

Ministry of the Word Library

~A Ministry of Kariong Community Baptist Church~

'Blessing Through Encouragement & Prayer'

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

This year we have seen a lot of growth in our humble little library. We are pleased to report the changes as follows:

- Resources have increased with an added 560 from 2300 to 2895 since last year's annual report 2010 and we have added more shelving, we estimate there should be enough space for at least another 1000 resources.
- Members have increased from 23 to 51 over the last year.
- Financially we had \$280 income for the year, \$30 of which was from donations. Expenses included \$317 on new resources, \$292 for new software, and general expenses totalled \$140. Currently there is \$110 in the bank.
- The children's books and resources have been moved to the Church House Centre and we are very happy to report that they are being handed out to the children in Joeys and JAM by Jenny and Rob Stuart.
- There have been 1228 hits on our website to date.
- We have added free EBook's to our website and have a Twitter and Facebook account to reach out to more people.
- Association with the 'Omega Writers Group', a Christian writers group in Queensland, who have kindly donated many of their locally written books to our library. Susan has also joined as a member.
- New software programme installed. 'Small Library Pro' has been purchased, which means that the borrowing and returning of books is now done via the computer. It has made the running of the library much faster and more efficient.
- "The Encourager" newsletter is now well established and goes out to all library members, and also to the 'Orana Nursing Home', 'West Gosford Leisure Living', and 'Peninsula Village Living' Umina. We are also currently trying to see if the 'Woodport Nursing Home' run by Salvation Army at Erina would be interested in receiving a copy.
- 'Australian Church Library Association' had nominated us for an award but sadly we missed out, however they did encourage us to try again next year. We are also planning on putting an advert into their next newsletter trying to encourage a librarian pen pal list.
- The Mobile Library run by Renae has finished temporarily at 'Narara Valley Baptist Church' while their new church building is being constructed. No other arrangements have been put in place as yet to find a more suitable place to work from. However, the mobile library is still running at 'Orana Nursing Home' Point Clare on the first Tuesday of the month. We are going to arrange a small Christmas Tea party for the last visit this year in the hope that more residents might come and visit, as currently there is only one regular resident utilising this service. We did approach 'Woodport Nursing Home' and 'West Gosford Leisure Living' to offer the mobile library service however they both have not responded as yet.
- Finally starting from today and continuing next year we will be bring a selection of books to Sunday service once a month on the first Sunday of each month. We want to bring the resources to our own church and remind you all of the joy of reading or watching an inspiring Christian movie.

