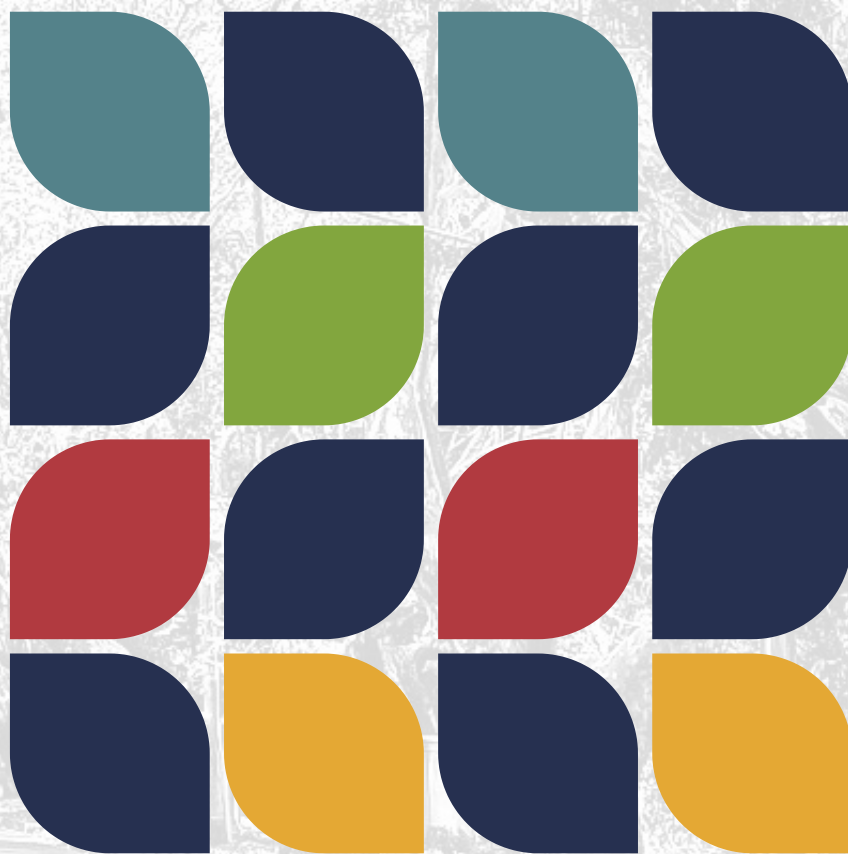


VISION

2025



WAHROONGA
ANGLICAN CHURCH



WELCOME GROW SERVE REACH

*Saved by **Jesus**, we...*

welcome others to live as God's family, **grow** together to build up God's church, **serve** all to reflect God's love, and **reach** many to share God's hope

*...as we long for **home**.*

WELCOME GROW SERVE REACH

By God's grace we had lots of opportunities to welcome newcomers in 2024 . . .

We've benefited greatly from the Wahroonga Anglican community and have felt very welcome. I am grateful for the friendly faces and chats with others every Sunday.

Claudia - 10:30

When I first walked in the door on a random Friday last year, I had no idea the community and family I was walking into, of love, support and fellowship.

Stacy - Vine

We joined Wahroonga Anglican around Easter 2024, and instantly felt welcomed. The staff team were great (as you'd hope and expect!), but so was everyone else. The Forrests hosted us for lunch within the first month. We were also invited to serve in different ways on Sundays and through the week. Being active in service was the best way to feel connected to our new church family.

Steve & Bettina - 10:30

Number of people who call Wahroonga Anglican home

2024 - 570

2025 - 680

. . . and lots of opportunities to enjoy community together

We were struck with how clearly God was welcoming us through every member, and instantly felt at home. We are so grateful to God that we have found and are now part of this very special community.

Brenton & Xanthe - 6pm

We moved from Canberra to Sydney in July 2024. We were very keen to find a church with an active kids and youth program. A google search led us to Wahroonga Anglican and we felt instantly at home from our first visit. We were warmly welcomed into the church community and feel so grateful to be part of a vibrant church.

Nick & Mel - 10:30



We thank God for the way he has grown us by his word in 2024 . . .

