



# REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH



## RUC HISTORY PROJECT: 1880 – 1990

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## BUILDING A CHURCH

# \$3¼ m church under way

CONSTRUCTION of the largest new Uniting Church in Australia has begun on land bounded by Richens and Williams Streets, Redcliffe.

The new building, costing \$750,000, should be open by February, 1990.

The church will seat 370 people in the main auditorium, with an overflow of 480 persons.

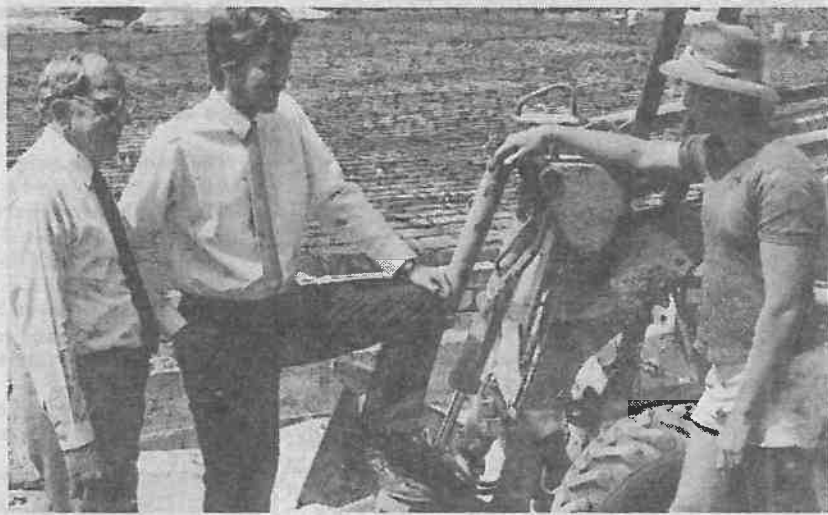
Senior minister Rev Noel Kidd said congregations between Clontarf and Scarborough had voted overwhelmingly to join in one central worship centre.

"It has been hard for many to give up their traditional worship centres. However, all our existing churches are either sold or awaiting settlement," he said.

Properties at Gerald Ave and Griffiths Rd have been sold to other Christian Churches while those at Ernest St, Chatham St and Josephine St have been sold to developers.

The new church will have a central auditorium with a continuous hall that could be divided into separate areas. There will be four meeting rooms, vestries, office accommodation, a service and stage.

Arrangements will be made to employ social



• Rev Noel Kidd and Rev Mike Smith chat with builder Geoff Sampson.

workers under a Commonwealth Government scheme to youth services.

Parish minister Rev Michael Smith said: "It will cater for a number of styles of worship on Sunday and at other times, while also having activities for the membership and other people at most times of the week.

"The church membership believes strongly that this is the time to reinvest the provision from the past in the future," he said.

Arrangements have been made to incorporate memorial and memorabilia from the existing churches in the new building.

Stained glass windows from the previous

Josephine and Ernest St Churches will be used.

Wood from the the Anzac congregational church, which was the oldest on the peninsula until recently demolished, will be used to fabricate some of the furniture.

"The commencement of the new building follows three years of hard

work and hard decisions.

We believe we shall have a modern building which should serve our needs well into the next century," Rev Smith said.

The architect is Thomson, Adsett and Partners of Brisbane. Consulting engineers are Alexander, Brown, Cambridge and Partners and the builder is N C Corbett.

## **REDCLIFFE PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH**

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (1988 – 1990): *Building a Church***

#### **Summary of Minutes (1988)**

##### **Inaugural Meeting of the RUC Planning Committee:**

- Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - Rev N Kidd
  - J Wallace
  - G Taylor
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - M Wildish
- Apologies:
  - S Portage
  - A Evans
  - N Millward

##### **General Business:**

- J Wallace agreed to Chair the meetings until A Evans returned from overseas; then the matter would be reviewed
- M Wildish agreed to be Secretary and report to Parish Council at each meeting
- State Government Youth Assistance Scheme: M Wildish to contact Rev Clever at Synod to discuss application re this; due within 48 hours
- J Wallace to form a sub-committee to collate the information (re suggestions for new building) into a rough brief for discussion at next Committee Meeting
- Availability of funds and updated costs also to be submitted at next Committee Meeting

##### **RUC Planning Committee:**

- Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - Rev N Kidd
  - J Wallace
  - G Taylor
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - M Wildish

- Apologies:
  - A Evans
  - N Millward

#### **General Business:**

- There were over 50 submissions for the new complex (See separate entry)
- G Taylor sorted these into three categories:
  - Suggestions to be considered for the new complex
  - Suggestions to be discussed with the architect
  - Suggestions to be considered at a later stage
- D Skeels to consolidate information into a Brief to be presented to Parish Council
- J Wallace presented an updated budget; accepted
- D Skeels presented an updated report on preparation of preliminary Architect's Brief (including submissions from the congregation)
- Information from the Commonwealth Government on Child Care Centres was discussed; M Wildish to condense this information into a more readily accessible form
- M Wildish to give a brief report to the Church Office about the progress of the Committee

#### **RUC Planning Committee:**

- Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - Rev N Kidd
  - M Smith
  - J Wallace
  - N Millward
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - M Wildish

#### **Apologies:**

- A Evans
- G Taylor

#### **General Business:**

- D Skeels submitted the Brief that had been compiled; followed by discussion
- The following items need to be discussed with the architect:
  - As much area as possible to face N NE:
  - Amplification to allow for 15 microphone jaks
  - After Consent has been received, a special morning tea and `getting to know the site` for the congregation
  - The Ernest St Electronic Organ to be seriously considered to be included into the sanctuary of the new church

