



HONOUR
THE *PAST*
CELEBRATE
THE *PRESENT*
LOOK *to* THE
FUTURE

LEGACY & MISSION



Welcome to Legacy Twenty Three

Dearest church family,

As we reflect on the past and look to the future, we find ourselves humbled and so very thankful as we celebrate the life-changing miracles that God has blessed us all with at HopeUC over the past 12 years.

This year, we felt God ask us to declare the word “Salvation” over our church, and we have been witnessing God move powerfully in all our campuses, our services, and our mission expressions as we lean in with prayerful expectation for hundreds more people to find life in Jesus.

As a church, we have been given new ministry opportunities, including expanding our existing properties and building a new home for our Gosford campus. Partnering with faithful men and women is crucial to embrace these missions effectively. We are thrilled about the new opportunities God is providing us to impact our communities and beyond, and we remain completely grateful for the generosity of families across our church in both time and finances, who have continued to support this work aiding those in need locally and globally.

In 2023, our goal is to deepen our commitment to missions and give you the chance to allocate your Legacy giving to both facilities and missions. Both of these spaces are beautiful, and we want to empower you to have a more profound involvement based on your passion for building projects, mission work, or both.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued prayers, generosity, tenacity, faith, and faithfulness on this journey. We believe that Legacy gives vision longevity, so we pray you enjoy this Legacy update as we aim to lead and leave a lasting impact for God’s glory, in Jesus’ name.



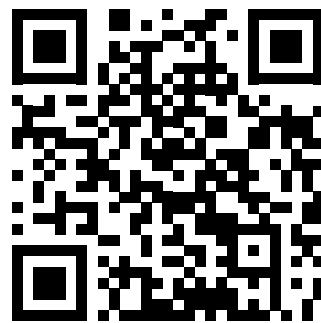
With much love and speaking great blessing over you all,

Ps Mark and Darlene



Join us in making a *difference*

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LEGACY

2023



HONOUR THE PAST

BUILDING ON THE LEGACY
OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US



2023 MISSIONS

Honouring the Past

Deuteronomy 32:7 encourages us to remember the days of old and consider the years of many generations. We are urged to ask our fathers and elders for their stories and wisdom, so we can learn from their experiences and build upon their successes.

In today's fast-paced world, it can be easy to forget about the Godly foundation that has been laid before us. However, as Christians, we are called to remember and honour the past, especially those who have entrusted us with the legacy they gave so much to see come to pass.

We also honour their legacy by creating ways for future generations to take what is now ours and see all that God has intended for this season come to pass.

We are so grateful for the sacrifices of those who have come before us. By learning from their stories, building upon their work, and pioneering new ways as we set up future generations for success, we aspire to wholeheartedly honour the legacy of the past and continue to bring all glory to God as we step into the future.

HONOUR THE PAST



Pst John Pennicook

In 1986, a small group of dedicated pioneers led by Pastors John and Joan Pennicook began meeting monthly in a lounge room to pray and plan for the birth of a Christian Life Centre Church in the Wyong Shire. Their unwavering faith and commitment set the foundation for what would eventually become Hope Unlimited Church, a thriving church with a global presence. The first service was held in Gorokan High School hall on the 1st of February 1987, with just 70 people in attendance. The beginning was humble but filled with great excitement. A regular morning service started on the 7th of June that year, and from there, the church continued to grow.

In 2011, Pastors Mark and Darlene Zschech relocated from Sydney to become the Lead Pastors, and HopeUC began to expand rapidly. Today, we have six campuses in NSW, Australia, on the Central Coast, with one in Charmhaven, Gosford, and the Peninsula, and three campuses in the Hunter Region, including Newcastle, Maitland, and Port Stephens.



Pst Mark & Darlene Zschech



Pst Sam Collins

Each campus has its unique history and story, with some starting as life groups or churches before joining the HopeUC family. Our Gosford campus, for example, began as a life group in the home of Mel and Matt Hope and officially started as a campus in 2012. Our Peninsula campus started when Sam and Kylie Collins from Good News Church joined HopeUC in April 2013 and has a history that stretches back to when it was started by Pastors Pat and Brian Donovan in 1980.



