

Facilities Update

Recently at the Vision Dinner Pastor Craig briefly overviewed the status of the facilities and with meetings taken place since then we would like to further update the church on what is taking place with facilities and it's status.

The current situation is that the executive after reviewing input from architects and feedback from the church is that the estimated cost of the initial draft diagrams which could be as high as \$5.0 million and the time to build of around 3 years is not an acceptable option. Therefore we are currently 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. Those modifications include building a new 350 seat auditorium, new amenities with disabled access, kids church rooms and revised vehicle access as base requirements for stage one. With this type of building we can also manage our future growth by adopting multi services when the need arises.

Whilst the overall plan is still to develop the site at 127 as a complete ministry centre, by adopting a staged approach it will allow us to reach that goal with the above being our initial step. Having said that financing of such a project is a key aspect and our thinking is that by building a new 350 seat auditorium with base requirements our loan will be smaller and thus more manageable. To support our financing requirements we have in place a much energised finance committee who are currently exploring our finance options, fundraising activities and seeking input from churches that have recently undertaken such activities. We also have an intercessory prayer team now who regularly pray into and over this project and we would encourage all ministry partners to be in prayer as well.

The executive will continue to provide you with further regular updates as we have information available to share and would welcome your feedback and questions. The people you can contact on the executive are Maurice Wrightson, Pastor Craig Corkill, Charles Hercus, Geoff Hynd and Michael Burdon

Thank you for all your prayers and support as we seek God's leading through this project.

God Bless
The Facilities Executive