new series on the power God gives us to live godly lives in Jesus. The series took on a more exegetical and lecture-based aspect than the last, which included activities. For this, there were discussion groups following the lecture to help participants explore the topic together and its application in their lives.

We had three guest speakers, Peter Botross, Andy Judd and Rhys Bezzant. Attendance was similar to, if not more than, the previous Catalyst and was received positively by the church community.

Sabian Panozzo
Ministry Assistant



Communications

For a long time, Kew Baptist has been a church of change. Every February we see a new cohort of students join us from the residence, and every year we say goodbye to some well-known faces as they move on.

But is it just me, or did this year seem like it had more change than most?

2025 has been a year of baptisms, new faces and events. In preparation for this piece, I scrolled back through Canva to look at all the sermon slides, social media designs and posters I made this year, and guys, it has been a big year!

I almost forgot that we started the year with our 'Who do you say I am?' sermon series, hub nights, and our 'Worship' series. We began by focusing on Jesus' character, what that means for us and how we can worship Him no matter where we are or what we are doing. I feel like this set us up well for what was to come.

We spent a portion of the year delving deeper into our understanding of the Holy Spirit with our 'There is More' series and this was where, I feel, our growth as a church really began. This series, along with the introduction of Catalyst nights, really challenged us to draw nearer to God in new ways. Then, our 'Salt and Light' series got us to ask the question "How does the transformation happening within me impact the way I live my life and interact with the world around me?"

There is so much more I could mention, our Hebrews series, May Mission Month, Easter, our wonderful guest speakers...but if I had to pick two things that stood out to me this year, it would have to be:

1. Our focus on growing together spiritually (as previously mentioned)
2. Our eagerness to connect with each other in more social contexts

I've noticed a real desire among our Young Adults to connect and grow in relationship with one another, and our introduction of Kew Young Adults social nights has been great for this. It's also been exciting to see the launch of our Kew Crew youth group in the last few weeks and I'm keen to see how God moves in this space over the next year.

2025 has been a year of change, good change, but something tells me there is more change to come. I'm looking forward to seeing what 2026 holds for our church; where we journey together, who we meet along the way and how God wants to push us even further in our relationships with Him.

Katianna Grosser
Communications



Global Missions

The Global Mission Team (GMT) is motivated by a desire to share the good news to the ends of the earth, (Matthew 28:16-20). We do this by supporting several cross-cultural workers, as well as connecting the community of KBC with these workers. We also aim to support those in the KBC community to explore cross-cultural work in their own lives, as they discern where God may be calling them to go.

We support our cross-cultural workers in a number of ways; financially, spiritually and prayerfully. We share updates from these workers with the KBC community through Mission spots and in KBC newsletters. We aim to forge connections between the KBC community and cross-cultural workers, and share with the community how the money that these workers receive from KBC is being used.

Currently, our church supports 4 cross-cultural workers and their families.

- Bree Monahan (Sunflower Ministries, Uganda)
- Claire and Jarrod Syers (Sunflower Ministries, Uganda)
- M+K (South Asia)
- A+J (South Asia).

We also supported Miriam Dale in her work with Interserve from December 2024 to mid-2025.

This year we also provided a Mission scholarship to Johanna Willson, for her three-month vision trip to Central Asia, and Isabelle Jenyns, for her three-month Mission trip South Asia.

Updates and events

This year the GMT structure included a co-leadership model with Johanna Wilson and Isabelle Jenyns leading together. We also saw an increase in GMT members attending our meetings.

We were excited to support Claire and Jarrod Syers and Open Doors for our May Mission Month (MMM) fundraiser this year. We give thanks to God for the beautiful generosity of our Church over that time. We raised \$10,000.99! This money was divided equally between Claire and Jarrod and Open Doors. Some key MMM events included a movie night fundraiser, a Mission focused Worship and Prayer night, where we heard from Bree Monahan, and a Soup Sunday fundraiser, where we enjoyed warm bowls of soup during the chilly May weather.

In August, we sent Johanna Wilson on her trip to Central Asia, and during this time, Isabelle Jenyns has done a tremendous job stepping up and taking the lead of the GMT. At the end of this year, Isabelle will leave for South Asia, where she has discerned God may be leading her to serve.