- The Brief is to be submitted to Parish Council as four separate motions:
  - That the Brief be received
  - That the Architect's Brief be adopted and forwarded to Presbytery for consideration
  - That, upon Presbytery approval, the Brief be forwarded to Architects who have expressed interest in this project, for preliminary design, with a view to gaining approval to proceed with working drawings. (NB: Architects to be informed that the preliminary design is to be prepared at no cost to the Parish; and the successful Architect would be engaged in accordance with RAIA scale of fees).
  - That, upon receipt of the preliminary designs and their evaluation, they be presented to an Open Parish Council Meeting for acceptance of the most suitable design
- There are six companies showing interest in the new complex:
  - Douglas Daly Bottger Architects
  - Fulten, Gilmour, Trotter and Moss
  - Michael M Yates and Association
  - Robin Gibson and Partners
  - Thomas Adsett and Partners
  -
- M Wildish submitted a report on the types of child care services that attract funding from the Government. It was decided to present this information to Parish Council. According to their decision, further information would be sought and presented to the Architects.
- A motion was put to the meeting that a motion would be presented at the next Parish Council Meeting to change the name of the Planning Committee to the **Planning and Development Committee**

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - Rev N Kidd
  - J Wallace
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - A Evans
  - M Wildish

#### **Apologies:**

- M Smith
- N Millward
- G Taylor

### **General Business:**

- Mr Tony Stephenson from the Commonwealth Dept of Child Care Services addressed the meeting:
  - He confirmed that Redcliffe City is not a priority for Commonwealth Government funding
  - At this stage the only funding that is available is for babies up to 2 years of age
  - Government funding, even when provided, is only for a 2-year period
- Considerable discussion followed
- The decision was made that the Committee recommend to Parish Council that:
  - Provision be made to enable 7-day usage of the building for children of Kindergarten and Sunday School age
  - Costing for this to be included as part of the building project
- The issue of transport continues to be of concern:
  - At this stage we continue to transport people to church in private cars
  - When the new complex is opened, the situation will continue to be monitored
  - Cost of purchasing a bus to transport people to church is prohibitive
  - One alternative is to hire a bus on Sunday mornings for the express purpose of transporting people to church; money raised by Gerald Ave Ladies Fellowship (See below) might contribute to covering these costs
- Bus trips arranged by Gerald Ave Ladies Fellowship (a fund-raising activity) will continue during the building of the new church complex. A new `departure point` needs to be found as parking cars near the worksite (Anzac Ave / Richens St) is not considered safe.
- Sketch Plans for new church complex due to be submitted within 60 days (from mid-July)

### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - A Evans
  - N Millward
  - G Taylor

### **General Business:**

- Mr Bill Douglas, from Douglas, Daly and Bottger, Architects attended the meeting
- Main business of the meeting:
  - Discussion of the plans of the new building
  - Discussion re budget for new building

- Further discussion re transport arrangements to church services in the new church complex
- Further discussion re new `departure point` for Gerald Ave Ladies Fellowship Bus Trips

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 29<sup>th</sup> August 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
- Apologies:
  - A Evans
  - G Taylor

#### **General Business:**

- Mr Rob Adsett, Architect, attended the meeting
- Main business of the meeting:
  - Discussion of the plans of the new building
  - Discussion re budget for new building
- Mr Adsett:
  - Produced a design concept for us to discuss
  - Spoke about ideas that have been used in other churches over the past 15 years
  - Highlighted design features that are very practical

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
  - A Evans
  - G Taylor



**General Business:**

- Mr Rob Adsett, Architect, attended the meeting
  - Main business of the meeting: Discussion of the plans of the new building
  - Discussion re budget for new building
- Mr Adsett presented the drawings and a model for his submission based on the RUC Brief and feedback from Presbytery

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
  - A Evans
  - G Taylor

**General Business:**

- Mr Bill Douglas, from Douglas, Daly and Bottger, Architects attended the meeting
- Main business of the meeting:
  - Discussion of the plans of the new building
  - Discussion re budget for new building
- Mr Douglas provided a model, booklets and drawings to accompany his submission

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date:
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - D Skeels
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
  - A Evans
  - G Taylor

**General Business:**

- Submissions presented by both Thomas Adsett & Partners and Douglas, Daly, Bottger, Architects were on display at Josephine St
- Both submissions were carefully examined and fully discussed by the whole committee.
- At the end of the discussion a vote was taken re which submission was the preferred one:
  - Thomas Adsett & Partners (6 votes)
  - Douglas, Daly, Bottger, Architects (3 votes)
  - Abstaining (1 vote)
- A follow-up meeting with Mr Adsett was requested; this to be arranged by M Wildish
- Issues to be further explored:
  - Costings
  - Type of materials
  - Fees
  - Supervision of the project

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 1988
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
  - A Evans
  - G Taylor
- Apologies:
  - D Skeels

**General Business:**

- A follow-up meeting with Mr Adsett in which he addressed issues raised at the last meeting:
  - Costings
  - Type of materials
  - Fees
  - Supervision of the project
- Projected cost of building (including car park ... plus all fees, fittings and fixtures): \$680,000.00; but not including landscaping
- After a lengthy discussion, a further indication was taken as to the most suitable design concept for the Parish

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:** *(A Special Meeting following the morning church service)*

- Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 1988
- Venue: Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev M Smith
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
  - A Evans
  - G Taylor
- Apologies:
  - D Skeels
  - Rev N Kidd

**General Business:**

- Both sets of plans were on display for the congregation's perusal
- At the end of the service the Planning and Development Committee met to discuss the reaction to the proposed plans
- The majority of the Committee agreed with the Adsett design
- A recommendation will be put to a Special Open Meeting of Parish Council to be held on 19th October 1988 at 7.15 pm

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:** *(First meeting with Architect R Adsett)*

- Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 1988
- Venue:
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - J Carter
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
  - A Evans
- Apologies:
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith

**General Business:**

- Chairman and Secretary were re-appointed for Stage 2 of the Building Project
- Discussion with the architect re changes to the design concept for the new Worship Centre:
  - Audio-visual room
  - Trees in front corner of the block
  - Costs of timber and steel frames

- Kitchen plan
- Inclusion of small / counselling rooms
- Progressive payment plan
- Possibility of a balcony
- Platform / dais for church
- Bookstore in Foyer area
- Stained Glass Windows from Ernest St Church (9)
- Inclusion of crosses from various churches; communion rail etc
- Woodwork to be stained not painted
- Cost of 'Stage' (in hall)
- Storage facilities (Bowls mats etc)
- Doors onto verandah
- Colour of roof
- Area for the Choir

## Summary of Minutes (1989)

### RUC Planning and Development Committee:

- Date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 1989
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - N Millward
  - R Ramm
  - R Way
- Apologies:
  - A Evans
  - J Carter

### **General Business:**

- Dr R Ramm and Mr R Way were welcomed as permanent members of the Planning and Development Committee
- A recommendation to be made to Parish Council that Maurice Wildish be appointed as Liaison Officer between the Architect and the Builder for building project
- Sale of church property:
  - Ernest St (\$162,000.00)
  - Chatham St (\$80,000.00)
  - Griffith Rd (\$177, 000.00)
  - Josephine St (\$175,000.00)
- Neighbourhood Centre (currently located at ..... ) will have to be re-located by the end of April, 1989; report back to Planning and Development Committee
- Ongoing feedback re requirements for new church complex:
  - Storage space in the new church
  - Sink and water required in vestry area (for arranging flowers) and Cry Room / Parent's Retreat
  - Large mango tree and roots to go
  - Lead-lights from Ernest St Churches:
    - Three to be placed in the entry area
    - One to be placed inside the church
  - Exterior lighting
  - Cross on the exterior front of the building:
    - \$3,000.00
    - Copper construction
  - Windows at sides of building to be grey louvres
  - Vestries to have grey tinted windows
  - Dais area to be raised 2 steps
  - Stage height to be 3 steps; storage underneath; entrance from side, front and storeroom

- Lighting for the stage area
- Ventilation of the auditorium; special consideration for lead-lights / stained glass windows (passive ventilation ?)
- Ventilation in Kitchen
- Kitchen plan / build to be left to the church to follow-up; sink, water and drainage as per plan
- RUC awaiting a response from Redcliffe City Council re Building Permission

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 1989
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm
  - R Way
  - A Evans
- Apologies:
  - Rev M Smith
  - J Carter

#### **General Business:**

- Quotes being considered for:
  - Hydraulics engineer
  - Stained Glass Window (Feature)
  - Sound System
- Pipe Organ is available from Cairns Uniting Church
  - RUC is prepared to offer \$4,500 for the Organ
  - Total budget to rebuild and install Pipe Organ: \$20,000.00
- Landscaping the church grounds:
  - Landscape Architect fee: \$300.00
  - A total of 400 trees to be planted in grounds including:
    - Bottlebrush
    - Grevillia
    - Melaleuca
    - Mock Orange
  - Redcliffe City Council requirements
- Negotiations under way to re-locate Neighbourhood Centre, Church Office, etc
- Chatham St Hall will be available for use up till July 1989
- Ideas being considered for fund-raising projects for Building Fund

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 1989
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm
  - R Way
- Apologies:
  - A Evans
  - J Carter

#### **General Business:**

- Quotes being considered for:
  - Sound and lighting
  - Timberland beams
  - Corner Stone
- Transport continues to be an issue:
  - Hire of bus very expensive
  - Prefer use of private cars
  - S Pordage to make further inquiries
- Move Ahead Booklet prepared by M Wildish (fund raising suggestions)
- Purchase of Pipe Organ from Cairns Uniting Church is being investigated

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April 1989
- Venue: Josephine St Vestry
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - J Wallace
  - S Pordage
  - Dr R Ramm
  - Mr R Way
  - A Evans
- Apologies:
  - J Carter
  - Rev M Smith

**General Business:**

- Updates on quotes for sound and lighting
- Discussion re suggestion for seating in the new church
- Update on Pipe Organ
- A donation of \$17,000 towards cost for purchase and installation of Organ (Gerald Ave Ladies Fellowship)
- Discussion re cost of hire of Josephine St Church Hall for outside groups
- Inventories being taken of all furniture and fittings in existing churches and church halls:
  - Griffith Rd
  - Josephine St
  - Chatham St
  - Ernest St
- Plans for landscaping of church grounds have been submitted to Redcliffe City Council for their approval
- Suggestion that existing timber be used for the construction of Communion Table and two Lecterns (see Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> April)

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 1989
- Venue: Josephine St Vestry
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm
  - R Way
  - A Evans
- Apologies:
  - J Carter

