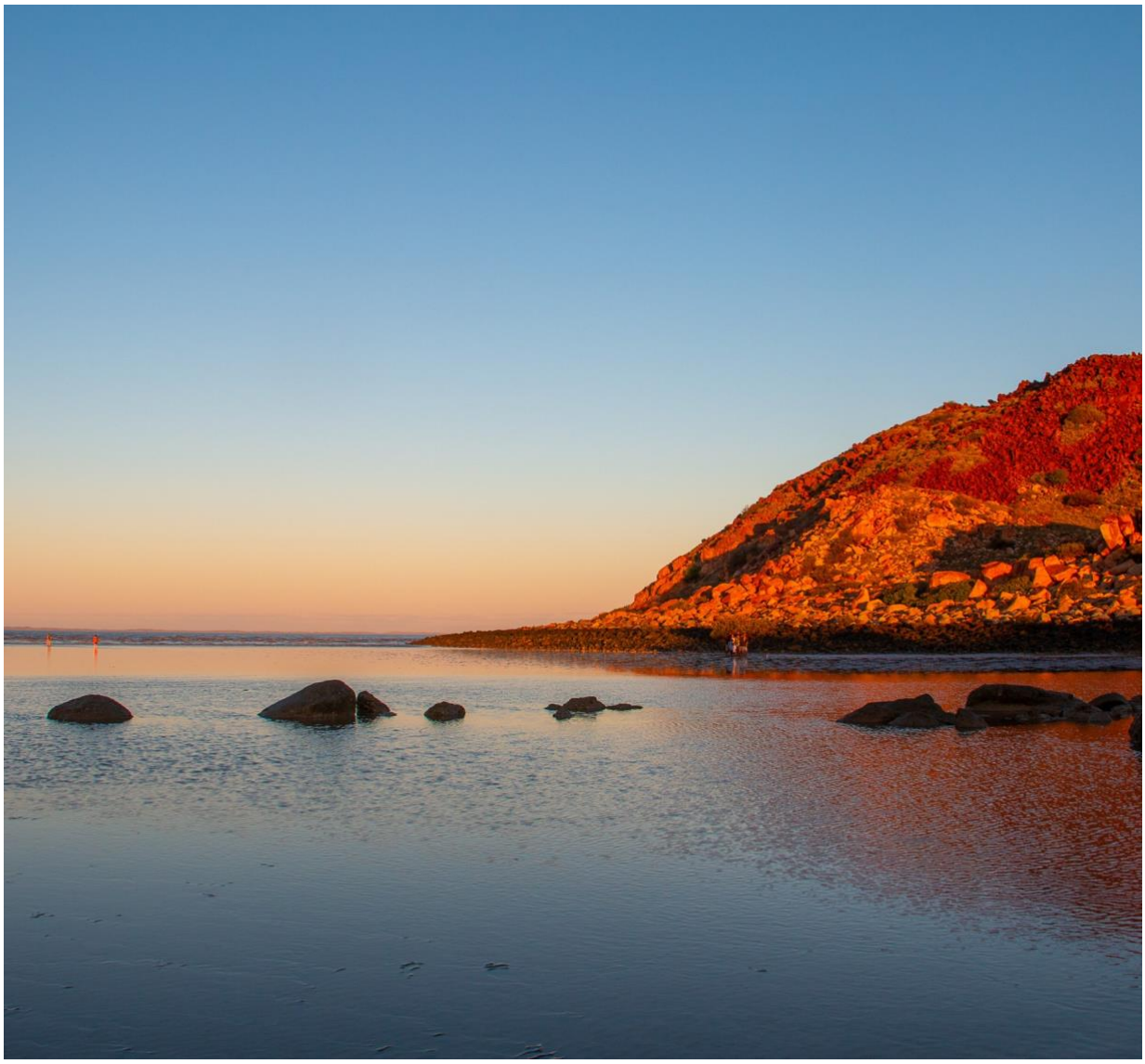
Karratha Baptist Church

Annual Report 2026



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Chairperson's Report

The past year has seen Karratha Baptist Church continue to be a solid and faithful body of believers in God, our heavenly Father, our Saviour Jesus Christ being led by the Holy Spirit. God has upheld us in the face of challenges and blessed us in celebration of His faithfulness to us over many years.

In June this year we celebrated the 50 year anniversary of Karratha Baptist Church. It was an amazing weekend of celebration and reminiscing with Victor Owuor and Nathan Seinemeier from BCWA and many former members, including founding members, making the journey to Karratha. The celebration included a semi-formal sit-down meal, a family day and a Sunday Service dedicated to the love and provision from God over the years to build and sustain His church.

This year we have seen our Heavenly Father bless KBC with a full year of both Pastoral roles being filled – Nick Bekker completed 12 months in the Senior Pastor role and Sharon Guy continued in the Associate Pastor position. During the year Arlene Gault resigned from the Administrator position and I would like to thank her for her hard work in the role including the early implementation of the Planning Centre program. Council membership has remained constant with Alex Craig, Wayne Hutchons, Lizeth De la Hoz Ruiz and myself.

Karratha Baptist Church is committed to maintaining a safe church and we hosted another well-attended Safe Church workshop run by BCWA. The workshop has reminded us all of how we can all play a part in providing a safe place physically, emotionally and spiritually when our community is connected to KBC. The introduction of Planning Centre is a new and increasingly comprehensive tool to manage our obligations in this space and the KBC leadership is committed to reviewing the policies and procedures to ensure the safety of everybody who engages with KBC.

Membership has grown despite the usual turnover of people leaving town and some (members and non-members) choosing to attend other churches in the area. The growth can be attributed to an intentional promotion of membership by the Senior Pastor with support from the Associate Pastor and Council. Membership and volunteering are vital to the healthy functioning of the church and I am very thankful for our dedicated volunteers who have served the body of Christ so selflessly and tirelessly for the kingdom of God.