No. of small group leaders **71**

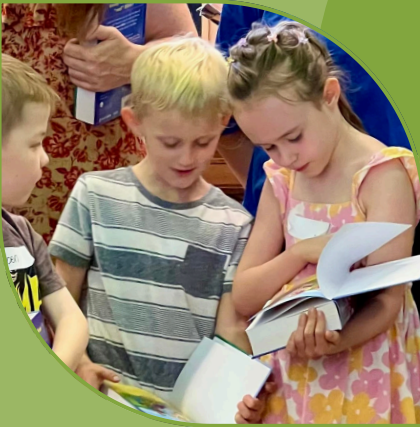
No. of junior leaders **18**

I see God working through my sisters in Christ at my Friday morning Bible study. It is a warm and non-judgmental place where we can be authentic and vulnerable about our challenges, and lift each other up in prayer. After studying God's Word and praying together, I am always encouraged (and reminded) to put all my trust and hope in Jesus, regardless of whatever else is happening in my life.

Lorraine - 10:30

One of the greatest encouragements of our kids growing up together in church, is hearing them encourage one another to apply what they've learned in Kids Church. It's beautiful to see them support each other in living out their faith.

Hannah - 9:30



... and for all the opportunities to equip each other

Small Group has been a huge encouragement to hold out the hope of the gospel to non-Christians in our lives, especially when they are confronted with life's griefs and troubles. We've encouraged each other to be faithful and gentle witnesses.

Tim - 10:30

The church has been excellent in supporting me as I first started my faith from barely knowing any of the bible to being a junior leader. If one story in the Bible could describe the depth of the community I have felt I would point to Exodus 17 where Aaron and Hur held up Moses's hands when he was weary, allowing the Israelites to win a battle.

Stacy - Vine



WELCOME GROW **SERVE** REACH

We thank God for opportunities to serve each other in 2024 . . .



Wahroonga's community has walked seasons of grief and joy with us, and sometimes both at the same time. We've had meals cooked, been prayed for, and felt incredibly known. We've known the hands and feet of Jesus in times of need and times of change - he is so at work among us.

Rach & Matt - 6pm

Church members regularly help others when in need. My small group has very godly and knowledgeable people in the Bible, helping my Christian growth. God has blessed me to serve with Kids Church, assisted greatly by Caroline and Prue.

Louis - 8am

. . . and to serve the world around us too

The ESL teachers hosted a lunch for our students to celebrate Chinese New Year. We enjoyed lunch, read the bible, heard a talk, sung, and prayed. Many seeds were planted for God to grow.

Lesley - 8am

I'm privileged to remind people living in residential care that even though the world teaches us our value is in what we can do, and what we have, God sees us very differently. For some, I seek to encourage them to continue running the race and look forward to heaven. For others I hope to hold out God's words of life and say it's not too late to find your Heavenly Father. Each day is full of conversations that follow these paths, each day is a day to show love, patience, kindness and remind us all God is indeed good.

Sue - 8am

One of our Playtime families discovered their unborn baby would be disabled. We shared with them how their child was precious to God. We welcomed the baby to Playtime last year and she's such a joy!

Caroline - 9:30

No. of people
serving in
gathering teams

254

No. of people
serving in
program teams

109



WELCOME GROW SERVE **REACH**

We thank God for opportunities to connect with people and communicate the hope that Jesus brings

I met Nick shortly after I moved to Wahroonga. He lives in the area with his wife and his son. We have a bunch of friends in common. Nick knew me before I came to faith and he knows I am a Christian. Last year I invited him to come to the Forgiveness Dinner. This left space for the two of us to have conversations about faith and the bigger questions of life.

Beau - 6pm

We ran Hope Explored in response to a combination of deepening friendships at Mainly Music and some hard life stuff people were dealing with. We had dinner and discussion over 3 Friday evenings with 4 Mums. The biggest challenge was finishing before midnight. While we had no dramatic salvation stories, seeds were planted and we sensed a real warmth to the gospel, the ongoing challenge is to keep following up with them.

Soph - 9.30

God's hope is worth sharing! I've seen God move people to share it with others. Whether a believer in Nepal travelling 10 hours every Saturday to share this hope or our own Year 10 students serving on Sunday mornings.

Jimmy - 6pm

No. of people
visiting our
connect programs

923

No. of people at
our events and
courses

2609

In 2025 we are prioritising the **REACH** part of our mission. 2025 will be all about:

**Connecting
with those
around us**

**Communicating
our hope in
Jesus**



Our culture's relationship to Christianity is changing.

