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# CrossLife 2021 Annual Report

*Looking back...*

*& Walking forward together as a Family...*



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A BAPTIST  
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CrossLife a Baptist church - *Helensvale - Southport - Upper Coomera*

Young Discoverers Child Care Centers - *Helensvale & Upper Coomera*

Young Discoverers Out Of School Hours Care - *Highland Reserve & Emmanuel College*

CrossLife Property Ltd

Lakeside - *Community Hub*

The Well - *Community Hub (Health - Lifestyle - Community)*

# Lead Pastor Report



**Matt Hunt**

**T**he world has changed.

The attitude, habits, fears and hopes of people, inside and outside the church, has changed.

The nature of church ministry has changed.

We are in midst of a turning point in the history of the world: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise of China who is now outstripping the US as the major world power, the rise of the public presence and influence of the extreme edges of the right and left through both traditional media and social media, and the empowering of groups that in the past have been on the edge of society with minimal voice in our culture.

And of course the slow death of cultural Christianity in Australia as much as elsewhere in the western world. The 2021 census will show even less 'Christians' in Australia than ever.

But it's not the death of real Christian personal faith and community. The institutional church might be on the nose in the media, but the personal faith and witness of individual followers of Jesus is as appreciated as ever in Australian society.

It is in this context that we remember the words of Hebrews 13:8, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*" There is no need to fear. No need to worry. God has things in His hand today as much as any time of history.

CrossLife's work and ministry continues in this volatile and changing context. We need to look at God's work in and through CrossLife through this rested, God centred, gospel hearted grid. Although at times these changing times cause me to wring my hands, cry out in frustration, and wonder if it is worth it, when I open my eyes and look at my Father and King, I am reminded that his back is not turned. Rather he is slowly building his multiplying, outward looking, caring and loving work. Let me make some brief comments on what I see God has been doing during 2021 at CrossLife under the same three headings I used at our 2020 AGM nearly a year ago.

**“ We have continued our God centred journey as a church as we pray, open God's word together, and frame our language, and expectations, around what God is doing amongst us as He builds His kingdom and His church. ”**

## God-centred

We have continued our God centred journey as a church as we pray, open God's word together, and frame our language, and expectations, around what God is doing amongst us as He builds his kingdom and His church. We are finding a sense of the intangible touch of the hand and direction of the Holy Spirit as we do. One example of this (and I hear a number from each of our campuses) is how God led our Investigation Team to recommend Dale Lennon as our new Helensvale Campus Pastor. There were four excellent candidates on our short list whom we interviewed and there was a sense that we could have recommended all four!! How could we come down to one recommendation when there were seven members of the team!! Yet when all interviews were complete and the groups was asked to share who was at the 'top of their list', all seven had Dale at the top of the list. God lead us and we were wonderfully amazed and thankful.

## Multiplication

We continue to be intentional about multiplying the work of the gospel through CrossLife. There are many examples of this – seeing one Building a Discipling Culture cluster multiply into four, the increasing responsibility our young adults have in areas of First Quarter ministry such as holiday Club, and even the multiplying of Holiday Club from one four-day programme at Helensvale to four programmes at each Young Discoverers service. We saw this too in the



church decision about the appointment of YD Chaplains as a team which sets up the multiplying of Chaplains in the years ahead. We've also seen it in new LIFE groups that have started, or old ones reengaged, at each campus during 2021.

The issue of multiplication is before us for 2021 as we move First Quarter to a great campus based ministry and employ more ministry support workers at our campuses. It is also at work as we reinstate the Church Planting Oversight team in 2022 and take small steps forward in the journey of seeking God about multiplying more CrossLife campuses.

## Community

Our community engagement continued to develop during 2021, both missionally with our local communities, and also deepening our community within the church. Helensvale continued its journey toward greater unity and anticipation for the future as the campus prepares for the arrival of Dale Lennon, his wife Jalane, and their kids Parker and Adeline. There is also missional community engagement growing with the reinstatement of Playgroup, and engaging again with Helensvale Bowls Club across the road.