Karratha Baptist Church remains in a strong financial position at the end of the 2025/26 financial year albeit with underbudget income and expenditure on the background of what was a deficit budget aiming to catch-up on maintenance items. At the General Business Meeting in June, members approved a more balanced and conservative budget for FY26/27. The emphasis into the future will be on faithful stewardship, continued ministry development and strategic planning around future (building) needs.

On behalf of the Council I want to thank God for His love, mercy and provision to Karratha Baptist Church. It has been a year of blessing and celebration of the past 50 years God has been working in the life of KBC. We are acutely aware of the responsibility and honour to keep stewarding His church into the future in a safe and responsible manner while looking only to God for guidance and provision.

Shaun Guy
Chairperson, Karratha Baptist Church Council

Senior Pastor's Report

Our first year together

I thank God for his faithfulness and for the people of Karratha Baptist Church. I arrived on 1 October 2025 after a longer wait than expected, and Trish and Nina joined me at the end of November. After preaching and meeting with leaders remotely, it has been good to share in the life of the church in person. Thank you for welcoming us and for the patience, practical help and friendship you have shown us as we've settled into life in the Pilbara.

Preaching and teaching

My aim in preaching has been to help us understand Scripture and live it out. This year's series were *The Characters of Christmas (3 sermons), A Wise Start (Proverbs) (5 sermons), The Miracles of Jesus (4 sermons), The Names of God (13 sermons), Faith Under Fire (1 Peter)(5 sermons), Questions Jesus Asked (5 sermons)* and *Whatever Happens (Philippians) (5 sermons so far)*. Small-group questions and short reflections have helped people stay with the passage during the week. Thank you to those who preached and led our Sunday gatherings, including Trish, Victor Owuor and Nathan Seinemeier.

Fifty years of Karratha Baptist Church

At our 50th anniversary in June, we heard from people who were part of the church's beginnings and gave thanks for those who have served over the years. Thank you to everyone who made the celebrations possible, especially the committee that began planning a year ahead. Hearing those stories reminded us of our responsibility to serve Christ faithfully and share the gospel with the people who live and work here today.

Prayer and pastoral care

Thank you to those who lead our regular prayer gathering and those who quietly pray for others through the week. I want prayer to shape the way we serve across all our ministries. In a town where shift work and frequent moves make it easy to lose touch, caring for one another means noticing when someone is missing and making time to check in.

We introduced Family of the Week as part of our Sunday services where we highlight and pray for one of our church families. The idea is to foster a sense of community as we remember our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ through the week.

Baptisms and membership

We reported nine baptisms to Baptist Churches Western Australia for the year ending 30 June 2026. Hearing people share their testimonies and publicly declare their faith in Jesus at Hearsons Cove has been a highlight. We thank God for his work in their lives.

Alpha and the Marriage Course

Alpha began in April with 32 people registered. The course and weekend away gave people space to ask questions and explore the Christian faith. Thank you to Aaron Donald for leading Alpha and to everyone who helped run it. The Marriage Course began in August, with two sessions at church and the rest online. Thank you to the couples who took part.

Small groups and church community

We organised nine Community Groups at different times and locations so more people could take part. Thank you to those who opened their homes and led groups. I'm also grateful to Sharon Guy and the teams serving in our Sunday children's programme, Club 46, Youth Hangout, Young Adults and the women's and men's Bible studies. Shared meals and international food nights help people get to know one another. We want newcomers to find their place in those relationships and in the life of the church.

Mission and our wider community

We have supported Sally Pim through Baptist Mission Australia and continued our involvement with Baptist World Aid and Operation Christmas Child. We're grateful for new partnerships with the Falconers in Mozambique and the Mukukas from Zambia, who are preparing to serve in Thailand. Locally, we collect supplies for the Salvation Army each month, are exploring how churches could support schoolchildren through Eat Up, and are preparing for our combined Christmas carols.

This year we introduced our Second Sunday Missions Moment where we take time on the second Sunday of every month to focus on an Unreached People Group and pray for them.

Ministry teams and administration

New ministry coordinators give volunteers a clear point of contact and help share responsibility across the church. Thank you to those who coordinate teams and to everyone who serves, from music and sound to children's ministry, hospitality, cleaning and maintenance.

I'm grateful for Arlene Gault's service as administrator. Since her departure, we've been reviewing what administrative support the church needs. The website, notices, bulletins and sermon recordings help people stay connected when work or travel keeps them away.

Leadership and the year ahead

Thank you to the Church Council for its service. My transfer of pastoral accreditation was recognised by Baptist Churches Western Australia at its October Assembly, and I value our relationship with the wider Baptist family.

In the coming year, I want us to keep Scripture and prayer central, help people grow as disciples beyond Sundays, and equip more people to serve and lead. In Karratha, that means welcoming newcomers, following up and preparing others to take responsibility as people move on.

I'd also like us to take time to study biblical leadership and consider the place of eldership. Any proposal would need patient teaching, discussion with Council and the congregation, and changes to the constitution.

Thank you

Thank you to Sharon, the Council, our ministry leaders, everyone who serves, gives and prays, and to Trish for sharing in this ministry. Above all, I thank God for his grace. My prayer is that we will know Christ more deeply and show his love in the way we care for one another and serve our community.

Nick Bekker
Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor's Report

It has been a joy and privilege serving the church as the Associate Pastor; Families and Community Engagement, 3 days a week over the past 12 months.