This November we ran our annual Sunflower fundraiser, which raised money and awareness for the work of Sunflower Ministries in Uganda. It was a great evening of fellowship, sausages and learning.

Future directions

The aim of the GMT is to bridge the gap between the Church and our cross-cultural workers. We hope to further broaden the Church's vision to see not only our local community but also the work God is doing around the world. We also hope to further encourage and support those in our community who are considering what call God might be placing on their lives to serve him locally or globally. A practical goal we hope to work towards is developing a Mission exposure trip in the near future, for people interested in seeing what God is doing around the world and exploring where God might be calling them to go. There are many factors to consider in this, so we are discerning where and when would be an appropriate time. We praise God for all the work that he is doing, for our cross-cultural workers, and for the generosity of KBC church in their multi-faceted support of our workers. If you have ideas or feedback for the GMT, we would love to hear it. If you would like to get involved with the GMT, feel free to reach out to a GMT member, or the leadership team, we would love to have you join!

**Isabelle Jenyns and Johanna Wilson,
Global Mission Team Co-Leaders**

Neighbourhood Report



Once a month, about 10 of us head to the Hoddle St housing commission to meet with the locals there. We bring delicious BBQ meats, curry, bread, pastries and hot drinks, as well as children's activities and an openness to chat.

Some encouraging testimonies from this year at Neighbourhood include:

- Open, God-centred conversations
- Being able to pray with multiple residents
- Seeing God heal someone's injured arm
- Seeing a couple of people give their life to Jesus
- The generous donation of a huge gazebo from a resident
- One of the attendees came to a KBC night service

A consistent pool of volunteers has helped our events run smoother than ever and deepened our relationships with the locals even more. It's always a highlight to hear about the different conversations we've had at our post-Neighbourhood debriefs.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their Sunday afternoons this year. Your presence is so important and appreciated as you bring God's presence to the flats, sharing love and dignity in service to the community. Thank you as well to everyone who prays for our ministry and those who have donated time or money in other ways. Your assistance sustains us!

Please continue to pray for:

- Lives changed by encountering Jesus
- A return to previous numbers of children (this has decreased a bit)

Praise the Lord! God has softened hearts toward Him at Neighbourhood, and we are expectant to see what the future holds next year as we continue to prayerfully enter that space.

Arielle Joyce
Neighbourhood Organiser



CARRICAL HOUSE

Each month a group from Kew Baptist Church meet at the Carrical Rooming House in Hawthorn to cook dinner and share time with the residents. This ministry has been ongoing for several years and is coordinated by Marion Todd.

Carrical commenced a ministry of the Hawthorn West Baptist Church through a not-for-profit arm, Servants Community Housing. In addition to Carrical there are three other homes in the Kew/Hawthorn area with approximately 96 long term residents spread across these facilities.

The Servants model of housing is founded on the belief that everyone is deserves dignity, hope and community. For more than 35 years Servants has provided vulnerable individuals with a safe, secure and affordable place to live. Some residents remain at the houses for many years while others are there for only a short time. During their stay residents are provided the opportunity to experience connectedness, a sense of community and live in relative comfort.

All too often the residents have been afforded little dignity or respect in their lives prior to being housed by Servants. They may have been homeless, released from prison, have left a psychiatric ward, experienced a relationship breakdown or loss of employment, be suffering long-term mental illness, have substance issues or been affected by any number of other factors beyond their control.

Our team from Kew Baptist team provides a meal for the residents of Carrical house and spends time talking with them. Conversations range from the mundane to deep and significant issues depending on the desire of the residents at the time.

Thanks to Lindsay, Deidre, Ian, Matt, Emma, Kate, Melinda, Mark, Rob, Beth and others who attend as they are able.

If you are interested in being part of this important and rewarding ministry, please talk with Peter or Marion Todd. It involves only a few hours on the fourth Saturday of each month but will quickly become an event that you anticipate and enjoy each month.