Southport numbers on Sundays have grown over 2021 (as have other campuses) and the Foodbank has an ever increasing presence and contribution to the local community, most particularly to those in need. Further, the recent Carinity grant for the building redevelopment was said to be based on an appreciation for the community ministry that was already happening at the campus, and how the redevelopment would only increase and support what was already happening.

And at Upper Coomera, our ever increasing number of tenants at The Well is further demonstration of the Holy Spirit's leadership of the church's commitment to its local community. The work of Young Discoverers both at The Well (Outside of School Care service) and Lakeside (Lon Day care centre) continues to bring the church closer to the community as more families engage with the Lord Jesus through the church.

## 'Thank you's' and Conclusion

There is much going on around CrossLife and there are many people to thank. Our Elders and Church Board not only have had monthly meetings all year. But additional meetings as well as we continue to navigate not only local church ministry in this unique hybrid multi-site structure, but also matters such as COVID-19 and how it impacts us. The same applies to those on the Boards of Young Discoverers (YDL) and CrossLife Property (CPL) – some people are on one of those Board alongside being on the Church Board or eldership. I am deeply thankful to God for these leaders, and I thank them too for their efforts, heart, support and time.

And of course there are all of you – LIFE group leaders, ministry leaders and volunteers, those who attend our events, who build relationships in the church, who support the work in prayer and financial giving, and a whole lot more. Thank you too.

Our changing world still cries out for the unchanging Jesus and the gospel. May we give glory to God as He does His work and we make ourselves available to Him to see more people find life and forgiveness forever through the Lord Jesus.

Matt Hunt  
Lead Pastor

*Thanks Matt,  
For running the race, for showing us Jesus,  
for giving your all, for copping it on the chin, and for  
loving us anyway! Your load is enormous.  
Your Grateful CrossLife family...*

# Campus Pastor Reports

## SOUTHPORT

**I**n many ways, this has been an incredibly encouraging year for us as a Campus. We have seen God at work in many areas, including the running of the alpha course (twice), the expanding of our food pantry ministry, the continued relationships being forged through our playgroup in the park, the commencement of the conqueror series to combat pornography addiction, and a handful of people who have started reading the Bible with their unbelieving friends.

This year we have seen at least 4 people give their life to Christ. There is nothing more exciting than seeing a person respond to God's revelation of Himself. Many of us have sought the Lord in prayer for such things; praise be to God!

We continue to seek the Lord on what it looks like to serve those who are disadvantaged. This week I met a teenager living on the streets, and my heart was broken at what I saw. We are situated in a unique location, so we must continue to wrestle with God on what it means for us to be a city on a hill. I believe there is more ahead for us in this area.

Lastly, we look ahead with an expectation that we will see the commencement of our stage 2 project next year. I'm really excited to share with the Church on how this project will enable us to connect with our community in a greater way. Receiving a \$150,000 grant from Carinity is a tremendous boost. Such a gift gives us a confidence that the Lord is behind this project, and will guide us forward.



**Jimmy Hill**

“There is nothing more exciting than seeing a person respond to God's revelation of Himself. Many of us have sought the Lord in prayer for such things; praise be to God!”

## UPPER COOMERA

**I** think it's fair to say the last year has been unlike any other as we continue to navigate a COVID impacted world. With that said, while this has meant a great deal of unpredictability, we have seen God's grace throughout it.

We have seen new people connect with our campus through community connections (the markets, tenants at the well, those who found us online) and also through Playgroup (Mary has done a standout job forming community connections there with many families now present at playgroup almost every week. Not to mention the several conversations we have had regarding spirituality and Jesus!).

We are excited to see some baptisms happen soon both of some who are new to our campus, and some who have been around for a time.

Outside of Upper Coomera, it has also been a blessing to see some of our campus providing meals to those at Jacob's Well through 12 Baskets. A huge shout out to Lisa Lester for heading this up. We look forward to seeing how God continues to develop this ministry and presence.

While we thank God for this year at our campus and as a part of what God is doing at Crosslife more broadly, we look forward to next year as there are several exciting opportunities on the horizon.



**Stefan Maslen**

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# CrossLife Property



**Brenda Newland**  
CPL General Manager



**A**s we come to the end of 2021 and look back over the last 12 months, 2021 was as interesting a year for CrossLife Property (CPL) as 2020, for some of the same and some different reasons.

