

We at Maroubra Baptist love being in community with God and in community with each other. If you are interested in getting involved, or need some information, please speak to one of our greeters and they can point you in the right direction about who to speak to. We would love you to join us.



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Christmas can be celebrated in the school room with pine trees, tinsel and reindeers, but there must be no mention of the man whose birthday is being celebrated. One wonders how a teacher would answer if a student asked why it was called Christmas.

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Ronald Reagan



Charlotte's Baptism



Welcome

If you are looking for a church, a regular attender or visiting, we would like to extend a huge, warm welcome. We are a church for the community, and we enjoy a range of social activities during the week, starting with tea/coffee.

Christmas

If you **LOVE** Christmas, put the following dates into your diary, to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus.

16 December Carols on the lawn (6pm tonight)
25 December Christmas Day Service (9-10am)



Baptism's

We are delighted that **Charlotte** was baptised last Sunday Evening. After hearing Charlotte's testimony in the night service, the whole congregation travelled to the beach to see Darren baptize her in the surf. It was wonderful to see so many people go along to witness this great event in her life.



Megan and Janet will be baptised today in church. We welcome any of Megan and Janet's family and close friends,

here today. What a blessing these three beautiful women are to our church life.



Playtime Christmas Party

Playtime enjoyed another wonderful Christmas party on Tuesday as they celebrated their last get together for 2018. As is custom, there was party food and a special visit from Santa who brought presents in the form of Christian books, that were well received. Please pray for the impact that this ministry has on our community and the families that come along. Thanks to the team for their dedication throughout the year. Marilyn, Betty, Eric and Ruthy all put in 100% effort on a Tuesday each week. It was also great to have Clinton, Elliot, Cameron, Roy and Jim help out last Tuesday at the party.



Mbra Nights

I have just returned from the last Mbra Night for 2018, and what a way to end! After a 'Year in Review' church service, the night (and year) culminated in the baptism of Charlotte Brown at the Rubik's Cube at Maroubra Beach. This is just one of the many baptisms that have occurred at Mbra Nights this year, and just a small testimony of what God has been doing. When Mbra Nights started at the beginning of the year, the Walsh family made a conscious decision to attend the evening service. Elliot had just graduated from Kids Connection, and it was a natural progression for us to gravitate towards the youth service. The evening service also fitted in well with our intense school schedule that totally consumes us six days a week.

As I sat in church tonight and recapped all that God had done throughout Mbra Nights in 2018 I was overwhelmed. It was clearly evident that God is moving throughout our youth. There has been a wonderful sense of community and cohesion throughout the evening congregation that has been growing all year, and it's only when you take time to reflect that you truly realise the enormity of the metamorphosis.

First - the evening worship team, lead by Nik, has grown from an acoustic band of one to now a tight, harmonious band with a group of faithful young people that are constantly improving due to their hard work. **Second** - the preaching has been dynamic and powerful. Darren's series through the book of John was incredibly insightful and had everyone captivated. **Third** - the young kids have been encouraged to take part in the evening service and to own it. They do this through announcements, prayer and testimonies. A great experience for them. **Fourth** - the after church meals (which my boys usually attend) is a great way to build relationships and have fellowship with one another. Add to these, the Mbra Youth on Friday nights lead by Celeste, and the various Home groups offered for youth and young adults during the week, and is it any wonder that I am excited? The transformation of the youth is occurring before my eyes and I thank God for everyone involved in Mbra Nights - for those who serve and for those who attend. Please know that God is doing great things in Maroubra on a Sunday evening. I write now to encourage you all to tap into the excitement and the opportunities that are before you. Do not underestimate what our youth are capable of, and are already doing, at Mbra Nights. Of course, none of this is possible without God, and all glory is His. I smile with excitement in anticipation for what Mbra Nights will bring in 2019.

Sarah Walsh - a grateful mother of youth.