My role continues to be vast and varied. The ministries I run include Club 46 and SOAP Ladies Bible Study. I oversee Kidzone (however I do all the admin, lesson prep and communication), Youth and Meal train. I also spend time in pastoral care, arranging social events, Combined Pastors catch ups, Sunday morning involvement and administration.

It's been a busy year with its highs and lows. Change whether good or bad requires mental space and a time of transition. This year has been another one for me. I've been in the role for 4 years; I've worked under 3 Senior Pastors and went a long period with no Senior. I've worked with 5 administrators in that same time. During this past year Nick finally arrived in the country in October 25, and Arlene left the administrator role in July 26. This was another year of transitions and adjustment, along with significant health issues for Shaun and me.

A new church administrative program has and is being implemented called Planning Centre; this program will help us provide a safer church. Arlene did a lot of work initially in the setup before she finished in her Administrator role then Grace Cook stepped in to provide set up and ongoing refinement of how we use Planning Centre, thank you!

It was an answer to prayer with Charity and Uzziel taking over the youth Ministry from the Eversden's and myself. This significantly lightened my load. I need to thank Grace who organised some youth training for them and has been invaluable with her continued support. I remain available to support Charity and Uzziel as needed and they know they only must ask and I'm there to help in any way I can. I try and have a formal catch up at least once a term and many informal catch ups as we do life together.

We had a fantastic 50th Anniversary where we celebrated Gods faithfulness. It was wonderful to hear all the encouraging, inspiring stories from past members on how God grew and challenged them in their relationship with Jesus and to witness many reunions and connections between people. This was a very successful and well-run weekend due to many hours of work for those of us on the planning committee. Thanks to everyone!

The demand for pastoral care has continued to increase. The need has been varied, and I find this area of my role very fulfilling. It has been a joy for me this year to watch those who I'm privileged to be discipling grow in their knowledge of God and His word and grow in intimacy and revelation of Jesus. Their growing wisdom and discernment are a testament to the work Christ has been doing in their lives. All praise to Jesus.

I said this last year and it is true again! I look back and reflect and can say there is no possible way that I could do what I did, but I know without a doubt that God equipped and enabled me to do everything for His glory. 2 Corinthians 3:5 "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim that anything comes from us, but our competence comes from God"

I am looking forward to continuing to serve you over the next year as we all walk and grow in the Lord.

Sharon Guy
Associate Pastor, Families and Community Engagement

Communion Ministry Report

Communion takes place once a month, on the first Sunday of each month. We gather to remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate our unity in him. The Communion Team serves the church by preparing the Communion table and elements, creating an inviting space to help lead people into this highly significant time in the life of the church.

This year, the team faithfully prepared the Communion table, each bringing their own creativity and personal touches to its presentation. The team was responsible for decorating the table, ensuring the elements were ready, arranging for people to distribute the elements at the right time during the service, and packing everything away afterwards.

We began the year with a team of seven volunteers. Unfortunately, three members relocated during the year, leaving us with a much smaller team and placing additional demands on those who remained. Despite this, the team did a wonderful job. Everyone took responsibility for their duties, responded positively to feedback, and served with commitment and care. All done with a cheerful heart!

One encouragement was the positive feedback we received about the Communion table. Team members were encouraged to bring their own creativity, culture and artistic style to its presentation, and the result was a table that was different each month, and yet consistently appropriate and thoughtfully prepared. A joy has been seeing how something as simple as preparing a table can become an expression of hospitality, creativity and service to the church family. Another joy was the arrival of Jacob and Kayla’s beautiful baby girl!

Our main priority for the coming year is to rebuild the team so that responsibilities can be spread out, and so that more people can have the opportunity to serve in this small way. Even though, theoretically, we need a team of 6 people, we should have about 10 to make allowances for the transitionary nature of the church/town.

We hope to continue encouraging creativity as well as cultural and personal expression in preparing the Communion table, while ensuring that everything is done with care, simplicity and reverence.

Please pray for additional volunteers who would be willing to serve but meaningful ministry, and for the team to continue serving with joy, faithfulness and a heart for our church family. Please pray that, as a church family, we would always celebrate Communion with joy and gratitude, while never losing our sense of wonder and reverence for the incredible sacrifice Christ made on the cross for us.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has served on the Communion Team this year. Your contribution, behind the scenes, is noticed and appreciated.

Trish Bekker
Communion Coordinator

“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)

Prayer Ministry Report

Prayer as we all know is the engine room for fixing the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth; a praying church is a church that can experience the miraculous and fullness of that which Christ purchased for us on the cross. In 2026 we have seen a doubling in regular attendance numbers to the weekly prayer meeting and established a monthly practice of covenantal (regular) prayer & fasting. Additionally, we are seeing 'inter-church' and 'inter-town' participation in these times which is immensely encouraging. Post the leaders meeting at Nick and Trish's I have taken on board the feedback to create avenues for increased prayer for each ministry team and to provide a space for our church body to reach out for prayer more easily via WhatsApp.

We give God glory for the tremendous answers to prayer this year; for example, the landing of Trish's counselling business, increased prayer participation and breakthroughs for non-christian partner's attending church. I think the greatest achievement for the kingdom however, has been the faithful commitment of our regular prayer attendees to participate in the monthly fasting meetings. A three day fast changed the destiny of the Jewish people through Esther, and likewise the judgement of Nineveh was averted and repentance outworked through fasting. Fasting changes history where only a miracle intervention of God can possibly turn things around. Jesus said His disciples would fast (Matt 6:16 'when' (not if); Matt 9:15) and examining the state of Australia and the Pilbara if ever there was a need for a miraculous turn around surely it is now.

