

Shaping North Rocks Community Church our Future Together

Church Survey

There is a trend sweeping across the western world which is affecting all churches and volunteer organisations, including our own, where members are being much more selective in the way they prioritise their time and money. As a church we are finding that fewer people are volunteering their time in different ministries of the church and those that do volunteer are doing so for a shorter commitment of time. It is similar with giving - regular weekly giving has plateaued and instead people are more willing to give to specific projects, charities or mission initiatives.

Although this is not a issue which is unique to our church, this shift is starting to impact on the way we are able to provide ministry and participate in mission. Church Council is aware of this change in the lifestyles and attitudes of the members of our church and have for the last 4 months been exploring ways of best being able to “be church” in this changing environment.

NRCC is a church with good life and vitality; however Church Council can see that due to fewer volunteers we might need to change the format for some programs we offer, possibly consolidate or even close down some of our activities. For example Keystone Kids did not run this year due to a lack of leaders and BUGZ is looking at running an abbreviated program next year for the same reasons. We would love to be able to run all activities for all people, but with limited volunteer hours and limited resources, Church Council feels that we might also need to do some “prioritising” - investing leaders and resources into the areas that will have the greatest impact for our church and community. As we are all members of the same church, we should all have the opportunity to voice our opinions. It will then be up to Church Council to decide on any course of action.

This is where we would like your opinion and discernment. We are asking you to spend some time to go through this survey and return it to us. If you are doing it on line, please go to the online survey website <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NRCCSurvey>. If you are completing it as a hard copy, fill it in and put the completed form in the letter box at the entrance to the church. The survey will close on Sunday 27th November, 2011

Please enter 1-5 for the following questions of which areas of ministry/mission you believe are most important for the church, 1 being lowest priority, 5 being highest priority. Enter 0 if you have no opinion.

Worship / Spiritual Activities

Morning Worship	0	1	2	3	4	5
NiteRocks	0	1	2	3	4	5
BUPA Nursing Home Service (Rocklea)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Bible Study Groups	0	1	2	3	4	5
Pastoral Care of Members	0	1	2	3	4	5
Prayer Chain / Prayer Ministry	0	1	2	3	4	5
Counselling those in need	0	1	2	3	4	5
Growing people in faith and understanding	0	1	2	3	4	5
Mentoring leaders	0	1	2	3	4	5

Children and Youth Ministries

Preschool	0	1	2	3	4	5
Playgroup (0-5)	0	1	2	3	4	5
BUGZ (Preschool - Yr 2)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Kids Klub (Yr 3-5)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Priority One (Yr 6)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Nudge (Yr 7-10)	0	1	2	3	4	5
O-Zone (Yr 11-12)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Young Rocks (Sunday School)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Keystone Kids (Pupil Free Day Program)	0	1	2	3	4	5
School Scripture	0	1	2	3	4	5
Muirfield High Ministries	0	1	2	3	4	5
Youth Alpha / Youth Biblestudies	0	1	2	3	4	5
Baptism and Confirmation Classes	0	1	2	3	4	5

Other Ministries

Craft Group	0	1	2	3	4	5
Funding Overseas Missionaries	0	1	2	3	4	5
Carols by Candlelight (Community Outreach)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Church Fete / Other Fundraising	0	1	2	3	4	5
Other: _____	0	1	2	3	4	5
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Are there any comments you would like to make about these ministries or any other activity of the church.

Another course of action Church Council needs to take is to have a long term strategy for the church properties. Currently there are not the finances available to undertake any significant capital works projects but that should not prevent us from having long term goals that will influence short term decisions. This is an opportunity for you to convey your ideas to us. Be aware that the footprint of the church building itself will need to remain, as to rebuild the church would be cost prohibitive with the amount of off street parking that the local council would require.

What do you think should be our long term plan for the church properties?

So we can gain a fair idea of the representation of survey respondents.

Name (optional) _____

Age _____

Number of other people in your family who you are completing the survey for:

Adults _____ Age _____

Child 1 _____ Age _____ Are they currently involved with this church? Y/N

Child 2 _____ Age _____ Are they currently involved with this church? Y/N

Child 3 _____ Age _____ Are they currently involved with this church? Y/N

Child 4 _____ Age _____ Are they currently involved with this church? Y/N

Please pray that Church Council will use the results of this survey with wisdom and doing God's will.

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