COVID-19 continued to impact the operations of CPL as it did the rest of the world, and as much as possible the team rolled with the changes, and I thank the team for their flexibility in working through this.

The big change at The Well in 2021, and for CPL operationally was the increase in tenants. We started off with Healthy Gemz in the café in May, moved onto Cosmetique Haus as our first tenant in building 4 in June, signed a lease for Great Mates during this time for the front of building 4, and then followed this up with Gold Coast Tax signing in June and moving in at the end of September. Gold Coast Kids Therapy signed a lease in September and we are expecting they will open early December. We have 2 tenancies left to fill in building 4, please pray for the right tenants to come along, and thank God for the blessing of those we have in now.

With Gold Coast Tax moving up to The Well from Lakeside, we also have a new tenant, Health by Instinct, who have moved into the what was the GCT office.

Casual hire has continued to grow over 2021 where we are forecasting to once again double our income from casual hire in 2021 from 2020, as we did from 2019 to 2020. Well done to all the teams who have helped with this as it is a joint effort between Finance, Property and Concierge teams to keep this running. A big thank you must go to Gai Fritz for her skill in managing the engagement with the hirers.

Our team also grew in 2021 with Emma Knott starting with us as a volunteer in March, Jennie Paul joining us in May as the Admin Coordinator, followed quickly by Renee Hall as an addition to the Finance Team. We also for a period of time had Peter Hamilton working with the Property Team and Clint Montgomery in the Community Engagement Manager role. These two men had an impact on the CPL Team and we thank them for their time.

To conclude, I felt towards the middle of 2021 a sense of change coming for CPL, and God has been challenging, comforting and supporting the team during this period, as we continue to grow and adjust. I am so thankful for the CPL team and the broader network of support that we have from those directly and indirectly involved in the business end of the vision and mission of the church.

Thank you all for your time, effort and support, and thank you God for these people!



**Gai Fritz**  
Concierge

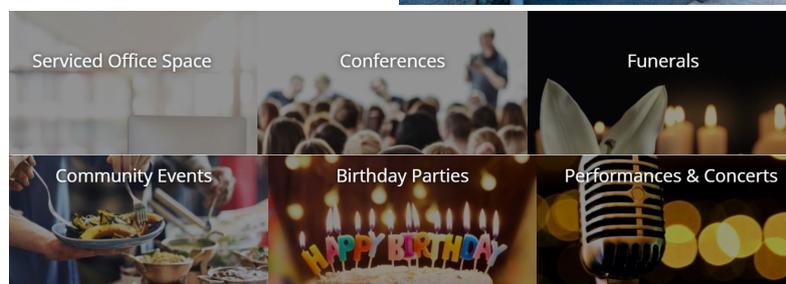


**Peter Watkins**  
Property Manager



**Rosemary Britton**  
Finance Team Leader

**CrossLife Property**  
Placing us in the midst of growing communities  
Managing our Venues  
Helping us serve others and do church a little differently



# Kids Reports

**2022 has been** an interesting season for our Playgroup ministry at Southport. Pre covid saw us gathering with many, many families in a structured setting at the church building. Post covid saw our numbers drop significantly.

We opted for a change in venue for Semester 2 that would add some variety to our Monday catch ups. We have been regularly meeting up with about six or seven families at local parks across the GC. The children and mums have enjoyed deepening our friendships and we look forward to our relaxed Monday mornings.

Thank you for your prayers over the year- they are much appreciated!



## Southport Campus Playgroup Christie and Caitlin

### Southport Campus Kids' Church

**T**his year in kids' church we followed the church sermon themes and put together our own materials week by week. We started the year with a series on the book of Ruth and saw Ruth's kindness to Naomi and how the Lord took care of her. We looked at some parables from Luke's gospel, including the difficult parable of the unjust steward in Luke 16 and saw the love of the Father in the parable of the prodigal son. We did a series on Acts, a series on 1 Corinthians and then a series on Ephesians.

Usually there were less than 10 senior kids (grades 3-6) attending upstairs and more than 10 junior kids (3yo – grade 2) in the Blue room. The kids had fun playing games, watching videos, hearing Bible stories, and doing craft activities.