I think it important to honour those faithful servants who have prayed through the dry and barren seasons to produce the fruit that we are seeing in Karratha Baptist today. After returning to the church that I was born into around 15 years later I am amazed at the people and ministries the Lord has assembled here in Karratha for such a time as this. The Lord is on the move in the wilderness of the Pilbara and we should be expectant of amazing things to come!

Prayer and fasting is always a test of faith to persevere when your eyes cannot see the fruit and going forward my prayer and focus for this year and the ones to follow will be that KBC is faithful in maintaining and increasing the ground we have taken in the domain of intercession until and ongoing through to the point of breakthrough. The Lord has been asking me to lift my game / giving in the area of prayer to model and facilitate the work here that He wants to do with us. If there is one thing I could request and implore us to do from this point on going forward it would be to do the same to create a church culture that celebrates and honours the place of prayer. If all those who hold leadership positions could make the Monday prayer night even just once or twice a month it would transform the culture of the church and we will see a mighty work of God; we set the tone for those we lead and what we sow we reap… let us reap together the satisfaction and honour of participating in what The Lord is doing in the Pilbara.

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

As someone who was saved by seeing the judgement seat of Christ I know I will one day stand before the Lord and give an account for my time in this season and be asked "what did you do for the church/lost in the Pilbara"?

It's an honour to call KBC family again and to see what has been achieved by you all since I left. Let us continue from strength to strength, glory to glory, that the Lamb who was slain shall receive the reward for His suffering through us!

Mitch Sambel
Prayer Coordinator

Missions and Outreach Report

The first task for our ministry committee was to formulate a policy for KBC to commit to being a mission-focused church now and in the future. Our first meeting was a wonderful time of sharing ideas and our passion for helping share the gospel with people all over the world. These ideas have been formulated into the new KBC Mission policy. The most important objective for us is to reach as many “unreached people groups” of the world as possible.

KBC has been financially supporting Sally Pim for several years. However, as Sally’s plans have her living and studying back here in WA, her work is no longer in line with our policy. Therefore, we are reducing our support for Sally over the next 2 months when we will discontinue our financial support. We will continue to communicate with Sally and pray for her into the future.

The most exciting time has been the recent decisions to financially support 2 wonderful families though OMF and BMA with the $1000 a month budgeted for us through the church council. We are now supporting

- Gift and Barbra Mukuka and their 2 children as they prepare to serve in Thailand from their home in Zambia.
- Scott and Bec Falconer and their 5 children who have been serving in Mozambique for many years.

We also continue to support 2 children through Baptist World Aid, Simon and Urmila. This is an ongoing 9-year commitment. We are now in the 7th year and can recommit for a further 9 years.

This year also saw a very enthusiastic support for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) with 64 shoeboxes from KBC, 11 boxes from Port Hedland and 5 from the Anglican church being sent to Perth for processing. In 2025 OCC delivered to over 400 “unreached people groups” therefore this fits in well with our policy.

Our wonderful church continues to support our outreach to the Salvation Army by donating food, toiletries and baby supplies every month.

As we head into another year our ministry will be looking at further outreach opportunities and with more financial support from the Church Council we will increase support where needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick, Sharon, the Church Council and the Church Members for entrusting the coordination of this ministry to me and I look forward to continuing to serve you all.

Dianne Brough
Missions and Outreach Coordinator

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matthew 9:37–38 (NIV)

Alpha Ministry Report

Overview

Alpha this year was aimed more towards congregation members to familiarise them with the Alpha programme and process, particularly as a way to build confidence and understanding in considering inviting non-Christians to future Alpha events/courses.

We ran the programme including the weekend away, which this year was booked into Dampier.

The decision was made to have desserts with hot beverages in the café together to build relationships, rather than burdening a team with full course meals. Following the dessert (which was rostered from the food prep team – thanks) we would watch the Alpha video together in the sanctuary and then break off into our small groups to have deeper conversations based on the prompts from the video and paired Alpha book.

Highlights and Encouragements

Those who attended really enjoyed the course, particularly those who were able to engage in the whole/majority of the course. Friendships were made, others were deepened and there was some amazing conversations abut beliefs, faith and experiences.

It was a great opportunity for each of those attending to enrich their faith and their support network in the church. What a blessing!

There was a good turn out for the weekend away and there were a number of sessions run together which were thoroughly enjoyed and challenging to the attendees who all came back singing praise for the experience.

Looking ahead

Looking ahead to next year, prayer for who to invite and having courage to invite non-Christians to Alpha would be ideal. New Christians or those seeking would very much benefit from attending, as well as any Christians who have not had the chance to attend previously.

I would also request prayer for faithful attendance throughout the course so that those coming along can get the most out of the experience.

Prayerful consideration of how we advertise in addition to, or not, as personal invitations would also be appreciated.

Aaron Donald
Alpha Coordinator



Kidzone Report

We continued at the end of the 2025 year with the “Gospel Light Project” curriculum, which has some videos to watch and seems appropriate for ages with less modification required for the Ignite group.

At the end of the 2025 year was a low-key service with the Kids singing “Light of the World” and “My Lighthouse,” the Spark kids singing “This Little Light of Mine.” Nick presented a great object lesson on sin and the cross.

Term 1, 2026 was delayed a week, with Cyclone Mitchell. We were very short on teachers and helpers, and had hoped that after the sign-up week, some gaps may be filled.

The Scripture we are learning 1st term is 2 Samuel 22:2
http://youtube.com/watch?v=eZu8EqSnXB0

And the song is My God is Powerful https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1MDCwirYoQ

The Aqua run on the 15th Feb only had a handful of attendees from the church. The rules had been changed and the time slots if we ran both Aqua Runs meant we would have to start at 1230 with an hour’s gap in between. Then children younger that 5, were not allowed on the Kiddydash run at 2.30 and not allowed if they required a floatation device. In the end we invited other children from the community to use it and they had fun. This annual event will need to be re-evaluated, do we want to have the older group start at 12:30?

