

East Taieri Church – Strategic Plan 2019-2021 - DRAFT

Strategic Aim: Make and grow life-long disciples.

Goal	Strategic Action	
Encourage growth in discipleship, equipping people to share their faith and helping people identify their passion, gifting and a place to serve and give	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and develop the ET School of Ministry as a framework for training and equipping • Continue overseas short-term mission experiences. • Develop a culture of mentoring • Redevelop our small groups system • Continue to grow learning communities for leadership development and discipleship 	
Utilise Alpha and other invitational events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise appropriate invitational/entry point events. • Explore Alpha in new settings 	
Resource our evangelistic efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A champion for 1x1=1000 • Stop some things to make time and space for this. • Develop a plan and structure for 1x1=1000 	
Encourage Discipleship and Mentoring of Children and Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource and encourage parents in discipling their children (Faith@home). • Consider the impact of decisions and processes on children and young people and seeking their input when appropriate. 	
Develop the missional mindset of the congregations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further teaching and stories about what it means to be missional. • Opportunities for people to be involved. • Discern missional opportunities among existing or new community programs • Continue resourcing the missional project Community on the Coast 	

Strategic Aim: Enrich our practice and experience of worship

Goal	Strategic Action	
Review & reimagine the 10am service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a consultative process with the congregation and ministry leaders• Survey what is important for people, or have in depth conversations to listen to people?• Identify biblically faithful and contextually relevant worship options that will help people with different spiritual pathways engage with God.• Develop 10am as a Family & Kids Friendly service recognising the importance of reaching future generations• Developing hospitable and relational spaces (good food/coffee/tea)• Alter facilities to be more family friendly and conducive to creative expressions of worship	
Teach about worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the purpose of worship and its various elements	
Improve accessibility of our worship services and facilities for newcomers and seekers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out a review and identify improvements.	

Strategic Aim: Build connectedness and hospitality in the church and communities

Goal	Strategic Action	
Identify who the lonely people are, the spaces where community connectedness occurs and the distinctive contribution ET can make	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and prioritise community needs.• Exploring partnerships when the need is beyond ET's skills/resources	
Foster a culture of connectedness & hospitality within East Taieri Church, so that Christians are inspired to build connectedness in their wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage social initiatives within the congregations• Model simple hospitality• Utilise digital technology to enhance connections	
Equip and empower more people in addressing community connectedness and loneliness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helping individuals see their ordinary community interactions as missional and equipping them to act.• Encouraging more people to participate in organised community programmes and events.• Assist people with new ideas for community work to plan and develop them.	