Building on the Legacy of those who came before us

Our Newcastle campus was started in the late 1960s and grew to become Globe Church with Pastors Bruce and Kate Robertson, and is now known as our HopeUC Newcastle campus. HopeUC Maitland, planted by Grant and Megan Atherton in 2004, joined the church family in 2019. And then, in 2021, Baylife Church, planted by Pastors Greg and Robyn McKewin in 2002, became part of the HopeUC family, adding to the growing presence of the church in the Hunter Region.



Pst Bruce & Kate Robertson



Pst Greg & Robyn McKewin 2007

At the heart of our journey is always a deep respect for those who came before and laid the foundation for HopeUC to thrive. We understand and appreciate the foundational commitment to faith, sacrifice and prayer, to pioneering and planning, which has set the foundation for a church that will continue to grow and touch the lives of many. We are so excited and expectant for all that is to come.



Gosford campus opening 2016



Charmhaven 2015

CELEBRATE THE PRESENT



*WORK WILLINGLY AT
WHATEVER YOU DO,
AS THOUGH YOU WERE
WORKING FOR THE
LORD RATHER THAN FOR
PEOPLE. REMEMBER THAT
THE LORD WILL GIVE
YOU AN INHERITANCE
AS YOUR REWARD, AND
THAT THE MASTER YOU
ARE SERVING IS CHRIST*

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

Celebrating the Present

As followers of Christ, we have been blessed with unique gifts, talents, and resources, and it is our responsibility to steward them well. It is both a privilege and a calling that we must embrace wholeheartedly. Our time on earth is limited, but it presents us with an incredible opportunity to make a lasting impact on the world around us.

The Bible teaches us to approach everything we do with enthusiasm and a desire to honour God. Colossians 3:23-24 encourages us to do everything wholeheartedly, as if we are serving the Lord and not just people.

This year, we felt God's call to declare the word "Salvation" over our church, and we have witnessed the powerful presence of God in our campuses, services, and mission expressions. We are filled with excitement and gratitude for the fresh avenues that God is providing us to impact our communities, both locally and globally.

Through your support, we have been able to extend our outreach through initiatives such as "Can We Pray for You," Hope Local, and Hope Global, reaching out to our community, schools, and beyond. We have had the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, showing His love and making a tangible difference in the lives of others.

As we continue this journey together, let us take a moment to celebrate the present. May we continue to walk in His grace and love, knowing that we are making a difference in the world around us.



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HOPE GLOBAL *Making a lasting impact*

Hope Global is committed to creating long-lasting change through investment in our projects and partners. Over the past year, we have had many opportunities to give and be a blessing to communities around the world.

FRUITS OF HOPE ACADEMY, RWANDA

Our Fruits of Hope Academy continues to grow and develop, with 630 students and 35 staff enrolled for the school year. Our school's academic performance remains outstanding, with over 98% of students achieving in the top bands of the national exams. However, many families have faced financial challenges due to the pandemic. To help, we have sponsored 20 students school fees for the year and are exploring creating a sponsorship project to assist struggling families.

HOPE GLOBAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, RWANDA

We are excited to announce that the draft designs for our Centre of Excellence have been finalised with the help of two architects from SylvesterFuller. The project aims to empower and upskill local men and women in Rwanda, as well as those from neighbouring countries. We hope to begin construction in 2024.

LEGACY KIDS - HOPE CARRIER

Our Hope Carrier Project continues to support children in need, with 2488 new school bags filled with essential supplies distributed across India, Thailand, and South Africa. Through our Kids team efforts and their Legacy giving, \$3750 was raised to sponsor 100 school bags in India. Hope Global's Chairman, Matt Hope, and his son, Jamin, had the privilege of distributing these bags in September 2022.