In Term 2 we were all in the process of learning the digital sign-in process with the new Planning Centre using ipads and phones, printing stickers as signed in and checking everyone out digitally afterwards. After some learning curves, it seems to be working well. In 3-4th term, the Ignite teacher is asked to oversee signing families up at the door as they arrive to church.

Sharon organized painting of the rooms to neutral colours and decals to be put on the walls. A lovely facelift.

On 21 June, Grace Cook kindly took charge of the kids with many keen helpers, for the church’s 50th anniversary celebration weekend. The kids were taken out immediately and came back 1.5 hours later and had to sit in the isles.

We had a safe church workshop Sat 15th Aug, which was well attended.

In Term 3 we trialed and have liked going straight into age group classes instead of kids having a combined time and then heading out into their classes. This has given more teaching time and works well, especially with the older kids. We have commenced a monthly giving opportunity in the main church service instead of in the combined time, which this year is for Baptist Missions for goats, sheep, chooks etc.

Statistics: This year our numbers have ranged from 32-56, with an average of 44 children. This last month the attendance has been averaging 54/week.

3 of the 4 rooms are at capacity again with the number of children attending!

Naomi Sambell
Kidzone Coordinator

Club 46 Report

What a joy and privilege it has been to lead Club 46 this year alongside Naomi Sambel, Marco Manopo, Janine Hunt, Grace Cook, and relief support Charity Salise, Abigail Panghulan and Hayley Stockbridge. Club 46 runs twice a term with kids from years 4 to 6 in primary school. It's a night of active games, hot dogs, ice cream and a 5 minute "Think spot"

The number of kids attending this year has been very good each session averaging around 35 - many of those are now regulars. A large portion of the kids who attend are not from Christian homes which gives us a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with them. Many parents tell us regularly that they are very thankful for this event. There is nothing else like it in town where kids this age can just have fun - and it's free!

Highlights

- Stable numbers and commitment from families.
- As the year has passed our relationships with the kids has grown. They are engaging in conversations.
- During our Think Spot the kids are participating, answering/asking questions and growing in their engagement. The types of questions they ask show they feel comfortable and are more thoughtful and deeper in their need to understand spiritual things. Our prayer is that this continues and deepens!
- Supper!!! The kids LOVE supper.
- Fantastic leaders and helpers that ensure a safe well-run event- Thank you Naomi, Marco, Janine, Grace, Charity, Hayley and Abby!!

Challenges

- Continue to develop deeper relationships.
- To keep the night light-hearted and fun while maintaining some sense of control.
- Trying to find a range of activities that is inclusive for all the children who attend

Our current and future goal for Club 46 is for it to continue to grow; a night where Christ's love is shown in our actions, words, and deeds; and that we can share Jesus' love through small but powerful biblical truths where seeds are planted and one day produce fruit!!

Please pray for discernment for the leaders, patience, abundance of supernatural love and that the kids who attend will have a burning desire to get to know who Jesus is.

Sharon Guy
Associate Pastor, Families and Community Engagement

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14 (NIV)



Youth Hangout Ministry Report

Overview

Mission: To Help Young People Find and Follow Jesus.

Our vision is to see young people develop and grow in their relationship with God, while encouraging leaders and young people to disciple others.

For the year 2026, we resumed our youth ministry, transitioning from our previous name, Epic Youth, to Youth Hangout. Throughout the year, we trialled different approaches, built relationships with the young people and sought their feedback to better understand their interests and what they hoped to gain from the program.

Over the past 10 months, we have held fortnightly Sunday gatherings after church, providing opportunities for young people to connect, build friendships and grow together in faith.

In Term 3, we also introduced an online Bible study via Zoom to create more opportunities to explore God's Word in greater depth. A parental consent process was established to ensure families were informed and that the online sessions could be conducted in a safe and appropriate environment.

As of 20 October 2026, we have held nine in-person Youth Hangout sessions and two online Bible study sessions.

Highlights and Encouragements

One of the biggest encouragements this year has been seeing consistent attendance and the friendships developing among the young people. Holding Youth Hangout after Sunday church has worked well, allowing the youth to spend time together in fellowship.

We have also been encouraged by their curiosity, willingness to listen and eagerness to learn more about Jesus. Their questions and participation during Bible discussions have been a blessing to witness. It has been particularly encouraging to see young people from our church and other churches becoming more comfortable with one another and building meaningful connections.

We have seen God at work through their growing interest in Scripture and desire to deepen their relationship with Him. This has also encouraged us to introduce online Bible study, allowing more dedicated time for Scripture, reflection and discussion beyond our Sunday gatherings.



Looking Ahead

Our main priority moving forward is to continue helping young people find and follow Jesus, strengthening their faith and developing a personal relationship with Him.

We hope to provide more structured and accessible Bible study resources that connect with our Sunday sermons. Having simplified and engaging materials will help young people understand Scripture, reflect on what they have learned and apply God's Word in their everyday lives.

We also hope to introduce more fun activities that encourage fellowship, strengthen friendships and create opportunities for young people to invite their friends.

Beyond the activities, we want Youth Hangout to remain a welcoming and safe space where young people feel comfortable asking questions, sharing their experiences and encouraging one another in their walk with Christ. As leaders, we also recognise the importance of accountability, leading by example and continuing to grow in our own faith.

Our prayer is that the foundations and rhythms established this year will continue with future youth leaders. We pray that our young people will remain grounded in Christ as they navigate the challenges and influences of the world around them. May God continue to reveal Himself to them, strengthen their faith and grant them wisdom and discernment in every step they take.

