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From The Pastor:

May 5th 2019

In 2004 the Howard Federal Government amended the Marriage Act, and inserted a clarification. The new definition was “marriage means the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.” Apparently it took 15 minutes for that legislation to pass.

It’s now only 15 years later. In 2017 the act was changed again, to permit same sex unions. In 2019 Israel Falou writes a (second) post, quoting parts of 1 Corinthians 6. Gary Ablett likes the post, and is subsequently booed by thousands of supporters at the MCG.

There are many dimensions to this, Falou does not single out one sin. He references a wider list. He did also mention that we all sin, and that Jesus offers forgiveness. But many have subsequently suggested he should have emphasised this part of the biblical text more. Others have written on this aspect, and I have nothing new to add.

The part of all this that most captures my attention is the speed of change. In just 15 years – not even one generation – we go from passing a law that affirms traditional marriage, to publically shaming a respected and esteemed footballer for liking another person’s post. This is social change at warp speed. I get it when technological changes speed up. But social change is usually much slower, more incremental, dare I say less rash.

Second, the public disdain for the non-conformist position alarms me. As I said, my personal view is that Falou’s post was unwise. But the booing of a third person for a like is alarming. The inability to be civil, respectful, and nuanced is concerning. For our part, Jesus calls us to love everyone, even our enemies.

David Rietveld
Senior Pastor



God working @ NEW PEN:

Spending time together:

Your greatest treasures in life can be found wherever you spend your time, attention and resources. By attending 'A Day Together', you will be making a crucial investment in your most important relationship. Spending time as a couple is one of the most significant things you can do for your marriage and family.

You'll find real, time-tested messages that are powerful, practical and enlightening. It's an experience that has changed the lives of so many couples and it can do the same for you. Whether you're on the brink, feeling challenged or have a good marriage and just want it to be even better, we can help you make progress.

Invest a day and reap the rewards for your relationship and generations to come.



Topics that will be covered include:

Why we drift apart, Growing towards oneness, Growing through conflict, Keeping the spark alive & Leaving a Godly legacy.

For more information speak to the team at the table in the foyer near the bookshop or contact the church office. Registrations close next weekend 12th May.

Praise & Prayer Points:

- ◆ Praise for families.
- ◆ Pray for the Life Groups as they commence the DEEPer series, especially for the new groups formed.
- ◆ Pray for the leaders of our Women's Ministries as they continue to seek God's direction.
- ◆ Praise for the freedom to worship.
- ◆ Continue to pray for those who are working with families affected by the recent tragedies.
- ◆ Pray for the team from men's shed as they continue to coordinate the construction of their new shed.
- ◆ Pray for those who are facing and/or recovering from surgery.

In the family:

Birthday

Congratulations to Pat Crouch who will be celebrating a special birthday this week. May God bless you richly as you continue to walk in his ways.

Coming up:

For your diary:

Interested in becoming a Member?

(In time for the next Annual Meeting)

The next membership information session will be held TODAY 11am at Rosebud.

MOTHER'S DAY - May 12th

Calling men of all ages, let us celebrate and spoil all the special women in our church family! Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after the service.

(Dad's why not have a cooking morning with your kids, and spend time talking about the special women in their lives?)

2018 Annual Church Meeting

Will be held on Sunday 19th May at 12noon in the Auditorium at MM. A copy of the Agenda and the minutes of the 2018 Church Panning meeting are on the notice boards at both campuses.

URGENT Point person needed for catering Mt Martha Community Hub

Tuesday evenings fortnightly

Call Andrew @ church office

Office news:

ROSEBUD OFFICE will be without phones whilst the NBN is being connected

(calls will be diverted to Mount Martha).

Please email if possible. Thanks.

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

Men's Shed 9:00am MM.

Playgroup 10:00am 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.

Hub Café 9:30am MM.

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

Prime Time 1:30pm Café Lounge. Dot Frost will be speaking.

Friday

Story Time 10:00am RB.

Youth 7pm 'Check-in' MM.



Love Equals
DEEPer 2019



Mount Martha

TODAY Love those who love you.

May 12th Love accepts, love judges.

May 19th Love is faithful, it sticks, it trusts.

May 25th The greatest command.

June 2nd Where do I find love to love others? The greatest command.

Rosebud

Love accepts, love judges.

Love is faithful, it sticks, it trusts.

Love those who love you.

Where do I find love to love others?

Not in a Life Group? Unsure if you want to commit?

Why not sign up for the DEEPer series (5 weeks).

Come and talk to the folks in the foyer / activity centre after the service for more information. Life Groups meet Monday - Saturday (days and evenings) across the Peninsula.

For more information:

<https://newpeninsula.com.au>

Email: office@newpeninsula.com.au

Contact the church offices:

Mount Martha: 5973 8888 (Mon - Fri 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

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