You can find out more about Servants Community Housing at www.servants.org.au

Property Development

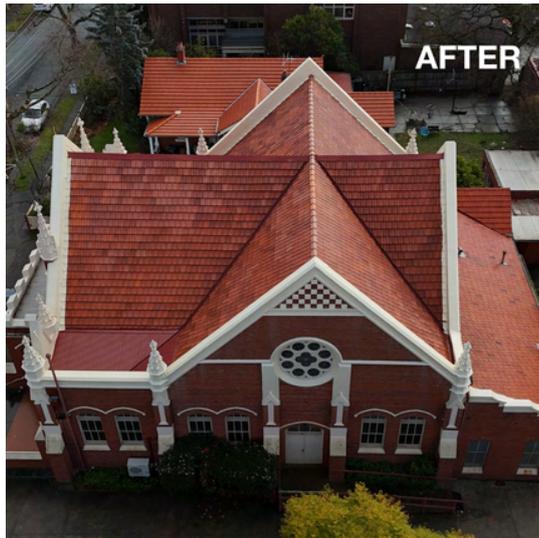
As we reflect on this year, we stand on the threshold of a significant moment in the life of our church. Decades of prayer, planning, and perseverance have brought us to the point where, in the coming year, we will break ground on the Renew project. Restoration and extension that will serve generations to come.

I want to express my gratitude to our Leadership Team and Pastor Mark for their wisdom, guidance, and unwavering support throughout the last 12 months. Your input has sharpened the vision and ensured that plans are grounded in the mission of our church.

To my fellow members of the PIP, thank you for your diligence, creativity, and commitment. Your hard work behind the scenes has been instrumental in moving this project forward. Thank you to David A, Olivia, Kat, Angus, Tom, and Jordan, and Harry.

Finally, to the entire KBC family, thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and generosity. This is everyone's project, and your faith and support have carried us to this point.

David Constantine
Chair of the Project Implementation Panel (PIP)



The Chapel Roof has been renewed

Survey markings being done in preparation

Finance



Last Financial Year

The last financial year was an encouraging one for our church. We finished the year with an overall surplus of \$82,394.

Included in this result was \$58,067.80 in giving specifically towards the building project. During the year, we also incurred just over \$77,000 in costs preparing for that project—covering architectural design, geotechnical assessments, and other necessary preparatory work. In addition, we spent \$35,600 repairing our church roof.

Altogether, this meant we faced over \$112,000 in additional costs beyond our normal spending—yet even after absorbing those expenses, we still achieved a healthy surplus. Without the building-related costs (and without the building-specific giving), our underlying financial position would have been a surplus of \$136,989.

Our regular giving also exceeded expectations, averaging over \$39,000 per month, compared to the budgeted \$35,000. This is an incredible sign of generosity and commitment within our church community, especially as it came on top of the special giving towards the building project.

We are deeply grateful—to God for His ongoing provision, and to everyone in our church family who continues to give so faithfully.

Current Financial Year To Date

The first four months of the current financial year have continued in much the same positive direction. Giving has remained steady, tracking closely with the strong levels we saw last year. This consistency is setting us up well as we move toward the next stages of our building project.

Looking ahead, we have budgeted conservatively that in FY2026 we will achieve a surplus of \$94,800, once building project-related inflows and outflows are removed. We are on track to meet this target year to date, which provides strong confidence that our financial position remains stable and sustainable as we enter a significant season of growth and renewal.

