



COASTLANDS

Community Activation

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PART 1: WHO WE ARE

About Coastlands Church

Coastlands Church is a local church passionate about knowing Jesus and making him known. Our desire is for the gospel to deeply impact our lives and reach the ends of the earth.

We are a multigenerational family spread throughout the city. Together, we share a transforming story of God's goodness and grace expressed through us. We preach the good news of the gospel and are committed to reflecting God's love for us by loving like Jesus.

Founded in 1991, Coastlands Church has, in different locations, served as an example of the positive impact that Christianity and churches can have within a community.

We are Christ-centred, Spirit empowered and gospel advancing. Together we seek to:

- Gather, grow, and serve each other (local church)
- Meet the needs of our local community (local mission)
- Support the advancement of the gospel beyond us (global mission)

Coastlands Community Centre, an initiative of Coastlands Church, is made possible by the generosity and care of its members. The community centre provides a place for gathering, connecting, and meeting specific community needs through our charity, Coastlands Community Care.

Who We Are Together

To be a fruitful and effective church, we are called to be in relationship with Christ and each other.

We are part of God's family, and as the body of Christ are united in mission in this world.

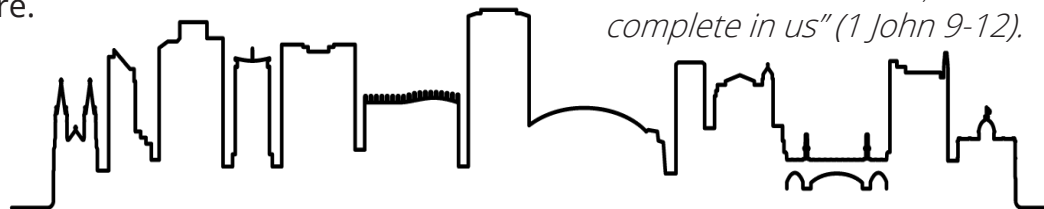
As God's **family**, we experience his love, letting it shape and transform us.

As the **body** of Christ, we function together, serving one another and Christ. We continue to respond to his truth and together display his glory to those around us.

As God's **army**, we're tasked with loving like Jesus and sharing the gospel every day, everywhere. We generously let his grace and love that has been poured out to us, openly flow through us, to those around us.

Our ongoing transformation in Christ is crucial. As we allow his love to continually shape us, we are empowered by this same love to authentically love others in a way that reflects God's love.

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us" (1 John 9-12).



Personal Reflection



How connected are you in Coastlands?

RELATIONALLY

Connected with God and each other.

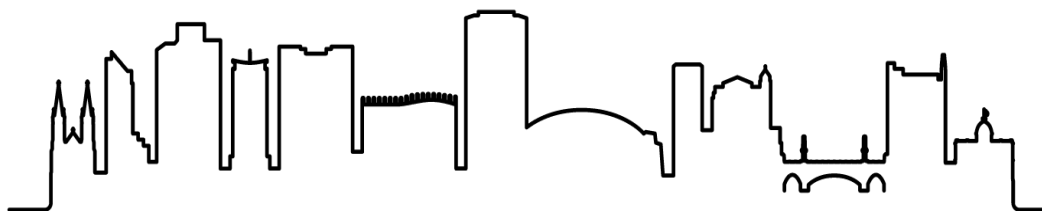


MISSIONALLY

Representing Christ and reaching out beyond ourselves.

FUNCTIONALLY

Serving each other and working together.





The Foundation – The Gospel Invitation

The gospel is the story of how God comes to humanity to restore us to himself. It is the good news about Jesus Christ. It is central to our Christian faith and everything we do at Coastlands.

The gospel invites each one of us to come and respond to God. To engage with the life-changing waters that will transform us.

“Come everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price” (Isaiah 55:1).

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of His heart will flow rivers of living water’” (John 7:37-39).

The need for transformation through Christ is universal.

The gospel invitation of life has already been generously given to all – there is nothing further we need to do or work for.

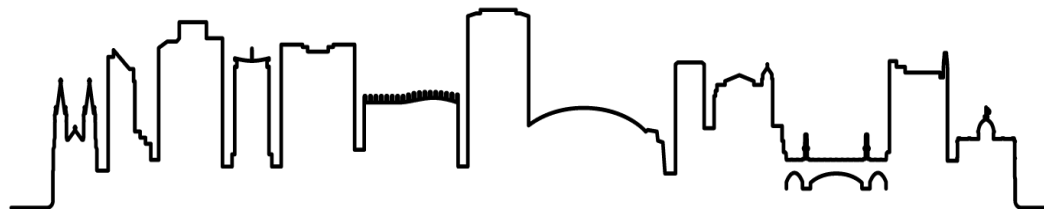
However, the story of God restoring us to himself is an ongoing experience throughout our entire lives, not just the moment we first embrace this good news.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Group Reflection:

1) How has the gospel been at work in your life this past year, and how has Coastlands supported you in that?

