

Tasmania Patrol

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GENERAL NEWS

~ In November 2022, I attended the PIM staff gathering at New Dunesk, PIM's property situated on the Newell Highway near Ardlethan. If you are passing by, you are very welcome to call in and have a look, or even camp or caravan for the night. The staff gathering was a great time to catch up with colleagues and have some teaching on evangelism and discipleship by David Burke from Christ College, Sydney.

~ As our cars are increasing in mileage, PIM is fundraising for some new vehicles, including mine. If you would like to donate, please visit the PIM webpage or contact me using the details on the back page. ~ *"For people seeking a slice of history, church do-over projects are an increasing source of fascination. Renovated into homes, accommodation and workspaces, these buildings have been restored and put to a new purpose"* – This is an excerpt from a newspaper several months ago. How sad that many rural churches continue to be sold for other uses. Please support the Tasmania Patrol, so I can reach out in areas where the church is in decline.



L. PIM staff in newly built camp kitchen at New Dunesk.



R. My 4WD parked at Ross, North Midlands, after traversing some muddy rural roads.

PRAYER and PRAISE

Praise God for: ~ growing friendships ~ Gospel discussions ~ monthly ministry with Stanley Presbyterian ~ safe travel on rural roads ~ ministry of PIM throughout Australia ~ bush Bible studies ~ faithful supporters in prayer and finance ~ Jesus, Lord & Saviour

Pray for: ~ God's guidance ~ more financial supporters of the Tasmania Patrol ~ positive response to Gospel presentations ~ more to join bush Bible studies ~ 4WD to be trouble free ~ opportunities to share PIM with churches ~ wise 'Good News' presentations

ON PATROL

~ At the end of January I conducted a thanksgiving service for the Taylor family who have resided on the Macquarie River and nearby vicinity for 200 years on various farm properties. The service was held at Kirklands Presbyterian Church which was established in the 1830's and the Taylor family have been associated with Kirklands since its inception. 150 'Taylors', both local and from interstate, attended the service. As the capacity of the church is about 80, many were seated outside the building listening over a sound system. It was a warm day but quite windy. A picture below shows Kirklands and some of those in attendance. Kirklands is literally a church in a paddock.

~ In November last year, the cold weather desperately tried to hang on. The picture below shows a snow covered landscape as I was on my way to leading a Bible study in the Southern Midlands. The 4WD has been great in deep snow, especially on steep inclines.

~ As per previous years I am again leading a service once a month at Stanley Presbyterian Church in the North West. If you are visiting Tasmania's NW, the church has a manse that is available for holiday rental at a very reasonable price.

~ Praise the Lord for growing friendships. One fellow I visit, a self confessed unbeliever, recently told me I am one of his best friends. He is going to accompany me as I explore some new territory. Please pray for fruitful discussions as we drive.

Reunion Service at Kirklands - January 2023



Snow - Mid November 2022



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thanks so much to all the faithful supporters of the Tasmania Patrol. Your prayers, love and kindness enable me to stay on those country roads. It is so important that we keep Christian ministry in our rural and isolated regions. If you would like to become a supporter, please visit the Tasmania Patrol page at www.pim.org.au, or contact me using the details displayed below.



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