

Further development at Cammeray

Response to questions raised in connection with Parish Ministry Centre proposal

There has been feedback and questions about Parish Council plans for the Cammeray site, the timing of those plans and what fund raising would be required to undertake those plans. These questions are important in the context of the current PMC project.

Three months ago, we were advised by COCCCI that they do not intend to renew their lease beyond April 2007. Our thinking about development at Cammeray has always been tempered by the knowledge that it would involve removing COCCCI from the site with potential adverse community reaction. This is no longer an issue so we are free to consider development options.

We recognise the need for more space for children's groups at Cammeray and the potential of the site. Rest assured we are committed to improving facilities for ministry on the Cammeray site. The PMC project has been prioritised because it creates a hub for ministry, staff facilities and much needed meeting facilities for the Parish that could not be developed elsewhere.

We see the PMC as the first of a number of capital projects that we will need to undertake as our church grows and as we seek to establish the necessary infrastructure to support that growth. We expect that each project in turn will strengthen the whole. Attempting all projects at once may not.

We would like to develop the Cammeray site as soon as possible with the aim of increasing the space downstairs and improving facilities to make them DOCS compliant. We would like to consider starting a Christian pre-school on site in due course. Because we have not sought detailed architectural advice or consulted with North Sydney Council, we are not at this stage in a position to say with any confidence what type of development would be permitted. However, the brief architectural advice to date has been that there will be planning issues that limit what can be done on the site particularly because (i) it is land locked by residential property, (ii) there is no off street parking, and (iii) it is south facing and we cannot build in a way as to affect the northern sun of houses in Lumsden Street. With these things in mind, we intend to commence preliminary work on possibilities for the site.

Timing for the development of Cammeray will depend on the success of the PMC project. Clearly the success of the PMC project will encourage us to push on with further capital works. Unexpected generosity may force us to be bolder. If the PMC project is successful, we will plan to extend the capital works fundraising so that a Cammeray project can commence on the completion of the PMC project.

Development of Cammeray is likely to require that we come back to entire Parish and ask for further funds for this project at that time.

If you have any questions about this or any other matter related to the Parish Ministry Centre and our infrastructure needs, you can talk to a member of Parish Council, ring the Church Office (9906 7110) or email pmcproject@ncachurch.com.

With warm regards,

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