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# B.E.L.O.N.G

Official Newsletter of Blue lagoon Christian Camp



## Embracing Change

ISAIAH 43:18-19 NIV

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

God is doing something fresh in Blue Lagoon, infusing life and excitement into it. We are astounded by the doors God has opened and led us through, and we are eager to see where these roads will lead us.



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## RECENT MINISTRY CAMPS

### Wayfinders

March 2023

We spent the day with 9 young adults, connecting, sharing and growing in faith. The morning started off with some archery tag, abseiling, and various other shenanigans. By the end of lunch we were no longer strangers. The day ended with a panel of local church members, who answered some deep questions and shared their own personal journey in faith. Overall it was an amazing experience, to spend the day with like-minded people is always such a gift.

### Autumn Adventures

April 2023

In April we had 26 upper primary kids come along for our annual autumn camp and it was a huge success. The Sands Family Circus ran a workshop for the very first time at Blue Lagoon and we also had a visit from Fishcare Tas, who ran a session educating kids on sustainable and safe fishing practices. The highlight of camp however was the trip to the sand dunes where the kids spent hours sliding down the dunes on boogie boards and old cardboard. Our leaders did such an amazing job connecting with each and every kid that came, all felt privileged to hear the youth share their stories and their relationship with Jesus.





## UPCOMING MINISTRY CAMPS



YoungLife Spring Camp 2023

Grades: 6-10

Dates: October 6-9

YoungLife Hobart are running their annual spring camp this October here at Blue Lagoon. You can expect an action packed weekend with plenty of chill time to hang out with fellow teens and young adults leaders.

## YOUNG LIFE BEYOND BLUE LAGOON

It gives us great joy to announce that YoungLife Australia and Blue Lagoon will be working together to deliver Beyond camps to Australia. A US-based initiative called YoungLife Beyond focuses on young adult adventure discipleship camps.

Beyond Malibu is a campground that runs 8-day camps all summer long and focuses completely on the Beyond programme. Their objective is to lead young adults on a once-in-a-lifetime wilderness adventure while encouraging them in their faith. The two 8-day options available to campers are hiking one of British Columbia's stunning mountains or kayaking through Princess Louisa Inlet rapids.

With the staff at Beyond Malibu and YoungLife Australia, we have been collaborating closely. There are many hearts who are driven by the same passion to introduce young people to Jesus and travel alongside them.





## MEET THE TEAM

Samantha Rumsley - Hospitality Staff  
Working with us for a year now, Sam keeps our kitchen running. She is currently leading the S.M.S Youth team which is a youth group running every Saturday night in Copping. A typical night will consist of games, fellowship and often a message at the end. Often youth that attend will say it is the highlight of their week.



Simon (Dusty) Brown - Maintenance  
Handy man, maintenance man and gardener, Simon does it all. He also sits on the Young Life Hobart committee as the chairman, working closely with Will our Program director to deliver Friday night club, breakfast club and team meetings.

Bonnie Sands - Hospitality Staff  
Bonnie is a returnee to our team who took a break during COVID times. She works primarily in the kitchen but is also in the process of learning the booking process in the office. Bonnie is heavily involved in Southern Tassie Young Adults (STYA) which is a ministry which host events monthly to encourage connection and fellowship between young adults.





## CURRENT PROJECTS

### Dining Room Extension and Painting

Blue Lagoon's crew has spent the previous few months planning the dining room expansion, which will allow us to accommodate larger parties.

We were joined by MMM members in early June, and what had felt like a walk became into a run. Three of the dining room walls were demolished and rebuilt to make more area for sitting and tables. The roof was replaced, and the entire space was given a new colour scheme, with modern greys and hardwood floors.

We would like to thank everyone in our community who contributed to making this expansion possible. We have been extremely blessed by the community's willingness to donate their time and talents to assist develop the ministry.

### Gaga Ball Court

Our much-loved GaGa Ball court is currently undergoing improvements. Switching wavy rainbows and grass green for the bright geometric pattern





## CURRENT PROJECT PHOTOS



More to come on social media



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ministry volunteers wanted

If you or someone you know is keen to be apart of this ministry either through Young Life Beyond Program, Blue Lagoon staff or our ministry camp team please feel free to contact us, our team would be more than happy to chat to you.

### Blue Lagoon Bi - Annual Dinner

We will be conducting our bi-annual fundraiser dinner in late September, and you are invited. Come support the ministry, meet the team, and learn more about our journey.

More information will be available soon.

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