(The gospel is the story of how God comes to restore us to Himself. It's His ongoing work in our lives).





The Heart - The Gospel Outworked

We don't just respond to the gospel in our hearts; it needs to become a lived reality in our daily lives, affecting those around us.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, *'Out of His heart will flow rivers of living water'*" (John 7:37-39).

God's plan to restore humanity unfolds within us and through us. When the gospel deeply influences our lives, the life-giving peace, hope, love, and joy we receive also touch and impact those around us. Through the restoration of what's broken in our lives, God reveals his goodness and glory to everyone, whether they know him or not.

God's heart has always been one of restoration and hope for humanity. Jesus echoed this when he spoke the words from Isaiah 61 in Luke 4.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the year of the Lords favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn; to give them beauty for ashes and the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a heavy spirit. That they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations" (Isaiah 61:1-4).

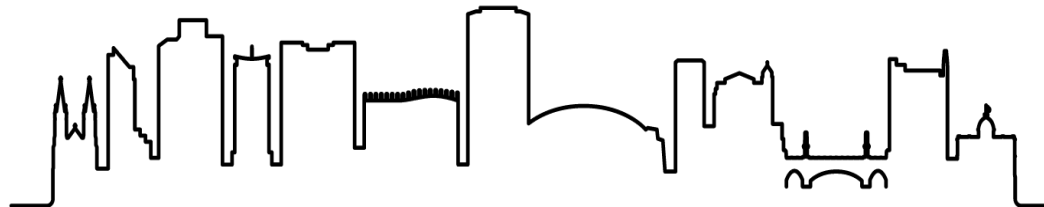
This transformation isn't something we achieve—it's the result of God's presence within us. As we abide in Christ, His Spirit renews and transforms us, producing lasting fruit—love, joy, peace, and more. Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

It is not our effort but Christ living in us that brings true change.

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

God doesn't ask us to do something or be something. Instead, He invites us to give our whole lives to him. To let him work in and through us, transforming us with his love so that we can love - like Him.





PART 2: WHAT WE DO

To love like Jesus means extending love to those around us in our church and local community, as well as those beyond.

We know that *“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8)*. This truth allows us to love others and meet their needs in line with the mission, message, and character of Christ, rather than relying on our own understanding.

With Christ at the centre of our lives, we prioritise His truth and his way over our own.

Our desire is that through the ordinary moments and needs of life we may preserve dignity, and authentically and lovingly engage people (both within and outside of the church) with the life transforming reality of the gospel.

Gospel Mission

The challenges we face in our own lives are often the vehicle through which God engages our hearts. The same is true for others in our church, as well as people in our local community and across the world.

Group Reflection:

3) What are some of the biggest challenges people are facing today?

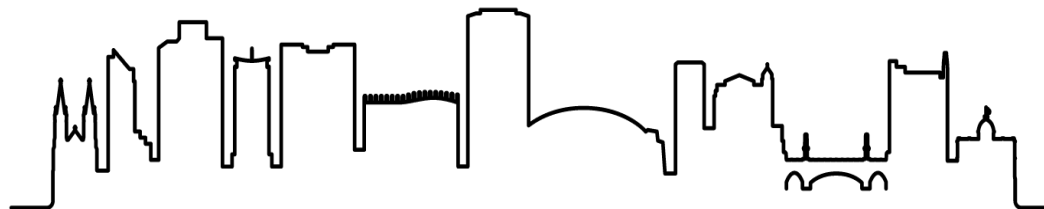
(Consider personal challenges, needs within our church community, and broader issues in society and the world.)

4) How does the gospel speak into these challenges, and how are we called to respond?

(Choose 2-3 challenges and reflect on:

What does the gospel offer in terms of hope, healing, or transformation for this situation?

How does Jesus' example and God's word call us as individuals and a church community to respond in love and action?)





Coastlands Initiatives

Our desire is to identify, harness and release the passions, skills, talent and giftings of our church family to serve each other and engage with the needs of the broader community. That together we would be conduits of the gospel life and good stewards of his grace.

“The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”. 1 Peter 4:7-11

We have many activities and opportunities to connect and serve our local church, local community, and global community.

Information on each of these areas is available in the Set-Out Sunday handbook. Here is a brief outline some of the different opportunities to connect and serve in Coastlands.