We have a team of 10 helpers/leaders on roster, a few junior helpers and many wonderful people praying for us.

A key memory verse for the year is "With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine" Ephesians 3:20.

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Kids' church



Peter Woodfield

# Youth Report

**W**hat a year CrossLife Youth has had! 2021 has given us many opportunities to continue to connect with one another and our communities.

Our structure for the year has been predominantly combined across our 3 campuses, which has provided our youth with many opportunities to connect with teens from campuses outside their own. We have seen friendships built and grow in the youth space between teens from all campuses, which has reminded me how great it is to be part of a bigger CrossLife family as well as my own campus family.

On multiple occasions we have had opportunities to engage with the dance school that hires Southport Campus, and couple of times they have invited us to be a practice audience for their routines leading up to a big performance or competition. It was a joy to see such talented young people perform, as well as help them in their preparation for performing in front of even bigger groups of people. Though at the time that seemed like a small thing, we have seen God's kindness and grace in providing us with many more of those 'little' opportunities to engage with others in our local communities in Southport, Helensvale and Upper Coomera.

**“ A lot of our youth have also had the opportunity to bring the Good News of Jesus to kids in our Young Discoverers OSHC centres through Kids Adventure Days.**

One big addition to our Youth Program this year was the Youth Alpha Series! We ran an 'Alpha Café' nearly every second week across terms 3 and 4, where we hung out over some supper and hot choccies as we watched the Alpha videos and discussed the accompanying questions. At the very beginning of the 'Alpha Café' there was a general sense of awkwardness, but over these two terms it was great to see the youth grow more familiar with one another and feel much more comfortable sharing their thoughts and beliefs on each fortnight's topic. I was struck by the vulnerability of some of our youth as we discussed some tricky questions/topics.

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A lot of our youth have also had the opportunity to bring the Good News of Jesus to kids in our Young Discoverers OSHC centres through Kids Adventure Days. I have been so impressed with their passion, commitment and team work in this space, and have loved seeing them grow in many different ways in both character and skill. Check out Sam

Herring's report on "Kids Adventure Days" to learn more!

I want to thank all of you who have prayed for our youth, come alongside them and been involved in this ministry in some way, shape or form. You may not know or see the fruit, but I want to encourage you that you do have an impact. I think the best way for us to minister to our young people is actually not with the most entertaining program (though this has its place for sure), but it is by investing in them so they know they are loved and valued for who they are. My prayer for our church moving forward, is that this would remain a priority for all of us – to love and value our young people for who they are and who God created them to be (kids too!).

Many blessings,

**H-Mizzle, A.P-Dawg and D-Man**



**First Quarter Team**

# Young Discoverers Childcare

**W**e have had another super busy year! All of our centres have had a great year. Young Discoverers exists to 'nurture children (and their families, and our staff) in an environment of Christian love and care.' We feel so blessed to be able to walk alongside our communities and make an impact on the lives of individuals.



OSHC The Well has experienced an increase in solidarity and connection during 2021. Our children have settled in and many of the struggles we saw in 2020 have diminished, and in some cases disappeared. Recently this OSHC was able to furnish one of the learning centre rooms to create a deeper sense of belonging for both the children and our team. We believe that this will create an even stronger sense of community moving forward and we are very grateful for this blessing.

OSHC Emmanuel continues to enjoy great relationships with school leadership and the school community. Currently we are exploring how we can more deeply connect with Josiah College to support the diverse needs of this group. Our occupancy at Emmanuel continues to grow and demand for our vacation care programs is so high that we are continually reviewing our programs to ensure we can support as many people as possible.



Young Discoverers Helensvale has had some wonderful experiences this year. Helensvale enjoys lots of community experiences throughout the year and our families engage beautifully with them. Our educators love exploring creation and have created many opportunities to help support a sense of wonder for God's creation in our learning spaces. They love gardening, have a thriving bee hive and recently enjoyed some opportunities to play in the rain! We are looking forward to 2022 as we continue to be a beacon in our community.