**General Business:**

- Discussion re pews for new church
- Further discussion re lighting
- Additional windows to be installed in SE walls to increase ventilation
- A quote from Maunsell's Furniture-makers re building a Communion Table and two Lecterns using timber provided (See Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> April)
- Discussion re Colour Scheme for building (walls, ceilings, floor covering)
- Discussion with Redcliffe City Council re road construction for church property
- Pipe Organ Builder (Simon Pierce) visiting Cairns to check Organ and arrange transport to Brisbane



#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 1989
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm
  - R Way
  - A Evans
- Apologies:
  - J Carter
  - G Taylor

#### **General Business:**

- Further discussion re Colour Scheme for building (walls, ceilings, floor covering); decision communicated to Architect:
  - Brick: Casablanca
  - Walls: Linen
  - Ceiling: White
  - Doors, Architraves and Skirtings: natural timber finished with Scandinavian Matt
  - Floor Covering (Carpet): to be decided
- Ongoing discussions with Redcliffe City Council re road construction for church property
- Continuing discussion re lighting and electrical plan
- Quotes for Stained Glass Window
- Further discussion re transport difficulties
- Discussion re merge of three congregations from mid-August 1989
- Consideration of possible venue for combined congregation (for church services) once all church properties have been sold and until the new Worship Centre is completed
- A recommendation to Parish Council that a service be held on the Richens St property before commencement of building (Blessing of the Land); suggested date: 28th May 1989 @ 2.30pm.

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 8<sup>th</sup> June 1989
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm

- R Way
- A Evans
- G Taylor
- Apologies:
  - J Carter

#### **General Business:**

- Discussion re quotes for Builder for new complex
- Recommendation to Parish Council: accept quote of \$741,000.00 from NC Corbert. This includes:
  - carparking and roadworks
  - soundproof walls
- Discussion re suitability of computer currently in use
- Blessing of the Land / Turning of the Sod:
  - Date: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June
  - Time: 2.30 pm
  - BYO seats and afternoon tea

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1989
- Venue: Church Hall, Josephine St
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm
  - R Way
  - G Taylor
- Apologies:
  - J Carter
  - A Evans

#### **General Business:**

- Update on progress of building:
  - Builder
  - Architect
  - Redcliffe City Council
- Communication with neighbours re new building
- Discussion on management profile of Redcliffe Uniting Church:
  - A matter of urgency
  - Decision to arrange a visit from Bryan Gilmour of South Moreton Presbytery to discuss Logan Parish situation which is similar to that of Redcliffe Parish

- The Josephine St Manse, which has been rented out for some time, will need to be vacated by the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1989 to allow Rev Mike Smith and family to move in on Settlement of Ernest St
- Continuing discussion re transport to church services
- A proposed tour of new church complex postponed until early 1990

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 1989
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm
  - G Taylor
- Apologies:
  - J Carter
  - A Evans
  - R Way

#### **General Business:**

- Update on building:
  - Building due to start at end of July
- Quote for carpet for church
- Beams for Worship Centre:
  - Being ordered from New Zealand
  - A 10-week period between ordering and delivery
  - Synod approval is required, urgently
- Management Profile (See Minutes 22nd June 1989): Discussion re proposed Parish Mission and Pastoral System; recommendation to forward to Elders Council for their consideration

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 27<sup>th</sup> July 1989
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - G Taylor
  - A Evans
  - R Way

- Apologies:
  - Rev N Kidd
  - J Carter
  - R Ramm
  - J Wallace

**General Business:**

- Update on building:
  - Delays in starting caused by hold-ups with Redcliffe City Council re Planning Permission
  - Inquiries from engineers re stability of building
- Report from Simon Pierce (Organ Builder) re repair of Organ
- Contract with Stained Glass Window manufacturer re production of window 'Resurrection' for new church complex; total cost \$12,000.000
- Inquiry re alterations to Josephine St Manse in preparation for Rev Mike Smith and family
- A visit from Bayside Parish to discuss issues related to combining several congregations into one central congregation (refer to Rev N Kidd and Rev M Smith)

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 1989
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - S Pordage
  - G Taylor
  - A Evans
  - R Way
  - R Ramm
- Apologies:
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - J Carter

**General Business:**

- Building update
- Management Profile (See Minutes 22nd June and 5<sup>th</sup> July 1989): Elders Council response to 'Parish Mission and Pastoral System' as proposed by Planning and Development Committee
- Lengthy discussion re dimensions of Communion Table and other items to be manufactured by Maunsell's Furniture-makers (See Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> April)

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 31<sup>st</sup> August 1989
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - A Evans

#### **General Business:**

- Ongoing discussion re furniture for church (See Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> August)
- Request from Elders Council re Church Charter (See Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> August); Planning and Development Committee to outline details
- Discussion re proposal for more efficient organization of Church Office
- Discussion re one Combined Ladies Fellowship for Redcliffe Uniting Church
- Discussion re timetable for activities in the new church complex; no action taken
- Updating congregation/s as to progress in building of new church complex:
  - Griffiths Rd and Josephine St: Rev N Kidd
  - Ernest St: Dr R Ramm
- Discussion re producing a `photo history` of congregation/s prior the move

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 1989
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - A Evans
  - G Taylor
  - R Way
  - R Ramm
- Apologies:
  - S Pordage
  - J Carter

#### **General Business:**

- Building update:
  - Plumbing pipes and Conduit for electricity have been laid
  - Brickwork enabling slab to be poured due for completion on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1989
  - Slab to be poured 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1989
  - Drainage problems being address by the Builder
  - Telephone System requires further investigation