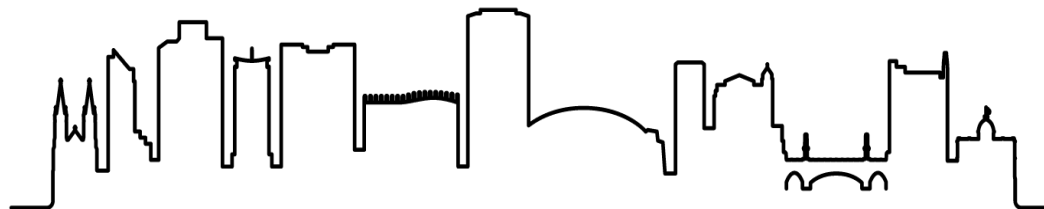
We encourage you to prayerfully consider what God has resourced you with and where you can be actively involved.

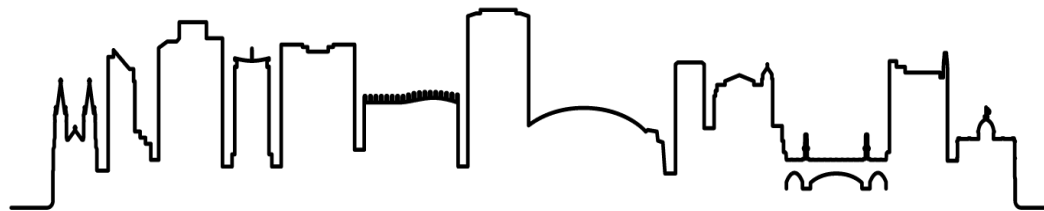
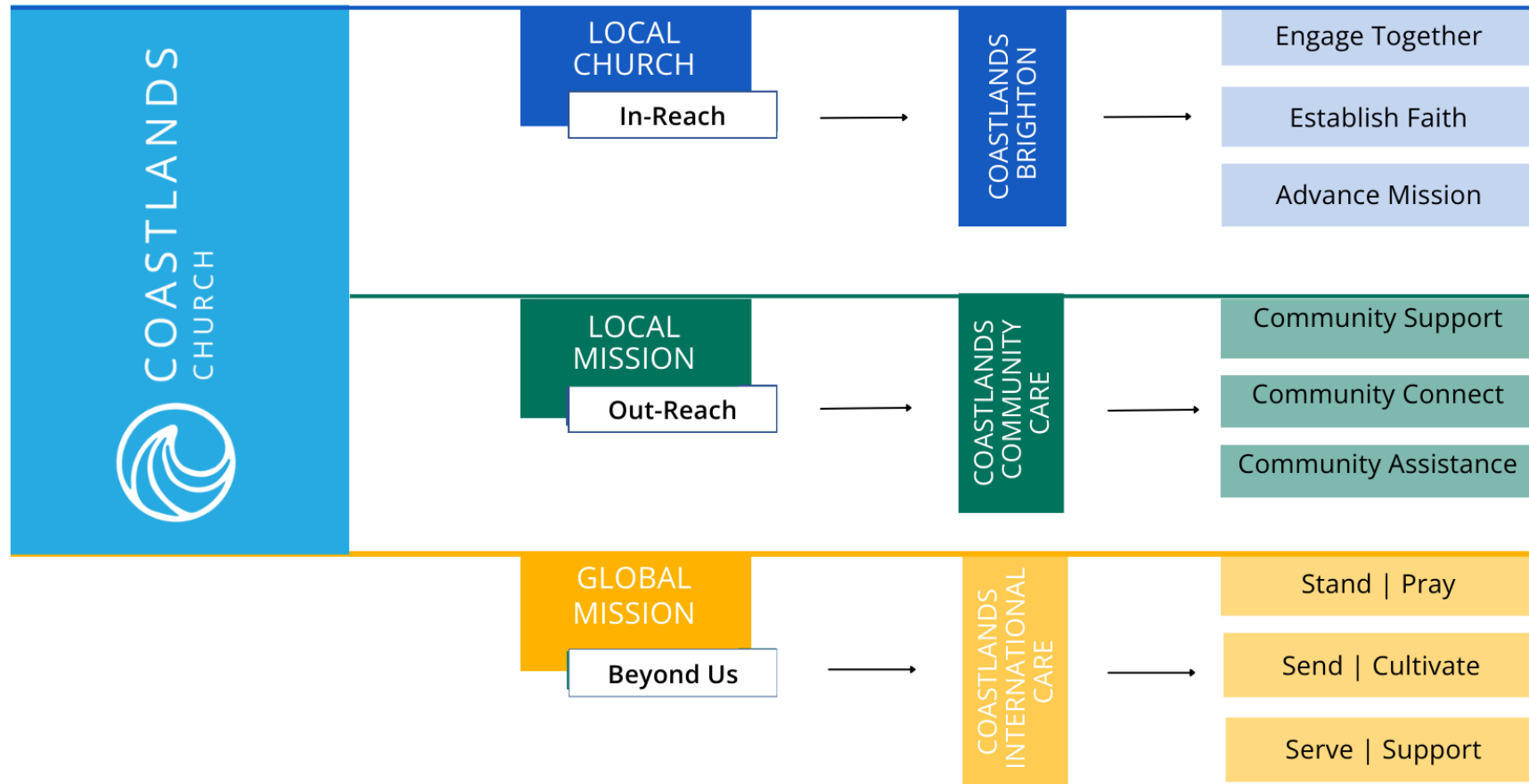
Guiding Principles

Coastlands is a community focused on the gospel, serving others with dignity, empathy, and encouragement.

