

MBC Building Project Update #20

29 July 2011

Hi Everyone

This week, we have seen more progress on the building with the removal of the panel support struts and the commencement of roofing, including mesh and insulation. Steel for the mezzanine has also started to be installed along with the flooring itself, so fairly soon we will have two levels in the building. The roof sheeting will be the focus of attention next week along with the completion of the flooring for the mezzanine. We should have the audio / visual and alarm contractors locked in also. The colour and texture samples have been completed and is at church near the property notice board.

At church, last Sunday, during prayer time, Ray mentioned how it was an unusual feeling for many in the church to have a building created *for* us, since the majority of work is being done by contractors with no association to the church. This made me think of another place that is being prepared for us – our eternal home in heaven being designed and constructed by our Lord, Himself. Of course, our new church building – as great as it will be, will pale in comparison to Heaven ☺. As Ray has said however, we should be ever mindful that, through this project, God will be bringing people to our building site that do not know Him – that *need* to know Him. I encourage you to pray for these people and to consider ways in which we can demonstrate God's love to them in practical ways.

Come See For Yourself!

On **Sunday 7 August at 11:30am**, we have made arrangements with the builder to allow any interested church members to come on site at the new building for a tour. I will point out where everything is (or is going to be) and can field any questions. This is a great way of starting to connect with the new building which is expected to be completed around December this year. As this is a building site, there are some safety requirements to consider. All people wishing to come on site **MUST** be wearing closed toe shoes – no thongs, sneakers or sandals. Also, because of the need to ensure that we only access areas of the building that are safe, we must limit the age of people attending to older than 15 – it is simply not safe to have younger kids on a construction site. There are no needs for steel capped boots or hard hats as no work will be occurring on this day.

If you wish to attend, please meet Steve at the entrance to the church on the corner of Brisbane and Shakespeare Streets at 11:30am on Sunday 7 August. Please do not be late because we will need to have a 5 minute safety brief before entering. We will be finished by mid-day.

Progress to date:

- Struts removed
- Roofing wire, insulation and sheeting started
- Mezzanine level commenced

What happens next (subject to weather):

- Install roof sheeting
- More mezzanine work

Here are some progress photos:



Front of the building, with insulation and roofing materials being lifted into position. Framework above the roof are temporary safety scaffolding.



Auditorium with wall struts removed.



Sunday School / KFC with roof insulation and sheets being installed.



Standing in the corner of the kitchen looking towards the crèche room. Note that the space you see will be filled with cupboards facing the crèche room and a food storage room for the kitchen.



Looking past the toilets to the crèche room. The cross beams are the support for the mezzanine floor.



Whole building from the TyrePower balcony



Jock's excited.

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"> • Safety and protection of workers • Great weather • Good progress this week • No injuries on site this week • God's financial provision for the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Safety of the workers on site • Health of the our builder – Dave Harney who is recovering from ankle surgery • Excellent pricing for AV tender

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God Bless

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