Above all, we give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve, build relationships and be part of what He is doing in the lives of our young people.

Uzziel Salise and Charity Salise

Youth Ministry Coordinators

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)



Young Adults Ministry Report

Overview

We formed a new Young Adults ministry in the church in 2025. It was birthed out of a desire to see young adults connected in genuine community and growing in their faith. We meet on Wednesday nights to share food, socialise, play games and spend time in God's Word. We've been averaging around 8–12 people each gathering, with numbers having reached over 20 when everyone is around. It's been really encouraging to see the group take shape and become a regular part of church life.

Highlights and Encouragements

One of the biggest highlights has been seeing a real sense of family develop within the group. It's become a place where people can belong, build genuine friendships, share life, and experience the love of the Gospel through one another. We've also enjoyed getting together outside our regular Wednesday nights, with trips out to Hearson's, pool parties and trips to Millstream. Our social nights have also been a great opportunity to connect with non-believers, many of whom wouldn't normally attend church. It's encouraging to hear that they enjoy being part of the group and feel comfortable spending time with us.

But perhaps most exciting this year has been seeing the spiritual growth among our young adults. We've seen people get baptised, and it's been amazing to see the Spirit stirring hearts and young adults beginning to own their faith for themselves.

I'm also really thankful for Grace Cook, who has come alongside me to co-lead the ministry. She stepped in and took on much of the responsibility while I was away for three months on placement and has been a real blessing, particularly in building relationships and connecting with the girls.

Looking Ahead

I'd love to continue developing the discipleship side of the group, becoming more intentional about how we encourage spiritual growth and maturity through God's Word, prayer and relationships. I also want to continue building connections with non-believers, finding ways to develop those friendships and effectively share the love and message of Jesus. As the group grows, raising up more leaders and sharing the responsibility will also be important.

Please pray for wisdom as Grace and I continue leading the group, for unity and spiritual growth among our young adults, and for opportunities to reach more young people who don't yet know Jesus. May many salvations and disciples come out of this ministry.

Callum Guy
Young Adults Coordinator

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

SOAP Ladies Bible Study Report

Ladies Bible Study runs every Tuesday morning of the school term. We have had 30 ladies attend over the past 12 months plus a few visitors. On a weekly basis we average between 8 to 14 ladies and quite a few children. Our number of regular attendees has grown over the last 12 months, and we have had a few social evenings at the church to build and deepen relationships.

In the last 12 months this group has grown in their hunger for more of Jesus, for greater understanding of God and His word. There is a greater depth regarding open and honest sharing of faith, life, struggles and answers to prayer. Prayer for each other has increased as evidenced on Tuesday morning but also using our messenger group as many use it to ask for prayer. I've loved watching the ladies (not always me) initiating laying on of hands and praying for each other in times of distress. This has become a very regular occurrence, recognising our/their absolute dependence on Jesus. What a joy!!

Tuesday morning has become one of the highlights of my week and for many others as well. I've had the privilege of watching many of our new Christian ladies grow in their faith and walk with Jesus. This has also been true for our regulars. I've witnessed wisdom, discernment, love and revelation grow…. Ephesians 1:17- "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." Praise God!

Ladies Bible study is a safe place for all to grow in our relationship with Jesus, study His word, ask tough questions, receive genuine empathy and support, whether its physical, emotional or spiritual. Our relationships have grown, the way we support each other has grown and most importantly our love for Jesus Christ has grown! All praise to our Heavenly Father.

Sharon Guy
Associate Pastor, Families and Community Engagement



"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Men's Bible Study Report

Overview and Schedule

Throughout 2025/2026, the Men's Bible Study group continued to meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings. Our gatherings take place at Lo's Cafe in town, commencing at 6:00 am. The early morning schedule allows us to meet for approximately 45 minutes, accommodating the various professional and work commitments of our members before the workday begins.

Format and Discussion

Our sessions are structured around scripture and fellowship. We typically begin each meeting with the reading of one or more biblical verses, followed by a brief introduction to set the context. From there, the floor is opened for group discussion. These times have provided invaluable opportunities for open, robust conversations, the sharing of personal testimonies, and healthy, engaging theological debate.

Resources

This year, Nick introduced Lectio, a free Christian mobile application dedicated to daily prayer, scriptural meditation, and bible reading. This digital resource helps with prayer and reflection.

The group remains a vital space for the men of our congregation to encourage one another, dig deeper into God's Word, and build strong faith-based community.

Best regards,

Izak Nieuwoudt
Men's Group Coordinator



Hospitality Team Report

Overview

The hospitality team is about trying to make everyone's experience of church as positive as possible. Our team covers

- Welcoming, greeting everyone who arrives at church on a Sunday morning.
- Morning tea service, providing tea and coffee and morning tea after the service.
- Counting the offering, an important, but not necessarily hospitable task, that needs to be rostered.

What took place this year was that hot tea and coffee were served, snacks were provided, the offerings were accounted for, hands were shaken and hopefully people felt welcome and supported as they entered and attended our church.

Highlights and encouragements

The team we have has consistently shown up and served our community to the best of their abilities. We haven't had many people leave the team or miss their rostered commitments.

Looking ahead

In terms of the future it would be great to have more people on the roster to share the load of welcomers and offering counters. I think it would be great to have two families in the kitchen per week in order to lighten the load of providing morning tea for the number of attendees we typically have on a Sunday. And also in terms of the cleaning afterward, it can be quite a task to get through all the cleaning with just one family.

Arlene Gault
Hospitality Coordinator



"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)

Meals Ministry Report

Overview

The purpose of our Meals Ministry is to provide practical support and care to those in need through the simple but meaningful act of providing a meal. Throughout the year, we have had the opportunity to bless individuals and families in a variety of circumstances, including families welcoming babies, people recovering from surgery and those navigating challenging seasons of life. This has primarily been facilitated through organising meal trains, allowing members of our church community to come together to provide meals and practical support when it is needed most.