- Continuing discussion re furniture for church (See Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> August):
  - Communion Table
  - One Lectern
  - One Baptismal Font
- Work is being done on obtaining photographic records of Church Families
- Collaboration between Elders Council and Planning and Development Committee re implementation of new Management Plan for the Parish (Six areas of Management within the Parish; six co-ordinators needed)
- Discussion re `music` within the Parish (ie no of pianos etc); matter referred to Music Committee
- Discussion re Sound System in the new complex
- Further discussion re seating in new church complex

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 1989
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - M Wildish (Secretary)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - G Taylor
  - R Way
  - S Pordage
- Apologies:
  - Rev M Smith
  - A Evans
  - R Ramm
  - J Carter

#### **General Business:**

- Building update:
  - The main timber beam is due to arrive in Redcliffe (from New Zealand) in 20<sup>th</sup> November 1989
  - Plumbing and draining pipes now completed
  - Carpark drainage to be completed by 6<sup>th</sup> November
  - Proposed Opening date: February 1990
- Furniture for the church (Communion Table, Lectern, Baptismal Font)
- Telephone System under investigation
- A photographic record of all people attending the various churches before combining has been approved. Photos to be taken after church service for the next three weeks
- Survey of proposed activities in the new church complex is under way
- Report from Music Committee: Proposed visit to Academy of Music to investigate options for music in new church complex
- A quote from Academy of Music re supply and installation of PA equipment plus training of three operators (\$14,900.00)

- Discussion re seating in the new complex
- Fund-raising: Mrs L Millward and Mrs Janita Owen offered suggestions for fund-raising activities

**RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1989
- Venue: Church Office

**General Business:**

- Building update:
  - Further delays with the building
  - Continuing investigation of Sound System for new complex
  - Ongoing discussion re Telephone System
- Discussion re submission to Parish Council for the production of a Photo History of the new church and people (at a cost of \$6.00 per document)
- Design and timber for Baptismal Font have been delivered to Maunsell's for manufacture
- A request to be made to the Lutheran Church for a possible extension of time in the Maine Rd Chapel

## **Summary of Minutes (1990)**

### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 1990
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - Rev M Smith
  - S Pordage
  - R Ramm
  - R Way
  - D Brown

### **General Business:**

- Building Update:
  - Further delays: 3 months behind schedule
  - Increasing costs:
    - Cost of roadworks: \$ 66,00.00
    - \$16.000.00 over budget
  - Conflicting reports on cause of delays
  - Suggestion that a conference be set up between:
    - Rev N Kidd
    - Mr J Wallace (Chairman of Planning and Development Committee)
    - Mr J Glover (Secretary of UCA Property Trust, Qld)
    - Builder
    - Architect
    - Church (Parish Council?)
  - Architect instructed not to approve further cost variation claims without agreement
  - Quote for painting church complex
- Discussion re disposal of furniture etc from previous church buildings; Rev M Smith given authority to handle this
- Inquiry from Neighbourhood Centre use of premises; matter to be further investigated

### **Combined Meeting: RUC Planning and Development Committee & RUC Property Committee:**

- Date: May 1990

### **General Business:**

- Further discussion re Neighbourhood Centre
- Discussion re removal of surplus material currently stored at Ernest St; a working bee was organized for the following weekend: all goods to be removed completely
- Thomson, Adsett and Partners Pty Ltd advise:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> May 1990: Works of the Building Contract were practically completed
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1990: Liability period would expire



- Rev Mike Smith requested to be relieved of his responsibilities re disposal of surplus material from Ernest St
- Request from Rev M Smith re what is to be done with memorial gifts from previous churches
- The matter of keys to the new building was raised:
  - Currently 18 sets of different keys
  - Advice from Peninsula Lock and Key Co:
    - Standardise all locks with Master Keys:
      - Main door and toilets on one key
      - Offices one key
      - Front door of Office: Deadlock
  - Keep a register of all persons holding keys to the building
  - Mr Wallace (Chairman of Planning and Development Committee) is responsible for all keys to the building
- The matter of the car park was discussed:
  - Redcliffe City Council has written to the Architects requesting that certain documents must be lodged before they can proceed with building the car park
  - Mr J Wallace reported on a meeting with Soil Testing Engineer and Blue Jay Contractors re this
  - Firm quote for work to be done to be given before final approval is given for the work to proceed
- With the work on the new Worship Centre nearing completion, Mr R Way (Chairman of Property Committee) reported in a number of items that still need attention:
  - The piano needs to be in place on the stage
  - Hymn Number Boards and Bible Reading Boards need to be erected
  - Timber has been provided by the Builder and an Architect's Plan exists for Pergolas to be built on the western side of the building; this needs to be built; plus Picket Fence needs to be built outside the Parent's Retreat / Cry Room
  - Fly screens / Security Doors required for:
    - doors opening into the covered area
    - office doors
  - Outside protection needs to be provided for the Stained Glass Window/s near the piano; this matter needs urgent attention
  - Ten cabin hooks required to secure doors when open
  - Towel rails required for kitchen
  - Paper towel dispensers + large waste paper baskets + liquid soap need to be provided:
    - Toilets
    - Kitchen
    - Parent's Retreat / Cry Room
  - A water hose required in the kitchen to fill urns
  - Some of the plastic chairs are broken; if under warrantee, these can be replaced
  - Storage requirements:
    - Hymn book cupboards
    - Supplies of toilet paper, paper towels, etc
    - Neighbourhood Centre
    - Garden / tool shed