Young Discoverers Highland Reserve is on the cusp of Assessment and Ratings (in fact as you read this we have just finished)! Miss Alina and her team have worked tirelessly to ensure the centre is ready and we feel optimistic about the outcome of this process and are feeling validated for the work they do. It has been a privilege for me to see this team come together for this important process and, as I have been looking at their program and practice, I have felt so proud to see the dedication and commitment this team have given to the children of Highland Reserve.



I feel incredibly humbled in my role. I work with an amazing team of Educators and professionals- including all our staff, our Directors and our Board of management. We so appreciate the prayer and support we get from so many of the CrossLife congregants, we know that the prayers we receive from so many have helped us navigate through the storms and through the day to day. Thank you for your ongoing prayer and support, I firmly believe that God directs our paths.

As we move into 2022 we continue to pray that God will keep us and safe and keep our families safe. Thank you for your ongoing prayers at this time.

God Bless,

Lisa Selvey  
Executive Director  
Young Discoverers Limited



**Lisa Selvey**



# Young Discoverers Childcare



## Chaplaincy Report



**Simone Herring**

**2021 has been an exciting** year in chaplaincy at Young Discoverers. Deb Cook was officially appointed in a pastoral position in the chaplaincy role she has been in for numerous years at the Outside School Hours Centre at The Well. Simone Herring was officially appointed at Helensvale Day Care Centre as the chaplain where she has been acting chaplain since CoVid hit in June 2020, and she also started in September at Highland Reserve Daycare Centre doing one day per week in each centre.

Kate Wood, from Highland Reserve Campus, was employed in a chaplaincy support role to provide three hours per week in child focused engagement in both Helensvale and Highland Reserve's Centres fortnightly.

Carina Lima, from Southport Campus, who was already on staff at Emmanuel Outside School Hours Centre, has had some of her hours allocated as the pastoral care educator in order to focus on spiritual development.



**Deb Cook**

As a growing team of chaplains we now meet together monthly for professional supervision. This is a valuable time of encouragement, support and learning.

We each have unique opportunities to creatively engage with the children, their parents and the staff in all four Young Discoverers Centres providing support in a variety of ways as needed and fitting with our gifts and skillsets.



**Carina Lima**

We are learning how to effectively introduce Jesus and Christian values to the children, who in many instances, know little or nothing of God. In the process we are able to resource and support the educators to also do this, working together with them collaboratively.

When asking some of the preschoolers what Christmas is about, they have responded excitedly about presents, Santa, lights, and Christmas trees. It is a real joy, privilege and a lot of fun to share with them the real Christmas story, and introduce them to Jesus and all that happened when He was born.



**Kate Wood**

You can support the chaplains in prayer and by asking them how things are going. I know they would love to share with you some of what God is doing.

Simone, Deb, Kate and Carina.

**Young Discoverers Chaplaincy Team**

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# CrossLife Missions

Helensvale

**I**t has been a privilege for us as a Missions Team to serve CrossLife Helensvale, and our supported missionaries, throughout 2021. As a campus we continue to financially and prayerfully support Brendan and Karina Pont, and Luke and Belle Harland in S E Asia. We also maintain close ties with the work of Promise Schools (Transform the Nations) in Yangon through our close connection with David and Stacie Coates, in what has been an exceedingly challenging year for the ministry of the International and National schools. After being delayed for six months because of travel restrictions, Brendan and Karina, with their children, were able to return to S E Asia in June, but have faced many challenges due to the pandemic. Luke and Belle have remained in Thailand throughout the pandemic, but the enforced isolation in their remote village caused them significant hardship, and earlier this year their team in north Thailand recommended relocating to Chiang Rai. This means they can work in closer relationship with other team members, and that the boys are able to attend school.

Locally, we continue to support Helensvale school chaplaincy, this support now going to Ben Findlay following the resignation of Long Bradley at Easter. Long had served the Helensvale school communities in remarkable ways for twenty years, and his commitment, faith, wisdom and compassion were recognised publicly, at many farewells, by many in the community. Ben is settling in well to his new role. We also continue to support Rachel Snelling in her role with Griffith Christian Students – Rachel had fellowshiped at Helensvale CrossLife for several years, but at the beginning of this year felt called by God to join with a new church plant at Broadbeach.

