

Facilities Update November 18th 2010

As was mentioned in our last update the executive is keen to communicate to the church information as and when it is appropriate so as to ensure each ministry partner is kept up to date and aware of the progress taking place.

Following our meeting on Wednesday November 17th the following information is available:

- ✓ In the last update we confirmed that we were reviewing rebuilding at 127 Narara Valley Drive using the current footprint with significant modifications to accommodate what our ministry needs are now and into the near future. The latest on this is that we have had presented to us further preliminary information and options with the next step now being to seek further advice on this from our architects.
- ✓ As part of the review into the rebuilding at 127 there was conjecture as to whether a Council DA was required or could the work be covered by an application to extend because we were using our current footprint. We have received information that we will be required to submit a full DA application.
- ✓ The Finance team have held briefing meetings with various churches to solicit information regarding how they went about funding their building programs. All meetings have proven very fruitful and have given the finance team valuable contacts and opportunities for funding streams which they are pursuing.
- ✓ Coming out of one briefing meeting is the opportunity to lodge an application for Tax deductibility for contributions made to the building fund. This is a significant outcome which has the potential to positively impact on our ability to raise funding for our building project. Sarah Hall is championing this aspect of funding and has already completed a great deal of investigation.
- ✓ The communication of information, how it is generated and delivered is vital not only to a project like our building one but also in the life of our church and the effective operation of its ministries. Therefore to facilitate this important task the executive are looking at appointing in a voluntary capacity a communication specialist to support this key area.

God Bless,
The Facilities Executive