

Mission Property Committee

(A progress report from the Mission Property Committee.)

Key Points

- Development applications (DAs) have been approved for three new church buildings
- Construction is to commence on the Stanhope Gardens church building in December 2018.
- Construction is underway to deliver a relocatable church building at Wilton and ministry residences at Riverstone by December 2018.

DAs approved for new church buildings

1. The Mission Property Committee (MPC) obtained DA's for new church buildings at Stanhope Gardens, Leppington and Riverstone. Each building will comprise a 250 seat church auditorium and associated hall facilities and car parking areas. Approval has also been obtained to allow future expansion for up to 500 seats in the coming decades.
2. In February 2018 a DA was also lodged for a new church building at Marsden Park with approval anticipated by December 2018.
3. These new church facilities are required to provide for the growth of church plants in these high growth areas which each are to serve a forecast population of over 50,000. Stanhope and Marsden Park congregations currently rent facilities, with the Leppington and Riverstone congregations rapidly outgrowing current church facilities.
4. Stanhope Gardens is the first of these four new churches to be constructed. The detailed design has been completed and tenders are being sought from builders to allow commencement of construction in December 2018.



New church construction to commence in December 2018

MPC Stanhope Gardens site

5. The construction of the Stanhope Gardens building is being funded by the Archbishop's New Church for New Communities (NCNC) in partnership with the MPC. The provision of these church sites was materially funded by all parishes across the Diocese through the Synod approved greenfields Land acquisition levy ordinance (the Ordinance). The MPC supports a proposal for Synod to continue this levy to allow acquisition of lands 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.

6. A relocatable church building with capacity for 150 seats and 4 Sunday school rooms and associated amenities and car parking is under construction for location at the Wilton church site. With new families moving into the Wilton Junction area, the congregation has outgrown the existing heritage church building with a capacity of 40 seats. It is anticipated that the building will be completed by December 2018. The MPC will also continue the search for a new church site to be acquired to meet the long term growth of the Wilton Junction area. The relocatable building will accommodate growth over the next 5+ years after which it is planned to relocate to an alternative greenfields growth corridor.

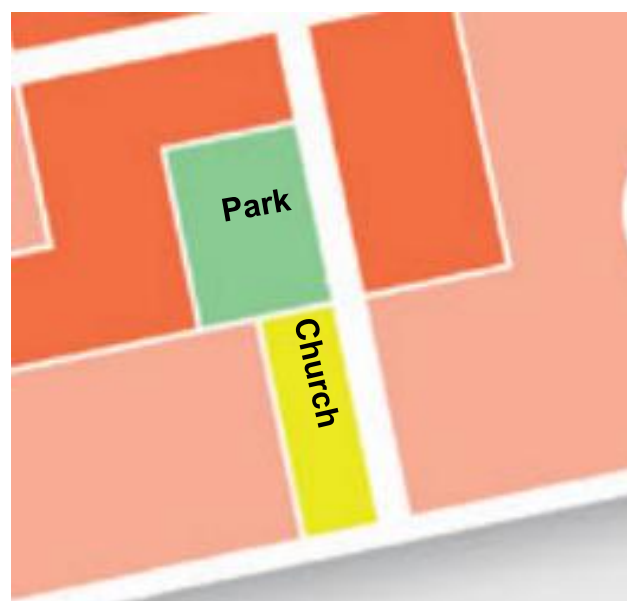


Wilton Relocatable church building

7. The MPC has commenced construction of ministry residences in partnership with Riverstone parish. These are to facilitate growth of the congregation while awaiting the construction of a new church building.

8. The MPC has partnered with the parish of Huskisson with Sanctuary Point to acquire a strategic greenfield site at Vincentia. This will facilitate the parish masterplan to sell the Huskisson and Sanctuary Point church sites and construct a new church building on the more centrally located Vincentia site.

9. The strategic location of a number of our future church sites has been recognised by the NSW Government in the release of its most recent planning controls. The lands at Bringelly and Rossmore are located within the Badgerys Creek Airport Aerotropolis and population growth corridors. The Marsden Park site is proposed to be located next to a new park and on a high profile corner location of two collector roadways.



Strategic location - Infrastructure and future town centre:
MPC Marsden Park site

10. MPC continues to address priority property issues in support of the *Diocesan Mission 2020* and our 5 strategic objectives –



For and on behalf of the Mission Property Committee

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Chair

12 September 2018