



**Who knows what we'll look like in 15 years?**

How many **missionaries** sent out?

How many **daughter churches** started?

How many people **discovering Jesus** every week through our ministry?

**Stick around for the ride, hey!?!...**

I intend to. *I wouldn't miss it for quids.*

**15 years ago**, *Jesus was laying the Foundations for our Future.*

**Today, he's doing the same.**

*He's laying Foundations for the Future.*

**Despite all its faults, the church is still Jesus' idea.**

It's never been perfect – it's made up of people like you and me.

**But it's brilliant**

– there's nothing like it on Planet Earth.

It's a place of belonging

celebrating

growing

serving

influencing.

It holds within its DNA the **seeds for radical social transformation**,  
the *perfect blueprint for tomorrow's society*.

And it reveals to the whole world that

**God is good and has an amazing future** for us all if we just dared to grab hold of him.

Jesus opens the way for people to have

**actual, real, powerful, exciting, transforming relationship** with God himself.

**Church isn't about religion.** Who wants to be religious?!!! It's about experiencing life in all its rich fullness.

**This Sunday...**

We come to the **climax** of our

*Milestone Marker Month.*

The **short-term practical application** of the month has been the purchase of a

**Midweek Ministry Centre.**

God has been **challenging and inspiring us** to join hands and together look to **owning the facility outright** in the next **three years**.

**This Sunday, bring along your Commitment Cards.**

Remember, it's **not about** us *uniformly defraying the costs* over the whole church – that wouldn't be fair.

**It's about Equal Sacrifice, not Equal Gifts.**

**One of the things I said** when we **commenced** this journey together was that **some of us** are going to **experience** some **amazing answers** to prayer.  
I had an **email this week from Bruce Moffatt.**

**Why is God interested in all this?**

It's just a building!! It's just dollars!!

**God is interested in buildings because** of what can go on inside them

- lives transformed
- marriages healed
- hope imparted
- direction, learning, growing

**God is interested in our dollars because** of what they represent

- Jesus said, "where your treasure is, there your heart is."
- We invest into the things that are most important to us.

**Last Friday night, I got the Elders, Council, and Foundations Steering Committee** together over an informal meal at the Ellises.

It was a **chance to bless them** for a lot of hard work that's gone in behind the scenes.

And it was **their chance to lead by example**. They have **already made their commitments** – we took them up last Friday.

**Shane Merrick is overseeing the whole administration of the gifts.** I'd like to invite him forward to let us know what already has come in...

Dear Ian and the Elders,

Please find attached a copy of 2 menus and a costing which I have received from "Vicki's Events to Remember".

Jill Reeve and I met last week and chose what we thought would be the most suitable. We have added \$4 / head to cover the hire of crockery and tea and coffee. I am waiting at this stage to receive information from another caterer so I can compare prices.

Chef's Choice Spit Roast is \$20.45 per head.

Winter Spit Roast is \$22.15 per head.

This amount does not include perhaps a punch on arrival (all jokes aside – thanks Rob & Peter) and any drinks on the table e.g. 2 bottle apple cider, water & 1 soft drink. We would need to supply this.. **\$100**

Hire of tables for 200 (25 tables x 8) + 7 serving tables – 32 net @\$19 **\$288**  
(see Sarah re tables)

Decorations – I would love to use lots of balloons and some banners with CELEBRATION & ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE on them.

helium and balloons **\$200**

This is just a rough idea of everything I think we might need and the costing. You may be overwhelmed by the cost of the meal but you need to realize that we are paying for service as well, as we want it fully catered. She adds 10% worth of food so there is always plenty of food and she calls for seconds. All meals are served buffet style, we would get up table by table. She will have servers at the buffet table to serve and to collect the dirty plates etc.

I spent an hour and a half talking to Vicki on the phone and she was most helpful. She comes highly recommended from a friend at Dural Baptists and I would like you to consider tonight, that we use her catering service.

I have listed a number of reasons why I think it would be great to use her.

