

# Life by the Hornes

with Dave & Lauren Horne • March 2026



**We're not sure about other churches, but it felt like the gap between Christmas, the start of the school year, and preparation for Easter was about 24 hours apart!**

It may have been because we didn't take any annual leave during that period this year, but Dave was more conscious of the fact that ministry doesn't stop after Christmas, even if we'd like it to!

But we've been busy with good things! We often use January as a time to do something quite different from our normal services, and this year we did a series called 'Southern Beaches Book Club' where we looked at one small book of the Bible in full each week. Some background was given, an excerpt was read aloud, then we paused to discuss some questions around tables and we repeated that around five to six times.

It was great fun! And we learned a lot by looking at a whole book in one sitting. Hopefully it was different enough to make people plan mid-week camping trips and be back in time for Sunday service!

Since then, we've been in Matthew's gospel, looking at the way Jesus lived and ministered, and what that suggests the life of the Christian should be like as we follow in his footsteps. Much of it is sobering, particularly as we

see the cross getting closer. But thank God for Easter, and resurrection hope!

And Easter is just around the corner! We are looking forward to having a combined Good Friday service in Sorell, a Dawn service on one of our local beaches on Easter Sunday, and running a community outreach event on Easter Monday!

**We would so appreciate your prayers for our Easter Monday event, where we will give out many Christian resources and share the gospel as well as put on a free barbecue, coffee van, fire pit, and Easter egg hunt. Our hope this year is really to go beyond building relationships or raising awareness, but to proclaim the Gospel and see people saved.**



A recent family photo



Main Image: The Southern Beaches

Circle Image: The Hornes

Middle Image: Dave joined Tassie Regional Officer John Skeat at BCA Connect in Ulverstone

Bottom Image: The kids enjoy an ice cream after school

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After Easter, we have one boy in our church who is going to be confirmed in May, and a lady who is wanting to be baptised! This is always exciting and encouraging for our church folk who are buoyed by seeing the public fruit of ministry in the lives of others.

**We would love your prayers for these two faithful followers of Jesus as they begin their preparations for confirmation and baptism.**

As a family we are also really looking forward to the BCA Field Staff Conference in July.

We will have some family holiday time before the conference, taking the kids to 'The Worlds' on the Gold Coast, and enjoying some much needed rest and recreation after what will have been a long stint of work & study. It's a few months away, but we're already looking forward to it!!

### **Family**

We've just enjoyed a lovely summer on the Southern Beaches. Two of our children have competed in Nippers and it's sad for all of us that the season has now finished up.

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The start of this year saw all three of our children move to a Christian school which has been lovely meeting some new community and friends.

Our worry was that with this move we would lose connections at the local school. But we still felt it important to move our children. Praise God that Dave is still involved in the school through a one to one mentoring program he does with a student each week, and Lauren is still heavily connected with the local school mum's at book club and through ocean swims. Our children have adapted well to the change. So we believe that we've made the right decision.

Lauren is in her final year of her undergrad degree, studying psychology. Next year her hope and prayer is to be accepted into a Masters of Speech Therapy. Life is busy but with all three children at school full time now, there is some extra time in the week.

**Please pray for our kids as they adjust to being at their new school.**

**Praise God that our connections to the old school remain.**

**Pray that Lauren can finish her undergraduate degree well and will be accepted into her Masters degree next year.**



Elka & Posy head into the surf

**With blessings from our family to you and yours,**

*Dave, Lauren, Elka, Posy & Lenny*

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