## **Mission Property Committee**

(A progress report from the Mission Property Committee)

## **Key Points**

- The Mission Property Committee ("MPC") has partnered with the Growth Corporation and New Churches for New Communities ("NCNC") to deliver a new church building and commence construction of a rectory at Stanhope.
- Construction has commenced on the Leppington church building. Four relocatable buildings have been located on the site to facilitate growth in ministries until completion of the permanent building forecast October 2021.
- A development consent has been obtained for a new church building at Marsden Park.
- 1. MPC continues to partner with the Growth Corporation, NCNC and greenfield parishes to deliver the Growth Corporation strategic plan for the Diocese over the medium to long term. Priority property projects include:
- 2. The MPC delivered the Stanhope parish in Sydney's north-west a new 250 seat church building with associated meeting rooms, amenities and car parking. The parish was meeting in the nearby council leisure centre for 14 years and has welcomed the new church facilities with significant growth in numbers being experienced since building occupation.



Archbishop Glenn Davies speaks at the Stanhope building opening on 16 October 2021

3. The MPC also delivered an 8 lot land subdivision at the rear of the Stanhope church land. Construction of a rectory is underway on lot 1 (pictured). The surplus lots 2 to 8 were sold with the sale proceeds contributing to the construction of a church at Leppington.



Stanhope rectory under construction

4. The construction of the Leppington church building has commenced. Completion is scheduled for Q4.2021. The building is funded by the Archbishop's New Churches for New Communities (NCNC) and the MPC. The church site was provided by all parishes across the Diocese through the Synod approved greenfields land acquisition levy ordinance.



Archbishop Glenn Davies at the sod turning ceremony in August 2020. Construction is now underway.

- 5. A development consent has been obtained for a new church building at Marsden Park. NCNC has commenced fundraising for the new church building that will serve the rapidly growing population in the coming decade.
- 6. The MPC continues a search for land in areas of rapid population growth across the Diocese. New churches are required to meet population growth at Box Hill/Oakville, West Dapto, Wilton Junction and St Marys ADI.

For and on behalf of the Mission Property Committee. TREVOR RATCLIFF Chair 28 June 2021