- Bush house for pot plants
  - Table for computer in Church Office
- Outdoor furniture?
- Priorities re:
  - Organ
  - Car Park
- The matter of securing a cleaning contract for the new building was raised. Five quotes had been obtained ranging from \$52.00 - \$120.00, the lowest rate being accepted. A three-month trial period was agreed upon, starting immediately

#### **RUC Planning and Development Committee:**

- Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June 1990
- Venue: Church Office
- Attendance:
  - J Wallace (Chairman)
  - Rev N Kidd
  - R Ramm
  - G Taylor
  - S Pordage
  - D Brown
- Apologies:
  - A Evans
  - R Way (Chairman of Property Committee)

#### **General Business:**

- Electrical installation: The minutes record that Mr N Jay met some of these expenses himself
- Mr J Wallace: responsibility for the keys to the new building
- The maintenance period for the Builder ceases on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1990
- The issue of memorial gifts and donations was referred to the Parish Executive for their decision
- Ongoing discussions with Redcliffe City Council re carpark
- Discussion re protective glass for Stained Glass Window
- Discussion re:
  - Trimming of potted trees and shrubs
  - Planting of new trees and shrubs on the church property
  - Maintenance of church grounds
- Erection of a sign for the Church
- Report from Organ Builder re condition of Pipe Organ (when removed from storage in Porter St)

# **REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Written by J.M.Wallace, Chairman of Committee**

**September 1990**

In June 1986 when the earlier Strategy Committee completed its work, it was summarised in a 54-page report that went to every home in the Parish.

Now the Planning and Development Committee has completed a further four years, evidence of its work expressed in bricks and mortar ... in the sound of organ music ... and the beauty of a feature window.

Although much still remains to complete, the beauty of the grounds for example, the Planning and Development Committee are richly rewarded by the spontaneous way in which so many have joined in the tasks all around the complex. This is good evidence that the main task of building the church complex has been well done.

The final payment to the Builder, N F Corbett Pty Ltd is still to be approved by the Architects Thomson, Adsett and Partners Pty Ltd. On last count there was \$18,845 still subject to debate. We have paid \$10,000.00 of this, leaving only \$8,845.00 still to be decided. This was in June of this year. The best suggestion coming from the Architects (after several telephone calls, correspondence and even an appeal to Synod for help) is that very little of the \$8,845.00 is to be paid. The original Contract amount was \$762,468.00. Of this we have paid \$776,890.00 (This includes \$10,000.00 on account of doubtful cost variations of \$18,845). At this point, costs have increased by 1.8%.

The total price did not include the cost of the Organ, the Stained Glass Window, much of the lighting and Public Address system and many other features. It was these items (kept outside of the contract) that caused costs to increase.

Road work and parking were in the Contract and were estimated at \$50,000.00. Because of big delays caused by rain etc this was deleted from the contract. Final cost was \$82,079.00 and this was still subject to variation from additional demands from the Redcliffe City Council during active construction.

Assuming that no further claims are to be paid to the Builders, the total amount that will be borrowed through Synod is \$125,000.00. This compares with our earlier reports that between \$70,000.00 and \$100,000.00 would be required.

We offer thanks to God for His Guidance and the leading of His Spirit over all these years. We forever keep in mind that the work undertaken was to His Glory.

Your Committee feels that the task of maintaining the completed complex should now be handed over to the Property Committee.



# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA PARISH

143 Prince Edward Parade,  
Scarborough. 4020  
Phone: 203 4239.

## ARCHITECT'S BRIEF.

### NEW WORSHIP AND MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE FOR REDCLIFFE PENINSULA PARISH.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Parish proposes to establish a new worship and multipurpose centre within the parish which will be the only centre on the Redcliffe Peninsula. Existing properties are in the process of being disposed of. The Centre is proposed to be used on a seven day a week basis for all church and associated uses.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of "Mission Strategy Working Paper Redcliffe" published June 1986 which should be used as a preamble to this brief. The document is a far reaching and in depth study of the Parish and where it is going. The document was adopted by the Parish as a guide and blueprint for the future of the Parish.

#### FINANCE

Expenditure on the new Centre including furnishings, Consultants fees etc. should be limited to \$500,000:00.

Funds have been set aside for land development costs such as required road construction to Richens Street fencing and likely headworks charges by Redcliffe City Council.

#### THE SITE

The Parish has acquired land in Redcliffe situated on the northern side of Anzac Avenue and bounded on the east by Richens Street and the north by Williams Street. The western side of the site is bounded by existing low density residential development.

U.B.D. map 2C D3 is the site location.

Appendix A is a metes and bounds plan of the site with contours from an aerial photograph. A smaller scale plan is included which shows the location and topography.

#### THE BUILDING

Page 44 of the Mission Strategy Working Paper is seen to be the Architects' directive. Some alterations and additions have been seen to be necessary and an update of Page 44 follows:

#### "Groups

The various groups identified within the Redcliffe Parish, and two other Parishes investigated have been listed later.

ARCHITECT'S BRIEF CONT'D.

It is seen as essential that the Church will be a "seven-days-a-week" Church with buildings designed for this function.