Additionally, we have a church freezer that has recently been kindly re-stocked with a variety of ‘grab and go’ frozen meals. These provide a convenient option for individuals and families to access meals when a need arises. Earlier this year, we had the opportunity to provide desserts for the participants of the Alpha course, helping create a welcoming environment where people could enjoy a meal and experience a sense of community together.

Highlights and Encouragements

One of the greatest encouragements this year has been the generosity and willingness of those in our Meals Ministry WhatsApp group. We are so thankful for the wonderful people who continually volunteer their time to prepare and deliver meals to others. It is a beautiful example of our church community putting love into action and caring for one another in practical ways.

It has also been incredibly encouraging to see how well received the meal trains are by those who receive them. Beyond simply providing food, these meals communicate care, support and a reminder that people are not alone during significant or difficult seasons of life. It is a privilege to see recipients feeling loved, supported and blessed by the generosity of our church family. We are thankful for the many ways God continues to work through the willingness of people to serve others.

Looking Ahead

As we look towards the year ahead, one of our priorities is to continue growing our team of volunteers. We would love to see more people get involved and be willing to prepare a meal when a need arises. You don’t need to be a fantastic cook to participate! Even something as simple as a couple of store-bought oven pizzas can bless someone more than you might realise. Every contribution, big or small, is valuable.

We also pray for more opportunities to extend the reach of our Meals Ministry beyond our immediate church community. While many of the people we have supported are members of our church or have connections within it, we would love to see opportunities to bless others in the wider community. Our hope is that through sharing a meal, we can demonstrate the love of God, build connections and create opportunities for people to experience the care and generosity of the church.

We look forward to seeing how God continues to use this ministry in the year ahead and pray that we would remain a community that is willing and eager to serve others.

Ashlyn Woods
Meals Ministry Coordinator

Music Director Ministry Report

Overview

The Music Director role was established in 2025 within the Worship Ministry. The focus has been on supporting our Worship Leaders and musicians, helping facilitate Sunday morning worship, and developing consistency and direction within the team.

It's been a great year for the Music Ministry! As Music Director, I primarily oversee the facilitation of our Sunday morning worship sets alongside our Worship Leaders, working with them and our musicians to bring the music together and make it as easy as possible for our congregation to sing and worship God. A big part of this involves workshopping songs, guiding our musicians and equipping them with the tools they need to play confidently and well. We have Tuesday night rehearsals as well as a Sunday morning rehearsal before church starts. For larger events, such as Worship Nights and Carols, we organise additional rehearsals to prepare for the longer sets.

Highlights and Encouragements

Karratha Baptist definitely knows how to sing! It has been greatly encouraging for us as a team, so we give thanks. We have been adding many new songs which have been received well by the congregation.

One of the big highlights this year has been starting up our Worship Nights. We've held three so far, each consisting of an hour of worship and scripture readings. They have been really Spirit-filled nights, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. People have really enjoyed these opportunities to spend extended time in worship, and there's definitely an appetite for more!

Another huge highlight was celebrating our 50th anniversary. What an incredible weekend! Being able to lead worship alongside some of the pioneers of our church was really special. Our church has such a love for worship, and it's a real credit to the faithfulness and commitment of our music teams. One comment from the weekend that really stuck with me was that it felt like "heaven had opened up and we were worshipping with the angels". I wholeheartedly agree, and what a privilege to be part of moments like that!

Looking Ahead

We'd love to continue the Worship Nights into next year, building on what's already been started. We also want to keep investing in developing our musicianship, adding new songs, and empowering our worship team and leaders.

One of the ongoing challenges is making sure we're looking after our teams well. There is a lot of preparation that goes into what we do, and balancing rehearsals, Sunday commitments and other events can be challenging. We'd love to see more musicians come on board to help share the load, as well as developing some good systems that allow people to serve sustainably without burning out.

Please pray for continued unity and integrity within our team, that we would keep growing not just in our musical ability but also in our hearts for worship and for one another. Ultimately, we want to keep creating spaces where people can encounter the presence of God and where He receives all the glory.

Callum Guy
Music Director

Sound Ministry Report

Overview and Maintenance

Throughout the 2025/2026 period, our team focused on essential maintenance and evaluating equipment. During these equipment checks, we identified several items that are either approaching their end-of-life or require a complete overhaul. On a positive note, we successfully upgraded the Front of House (FOH) system to a spare amplifier that was available. This change has successfully reduced channel noise and improved audio clarity.

System Upgrades

Following careful research and consultations with Dono, Shaun, and Izak, we have decided to upgrade the main Front of House system. We will be transitioning to a portable column unit, similar to the one currently utilized by Resource City Church. The upgrade will enhance sound coverage and quality.

Team Updates and Recruitment

We welcomed team members Gordo and JP, as well as our latest addition, Samuel. Shaun also returned after time off.

As Izak and Gordo will soon be relocating away from Karratha, we are actively looking for new volunteers to step into the sound ministry. If you have an interest in audio - or simply a heart to serve - we warmly encourage you to join us. No prior experience is necessary, as full training will be provided.

Izak Nieuwoudt
Sound Coordinator



"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."

Ephesians 6:7 (NIV)

Screens Ministry Report

Overview

The Screens Ministry play an important role in supporting our Sunday services by helping the congregation follow along with worship songs, Scripture readings, sermon presentations and church announcements.

Throughout 2026, I have continued serving in the Screens Ministry, preparing and managing presentations through ProPresenter 7. This involves ensuring that lyrics, Scripture references and other slides are ready and displayed correctly, while working alongside the worship and service teams to help each service run smoothly.