1. We work together in unity and team, beginning with our elders (team).
2. The eldership team provide oversight of all initiatives (safety).
3. The gospel guides everything we do and how we do it (heart).
4. We create a safe place that preserves dignity, with empathy and compassion at the core (a safehouse).
5. We consider sustainability for people and resources in everything we approach (effective).
6. Our building efforts are not just for today but for the future (expansive).
7. We build as a team, not relying on individuals or personalities (inclusive).
8. All our activities are rooted in relationships (connection).
9. We flexibly address specific community needs for a time, as we are able (targeted).
10. We identify needs, practice, and refine processes within our community before extending to the broader community (genuine care).

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LOCAL CHURCH

Our church-wide and smaller group gatherings provide the opportunity for us to gather, grow, and serve each other as the body of Christ. Through these gatherings we are encouraged, strengthened, and equipped.

ENGAGED ASSEMBLY
e.g. Sunday Meetings,
Prayer & Worship,
Kids Ministry

ESTABLISHED IN FAITH
e.g. Home & Age
Specific Groups.
Bible Studies

**ADVANCING
IN MISSION**

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Through Coastlands Community Care we connect with each other and the broader community in specific areas of need. We connect with those who are in-reach of us, outreach to those not yet connected, and provide opportunities for learning and growth that enables people to thrive in life. In this way, ordinary life engagements become an opportunity for people to respond to the extraordinary gospel, in a way which preserves dignity and leads towards a faith in Christ being established.

COMMUNITY CONNECT
e.g. Community Cafe
Food Support

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
e.g. Practical
Maintenance,
Cleaning & Removalist

COMMUNITY SUPPORT
e.g. Life Skills
Education & Training

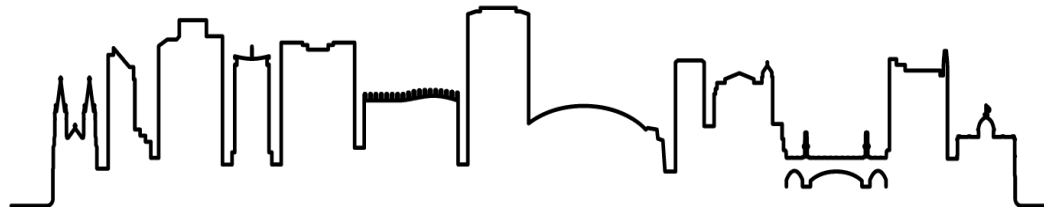
GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Coastlands recognises that the gospel message must go beyond us and reach to the ends of the earth. We support churches we have relationship within Australia and around the world. We provide air support (prayer), gifted ground support, financial and relational support to assist in the development of healthy and fruitful churches.

STAND
e.g. Pray, Prepare
& Proclaim

SEND
e.g. Cultivate, Plant
& Strengthen

SERVE
Give Financially
Go Relationally





PART 3: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

God's plan for his Church is inclusive and expansive. We each have a vital part to play as we join together relationally, functionally and missionally to see his gospel-life outworked through Coastlands Church.

Please look at the Activation page and tick the boxes for areas you would like to serve in this year. Leaders at each table are ready to answer your questions.

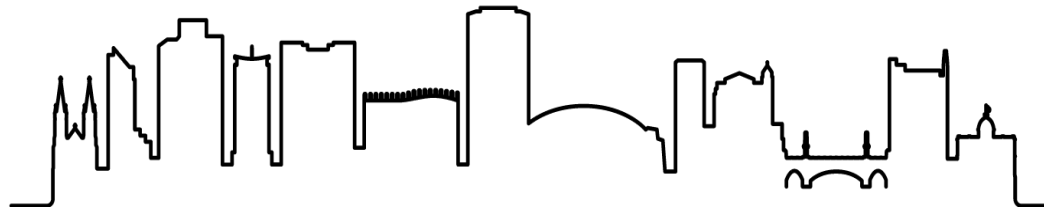
Next Steps

A member of the leadership team will contact you to begin our Safe Communities process and connect you with the right team leader.

Thank you

Thanks for your willingness to serve Christ, each other, and the wider community. Together, we can engage people with the transformative gospel lived out in our lives.

Fill out the [Activation Form](#) to let us know where you'd like to be involved.





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Activation Booklet 2025

