



# RIDGECREST UPDATE

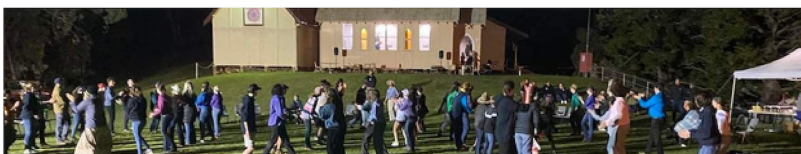
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## 2022 ~ Ridgecrest & God

Last time I sent out a newsletter we were planning for 3 big events here at Ridgecrest and many camps throughout the end of 2022. Each of these camps were filled with wonderful people, loud chatter, fun activities and full of the truth of God's word. Many great teachers came and shared with each camp, encouraging each other from God's word and challenging us in our daily christian lives to power on for God. How wonderful it is to see people reminded of God's love for them and leaving here full of enthusiasm to serve God in their home church's and in the place God has asked them to serve. It must be one of the greatest blessings of serving God here at Ridgecrest. We can truly testify to the truth of Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Our 50th Jubilee Celebration was a time of great fellowship and encouragement. How wonderful it was to have over 300+ people come back to Ridgecrest to testify to God's work here on his mountain over 50 years. We celebrated with memorabilia on display, an open site, a timeline for everyone to autograph, a celebration service, a couple of meals together, bushdance & fireworks. 1 John 2:24 says "As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father." As we listened to one another over the course of this celebration, we know that what you heard while on a camp here at Ridgecrest has remained in you and we all remain and fellowship together in Jesus. Is there anything more special than this? Perhaps only Heaven.

Ridgecrest also hosted 2 weddings in 2022. August saw Tim Gibbes wed Kate Ladiac & November saw Joseph McClure wed Everly Fletcher. Both weddings were individually special, honouring God and we wish them both every blessing as they share their lives together under God.



## JUBILEE CELEBRATION SERVICE, BUSHDANCE, LUNCH & FIREWORKS





Tim & Kate  
Gibbes



Joseph & Everly  
McClure



## How busy were we really?

Here are some statistics from 2022 for you.

People who stayed: 2078  
Groups who stayed: 63  
Meals served: 11,407

## into 2023.

Ready or not, here we come. Camps start this weekend for us and we will basically be busy every weekend until the end of July. Yikes!!

We are hosting Ridgecrest camps including Ski Camp, Craft Camp, Easter Camp, Car Camp, Motocross Camp, PK Camp & Farmers Camp during that time. We will also have church groups coming through over weekends, Ministry groups that could be here for 2 days or up to 5 days and School Groups coming through usually for 5 nights & 6 days.

It is encouraging to see Ridgecrest being used so well by many churches and groups in the area, specifically to build up the Church.

As we have taken a look at the use of Ridgecrest over the next 12 months, it is exciting to us that Ridgecrest camps make up 26% of all bookings at Ridgecrest. What does this mean? Well last year, we had over 600 people come to a Ridgecrest run camp. These camps are for the specific purpose of evangelism. Telling those that come about the Love of Jesus and his saving grace. This was why Ridgecrest was initially established all those years ago. To have a place to take kids on camp and tell them about Jesus. What a gift it is to be able to still be doing this today. We are 3 weeks out from Ski Camp and we have 76 registered for camp with registrations still open. Please pray for us as we plan and prepare for these camps and especially for the many kids & adults who will come to a Ridgecrest Camp in 2023, that they will hear the message of salvation and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

If you would like information on any of our camps please check out our website [www.ridgecrest.org.au](http://www.ridgecrest.org.au), drop me an email at [info@ridgecrest.org.au](mailto:info@ridgecrest.org.au) or call me in the office 02 6846 7434.

# SAYING GOODBYE and asking God for more help.

We give thanks for Scott & Jane Johnston & Isabella McFadyen who have served with us through 2022. God is calling them into other ministries and their time here with us is drawing to a close. Please thank God with us, for their gifts of service to his church during 2022.

And so.... we are again looking for staff to join us here at Ridgecrest. Our budget allows for 3 full time staff to join us here. So if you are looking for work in Site Maintenance & Care, as a cook, kitchen hand or cleaner, or perhaps office administration, please get in touch with us. No experience necessary, training can be provided. Employment at Ridgecrest is a lifestyle choice that is best suited to servant hearted individuals, couples and families who love God and desire to serve him in camping ministry. If you know of anyone or are interested yourself in coming to join the team here at Ridgecrest, please get in touch with us. 02 6846 7434.

## How can you help?

This year I am starting a list of people who are willing to help here at Ridgecrest. It could be helping for weekend in the kitchen, helping during a working bee, with some building work that needs to be done, gardening, painting, office help, on a BBQ, as a leader on a camp, first aid officer, speaker for a camp or any other of many ways you could help. All we need from you is your Working with Children Check No. (WWCC) and a contact number. When we have something coming up that we need help for we will send out a call for help. If you would like to be part of this list, please send me an email or go to our website and fill out our online form and we will add you to our list. We'd love to hear from you.

# How can you pray?

- For new staff to join us here at Ridgecrest
- For the upcoming camps, and those that come will have open ears to hear and open hearts to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- for safety for each of the groups coming through.
- For the staff as they live out their love for Jesus as a witness in the service here at Ridgecrest.
- Gods provision for each project we are focusing on during 2023.
- For the Committee - Phillip Blowes, Craig Morrison, Ben Frost, Jenine Varady-Szabo & Pete McClure as they continue to direct Ridgecrest.
- For Ridgecrest Christian Ministries Inc as we start to establish a new governance model and that those interested in Christian Ministry will join the ministry of Ridgecrest by becoming a member.
- For Easter Camp as we try to cater for those 18-30 years and provide a place for them to gather together as Christians.
- For the support of our local churches, pastors and ministers as we meet and share with them the resource that Ridgecrest can be to their churches.
- Give thanks for every conversation, every sunrise, every sunset, for every special thing we get to see, experience and share in as we watch God at work in his people.
- Give thanks for God's protection and covering over Ridgecrest, both in past and into the future.

## What are our projects for 2023?

We have a few areas of need we could focus on this year which we are asking the Lord for guidance and provision for.

These are:

- Oven to replace unreliable oven in kitchen. (project oven)
- Retaining Wall behind Cabin 1,2&3. (project RW)
- Ceiling in Grevillea Meeting Room (project ceiling)
- Flying Fox plans engineered (project FF)
- Tool kit for the Ridgecrest maintenance team. (project TK)

Each these projects have different needs. If you would like to physically support one of these projects by offering your skills and time we would love to hear from you. If you would like to financially support any of these projects, you can do that by depositing your gift into our bank account and in the description write the project name listed above. And please pray for us as we ask God for wisdom in stewarding his gifts and provisions.

Account Name: Ridgecrest Christian Ministries    BSB: 704 922    Acc No: 100019276

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### Ridgecrest Calendars.

Would you like a Ridgecrest Calendar? Drop me an email and I will quickly get one sent to you.  
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*Thank you.*

for your prayers, financial support and personal support.

Please don't stop supporting us in this way. We appreciate you, your prayers and love for us.  
We look forward to seeing you at Ridgecrest during 2023.

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**RENÉE, PETE & MARGARET**

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