

Update from the Facilities Director

At the Focus Meeting held on the 9th of February this year it was mentioned that the Niagara Park Shopping Centre was possibly coming up for sale by tender. This has now commenced with advertisements occurring in the major newspapers just prior to Easter.

We have already commenced some preliminary work to see whether this location would meet our facility needs, yet as the tender documents are over 400 pages long we would ask that you pray for the extensive work involved in considering this tender.

The tenders close at 1pm on 18 May 2010 which does not allow much time. The legal requirements around us making a decision to proceed are such that we need to identify possible meeting dates now.

In this regard there would be a need for a Special Meeting to be held on 16 May 2010. Notice of this meeting would need to be provided on the two preceding Sundays 2 & 9 May 2010. An information meeting would also be held on Monday evening 10 May 2010. The information meeting would be to provide the available information and answer questions. (Should it become obvious along the way that we should not proceed with a tender these meetings will not be held.)

The Niagara Park Shopping Centre option presents us with an interesting opportunity to consider. Most of all right now we need:

- Godly wisdom
- clear thinking as we wade through long documents
- great discernment about whether God is wanting us to proceed with this option.

Can I ask that you commit yourself to praying into this with me, as the decisions we make are ones of great importance.

Maurice Wrightson
Facilities Director

A Call to Prayer from Our Elders

You will have read above about significant developments with regard to our facilities – in particular the possible purchase of the Niagara Park Shopping Centre. At the moment this purchase is a **possibility**, not a definite course of action. We are open to all options that God might place before us.

We are very appreciative of all the work Maurice Wrightson has already put in prior to the tender document being released, and are aware that the next few weeks will be quite demanding for him.

Over the past two years, we have become aware of how beneficial facilities can be. Functional facilities help 'facilitate' ministry. They provide spaces for prayer, worship, ministry and meeting. They also provide places for other groups in our community to use. Prior to our roof collapse NVBC had a 30 year history of being a net provider of community spaces to the Valley. We want

to return to a position where this is true again, and can continue to bless our community in this way.

Therefore, given the significance of the decisions before us, we are calling the church family at Narara to persistent and fervent prayer regarding our facilities.

We encourage you to use the prayer points Maurice has provided and ask you to pray:

- **daily** in your personal prayer time
- **weekly** in your Growth Group
- on **Tuesday 27th April at our next United Prayer Night** where these issues will be a matter of focused prayer.

These are exciting times, when we desperately need God's wisdom to guide us. Fortunately for us, God loves to give wisdom...

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5

Mike Burdon

Brad Jones

Stuart Sproule

Craig Corkill