Our monthly financial commitments amount to just over \$3000, and are set as 10% of the Campus offerings. As the offerings were slow to reach target early in the year, the missions account was in deficit for several months. We were grateful to the Lord, and to the church family, for the response to the May missions appeal (\$2549) which has enabled us to continue with full support to each of our missionaries and ministries (SU Gold Coast, Compassion Connection, Queensland Baptists).

We continue to encourage child sponsorship in our church partnership in Indonesia, facilitated by Compassion. Restrictions due to the pandemic have affected the activities of the projects, and the information available to us. Martin Hall has recently taken over from Geoff Tudor as the church representative for Compassion.

It has been a delight for the team to facilitate two Sunday afternoon prayer times for ministries of Helensvale campus which have an outreach focus. These were well supported in attendance, and an opportunity to hear specifically from several local ministries and spend time in small groups praying for them. We look forwards to continuing these next year.

We have enjoyed providing information to the church family through regular mission spots during Sunday morning worship, and through weekly inserts in the E-News.

We are thankful to God for a missions-focused and outreaching heart in the congregation.

Graham and Ailsa Denner,  
Geoff and Marilyn Tudor,  
Wayne and Lillian Corbin,  
Leigh Knott, Gloria Higgins,  
Gerry Conomo, Martin Hall.

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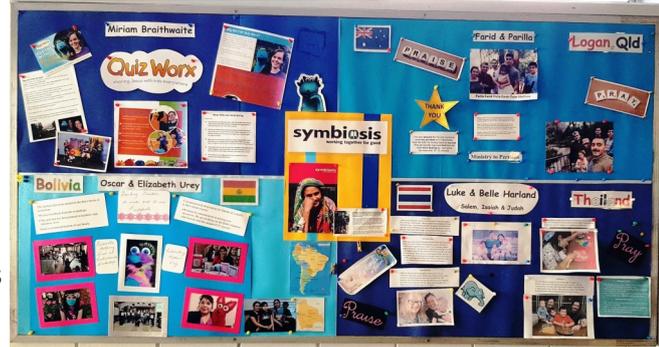
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# CrossLife Missions

**E**ach month in 2021 the Southport Campus supported 3 missionary families with \$250 per family and \$150 for Miriam as well as 2 ministries: Symbiosis with \$100 and Siembra with \$50 and QLD Baptists with \$320. We were pleased to be able to send our missionaries a Christmas gift this year of \$100 per adult and \$50 per child. Our monthly Mission Spots continued in the Sunday services and news in the E-News. Other information can be found on our Mission Board.

## Our advocates are:

- Ruth Clarke – GIA, Symbiosis, Bangladesh
- Ruth Crowe – Farid & Parila Qurbanpur – OM, Logan
- Larry Martin – Luke & Belle Harland – GIA, Thailand
- Elaine Rivas – Oscar & Elizabeth Urey – Pioneers, Bolivia and Siembra, their SS Curriculum.
- (vacant) - Miriam Braithwaite – QuizWorx, Qld
- QB, (QLD Baptists)



Ruth Crowe

So far in 2021 **Containers for Cash** has gained \$1,332 for missions and \$502 for our Food Pantry.

So far we have allocated \$300 to Symbiosis, \$300 to Afghanistan and \$300 to DFN's feeding program in India. If you can leave your cans and bottles for missions in the plastic box at the back of the church, that would be helpful.

Ruth Crowe – Mission Team Leader.

I thank the Lord that He has opened so many doors in providing food, finances and people in need. He continues to bring the volunteers many opportunities to share the love of Jesus.

## Highlights from this past year:

- Christine received Jesus and her Lord and Saviour.
- 6yr old boy who is absolutely engrossed in the bible and mum has to read it every night.
- Wilton who knows there is a God that loves him.
- Felipe; doing a mechanic course and needed to do his hours so God opened the doors for him to get paid for work and receive his necessary hours for school.
- Veronica who was pregnant and allowed us to pray that her family would be kept safe, healthy and God to work out her circumstances.
- Marcella has been doing the Alpha Course with Jimmy on Saturdays.