It is believed that the functional brief to the Architect should include the following:

- A worship centre with sanctuary that will seat 400 persons on one level
- A possible extension area that will seat from 250 to 400 additional persons on the same or an alternative level
- Facilities for a concurrent Sunday School and kindergarten of 200 children
- The facilities for groups to meet outside worship times (which allows shared accommodation with Sunday School) as under:
  - a. one room capable of seating 60 persons
  - b. two rooms capable of seating 40 persons each
  - c. one room without seats as children's play area
  - d. a crying room, giving sound and visibility for the service
  - e. wheel chair access, to Church, toilets and group area
  - f. office space for three professionals - two ministers and an administrator, with central office providing for three additional staff, telephones, typewriters, photocopier, computer and other secretarial equipment
  - g. adequate lockup storage
  - h. a designated youth area to provide for up to 150 youth (the worship expansion area might suffice)
  - i. substantial kitchen space
  - j. counselling rooms
  - k. porte - cochere
  - l. bookshop."

Suggested feature

The site is located on a crest in Anzac Avenue. It is suggested that some visual feature be incorporated in the building or on the site to take advantage of the location.

ARCHITECT'S BRIEF CONT'D.Suggested construction material

Consider the possible use of timber portal frames for the roof structure in lieu of steel.

Use of existing hall

The Parish owns hall buildings, one of which could be considered for removal to the site for use by youth groups etc.

Input of Parishioners

Parishioners were requested to make submissions of their thoughts on inclusions in the proposed Parish Centre. When the submissions were appraised there were over fifty different suggested inclusions. These inclusions were considered and are listed hereunder:

Desirable inclusions for the proposed Centre

1. nine stained glass windows 1500mm by 300mm from the Ernest Street Church, Margate
2. library
3. bookshop
4. trees on site be preserved
5. child minding room with one way glass - mothers' room (this could be a cry room capable of accommodating 20 persons)
6. access for handicapped
7. prayer and counselling room
8. well equipped kitchen
9. hearing aids available in some sections of the worship area
10. a choir of 50 people be suitably located
11. an orchestra 15 - 20 players
12. brackets with rubber grummets on seating for communion glasses
13. fireproof storage area for records and archives with a floor safe
14. entrance area to be covered and driveway for car access
15. outside security lighting
16. adequate lighting in carpark
17. hall to incorporate a stage

ARCHITECT'S BRIEF CONT'D.Further inclusions for consideration by Architect

18. seats with full backs instead of bars and spaces (padded seats at Griffith Road worship centre)
19. area large enough for indoor bowls
20. area of land set aside for play/sports
21. rough tiles to kitchen floor and entrances (non slip)
22. carpeted floors
23. large entry area with storage for umbrellas, raincoats and strollers
24. electronic organ to be installed
25. adequate toilet facilities and access for handicapped
26. adequate cupboard space to house the needs of different groups
27. all buildings and carpark on one level (offices at upper level)
28. fold back walls to be used where practicable
29. spotlights and dimmers to worship area
30. recording facilities (part of public address system)
31. heaters in worship area, hall and office
32. tinted windows in office
33. acoustics - walls to be soundproofed where necessary
34. preschool facilities with outside play area
35. blackboards in hall (white boards)
36. overhead projector - screen from ceiling (motorised)
37. taped music in certain areas (P.A. system)
38. incorporate existing crosses in new complex
- N.B. balance of items were considered inappropriate and have not been included

ARCHITECT'S BRIEF CONT'D.Redcliffe City Council Townplanning requirements (Consent required)

1. a 4.0 metre buffer strip where the land abuts any land used for residential purposes
  2. off-street parking at the rate of one carparking space for ten seats
  3. a possible building setback of 6.0 metres from Anzac Avenue
  4. determination of the size of vehicular ingress and egress. Access should be limited to the Anzac Avenue frontage and the approval of the Main Roads Department would need to be obtained.
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# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA REDCLIFFE PENINSULA PARISH

To all the members and friends of The Redcliffe Uniting Church

Below are the six departments that will be requiring co-ordinators. The basic requirements are:-

1. committed Christian,
2. a confirmed member of The Uniting Church,
3. ability to relate to people and to build a team,
4. tact and tenacity
5. some skills or understanding in the areas covered by the department.

## EVANGELISM,



YOUTH &  
CHILDREN



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



COMMUNITY  
SERVICES



VISITATION &  
PASTORAL CARE



WORSHIP

ADMINISTRATION



The move into our new building presents us with many opportunities and challenges. Your Parish and Elders' Councils have adopted a Mission and Pastoral Care Charter which will help our Church to meet its goals of glorifying God, of making disciples and of seeking the lost.

Our church is establishing six departments. -

Worship  
Christian Education  
Visitation  
Evangelism, Youth and Children  
Community Services  
Administration.

These, we feel, will cover all aspects of our church's life and work. Each will have a Department Co-ordinator who will be a member of the Parish Executive and have major responsibility for the staffing and effective functioning of that department. Job descriptions and application forms for the six positions are available from our ministers or from the church office. The Elders' Council will be responsible to select department co-ordinators.

We believe that you will see an avenue of service in the new church. If you are already serving, we presume you will want to continue. Please don't feel, 'There's lots of others - I'm not important'. We will continue to need your experience and dedication.

With larger congregations, a single Sunday School and the amalgamation of other groups we will have to be well-prepared so that opportunities for fellowship and for evangelism are not lost. People who will be door-stewards, Sunday school teachers etc. will be offered training sessions so that they can do their duties effectively.

Please use the form to tell us what you are currently doing and wish to continue to do and/or what you would like to start doing.

May God bless you as you read this letter and prayerfully consider your response and then complete the sheet with a real desire to serve Him.

Council of Elders

1989.

People who believe that they are being led to apply to be one of the Department Co-ordinators, are encouraged to contact one of the ministers for further discussion and to obtain an application and position description sheet.

