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baptist church

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## From The Pastor:

Imagine you work at a bank or as a nurse – and you post on your private webpage some Bible verses that included a judgement of **sin**. Would it be appropriate that you risk being fired because of your views? Imagine if you discovered your mechanic got drunk on the weekend and he posted photos of it online. Would you stop having your car serviced at his garage? I wouldn't.

So why is Israel Falou in so much trouble? He lost his job – and even his profession? Hold that thought.

A couple of weeks ago Liverpool defeated Barcelona in the European Champions soccer league. Afterwards, the crowd and the players, arm in arm, sang a rousing rendition of Liverpool's club song – 'You'll never walk alone'. Google it – it's very moving!

Sport in general, not just AFL in Melbourne – is public religion. Belonging to a sporting club gives one the sense that you are a part of something bigger than yourself. Shows like the 'Footy Show' (now cut, PTL!) perpetuate this myth.

What does this mean for our sporting stars? They are now thrust into the public domain as role models. They are meant to be the heroes we look up to. One series of TV ads show our children imagining they might grow up and become like them.

The truth is most sporting stars are far from suited for this high calling. Being good at kicking a ball, running and tackling, has little to do with being virtuous, with contemplation, and then living the good life.

Asking our sporting stars to be model citizens, or even exemplar insightful Christians, is to overestimate the function of sport as religion. Likewise to expect that our sporting codes are the new arbitrators of morality, and their task is to signal virtue to the wider community, is well beyond their mandate (and evidently, their ability!) Sport is a game, nothing more.

David Rietveld  
*Senior Pastor*

# God working @ NEW PEN:

*We had a good church planning meeting last Sunday and we want to share with you a summary of the Board report section for those that were not able to attend.*

NPBC has always sensed that God gave us the Mt Martha property to use as our church home as well as a community asset. We are thankful to the many members that have contributed in various ways to get the property to where it is now, and to how we have been able to use it as an income generator.

*Over recent times the church leadership have looked into our property costs vs income and have arrived at a united objective on our way forward. On Sunday we introduced the congregation to a phrase that will guide us more and more into the future. "The property pays for the property, so the plate can pay for ministry."*

Our review shows that from 2020 onwards, we anticipate Mt. Martha property costs will be approx. \$350+K p.a.

In 2020 we anticipate generating approx. \$250K p.a. thus leaving us \$100K of plate giving needed to support the property.

In addition we anticipate we may also have to service a Rosebud loan in the future.

To achieve our objective, of the property paying for the property, we need to continue to find ways to grow income from our property and this is the focus of the Board in particular.

This has two implications. Firstly, we need to continue the trend towards increased community usage of our facility.

Secondly, we must quarantine ministry staff from being distracted by property fund raising. We need to focus on what we do best (be church, run Community Caring including an Op Shop).

*David Rietveld and Mim Gaetano will host an open forum at MM on 2nd June at 11.30am to discuss this, and answer any questions.*

## **Apologies:**

In my message last Sunday, I unintentionally cited 2013 as the date the story of the African lady took place.

This was actually the date this story was published on a Christian site, with the story reportedly taking place many years previously.

I sincerely apologise if this caused anyone to believe this story represented the current situation in South Africa. God bless, Glenda

## Annual Report

The figure in the annual report under 'Snapshots' should read 630 attending. My apologies. Lesley

## **In the family:**

### **Birthday**

Congratulations to Jenny Keck who is celebrating a special birthday this Tuesday. May you experience anew God's blessings and guidance in the years to come.

### **For your diary:**

#### **Ladies afternoon tea (Gr 3 to 99+)**

Sat June 15th 2:00pm Foyer 1 MM  
Games, craft and fellowship.

*Please bring a plate to share.* Led by the Families & Connected Women teams.

### **FYI:**

#### **Pastoral Counselling:**

Would you like to discuss a concern? Counselling is available on Mondays. To make an appointment please ring the church office.

#### **Office news**

The office at MM will be closed this coming Tuesday 28th May due to a planned power outage. Rosebud will be open as normal.

#### **Thanks**

To the team from the Op Shop who prepared the toasties last Sunday. \$350 was raised towards family camp.

### **Have you changed your email / phone number?**

Please let the church office know if you have changed your contact details or if you no longer have a land-line.

## **What's on this week:**

### **Sunday (today)**

Morning services 9:30am Mount Martha (MM) & Rosebud (RB).

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library  
10:45am MM.

Real Food Evening Service 5:00pm Aud 2 MM.

### **Monday**

Walking/Cycling Group 9:30am at McCrae Yacht Club. Coffee & chat after.

Women's Hub 9:30am Foyer 1 MM.

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library  
9:30am MM.

Social Indoor Carpet Bowls  
1:00pm Foyer 1 MM.

### **Tuesday**

NO POWER MM

Prayer Meeting 10:30am RB.

TRIPLE C (Coffee, chatter & create) 10am RB.

### **Wednesday**

Playgroup 10:00am MM.

Rosebud Community Hub 5:30pm RB.

### **Thursday**

Men's Shed 9:00am MM.

Women's Hub (Let's Create) 9:30am Kids Church Room MM.

### **Friday**

Story Time 10:00am RB.

Youth 7pm 'Prison Break' MM.



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## Mount Martha

TODAY The greatest command

June 2nd Where do I find love to love others?

## Rosebud

Where do I find love to love others?

The greatest command

### Praise & Prayer Points:

- ◆ Praise God for the Marriage Seminar last Saturday, for challenges faced and for joys celebrated.
- ◆ Pray for Michael and Karen Penn ministering with MAF in Mareeba.
- ◆ Praise for all of our volunteers.
- ◆ Praise for our church family.
- ◆ Pray for the preparations for Youth camp in June.
- ◆ Pray for those who are struggling with chronic pain.

## For more information:

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### Contact the church offices:

Mount Martha: 5973 8888 (Mon - Thurs 9am – 4pm)

Rosebud: 5982 0889 (Tues - Thurs 9:30am – 12:45pm)

NPCCI Op Shop 5976 4873

To contact a pastor urgently (after hours only) 0407 311 185

PRAYER CHAIN please email: [prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au)

### New Peninsula Baptist Church Giving:

BSB 063 539

General Offerings: Account Number: 1038 8044

NPBC Donation Fund: Account Number: 1060 5168

NPBC School Building Fund: Account Number: 1060 5272

NP Community Caring Giving: Account Number: 1031 4088