Jordan Cullen
Treasurer

Operating Budget July 2025 - June 2026

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Budgeted Total
Income													
Bank Interest (45020)	\$966.00	\$966.00	\$966.00	\$966.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,864.00
Gifts & Offerings (41030)	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$468,000.00
Building Project Donations							\$50,000.00	\$200,000.00					
Hall Rental (44010)	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00
Sale of Music Distribution (46080)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$120.00
Student Residence Loan Interest (45010)	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00
Student Residence Levy (44008)	\$4,173.00	\$4,173.00	\$4,173.00	\$4,173.00	\$4,173.00	\$4,173.00	\$4,339.00	\$4,339.00	\$4,339.00	\$4,339.00	\$4,339.00	\$4,339.00	\$51,072.00
Total Income	\$44,304.00	\$57,304.00	\$44,304.00	\$57,304.00	\$44,138.00	\$43,938.00	\$83,904.00	\$256,704.00	\$43,349.00	\$43,349.00	\$43,349.00	\$56,349.00	\$828,296.00
Less Operating Expenses													
Advertising (64410)	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$780.00
Audio, Video & Tech (67050)	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$3,000.00
Audit Fees (64210)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Bank Fees (64110)	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$420.00
Bookkeeping (64310)	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$9,000.00
Building Equipment (91010)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BUV - Ministry Contribution (62510)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00
BUV - Redress Scheme (62515)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$960.00
Church Ministry Expenses (62100)	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$624.00	\$7,488.00
Cleaning (67010)	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$11,502.00
Council Rates (67015)	\$0.00	\$7,178.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,178.00
Electricity (67022)	\$0.00	\$3,106.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	\$9,256.00
Equipment Maintenance (64520)	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$2,500.00
Equipment Purchase (64510)	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$3,840.00
Exempt Benefits (61104)	\$4,467.00	\$2,193.00	\$2,193.00	\$2,193.00	\$2,193.00	\$2,193.00	\$3,520.00	\$2,347.00	\$2,347.00	\$3,606.00	\$4,866.00	\$4,866.00	\$36,984.00
Exempt Benefits Housing Allowance (67028)	\$3,300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$3,531.00	\$2,354.00	\$2,354.00	\$2,354.00	\$2,354.00	\$2,354.00	\$29,601.00
Gas (67024)	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$1,992.00
Global Missions Team (62560)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,823.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,823.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,292.00
Licensing & Subscription (64730)	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$2,880.00
Long Service Leave Allowance (61109)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Minister superv costs, courses (61108)	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$780.00
Ministry Resources (62160)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
Music Royalty Expense (62130)	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$54.00
Property Development Lump Sum	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625,000.00
Property Development Loan Repayment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750.00
Property Insurance (67030)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,200.00
Property Maintenance (67040)	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$15,000.00
Salaries (61100)	\$24,148.00	\$14,823.00	\$14,823.00	\$14,823.00	\$14,823.00	\$14,823.00	\$23,792.00	\$15,861.00	\$15,861.00	\$16,793.00	\$17,724.00	\$17,724.00	\$206,018.00
Stationery & Printing (64607)	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$2,700.00
Sundry Supplies Hospitality (64609)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
Superannuation Expense (61102)	\$4,770.00	\$2,532.00	\$2,532.00	\$2,532.00	\$2,532.00	\$2,532.00	\$4,064.00	\$2,709.00	\$2,709.00	\$3,047.00	\$3,386.00	\$3,386.00	\$36,731.00
Telephone & Internet (64710)	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$1,440.00
Visiting speakers/musicians (62120)	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$167.00	\$2,004.00
Water (67026)	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$308.00	\$3,696.00
Website hosting (64720)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$300.00
Workcover Expense (61107)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$43,674.83	\$39,021.83	\$55,660.83	\$28,737.83	\$32,537.83	\$38,420.83	\$43,479.83	\$654,843.83	\$42,316.83	\$41,272.83	\$38,652.87	\$68,625.83	\$1,127,246.00
Net Profit	\$629.17	\$18,282.17	-\$11,356.83	\$28,566.17	\$11,600.17	\$5,517.17	\$50,424.17	-\$398,139.83	\$1,032.17	\$2,076.17	\$4,696.13	-\$12,276.83	-\$298,950.00

