

The Brigade Affect

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Mission field of Narrabri Girls' Brigade NSW

Narrabri is a small country town in NSW with an approximate population of 7,200. This amazing divinely created town is in our states North West and is the home of the Namoi River, Mount Kaputar, Swam Rocks and the Australian Telescope Compact Array. Narrabri is the home of the Gamilaroi people, who still constitute a significant part of the local population. Narrabri derives its name from an early property in the district called the Narrabry Run. The name Narrabri is aboriginal in origin and has several possible meanings which include 'snake place', 'big creek' or 'Forked Sticks'.



Currently the community of Narrabri is facing a long-lasting drought with many generational farming families facing the impact of losing crops, cattle and homes. St Stephens Presbyterian church provides a safe harbour and outreach ministries for the community including the blessing of 'Shared Table' providing support with food, feed for farmers herds and community connection. Presbyterian Inland Mission (PIM) leaders David and Gai McDonald work alongside the Smith Ministerial family to be God's shining light. Joining together as lead by our Lord with other agencies in the local area.



Meeting one such missional family, the Silver's, on an SRE camp in September last year, the Lord birthed the idea of a Girls' Brigade missional outreach commencing in Narrabri.

Connecting and liaising with multiple teams; God lead the way and anointed two main leaders, Monica Silver and Michelle Smith, with the support of their families, the St Stephens Presbyterian church and Girls' Brigade NSW. Narrabri Girls' Brigade commence with a training workshop in February, many hours of prayer and leading and opening in term 2, 2019 with ten girls.

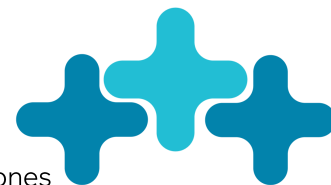
With state wide support and teams working together Narrabri Brigade was affiliated and commissioned 27th July 2019 with nearly 50 people in attendance. Thank you to all who travelled to participate in this very special celebration.



The celebrations commenced with a short introduction via Kirstin Price and were opened in prayer by Pastor Sam Smith of St Stephens Presbyterian church. Ros Sherratt lead attendees in worship together.

Assistant State Co- Ordinator's Fiona Doherty and Kirstin Price led the commissioning service with great style and poise. Fiona facilitated the commissioning service with Michelle and Monica receiving their leadership certificates and affirming in front of their community, to seek serve and follow Christ, uplifting all who God sends in this missional outreach. Each Narrabri company girl received

and certificate, a bag with bible and goodies and were celebrated and honoured.



All attending were invited to participate in 2 main activities;

- Seniors participated in an activity from the Choose real campaign called Headphones lead by Kirstin. Attendees celebrated how God designed and made them. Defining ideas with biblical astuteness around the program of “trash can” thoughts in the world as opposed to the calling of God on their lives. Asking the questions like; what’s on your play list? What does God’s word tell you about his love for you? Who are you in his kingdom?
- Juniors participated in the making of Cannons of love. Developing ideas of Shema Shema and discussing ideas around the theme of Jesus loves me. This session was led by Anne and Fiona, with many helpers to support.

All attendees then joined together with lunch that the wonderful Chaplain of Narrabri High school co-ordinated, thank you Chris Silver. Many thanks to all who joined together to celebrate this ministry.



Girls' Brigade NSW Board

On the 3rd of August 2019 we commissioned our new Executive Board.

Ros Sherratt was elected as State Coordinator, and seven Assistant Coordinators: Josie Badgery, Fiona Doherty, Lenore Gurney, Sandra Kasper, Julie Nott, Kirstin Price and Kaylene Trembath were elected to the board.

Also working alongside these women are our NSW office staff, Michelle Bamber and Elizabeth Neale, who complete the NSW leadership team.

Please pray for these women who God has appointed to lead Girls' Brigade NSW for the next three years. They will have many decisions to make and a challenging, but exciting road ahead.



Girls' Brigade Companies Celebrating Milestones

A number of NSW Girls' Brigade Companies are celebrating some significant milestones this year. Congratulations to Ettalong and Austral Companies who are celebrating 60 years and to Blacktown Company who are celebrating 50 years. These churches and companies have faithfully served their communities, transforming girls and leaders lives, and enriched Gods world.

Also we like to celebrate with our newest Companies, Kanahooka celebrating 1 year and Narrabri celebrating 1 term. We are so pleased to support these local churches and the communities they are part of as they seek to share Christ. We pray that you will follow Gods direction and see girls' lives transformed.

None of the these celebrations could take place with out the support of the local church. Thanks you for the support you have given to the women who faithfully serve in this ministry.



*Girls' lives
transformed*