There's been a decline in people going to church, in people saying they're Christians, in people who even know a Christian. But there are opportunities in this context - as people feel the hollowness of other approaches to life and yearn for more.

This year, we're going to proactively connect.

Along with the opportunities that come with our regular programs and gatherings, and a range of events, we'll take steps across the year to grow in how we connect so we can communicate God's hope.

	Focus	How we'll do it	Other opportunities
Term 1	Who are your people?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 studies on 'How To Talk About Jesus' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Eggstravaganza (April 5th) • Hymns and Hot Cross Buns (April 13th) • Easter Services
Term 2	Connect with your people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for your people • Book Club on an evangelistic book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Sunday (June 22nd)
Term 3	Merge your universes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write/share personal testimonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Activity Day (July 21st) • Evangelistic Dinner (October 15th) • Invite Sunday (October 19th)
Term 4	Share your story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Course in each small group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carols in the Garden (Dec 7th) • Carols and High Tea (Dec 14th) • Christmas Services

Your small group will be key as we connect across this year.



Tamar Pollard
Assistant Minister -
Families



Josh Lewis
Senior Assistant
Minister



Andrew Rees
Rector



Gavin Parsons
Assistant Minister -
Seniors



Sarah Hunziker
Administrator - Ministry,
Premises, Systems



Matt Capel
Assistant Minister
- Youth



Caroline Freitag
Assistant Minister -
Children



Julia, Pip, Aleah, Jack
Trainees



Nathan Smith
Student Minister



Celia Pearce
Administrator -
Finance,
Risk Management

2025 Staff Team

By God's Grace your sacrificial generosity in 2025 will enable us to:

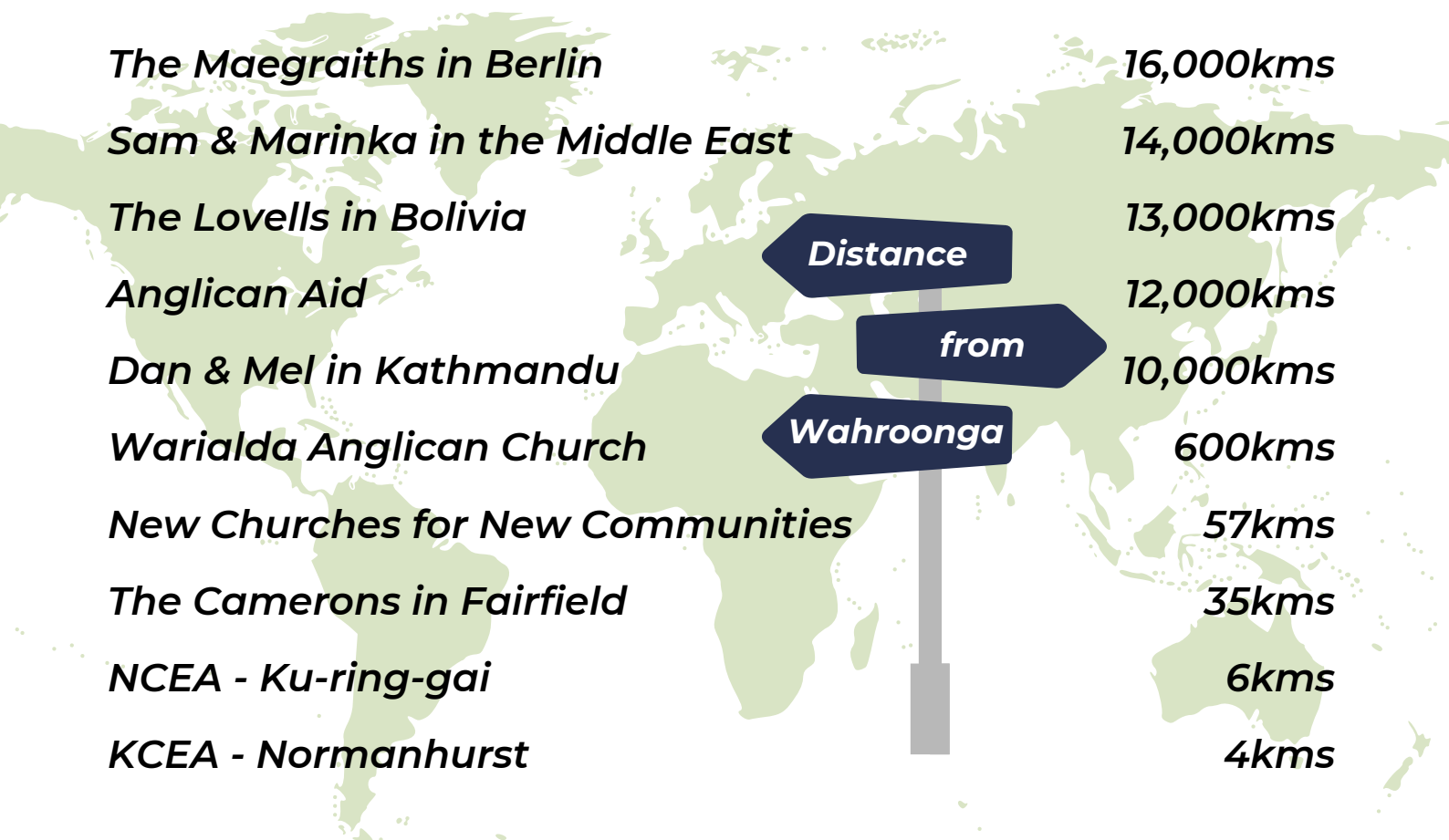


Establish Matt Capel as Assistant Minister - Youth

Expand our Trainee and Student Minister Program

Our MISSION Partners

Your generosity in 2024 enabled us to grow our support for our mission partners throughout the world and Australia.



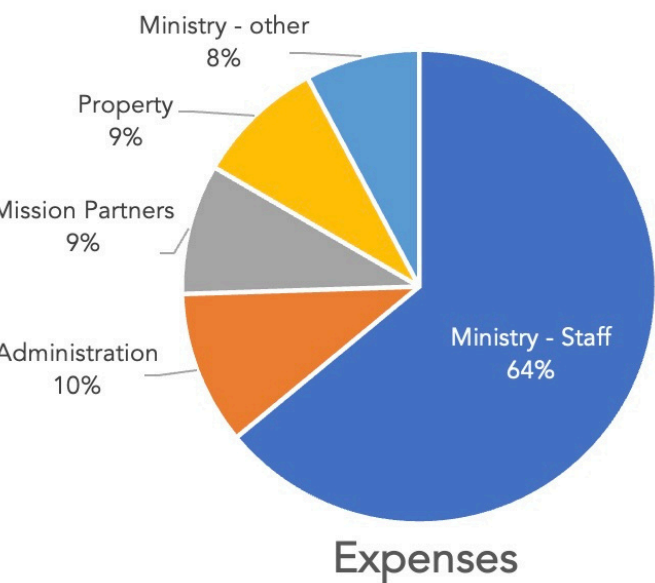
We are praying for an increase in our giving in 2025 to enable us to further grow our current mission partnerships and consider new opportunities to grow God's work beyond us!

SOWING GENEROUSLY

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
2 Cor 9.6-8

Giving to sustain our current mission

In 2025, our goal is to increase giving by **4.5%** to meet our budget. This increase is needed to fund our new FT Assistant Minister for Youth, and meet inflationary costs on existing expenses. 87% of the income required to sustain our mission comes from the generous and sacrificial giving of our church family.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2024 we budgeted for a 4.5% increase in offertory, but God enabled us to increase our giving by 8%.

In 2024 around 134 households gave regularly to support the mission

BUT WHAT IF . . .

If God enabled us to increase our giving by **10-15%** we could start to consider exciting opportunities for **future mission** like:

A new staffing
appointment -
cross-cultural

A new staffing
appointment -
pastoral care

Growing our
trainee and
student minister
programs

New
local/global
mission
partners

If we contributed beyond our regular giving with **one-off gifts** we could undertake **premises projects** to better enable our mission. Potential future projects include:

Commercial
kitchen upgrade
for Water Street
(\$65k)

Air-conditioning
for Pearces
Corner hall
(\$20k)

Organ electrics
overhaul
at Water Street
(\$25k)

Improve traffic
flow, child safety,
and outdoor
shaded areas at
Pearces Corner
(\$?)

*Will you pray and consider committing to give generously in 2025?
(see insert for further details)*



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