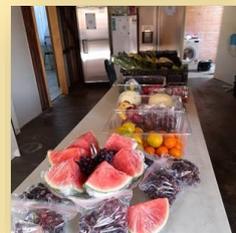
It's also a blessing to see bibles, children's bibles, bible stories, Christian books all walk out the door with those who need them.

## As for next year....

Expecting an overwhelming amount of families coming through our doors as God has given us all of these extra food resources in the last month or so.

God has proven time and time again that as WE bow our heads in prayer that NOTHING is impossible for Him.

Priscilla Pitiroi (Food Pantry Co-ordinator)



SOUTHPORT  
FOOD Pantry



# Crossroads Ministry [Helensvale]



**T**he last year at Crossroads has been one of more change, not only adjusting to the new normal (and ever changing) CoVID requirements, which we have done well as a team, but also progressive and intentional changes in staffing. Hannah Mitchell and Ash Pilbeam have continued to grow in their roles as Program Coordinator and Crossroads Administration/Program Support respectively.



I (Simone Herring)-have stepped back from my original three days to the current one day each week over the last 18 months. This has refocused my time on training, coaching and discipling rather than 'doing' Crossroads and has been an exciting and rewarding time of growth and development investing in our next generation of ministry leaders.

Crossroads continues to be a vibrant and engaging community which is welcoming, accepting and shares God's love in creative ways each and every week.

We have recently welcomed two new participants who are now attending regularly.

Crossroads has been financially impacted by lockdowns and the health risks created by CoVID. Despite this, the number of regular attenders has remained reasonably consistent and the importance of relational connection and community engagement has only been highlighted by CoVid impacts and resulting isolation.

The ongoing challenges of trying to financially sustain and support Crossroads in the NDIS climate have meant that the team (and others from CrossLife) have taken on fundraising efforts in the form of Bunnings BBQ's. The two we have done so far have been very successful and have also been a great display of teamwork. We would love for some extra helpers to share this load, if you are available to do one or a few Saturday BBQ's next year please let Hannah know. The upcoming missions Christmas appeal will also go to Crossroads this year, which is a huge blessing. If you are able to support even just a little, it will all make a difference and is greatly appreciated. Thank you to our regular contributors who have given faithfully.

Crossroads is solely supported by CrossLife now and we are delighted to have team members from all three CrossLife campuses serve on this amazing and multi talented team.



Please partner with us in prayer, encouragement and support and help continue this good work that God began in us more than twelve years ago.

Simone Herring - Crossroads Program - November 2021.



**Simone Herring**

# Religious Instruction

**W**ithin the restrictions of a world-wide pandemic now in its second year, it has been amazing that in the SE Qld region, access to our State schools for R I classes, has remained fairly constant, albeit with an occasional short lockdown period. Providing we were Within the restrictions of a world-wide pandemic now in its second year, it has been amazing that in the SE Qld region, access to our State schools for R I classes, has remained fairly



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constant, albeit with an occasional short lockdown period. Providing we were careful not to present with any Covid symptoms and wore masks in the school precincts, life in the classroom has been more or less *business as usual*. In terms of consistency and stability it has been 'as good as it could be' for the students, (especially compared with other states) and for us as well. Assemblies were immediately discontinued though, and for obvious reasons, most offsite excursions or inter-school competitions. The good news is; gatherings are back in place, so once again the wonderful teams from **Quiz Worx** will be able to present Christmas Shows at 40 school assemblies across the North Gold Coast.

We acknowledge with gratitude, the following people who have served on the 'frontline' this past year or so, and for some, *several* past years: from (HV) **Marilie Bester, Ilse Foote, Rob & Michelle Kuczynski, Maureen Cranston** at Helensvale SS, with **Miriam Braithwaite** at Pacific Pines SS, and **Deb Ward** at several schools. **Wayne & Rhonda Bryan** at Oxenford SS, had to regretfully discontinue early in the year, due to Wayne's ill-health. **Stef Maslen and Ruth Rowe** (UC) remain involved at Highland Reserve SS. Rob will become the co-ordinator at Helensvale School next year, while Deb, already a school co-ordinator, has also kindly undertaken the role of **Crosslife R I Coordinator**, thus being the go-to person for information, resources and assistance. If you are feeling a tug on your heart strings to help reach this generation for Jesus, this is the greatest opportunity available right at our back door! I am relinquishing my involvement with C R I after 22 years, but can thankfully and safely say it is all in excellent hands.

