



Bridgeley Broadcaster

Demolition in Progress

After weeks of planning and preparation and a couple of delays, work began on the demolition of the old Church buildings on Wednesday, 26th April.

In an amazing twist, this day was *almost exactly* 100 years since the first meeting of the Church on 25th April, 1905.

Delays caused by public holidays for Easter and Anzac Day and getting through the process and red tape of Western Power saw the demolition date extended a couple of times. However, now the work has begun in earnest.

This week the hall has been stripped inside and through the kitchen end, and Monday should see the arrival of the cherry picker to take off the roof, followed by the heavy machinery to do the spec-

ular work on Tuesday or Wednesday.

It is expected that the block should be cleared by the end of the week.

The contractors have had several requests from people wanting to buy some of the building materials. They are quite happy to negotiate with people to purchase the materials as this is less they need to transport. You should come to the work site to put in your requests direct to the contractors if there are things you would like to acquire. However, please respect the "No entry" signs and wait for your opportunity without compromising safety

1,000 bricks from the Church building are to be retained to use in the new building. Some will be used to build a wall at the front of the block,

which will incorporate a tribute to the old building.



Special thanks to Mal Roediger (and others who helped him) for all the extra work you put in to preparing for the demolition.



Work has started



Message from the Director

by Shirley Smyth

I have just completed my first month in the job as Director of Bridgeley Community Centre, and what a month it has been. There's certainly no time to be bored. It has been exciting though. What's so exciting is the amount of enthusiasm for our new Centre out in the commu-

nity.

I have visited our near neighbours to talk about our plans, and have given them a brochure about the project. I also prepared another brochure that was used to hand out to people who came to look at the display that was set up in

the Boulevard centre for three days. Some people were quite upset about the loss of our old buildings, but it gave an opportunity to talk about the vision of the future, and the fact that the new building is to be of benefit to the whole community.

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Good News

The builders, Fewster & Stone, have been able to negotiate with the Acoustic Consultant to come up with an alternative plan for the ceiling, which is a good compromise. It will cost us a bit more, but on the positive side we have had a quote from local carpet suppliers which is much better than our budget price.

Coming Up

- Salary Sacrifice Offering May 21st
- Look out for news of a Dream Night
- Next step will be site works
- We'll be looking for volunteers for a "Meet and Greet" ministry
- Would you like to design a logo?

Message from the Director continued

Bill Addison, Colin Smyth and Rob Mynott helped me man the display and we all had a good chance to make our project known.

This month has also been the time when the Shire of Northam and the Town of Northam have both called for submissions for Budget allocations. I have prepared a submission for each of the Councils, requesting \$10,000 from the Shire (to go towards 80 chairs for the large Meeting Room, a speaker's podium and 5 table and chair sets for the café area in the lounge near the foyer) and \$13,000 from the Town Council (to go towards more furnishings for the Large Meeting Room and for sound equipment and data projection equipment). These have been submitted this week and we wait to see what response we will have. I have spent quite some time talking to the Councillors so that

they are well informed about the project.

You may also be interested to know of another request put to the Town, and that was to consider helping us develop the long 7 metre wide gap between the Lesser Town hall and the side wall of the Community Centre into an outdoor entertainment area and walkway which could be used to the benefit of people using both buildings. It is proposed to provide seating, paving, landscaping and gardens, shade sails and possibly disabled access to the Lesser Town Hall through a side door. I have asked the Council to consider being our partners in this project. If you would like more details about this please ask me.

In the next month I plan to hold a "Dream" Night, where together we can build a vision for the way God can use

us to build relationships with people who will come to this centre. Maybe you have a dream already about what God wants you to do in this building.

Look out for details in the next couple of weeks. I really believe we ALL need to continually be praying for God to lead us, and I invite you all to join me in praying enthusiastically and with faith.



Two exciting possibilities

Early in 2005 a public briefing meeting was held with key groups and individuals to tell them about our plans for the new building and to gauge their interest in being able to use the buildings, especially for meetings and training days.

One of the most interested government departments was the health department, with several branches immediately making suggestions of how they would be able to use the building. A few months ago we were approached about the possibility of holding infant health clinics in the building. What is proposed is that the Community Health nurses hold their

clinics two days a week from one of our smaller meeting rooms. A basin is being installed to facilitate this. Think of the beauty of this! Nearly every family with young children is likely to come in to our building at least for the first couple of months of a child's life. Do you see the possibility for ministry? Play groups, parenting courses, having coffee with a young mum

Another group keen to be

in the Centre is a proposed Volunteer Recruitment Centre which is a new development to commence in the coming months. They want an office for two days a week, so could share the same room.

The challenge comes again—how can God use us in ministry to build relationships with people in our Community who come into this building?

From an email to Shirley:

"saw XX from XXX who also now does xxxxx- (out of the XX building but he'd really like to be in the bridgley centre and is going to catch up with you, shirley - just how many offices are you building?)"



Wanted: ideas for a logo

Here's some advance notice. We are planning to develop a new logo for the Bridgeley Community Centre to also use for our Northam Church of Christ stationary.

We want something simple that depicts our community focus as well as showing what we mean by our name "Bridgeley". Some of you will not know where the "Bridgeley" name came from so here's the background.

Bridgeley = Bridge + Ley

Our present Church Logo depicts the suspension bridge in Northam, showing our community focus. But this **bridge** speaks to us of Jesus being a bridge from God to man, and our building as a bridge between the Church and the community.

Ley is an old English word meaning a "meadow that is fallow or untilled" ...

we see it as the community is ready for many different good things to be sown in to it.

"So while the Bridgeley Community Centre has been designed to meet the needs of the Northam Church of Christ and its programmes, it is also being offered to the **community** for programmes that will **enrich** and **build community capacity** and development."

That's what we want to show in our logo.

