

# Perspective

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Growth Corporation and NCNC

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## Message from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of *Perspective* – the supporter's newsletter prepared by New Churches for New Communities (NCNC) and the Anglican Church Growth Corporation (ACGC). The intention of *Perspective* is to give you a regular update about the initiatives being implemented across the Sydney Diocese to provide parishes with excellent infrastructure, now and into the future, to help people know the real Jesus.

Amongst the tough backdrop of rising interest rates and building costs, builders going into receivership and COVID, the ACGC and NCNC have been working together to build new churches and upgrade existing churches within the Sydney Diocese.

I trust the information in this issue of *Perspective* will be useful in shaping your prayers and helping with your considerations of future financial support as we take up the baton from generations past to provide the necessary church infrastructure both now and for generations to come.

**Peter Hicks**

Chair NCNC & ACGC



## Life Anglican Church Marsden Park event

### Save the date

**27 May 2023**

1pm - 4pm  
51 Excelsior Ave  
Marsden Park

We will be holding a Sod-turning dedication for the Marsden Park church development on 27th May 2023. Archbishop Kanishka Raffel will be presiding.

Invitations for the event have been sent to all NCNC and ACGC supporters but please put the date in your diary. It will be a great opportunity to pray and also to meet with the brothers and sisters who attend Marsden Park Anglican (currently meeting in the local Anglican school).

## What's New

### New Churches

Read about 2 new churches at different stages of development

### Existing churches

Read about some of the existing churches being helped through the Urban Renewal Pilot Program

### Strategic Approach

Read about how the Diocese is taking a more strategic approach to buy land and building churches

### Prayer Points

Our latest prayer points.

### Save the date

Marsden Park sod-turning event



## New Churches

**Hope Anglican Church Leppington** held their 2021 Christmas services in the new buildings with construction completed in 2022. The church continues to grow as God uses the people and the new church site to reach out to this rapidly growing area with Christ's love.

### Hope Leppington - 2016

45 adults and kids

### Hope Leppington - 2023

450+ adults and kids

**Marsden Park Anglican Church** commences construction in a few months. This has been made possible by the:

- 2% contribution made by each existing parish to the purchase of land for new greenfield churches.
- generous donations to NCNC.
- an allocation by Standing Committee (provided by the Church Hill parish).

New church properties have been acquired in North-western and Western Sydney to fill a gap in the presence of Anglican churches in growth communities. The most recent of these land purchases was in December 2022 - a new 2.3-hectare site to service the **Box Hill** growth area. ACGC has submitted a Development Application (DA) to re-locate the ministry demountables from Hope Leppington to Box Hill to enable early commencement of the Box Hill church plant.



## Please Pray

We value your prayers. Please pray for:

- Ministry and evangelism and that it would remain the key priorities of ACGC and NCNC.
- Our negotiations with financiers to provide us with greater flexibility to be able to purchase appropriate properties when they come to market.
- Wisdom as we navigate through a higher inflation environment with escalating construction costs, while still seeking to accelerate the purchasing of land for new churches.
- Wisdom and godliness as we negotiate partnership agreements with providers of social infrastructure for co-location on existing church land.
- Wisdom in identifying areas most in need of new or upgraded church infrastructure facilities.
- Insight for the ACGC team as they develop sustainable funding options to enable an acceleration of required church infrastructure.





## Existing churches

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While we do not expect the work ACGC is doing with existing parishes to upgrade existing facilities, to receive financial support from donors, we thought it appropriate to provide supporters with some information about what is being done through the Urban Renewal Pilot Program (URPP).

The URPP has three main aims:

1. To provide existing parishes with excellent ministry facilities
2. To activate existing parish sites, encouraging “accidental collisions” between Christians and non-Christians
3. To multiply the number of annuity streams from property across the Diocese for the benefit of local parishes and to share across the Diocese for re-investment back into buildings and property (predominantly in new growth areas).

Partnerships have been formalised (or are in the final stages of formalisation) with 15 existing parishes to develop detailed upgrade plans for existing church sites. Substantial progress has been made, in particular with church sites at Beacon Hill and at Five Dock

**Beacon Hill:** A partnership has been agreed with a disability housing provider, enabling the construction of 3 new disability houses on a former church site. Each will house 4 severely disabled younger people currently cared for in aged care facilities. It is anticipated these houses will be complete in 2024.

**Five Dock:** Following a rigorous competitive process, a developer was selected in early 2023 to partner with ACGC to rezone and seek development approval for a significant residential redevelopment of part of the Five Dock site. This redevelopment will fund the upgrade of the ministry components on the site. The process of redeveloping Five Dock will take up to six years to complete but the wait will be worthwhile.

The remaining formalised partner parishes are at different stages of progress. There are about 80 parishes interested in partnering with ACGC. Some are very close to becoming part of the URPP. Some are still developing Ministry Plans which are an essential precursor to physical redevelopment, while others are considering developing their properties using their own resources under the auspices of the Anglican Church Property Trust.

## Financial Support

As we approach the end of the financial year, we seek your continued prayerful support for the work of NCNC and ACGC in building new churches and upgrading existing churches in the Diocese.

We thank you for your generous financial support in the past. We ask that you prayerfully consider once again supporting us financially by donating to the NCNC fund.

Tax deductible donations can only contribute to a proportion of the construction costs (typically 20-35%).

If we can raise \$1M through tax deductible donations to NCNC, it would allow the full scope of the new church at Marsden Park to be delivered by early 2025. If you would like to contribute to this vital need you can do so via.

**Cheques:** Payable to NCNC

**Direct Deposit:** BSB: 032 016  
Account No: 575294  
Include your name in the description  
Advise us by email at [admin@ncnc.org.au](mailto:admin@ncnc.org.au)

**Donate online**



## Strategic Approach

ACGC is currently involved in three key strategic initiatives, all of which are relevant to the accelerated provision of new churches:

### ACGC 2023-2025 Strategic Plan

ACGC has just released its latest 3-year strategic plan to define how it will play its role in achieving the Diocesan Vision and Mission. A copy of the plan can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

### Sydney Diocese Greenfields Strategy

ACGC has undertaken a strategic population projection study using the most up-to-date population projections from the NSW Department of Planning to identify where and when the future population growth areas will require new churches.

This information is being used to develop a strategy to prioritise investment, over the next 30 years, along with estimated years of when to purchase and when to construct. This strategy will also assist relevant church planters.

The strategy will also enable quantifying the money necessary for the 30-year land purchase and building task.

### Ministry-led, Buildings and Property Strategy

The 2022 Synod tasked the ACGC with preparing a Diocesan-wide, ministry-led buildings and property strategy. Due to the scope of this task, ACGC is preparing a draft ministry-led buildings and property strategy for the South-West Region for presentation to the 2023 Synod.

After receiving feedback, strategies for the remaining regions will be developed through 2024.

A discussion paper has been released to rectors and wardens in the South-West Region for consultation during April and May 2023.



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