*Maureen Cranston*



**Maureen Cranston**

## Outline of lesson structure

Christian RI may involve a variety of up-to-date teaching methods including storytelling, prayer, music, drama, craft, activity books, games, quizzes, video clips and puppet shows. Program resources are written by professional educators and are age-appropriate.

## Amount of time for lesson per week

Typically 30 minutes per week



**Debbie Ward**

# Prayer @ CrossLife

***We're moving towards becoming a Prayer Saturated Church... come along for the journey!***

If you have a heart for prayer, love to intercede for others, want to see God's Kingdom grow... we invite you to join a CrossLife prayer group. Speak with your Campus Pastor or Pam Watkins, Praywatch prayer co-ordinator...

## ***Regular Prayer times at CrossLife***

<b>Helensvale</b>	<b>Southport</b>	<b>Upper Coomera</b>
Sundays 9:00am - Pre Service prayer	Tuesdays 12.30pm - Blue room	Tuesdays 10am - 'Chapel' The Well Intercessors
Sundays fortnightly - 5.30pm	Wednesdays 9:30am - Manse garage	Sundays - Pre Service
	Sundays 8.40am - Pre Service Prayer Blue room	

## ***PrayerCare...***

*We'd love to care for you by bringing needs before the Lord. You can choose the level of confidentiality you are most comfortable with, and your prayer requests will be treated with the utmost care.*

- *The CrossLife Elders*
- *Your Campus Pastor*
- *The CrossLife Intercessors*

## ***PrayerEquip...***

*Email Pam Watkins regarding training and equipping opportunities that are available in 2022 with...*

*Gold Coast House of Prayer*

*The Australian Prayer Network*

*Colin Stoodley*

*PeaceWise*



Grow the seeds  
God has planted  
in your heart  
Training & Equipping  
opportunities in 2022  
on the Gold Coast

**Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...**

*Ephesians 6:18*

# Financial Reports

## Audited reports - we are reducing print & copy costs

- CrossLife 2020 'Audited reports' are available on request.
- CrossLife 2021 financials (previously sent via email) copies available on request .

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## CrossLife Finance Team:

Adam Godby (Chair), Karen Dunnett, Matt Hunt, Stephen Knott, Bob Lowry.

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## Church 'Front' office staff and Volunteers:

Helensvale: Christina Paton, Heath Bewley, Ahlu Brown. | Southport: Danielle Gibbons.  
Upper Coomera: Debbie Cook. | Cross Campus: Pam Watkins.

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## CrossLife Board

Amy Seth (Chair), Naomi Burns, Ruth Clarke, Adam Godby, Tony Goldstone, Jimmy Hill, Matt Hunt, Stephen Knott, Josh Leveridge, Elaine Picton - Warlow.

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## CrossLife Elders

Matt Hunt, Jimmy Hill & Stefan Maslen (By virtue of their roles).  
Hano Bester, Bob Lowry, Larry Martin and Tim Phillips (standing for affirmation for another 2 year term).

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## CrossLife Campuses & Community spaces

Helensvale	Southport	Upper Coomera	'The Well' Concierge	Lakeside CC	Accounts & HR
23 Discovery Dr, Helensvale 07 5573 3644	170 Nerang St Southport 07 5531 2946	8 Highland Way Upper Coomera 07 5570 7135	58 Highland Way Upper Coomera 07 5570 7100	25 Rose Valley Dr Upper Coomera	58 Highland Way Upper Coomera 07 5570 7110

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## Young Discoverers Childcare and Out of school Hours Care

Helensvale Long Day Care 39 Discovery Dr, Helensvale 07 5529 7888	Highland Reserve Long Day Care 25 Rose Valley Dr, Upper Coomera 07 5519 3476	'The Well' OSHC 58 Highland Way Upper Coomera 07 5570 7155	Emmanuel College OSHC 1 Birmingham Rd Carrara 07 5561 4005
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