



# Bridgeley Broadcaster

## Watching as a building suddenly “appears”



All the panels are in position in record time

Written by Kim Holten

For several years now, we as a church have discussed many times about building a new place to meet. The topic would be raised, discussed, and then forgotten about. Months or years later, the topic would be raised, discussed, and then forgotten about again. This cycle seemed to go on for longer than I can remember, until a couple of years ago.

The last few months

have been exciting as we have seen the project finally get underway. Since demolition of our old facilities, things may have appeared to be progressing slowly, with all of the “behind the scenes” jobs being completed. Things like underground drainage, sand pads, and about 50 slabs of concrete on the ground, have been completed, but have not been obvious as you drive along Wellington Street.

I was so excited earlier this week to see the concrete panels being lifted up into place.

I stood in awe of the huge crane that was picking up the 15 tonne panels and moving them around. Piece by piece, we watched and saw the concrete slabs become a BUILDING. It was amazing to be able to picture what the building will look like. Every head was turned in the cars that were driven down the road. Later this week, we were able to see parts of the steel roofing being put into place as well.

Our dream is becoming a reality. Praise God.



### Message from the Director by Shirley Smyth

It has been a very exciting week to see the building take shape. As Kim has told you above, it was fascinating watching the team at work. The skilled driver of a massive crane and workers from Dempster’s Steel with other

reinforcements from Perth, combined with powerful machinery, all performed like clockwork to work together so effectively.

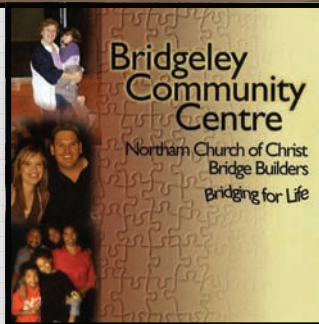
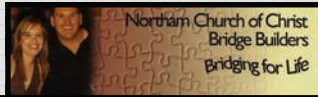
Someone timed the work rate at just 8-9 minutes between panels at one stage

The whole structure was up and the crane gone by 2 p.m. on the second day!

I’d love to see this being a picture of what the body of Christ could do here in Northam if we all get to work together like we could! *Shirley*

A big  
**THANKYOU**

to all the people who are part of the  
**Bridge Builders Team**



Together we have pledged, with God's help,  
to give \$2345 per week  
during the next 12 months

If you would like become a bridge builder, too,  
pick up a pledge card from the table in the foyer,  
or ask for one, and place your pledge in the offering bag.

### AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

People who wish to give regularly to the **Bridgeley Community Centre** building fund by electronic means are advised that the following bank details are correct for the building fund.

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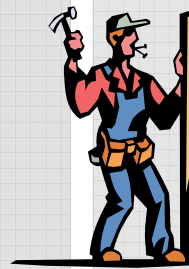
Bridgeley Community Centre Building Fund

Bank: CBA

BSB: 06 6524 1013 1728

Please make a note that the money is for the "Building fund". Your name is not required.

### Volunteers Wanted



Please see Shirley Smyth if you can offer some practical or trades help with renovating OR

If you can help in a team to clean the bricks from the old building ready for building a memorial wall for the front of the building site

**Volunteers are not paid—  
not because they are worthless,  
but because they are priceless**

### For Sale

Keep an eye open over the next couple of weeks for furniture, fridges, stoves, and building materials that may be offered for sale, being surplus to needs from Bridgeley.

See Sue Manning if you have an interest in something.

### Demolition

A contract is being drawn up with Gerard Antoine to effect the demolition of the present Bridgeley building. The demolition is expected to commence on the 13th November 2006.

Gerard has generously offered to demolish the building in return for the materials from the house, and a modest fee well below commercial rates, which will cover his costs. This process will take 3-4 weeks. We appreciate Gerard's generous donation of his time.

### Renovation

Shirley Smyth recently purchased the property next door to Bridgeley, at 95 Wellington Street, from Jason Hemsley, to redevelop as a commercial office building. This is currently being renovated, and will be made available for use by the Church as a temporary office until Bridgeley Community Centre is completed in mid 2007.

It is intended that the grassed area at the back of this property will be available for ongoing use for recreational activities connected with the Centre. It is hoped that at least one room will be ready for occupation by the middle of November, in time for the changeover.



Demolition will start around 13th November

