

Mission Property Committee

(A progress report from the Mission Property Committee.)

Key Points

- A strategically located site in Bringelly has been acquired by the Mission Property Committee in July 2017
- The new Leppington Church was officially opened in March 2017

Purpose

1. To report progress in the work of the Mission Property Committee (“MPC”) in acquiring land and constructing ministry buildings in areas of the Diocese which are experiencing or are likely to experience a rapid increase in population.

Recommendation

2. That Synod receive this report.

Background

3. Under the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*, the MPC is required to undertake a number of functions including the acquisition of land and the construction of ministry buildings in areas of the Diocese which are experiencing or are likely to experience a rapid increase in population.

Strategic Land acquired in Western Sydney

4. The MPC acquired 162 Badgerys Creek Rd, Bringelly in July 2017.

5. The cost of \$4.65 million was materially funded by all parishes across the Diocese through the Synod approved greenfields land acquisition levy ordinance (the “Ordinance”). The Ordinance commenced in 2013 and promotes the *Diocesan Mission 2020*. This enables all parishes to support the establishment of church sites in new growth areas.

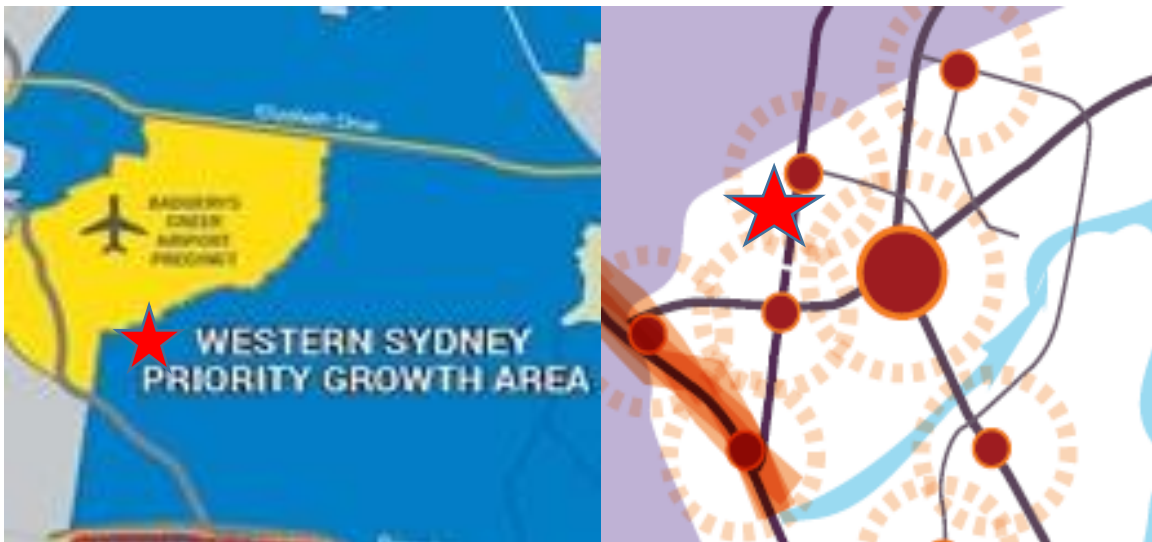


From a paddock to a church:

MPC Bringelly site

6. The 3-hectare site has sufficient land area on which to construct a new church building with car parking areas and room for future expansion in the coming decades.

7. With a forecast population of over 50,000, the land adjoins the future town centre. It is likely to be rezoned from rural to urban purposes in the next 5 years. The site will benefit from new road and rail infrastructure for the Badgerys Creek Airport.



 **Strategic location - Infrastructure and future town centre:**
MPC Bringelly site

Opening of Leppington Church building

8. The Leppington church building involved refurbishment of an existing building with capacity of 100 persons for the growing church and community. Opened in March 2017, the project features a kitchen, Sunday school rooms and car parking area. A nearby ministry residence provided by MPC was completed in November 2016.



Leppington church building

9. The Hope Leppington church plant is now well situated to continue to grow in numbers, under God, in line with the growing community forecast to reach 50,000 people. Funds are currently being raised by the Archbishop's New Churches for New Communities for a larger 250 seat auditorium.

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

19 August 2017