Kew Baptist Church
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<u>Revenue</u>		
Gifts & Offerings	532,936	327,149
Student Residence Levy	49,399	47,918
Hall Rental	67,379	72,508
SYG Registration & Fees	693	2,272
Student Residence Loan Interest	-	1,780
Interest Received		
- Bank	14,122	10,533
Other Income		
Donations & Gifts	1,674	26,277
Other Revenue		
Sundry Income	2,823	545
Manse Rental	26,360	22,880
	695,386	511,862
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Advertising	898	177
<u>Auditor's Remuneration</u>		
- Audit & review of financial statements	5,720	2,820
Audio, Video & Tech	14,599	3,722
Bank Charges	329	270
Bookkeeping fees	8,828	7,937
Cleaning	12,653	13,557
Computer Costs	-	250
Consultancy Fees	15,000	-
Donations	-	287
Equipment Purchases	2,847	3,707
Equipment Maintenance	182	464
Gas	2,050	379
Insurance	14,303	16,580
Licensing and Subscriptions	2,636	2,839
Light & Power	6,391	7,278
<u>Ministry Expenses</u>		
Church Ministry Expenses	13,103	15,552
Visiting Speakers/Musicians	24,967	535
BUV - Ministry Contribution	15,042	14,231
Global Missions Team	32,390	30,616
Local Needs	-	100
SYG General Expenses	783	1,821
BUV Redress Scheme	-	951
Music Royalty Expense	55	19
Other Employer Expenses	120	3
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Property Development	102,480	10,810
<u>Personnel Costs</u>		
Salaries	181,027	150,879
Superannuation Expense	32,676	30,815
Exempt Benefits	84,562	89,200
Workcover Expense	2,408	1,662

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report.*

Kew Baptist Church
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Postage	-	34
Printing & Stationery	2,739	2,292
Rates - Water and Council	10,645	9,285
Property Maintenance	15,670	24,293
Sundry Hospitality Supplies	6,167	5,325
Telephone	873	1,285
Website Hosting	847	237
	<u>612,991</u>	<u>450,210</u>
Profit before Income Tax	<u><u>82,395</u></u>	<u><u>61,653</u></u>

Kew Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<u>Equity</u>		
General Reserve	52,108	52,108
Retained Profits	403,456	321,061
Total Equity	<u><u>455,564</u></u>	<u><u>373,169</u></u>
 Represented by:		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank - NAB Cheque Account - 1921	167,105	129,648
Cash at Bank - NAB Cash Maximiser Account - 2593	202	202
NAB Ministry Team Transaction - 5765	3,688	1,871
Exempt Benefits #4 - 8632- Pickering	2,843	4,188
Exempt Benefits # 1- 0415 - M Dale	0	0
Exempt Benefits # 5 - 5007 - M Edwards	304	234
Accounts Receivable	-	1,341
Loan - Kew Student Residence	44,500	44,500
Term Deposits	293,258	209,136
Provision for GST	10,247	1,032
	<u>522,147</u>	<u>392,152</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>522,147</u></u>	<u><u>392,152</u></u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Bank Overdraft	821	-
Superannuation Payable	3,073	4,666
Exempt Benefits Liability	3,147	4,423
Sundry Creditors	10,001	3,136
Trade Creditors	40,453	1,237
Other Mission Agencies	3,011	-
PAYG Liability	6,076	5,520
	<u>66,583</u>	<u>18,983</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>66,583</u></u>	<u><u>18,983</u></u>
Net Assets	<u><u>455,564</u></u>	<u><u>373,169</u></u>

**Kew Baptist Church
Independent Auditor's Report
to the Members of
Kew Baptist Church**

Qualification

It is not practical to establish Audit Control over the various offerings, gifts, donations, other income or cash disbursements until their initial entry in the accounting records. Our Audit relating to such Income and Disbursements was therefore limited to the amounts recorded.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a. the financial report of Kew Baptist Church is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:
 - i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
- b. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

David J Taplin

David J Taplin
TBT Accounting Pty Ltd

Dated 29 October 2025

Membership Review

	10am/NC
<u>ACTIVE MEMBERS 2024</u>	<u>85</u>
Baptised into Membership	0
Transferred/accepted into membership	4
Transferred from Absentee Roll	1
Moved to Absentee Roll	-1
Died	0
Transferred away	-2
No longer attending/roll revision	-5
<u>MEMBERS 2025</u>	<u>82</u>
<u>ABSENTEE MEMBERS 2024</u>	<u>7</u>
Transfer from active members	1
Transfer to Active members	-1
Death	0
Roll revision	0
<u>ABSENTEE MEMBERS 2025</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>ACTIVE NON-MEMBERS 2024</u>	<u>210</u>
Deduct people moved away / roll revision	-51
Died	0
Deduct - became members	-4
Add new active non-members	46
<u>ACTIVE NON-MEMBERS 2025</u>	<u>201</u>