



ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**  
MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE

**To All Parishioners – June 2023**

**Future Directions of Parish Space and Property –  
a strategy to achieve the Parish Mission Action Plan**

A review of Parish Space and Property has been underway since 2019, and whilst the COVID 19 Pandemic interrupted progress, the Parish Council has continued to support this investigative project. The Project's three strategic goals were established in 2020 and remain current;

- 1. To support the Parish Mission, utilizing Parish space and properties.**
- 2. To generate additional revenue to support the Parish mission.**
- 3. To reduce maintenance and capital renewal costs associated with physical assets.**

Following a facilitated Parish Consultation in April 2022, the Parish Council spent May-August 2022 carefully and prayerfully considering the feedback received and subsequently formulated the following proposal, which was reported to the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting.

**Current Proposal**

- 1. Retain Church of the Resurrection and Vicarage Site.**
- 2. Subdivide St John's – keep Church, Hall and Memorial Garden/land and sell balance of land – sale proceeds to support the development of the Parish Hall site, Gisborne.**
- 3. Retain Riddells Creek Op Shop.**
- 4. Retain St Paul's Church and investigate options to add toilets and hospitality facilities and a flexible space suitable for families with young children attending worship services.**
- 5. Sell Parish Centre site - sale proceeds to support the development of the Parish Hall site, Gisborne.**
- 6. Clear the Parish Hall site and develop a multipurpose two storey Community Services building/s on the Parish Hall site to accommodate Op Shop, Parish administration, other parish programs; including Children's Ministry and create leasable space/s for permissible services. If required, partner with a suitable organisation to achieve site development.**

This proposal, described above, was presented at a Parish Workshop held on 12/3/2023, with Bishop Kate in attendance. At this workshop and on the following Sunday (19/3/23, at St Paul's) Parishioners were invited to complete a survey providing feedback on the Proposal. 24 surveys were completed and returned. Strong support (ranging from 79-96%) for the various elements of the proposal was expressed in the surveys. At the March meeting (18/3/23) of Parish Council and following consideration of the survey information, the following resolution was **unanimously passed** by Parish Council;

- 1. To adopt the 'Current Proposal' as the Anglican Parish of Gisborne's strategy to drive the Mission Action Plan.**
- 2. To formally advise the Bishop and Archdeacon of the adoption of the 'Current Proposal' and asking for their practical support to present the proposal to the Diocesan Property Committee.**
- 3. To authorise the Parish Executive to initiate the required actions to:**
  - i. Advise the Parish of the Decision to proceed with the Current Proposal, and**
  - ii. Prepare the Business Case to present to the Diocesan Property Committee,**
- 4. To provide periodic progress reports to the Parish.**
- 5. To appoint the Parish Executive to act as the initial Project Co-ordination Committee.**

The next step in this project is to prepare a Business Case to be presented to the Diocesan Property Committee for their consideration and approval. The Parish will be updated on the Project as milestones are completed.

*With Blessings, Fr. Dennis Webster on behalf of the Parish Council.*

*June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.*