## ATTENTION ALL GROUPS

If you would like to talk to us we would be happy to come to your groups and talk about related issues. Noel, Mike, Maurice and Allen are available. Please contact us at the church office (283 4254)

NAME .....  
(Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms) (Christian Name) (Surname)

ADDRESS .....

PHONE . . . . .

Activities which could come within the departments are listed below. Please tick the appropriate columns and hand in at our services on 17 or 24 September. If unable to attend worship please post the completed form to the Church Office, 8 Rosemary Street, Margate 4019.

WORSHIP

Service Organist  
Choir Organist  
Pianist  
Member of Orchestra  
Music Director  
Choir Conductor  
Choir Member  
Prayer Leader in Wor.  
Bible Reader in Wor.  
Door Steward  
Welcoming Steward  
Flower/Pot Plant Arranging  
Offering Recorder  
Transport Provider  
Requiring Transport  
Other (please list

VISITATION/PASTORAL CARE

Area Co-ordinator  
Visitor (of members)  
Hospital Visit. Co-ord.  
Hospital Visitor  
Counsellor  
Stewardship Visitor  
Cradle Roll Supt.  
Cradle Roll Visitor  
Prayer Chain

EVANGELISM/YOUTH/CHILDREN

Men's Group Leader  
Men's Group Member  
Women's Group Leader  
Women's Group Member  
Social Club  
Friendship Hour  
Bowls Club Member  
Bus Trip Organizer  
K.U.C.A. Club Leader  
Youth Group Leader  
Youth Group Member  
Sunday School Teacher/Asst  
Social Function Organizer

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible Study Leader  
Bible Study Member  
Home F'ship Group Leader  
Home F'ship Group Member  
Religious Educ.in Schools  
teacher  
Religious Educ.in Schools  
assistant  
Lay Ministry  
Stewardship Planning

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Crossroads Enabler/Member  
Neighbourhood Helper  
Neighbourhood Member  
Care & Concern Leader  
Casserole Bank  
Family Support  
    . childminding  
    ..elderlyminding  
    . domestic aid  
    . transport appointments  
Blue Nursing Com/Aux  
Appeal Collectors  
Play Group Asst/Member  
Bus Driver (D-class lic.)

## ADMINISTRATION

Bookshop Manager  
Bookshop Assistant  
Librarian  
Library Assistant  
Publicity Officer  
Pub. Asst. (Art  
signwriting etc.)  
Journalist/writing  
Typists  
Office volunteer  
Committee member  
Catering Convenor  
Catering Com. Member

# BUILDING A CHURCH

## Fund-raising

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

This will be the only Church building program you will be privileged to share in in this parish. Therefore, we bring before you the following items as examples of ways you can help:-

bricks - 75,000	.....	\$1.00 each
shrubs & trees - 400	.....	\$3.50 each (or grow them)
light fittings - 100	.....	\$50.00 each
communion furniture	.....	\$4,000.00
copper cross	.....	\$3,000.00
public address system	.....	\$13,000.00
stained glass windows (along with some existing ones relocated).....		\$12,000.00
a Pipe Organ ??	.....	\$20,000.00

All of these items are 'tools' through which we can give God the glory, offer to Him the best and provide a witness to our community.

We would invite your enquiry about other items not listed here.

Fellowships and groups within the parish may like to donate specific items.

This also applies to friends and members within the Christian Family.

## BUILDING THE REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH (1988 – 1990)

(Written by Noel Millward; May 2017)

### NOTES:

- Noel was a member of the RUC Planning and Development Committee
- The RUC Planning and Development Committee was formed in 1988 to oversee the planning and building of the new church complex. It was disbanded in 1990, once the building was completed
- The RUC Planning and Development Committee met regularly throughout 1989 and 1990
- Initially they met in the hall at the rear of the Josephine St church (until the Josephine St property was sold in 1989)

### CHOSING THE SITE:

- We looked at various sites; large parcels of land were still available on the Peninsula at this time
- We were offered the site of an old service station on the corner of Victoria Ave and Duffield Rd, but it presented us with traffic problems
- We were offered a large parcel of land near where the Peninsula Park Retirement Village at Rothwell now stands. After much debate, we came to the conclusion that it was too far for many people to walk to church, so we did not go ahead with this site
- Then God in His wonderful way put an excellent site in front of us ... where the present Uniting Church now stands. **Praise the Lord!**
- It had an old house on the front ... but, best of all, it had a three-street frontage. Anzac Ave would give the new church an easy-to-see vantage point. Before we even started building, we were offered a large sum of money from a fuel company for a small portion at the front, for a service station

### BUILDING A CHURCH:

- We submitted plans to the Redcliffe City Council and Planning Permission for building a new church on this site was given
- We pulled the old house down and removed some undesirable trees
- NF Corbet Constructions was given the Contract to build the church
- A Site Office was put on the site; the Foreman for the builder was Tony Shaw. He was a great communicator. (Rev) Mike Smith played an important role too
- Footings were poured for the perimeter of the church and office. Then the perimeter bricks were laid, three bricks high
- We were then ready for the major works. Nev Jay and I, in conjunction with Geoff Harrington, a wonderful Baptist man ... with a back-hoe ... marked out and laid all the conduits for the whole of the electrical complex for the building. **We got them all in the right place! Hurray!!!**
- Then came the massive concrete pour for the floor areas. Each load was tested by a Concrete Chemist to check its density
- It was then watered by me, twice a day, to keep it cool and to avoid cracking. Our electrical conduits were sticking out in various places
- Then came the steel frame, made locally ... just `down- the-road`