- Her name is Vicki Mills and she worships at Living Waters Church (Asquith Boys High).
- She caters for Careflight every week, has done catering for St Matthews, CherryBrook and every year does youth works for St Pauls, Castle Hill.
- The big plus is that she has done catering for Pacific Hills school and knows the set up there and is very familiar with the place. She gave me lots of help and ideas.

She is very willing to come out free of charge and meet with Jill and myself and work out a menu to suit our budget. For example she was doing a church function this weekend, with a hot meal and apple pie and custard, not something she normally does, for \$14 / head. However they supplied their own crockery, cutlery, no tea and coffee and also supplied 20 people to help serve. So as you can see I am sure she would be flexible to suit our budget and needs.

Let me know what you think and also how much we can spend per head. I also need an OK on the drinks and decorations.





## Church Dinner

### Purpose

The Church Dinner fulfils four key purposes within the Foundations for the Future programme.

- It provides an opportunity for the church to celebrate together the great things the Lord has done for us as a church.
- It provides an opportunity for the church to enjoy fellowship together over a meal.
- It provides an opportunity for the church to be inspired by the sacrificial giving of the Church Leadership.
- It helps build the church's momentum towards the climax of the Foundations for the Future programme on Commitment Sunday, May 25.

### Programme - Church Dinner

<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Arrive</b> at Pacific Hills and drop kids off at Kids Party Pre-dinner drinks
<b>6.55pm</b>	People seated
<b>7:02pm</b>	<b>Skit (Skit '2')</b>
<b>7.04pm</b>	<b>Welcome/Prayer</b> – MC
<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>8:15pm</b>	<b>Dance</b>
<b>8:19pm</b>	<b>Skit '1'</b>
<b>8:23pm</b>	<b>Singing item - David and Amanda</b>
<b>8:27pm</b>	<b>Skit '4'</b> "My pastor will find me" - Shannon & Les
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Message</b> – Ian Miller (+Bruce)
<b>8:50</b>	<b>Shane:</b> Announce combined giving from <b>Elders</b> then <b>Leadership team</b>
<b>8.53pm</b>	<b>Testimony - Sarah</b>
<b>8.57pm</b>	<b>Singing item - David and Amanda</b>
<b>9:00pm</b>	<b>Dessert/Coffee</b>
<b>9.22pm</b>	<b>Skit '3'</b>
<b>9.24pm</b>	<b>Announcements (MC)</b> <b>Quiz</b> answers <b>Envelopes</b> from Shane - tonight or Sunday <b>C Cards for Sunday</b> <b>tape</b> of 27 <sup>th</sup> April available on way out extra <b>packs</b> available on way out extra <b>commitment cards</b> on way out

Welcome to stay on for coffee, but closing official part of night.  
Thank **Children's Party workers** when you pick your kids up  
Kids have to be picked up by **10pm** latest.

9.30pm Prayer/Close

### **A few 20 year CCH Statistics**

Organised and presented over 1,200 church services

Held 6,000 small group meetings and 1,000 youth group meetings

Run over 3,000 Sunday school classes

Sang over 8,000 worship songs

Dawn - cared for thousands of children during church for almost 2 decades.

Barbera Maxwell - written and sent over 1000 birthday card to our SS children.

Craig Maxwell - changed over 7,500 overheads

Served well over 200,000 cups of tea and coffee (a very large proportion of them made by Sandra and Ron or Ken and Sue!)

Sent and supported over 20 adults in full time missionary service overseas.

Given almost \$500,000 to missions

Teams to India, Thailand and Kenya

Presented over 80 lunchtime programmes for the elderly - Lunch with Friends

Presented church musicals, women's conferences, evangelistic campaigns, open air outreaches, church picnics, women's retreats, 4WD days, car rallies, prayer events, children's holiday programmes, Carols in the Park nights, garage sales, leadership seminars, men's dinners, women's suppers, church camps, BBQs, kids clubs, bonfire nights, advent markets... We even wrote a cook book once!