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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
16TH JUNE 2013

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IN NEWS

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



REV JOHN DICKSON

Dear Andrew's,

Wednesday night's parish property meeting was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many there.

First, I was struck once again by the high-quality team of people we have serving us in various ways to bring this project to fruition. Many remarked on the night just how competent, reassuring and dedicated our presenters were – Peter Ireland the architect, Anne Robinson and Bambi Stavely from our fundraising committee, and Philip Bell as chair

of the property committee. What you saw was a sign of the depth of devotion and capability of the wider team.

That said, secondly, I must apologise for leading you astray on a technical point during the night. In answer to a question about legal liability, I said that our property is 'owned' by the Anglican Diocese of Sydney Church Property Trust (CPT). However, Dr Stephen Judd, a member of our fundraising committee and expert in Sydney Anglican history and structures, has kindly explained that the buildings do in fact belong to us and that the CPT is trustee "for and on behalf of the Parish of St Andrew's." There you go: a great illustration of the expertise on this team, rescuing us all from the fancies of the Rector!

Thirdly, I think you will agree that the right questions were asked and comments made *by you*. Rightly cautious queries were made about the appropriate level of debt and the period of repayment. Some of you asked detailed questions about design and impact, and this conversation will continue. I feel the statement of the night, however, goes to David Reynolds of the 5pm congregation who has experienced three major property developments in his own church history. He insisted that the most successful project he's seen was the one that seemed "not just

plausible but God-sized.” How right this is. We don’t want to do what is ‘pedestrian’. So long as we are not acting irresponsibly, we want to strive for the most God-honouring and people-serving vision possible. It was a fitting note to end on.

If you didn’t get the documentation on Wednesday, please make sure you pick it up this week and read it carefully. The Parish Council and its various subcommittees welcome your input and questions. We are moving toward the moment when together we will make the most significant decision since the founding of our church one hundred years ago.

The purpose of our bold proposal is not *to grow our church* but to enable our growing church *to contribute to God’s kingdom*.

What we are doing is not a typical ‘Sydney renovation’. It is a gift to a needy world for generations to come. To this end, above all, please *pray* that the Lord would grant us his wisdom, blessing and success as we seek to honour him.

God bless,
John



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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 Time Out Event

Fri 21st Jun – 12:00 noon

Soup and Dessert Luncheon

Jean Rixon's home, 11 The Grove, Roseville

Feel free to invite some friends.

Contact: Jean Rixon 9416 5436

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 Term 3 Prayer Meeting

Wed 17th Jul – 7.30pm

In the Church

🕒 Confirmation Service

Sun 28th Jul – 10am Service

🕒 Outreach Series

Sun 4th Aug to Sun 25th Aug – All Services

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide Prayer

Please continue to pray for growing faith and understanding and commitment to Christ as the confirmees continue their classes each week and pray for God's wisdom for Matt as he leads those classes.

Pray for Suz and the Gorham family as Suz is attending a conference in London over the next two weeks.

Please pray for the elderly members of our congregations that their needs would be known and met and that they will grow in assurance and peace in Christ despite the challenges that might come their way. Pray for all who are caring for older parents needing support.

🕒 10am Prayer

Please pray for Mark Sookias and Simone and the family in their grief following the death of Mark's mother.

🕒 5pm Prayer

Please continue to pray for Veronica Hanrahan that God would heal her following pneumonia and bring her renewed strength and good health. May he sustain her in faith and patience during this time.

Please pray for uncomplicated and complete recovery for Chris Clark following neck surgery.

☛ **St Andrew's Ministries**

Give thanks that the Property Vision Meeting on Wednesday night was well attended, and for the helpful explanations from all speakers.

Pray for the Parish Council, the Property Committee and the Fundraising Committee for wisdom as they prepare for the next stages, including the Fundraising Program Launch in September.

Pray for Jane Clifford and her team of helpers as they run the ESL course each week.

Pray that it might be a means of outreach in the community and that many will see Jesus' love for them and come to believe in him.



OPEN HOUSE

☛ **Sundays 8:00 pm on Hope 103.2FM hosted by Leigh Hatcher**

A cry on behalf of a generation of fatherless children.

Plus the first definitive study on a big question for lots of Australians – is sponsoring a child overseas worth it? Does it work?

*All that our missionaries
do in and around their communities*

MISSION & AID



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📍 Democratic Republic of the Congo

Continue to pray for a lasting peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Pray for the Berea Bible School and the Pastors who attend.

Pray that their understanding of the gospel may equip them to teach their people when they return to their villages.

Pray for their safety and strength as they often have to walk several hundred miles to get to the bible school.

Pray for that the gospel be proclaimed in the Maniema Province where Muslims are in the majority.

DEUTERONOMY 5:17-20 & MATTHEW 5:21-30

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