An important part of this year has also been welcoming new volunteers, providing opportunities for people to learn, develop their skills and become involved in serving the church.

Highlights and Encouragements

One of the biggest blessings this year has been the growth of our Screens Ministry team. We have gone from approximately 3–4 volunteers last year to around 10 volunteers this year. It has been encouraging to see more people willing to step in, learn and be part of the ministry, regardless of their previous experience.

Although we still experience challenges with volunteer availability and people coming and going, it has been a blessing to see others take the opportunity to serve and develop their confidence along the way.

It has also reminded me that ministry is not just about getting things done on a Sunday, but about creating opportunities for people to use their gifts, learn new skills and become more involved in the life of the church. Even though the work often happens behind the scenes, it is rewarding to know that we are contributing to an environment where people can worship, engage with God's Word and stay connected.

Looking Ahead

Moving forward, one of my prayers is to continue building a stronger and more consistent volunteer team. While we are grateful for the growth we have seen this year, we continue to pray for more people to join, commit and grow within the ministry.

I would particularly love to encourage our young people and youth within the church to consider getting involved. The Screens Ministry can be a great starting point for them to step into serving, learn new skills, build confidence and grow in their faith through being part of a ministry team.

I pray that our team will continue to grow, not just in numbers but in people who are willing to serve with a genuine heart for God. May we remember that even the smallest tasks matter when they are done for His glory, and that every opportunity to serve is also an opportunity to grow in our walk with Christ.

Charity Salise
Screens Ministry Coordinator

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Maintenance Ministry Report

Overview

The last 12 months has seen the team contribute to general upkeep and refreshing of the church building, including preparations for the 50th anniversary celebrations.

The team uses their talents and skills to repair and replace items, as well as general upkeep of the church grounds while building fellowship together.

Highlights and encouragement

Painting- the church received a fresh coat of pain to the external flashings, finally matching it to the overall colour scheme. The internal steel beams in the café have also begun the move towards a fresher white, along with adding a more contemporary colour to the Kidzone rooms and hall area. Fresh curtains have also been added to the Kidzone rooms this year.

Gardens - some dedication from the group sees the lawns regularly trimmed, while some individual effort has seen the reticulation all plumbed in and working with the final task being the electrical connection to the controller (still a work in progress).

Having the team commit time at the church building has led to connection through working side by side and common achievement of a goal, as well as presented opportunity to meet and pray with people in need who drop in.

The industrial coffee machine has also received some attention, fixing a leak to bring it back to a good working condition, however, there remains some minor items to have the whole unit fully functioning.

Looking ahead

Budgeting for a refresh of the public toilets (mens, ladies and kidzone) would continue the theme of modernising sections of the building that have aged. The mens and ladies toilets need new partitioning, fixings and doors and will benefit from a fresh coat of paint; and if budget allows fresh grout or even new tiling.

The team may also have some capacity to reinstate the shade sail poles in the rear outdoor area, but would require financial support for suitable poles, concrete and fixings.

It is hoped that, with the repairs to the coffee machine, a dedicated 15A (or possibly 20A if necessary) power outlet could be added to the kitchen. The suggestion is to modify the existing 10A outlet where the microwave currently sits, bringing the coffee machine to the forefront of the kitchen area- this would also mean the reverse osmosis water filter would need to be relocated to the sink nearby.

Jamie Gault
Maintenance Coordinator

"May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands."

Psalm 90:17 (NIV)

First Quarter Financial Summary

Karratha Baptist Church remains in a **strong overall financial position**, with significant cash reserves and a solid net asset base. At 30 September 2026, the Church held total assets of approximately **$767,700**, total liabilities of **$25,800**, and net assets of approximately **$741,900**. This compares with net assets of approximately **$750,800 at 30 June 2026**. The reduction of approximately $9,000 reflects the year-to-date operating deficit.

For the first three months of the financial year, **income has performed positively against budget overall**. Total income year to date was **$96,855 compared with a budget of $91,500**, representing a favourable variance of approximately **$5,355 or 5.9%**. Offering and Tithes, the Church's principal income source, were **$89,893 year to date compared with the budget of $85,500**, approximately $4,400 ahead of budget.

September itself was softer, with income of **$25,242 against the monthly budget of $30,500**. Offering and Tithes were $22,787 compared with the September budget of $28,500. While this was below budget for the month, the stronger results in July and August mean that income remains ahead of budget on a year-to-date basis.

The main financial pressure during the period has been **expenses rather than income**. Year-to-date operating expenses were **$103,905 compared with the budget of $89,074**, approximately **$14,831 above budget**. September expenses were particularly high at **$42,815 compared with a monthly budget of $29,798**. A significant contributor was the annual **insurance expense of $14,942**, which was recognised in September against a monthly budget allocation of $1,400.

After operating expenses, the Church recorded a **year-to-date deficit of $7,050**, compared with a budgeted surplus of $2,426.

Despite the year-to-date deficit, the Church continues to maintain **strong liquidity**. Bank accounts totalled approximately **$426,400 at 30 September**, compared with $432,900 at 30 June. Total current assets were $435,400 compared with current liabilities of only $25,800. The largest cash reserve is approximately $351,900 held in the BFS Notice of Withdrawal account.

Overall, the financial position of the Church remains sound. **Income and giving are ahead of year-to-date budget, liquidity remains strong and liabilities remain relatively low.**

The key priorities for the remainder of the year are therefore to maintain the encouraging level of giving and other income and ensure that the Church continues to use its strong cash position responsibly in support of its ministry and longer-term objectives.

Wayne Hutchons
Treasurer

