

# **“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **December 2023** .

## **EXCITING NEWS .**

This month I received confirmation that **Randy Hilburn** , the preacher for the **Rosedale** church of Christ in **Bakersfield , California** , will visit and work with me here in Tasmania for three weeks .

Randy and his wife Judy are due to arrive in my home city ( Launceston ) on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> March , and will depart on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> March .

Randy has consented to teaching and preaching at my home congregation , and I am making enquiries with other congregations in my state about me driving him around to meet other brethren .

My Eastside members are so excited that he is coming , and are particularly looking forward to “one on one” conversations with him and Judy , and spending quality time with them both , outside the meetings of the church .

Maybe of particular interest to you is that Randy has indicated he would be happy for my U . S . supporting churches to contact him when he arrives home in the U . S . and enquire about the work I am doing in Australia , and have Randy describe the state of the church in Tasmania .

## **NEWSPAPER ADVERTS RESPONSE .**

This month I ordered six advertisements for the back page of our city's newspaper, inviting people to receive my free bound lesson booklets each month. I have attached the advertisement for you to see.

After the first advertisement I received a reply from a man who lives on the west coast of our state, about three hours from my home in a town called Queentown. There is no church of Christ anywhere near this town, so it will be interesting to see if I can get a work established there.

I will begin mailing him my booklets immediately, and let you know what develops.

## **DELORAINÉ QUIZ .**

This month Jackie and I drove about an hour to a small country town and conducted a trivia quiz evening to raise finances for the town's Primary School.

About two hundred people attended, comprised of student's parents, school staff, farmers who came straight off their tractors, trucks, and fields, along with storekeepers and other residents of the town.

These quiz nights allow Jackie and I the privilege of informing people we are Christians, and that we are conducting the quiz as a way of serving worthwhile organisations and communities.

We always get to answer questions about what church we belong to, and the opportunity to tell people about New Testament Christianity.

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY .**

This month Jackie and I attended the end of year (for grades 1 - 5) and grade six graduation assembly at the school where we meet for church services. This assembly is attended by state and Federal politicians, business leaders, prominent members of the community, and many parents and friends of the students.

Each year at this assembly, Jackie and I present an award each to a student, with the award winners and presenters listed in a nicely printed official program. Our awards in the program state, "*From the members of the Eastside church*" (not from the Eastside church). These awards are not paid for out of the church treasury, but from private contributions of the Eastside members.

Every year at the assembly, some politician or business leader will ask the Principle of the school, "*What is the Eastside church of Christ, where are*

they located" etc , and the Principle will introduce Jackie and I to the person and we have opportunity to tell them all about the church .

## **BENEVOLENCE BASKETS .**

On the morning of the school assembly Jackie and I delivered the last two washing baskets of groceries ( for 2022 ) to the Principle of the school , and he gave them to two needy families that he chose .

This year we distributed six ( 6 ) grocery baskets . This program has no connection with the work of the Eastside church or the treasury of the congregation , but rather is an initiative of our individual members .

Each Tuesday evening when brethren come to our home for dinner before the 7pm - 8 pm Bible Class , they bring items of groceries and place them in the washing baskets .

When these two baskets are overflowing , Jackie covers them with colorful see - through paper , each with a card that says , "*From the members of the Eastside church*" ( not from the Eastside church ) , and we deliver them to the Principle .

Jackie then buys two new baskets , places them in our lounge room where the brethren can see them , and the process starts again .

## **LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN DECEMBER .**

Most of my Bible class and sermon subjects take several weeks to cover due to the nature of the Eastside members who need constant repetition , detailed explanations , and mutual discussions among brethren re personal applications of Biblical principles in their lives .

Also , I encourage members to ask questions re anything they do not understand or even something that is a side issue to what we are actually studying at the time .

Thus it is very rare for me to ever complete a lesson in one Bible class .

## **SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS .**

December 3 - "*Soldiers of Christ*" .  
10 - "*Soldiers of Christ*" .

- 17 - *“Soldiers of Christ”* .
- 24 - *“Can I find refuge in Christ” ?*
- 31 - *“Can I find refuge in Christ” ?*

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

- December 3 - *“Barnabas - an encourager”* .
- 10 - *“Women’s headcovering”* .
- 17 - *“Aliens , strangers , pilgrims .*
- 24 - *“What does it mean to be lost” ?*
- 31 - *“Why would anyone be lost” ?*

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

- December 5 - Viktor taught **Revelation 9** .
- 12 - Viktor taught **Revelation 10** .
- 19 - Viktor taught **Revelation 11** .
- 26 - Viktor taught **Revelation 12** .

Following is a repeat of the items that form the basis of my activities each month .

## **REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .**

### **Set up school :**

Jackie and I arrive about one hour early on Sunday morning along with two other members and we set up an “auditorium” in the gymnasium of the Ravenswood Heights Primary School .

### **"Friend day" lunch :**

At our house for brethren and visitors after Sunday worship on the second or third Sunday in the month .

**Midweek Bible Class :**

Continues to be at my house .

**Study periods :**

Preparing sermons and Bible classes for Eastside's meetings .

**Lesson booklets :**

Ongoing typing , photocopying , stapling , and binding of new and replacement booklets for requests , and for display at our church meetings .

**Study packs :**

Ongoing photocopying , stapling , and packaging of these as time permits .

**Letterboxing :**

Jackie and I make every effort to continue this project on a weekly basis , but often a lack of time does not allow this to happen .

Thank you once again for your wonderful support , please visit us if you ever get the opportunity to do so ,

Yours in Christ ,

Barry Hume

# Premier league unveiled

## FOOTBALL

Brian Allen

AFL Tasmania are working to determine which six clubs will compete in the soon-to-be-established Northern Premier League, which will start in 2025.

The peak body confirmed there will be premier league competition in each of

Tasmania's three regions - North-West, North and Southern Tasmania - from 2025. The rejig comes as the State League will disband at the end of 2024 and it's all in preparation for the Tasmanian AFL and AFLW teams.

A Tassie VFL team is also set to be introduced in 2025.

It also coincides with an off-season that has seen a

bevy of TSL players already move to NTFA premier clubs, seemingly in readiness for the new regional model.

AFL Tas started taking expressions of interest from Northern clubs in September and submissions of formal applications - addressing selection criteria - are due later this month.

The applications will be

assessed by a selection panel of NTFA and AFL Tasmania representatives with successful applications set to be announced before the start of the 2024 season. *The Examiner* understands current TSL clubs Launceston and North Launceston would be part of the new competition meaning there would be four spots up for grabs.

AFL Tasmania community football manager Tom Barwick said conversations with Northern clubs had been constructive.

"Resolving this [the Premier League application and selection process] in the timeframe that we have planned will provide certainty to clubs moving forward and enable them to com-

mence planning accordingly," he said.

"AFL Tasmania will continue working with the Northern clubs on providing support for the Premier League to enable it to serve its purpose of providing the best quality regional male and female competitions, underpinning the talent pathway."

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