

Mission Property Committee

(A progress report from the Mission Property Committee.)

Key Points

- MPC has partnered with greenfield parishes to deliver a modular church building at Wilton, acquire a new church site at Vincentia and ministry residences at Riverstone
- A development application (DA) has been submitted for a new church building at Marsden Park
- Construction has commenced on the Stanhope Gardens church building

1. MPC continues to address priority property issues in support of the Diocesan Mission 2020 and our five strategic objectives:



Construct New Church Buildings

2. The Mission Property Committee (“MPC”) partnered with Picton parish in Sydney’s south to fund a 150 seat church building and 4 Sunday school classrooms, amenities and car parking at Wilton. With new families moving into the Wilton Junction area, the congregation outgrew the existing heritage church building with its capacity of 40 seats. Following a number of years of praying, planning and persevering, it only took one day to deliver the modular building by crane!



Cranes deliver the Wilton modular church

3. The MPC has partnered with Riverstone parish in Sydney's North West to deliver ministry housing for the parish. A DA was also obtained for a new church building on Loane Avenue, aptly named after the former Archbishop of Sydney. Fundraising has not yet commenced for the church building that will serve the rapidly growing population in the coming decade.
4. In February 2018, a DA was also lodged for a new church building at Marsden Park with approval anticipated in late 2019.
5. The construction of the Stanhope Gardens building has commenced. Completion is scheduled for mid-2020. The building is funded by the Archbishop's New Churches for New Communities (NCNC) and the MPC. The church site was provided by all parishes across the Diocese through the Synod approved greenfields land acquisition levy ordinance.



The Archbishop turns the first sod at Stanhope Gardens

Acquire Greenfields Sites

6. The MPC has partnered with Huskisson with Sanctuary Point parish in the Shoalhaven to acquire a vacant site at Vincentia for a new church building. The site is located on a prominent corner that is centrally located in both the parish and new residential housing area. The MPC partnered with the parish in funding the acquisition of the site and assisted in the sale of the surplus Huskisson church site. The parish will now seek approval for construction of a new church building.



Handing over the Stanhope Gardens site to the builder

For and on behalf of the Mission Property Committee

TREVOR RATCLIFF
Chair

1 August 2019

Provide Strategic Advice

7. The MPC continues a search for land in areas of rapid population growth across the Diocese. New churches are required to meet population growth at Wilton Junction, Box Hill/Oakville, West Dapto and St Marys ADI.
8. Trevor Ratcliff and Maureen Peatman were appointed to the MPC positions on the newly formed Anglican Church Growth Corporation, which will contribute to the strategic direction of the Diocese over the coming years.