

MBC Building Project Update #16

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Hi Everyone

Happy New (Financial) Year! My apologies for not sending an update last week – I had the day off ☺. The last two weeks have seen everything go to plan. All of the tilt panels were successfully poured and prepared, ready for lifting. Structural steel has started to be delivered and will be delivered later today and tomorrow morning and it will be installed by Friday next week. So, as previously reported, next Monday is “Lifting Day” – when the tilt panels will be lifted. This will actually occur over two-three days, with the structural steel installed and the panels standing complete (without temporary supports) by the end of the week.

These are exciting times for the project. As exciting as groundworks and concrete slabs are, it isn't really until the panels are lifted and we start to get some vertical perspective on the building that it starts to “feel” like a building. Again I encourage everyone to pop by on Monday some time as the panels are lifted and prayerfully reflect on the moment. The safest place to do this from will be the Gas Works car park. Unfortunately, I have been told that the bakery there has closed, so you will have to bring your own pies and cream buns ☺. Please take plenty of photos and lift up plenty of prayers.

The lifting of the panels and the installation of steel is possibly the most risky part of the project in terms of safety on site. I request that everyone in the church make time to lift up the safety of the workers on site during the week (and beyond). Even with experienced workers on site, when cranes are lifting slabs and steel that can weigh several tonnes, and lifting these near workers who have to guide them into position, there is a real risk of injury, especially with a little water hanging around on site. So please lift this up in prayer.

Once the walls are up and the roof is on, we will start to have opportunities to practically assist with the project. Whilst our builder will look after most of the project, some of the work is “out of scope” and will be completed by us in order to save some money. This includes:

- General labouring
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Audio and visual installation (a contractor will be engaged for most of this, but we will assist)

If you are eager to help in some of these areas, or a different area, please discuss this with Steven Tye or Kel Purdue. Note that a construction white / blue card is required if you are on site. Some other trades have also been locked in through our builder that will utilise some of our church members' businesses or skills.

Progress to date:

- Panels complete
- Additional footings for entry way, steps and ramp prepared, waiting to be poured.

What happens next (subject to weather):

- Panels will be lifted into place
- Structural steel will be installed

Here are some progress photos:



The first of the structural steel has been delivered. These are roof purlins.



All of the panels, set up like tiles, ready to be lifted.
Don't worry about the little water near the bathroom.



Site looking SW – Standing in the Sunday School room.



More stacked panels. Note the numbering – each panel has an ID number and a lift sequence so that they are lifted in the correct order. These were poured on a temporary slab of concrete next to the building which will be removed later.



Whole Site looking from Tyrepower balcony

The church leadership have repeatedly stated that the key to success for this project (and every endeavour the Lord calls us to) is prayer. Please take time to pray through the following:

Praise	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good progress this week• Great progress to date – we will have walls next week!• No injuries on site this week• God’s financial provision for the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety of the workers on site – especially during the panel lift• Health of the our builder – Dave Harney who is recovering from ankle surgery• Dry weather• Good progress next week.• That we can find ways to minister to the workers on site.• Financial provision for the project.• All planning activities – wisdom and patience

If you have not reviewed the property prospectus, I encourage you do grab one from church or download it from: <http://www.mackaybaptist.org/property/default.aspx>. This document describes the history of the project and the ways that you can be involved with the project through prayer, financial support and volunteer services. I encourage you all to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the project on a regular basis.

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God Bless

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