MINDORO, PHILIPPINES

Scott and Ruth Buchanan are back on the Island of Mindoro in the Philippines, building relationships and impacting the local community. Their focus is on strengthening the existing indigenous church to plant new churches among unreached tribes.

VANUATU CYCLONE RELIEF

Hope Global has donated funds to Liberty People to help cover the costs of sending a container filled with canned food and building supplies to Vanuatu, which was hit by several cyclones in March 2023.

YOUTH CAMP SPONSORSHIP, SAMAR PHILIPPINES

We were given the opportunity to sponsor a Youth Camp in Samar, Philippines, where disadvantaged youth make up a large proportion of the population. The camp in July 2023 is expected to have over 700 participants between the ages of 13 and 25, and we believe it will be a great blessing to the community.

UKRAINE

Hope Global and HopeUC have donated over \$35k to aid war relief efforts in Ukraine. In addition, Pastor Wayne Zschech and his team are innovating ways to make a difference, including launching the first wood waste-to-energy project by the end of the warm season. We encourage everyone to keep Pastor Wayne, Olya, and their family in their prayers.

SRI LANKA

Narel and Alison Atkinson have been diligent partners in Sri Lanka, and in addition to providing monthly support, we were able to send funds towards emergency food parcels to 125 families during the economic crisis that hit the nation in the past year. In April 2023, our Sisters of HopeUC also gave over \$5800 towards a women's conference in Sri Lanka, which will be a great blessing to thousands of families in the region.

THE GOING, JULY 2023

We are grateful for the opportunity to send over 70 volunteers to connect with our partners overseas. Our teams will be building houses, setting up a free education center for street kids, and conducting various community outreach programs in Bali, Vanuatu, Sri Lanka, India, and Dubbo. All our teams are raising funds for the various projects they will be involved in, and we would appreciate your prayers for their success.





NAREL AND ALISON ATKINSON



SCOTT AND RUTH BUCHANAN

MISSIONS UPDATE



FRUITS OF HOPE ACADEMY RWANDA



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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE RWANDA DRAFT CONCEPT



HOPE CARRIER PROJECT INDIA



YOUTH CAMP PHILIPPINES



ZSCHECH FAMILY IN UKRAINE

HOPE LOCAL

Spreading Love in Our Community and Beyond

HopeLocal is a passionate army of volunteers within our church who consistently love people in our community, schools, and beyond. They gather in school ministries, campuses, and other locations to be the hands and feet of Jesus each week.

DISASTER RESPONSE & CHAPLAINCY

This year, we've continued aiding flood-affected regions from Northern Rivers to Eugowra and our own Maitland. The community response has been overwhelming, witnessing our active and compassionate church. In a GOING project, over 20 Maitland volunteers cleaned houses, brought food, coffee, and smiles to flooded locals.

We have chaplains responding and caring for people weekly in various settings such as ambulances, sports, hospitals, and more. A big thanks to all who serve in this capacity.



THE GOING

Each campus partners with local charities in July/ August to support and enhance their ongoing efforts. Last year, in Port Stephens, we supported Hope In A Suitcase by packing suitcases for children in foster care. As a church, we also donated \$12,000 to this initiative during Christmas.

Newcastle campus distributed cards and grocery vouchers to local organisations and actively supported the "I Run For Her" campaign, a domestic violence awareness initiative in partnership with 'Got Your Back Sista.' The walk in Maitland saw over 80 participants and garnered attention from the local television station.

SCHOOLS

Our GU leaders engage in high school ministries, cooking thousands of pancakes in breakfast programs and running initiatives during lunchtime and for overall well-being. We continue to run the Shine program for girls and provide SRE (Special Religious Education) in primary schools, making a remarkable impact.





MEALS OF HOPE / GIFTS OF HOPE

We respond to food insecurity on a weekly basis, providing Meals of Hope and food hampers at each campus. Charmhaven campus's "Free Food" program, supported by Oz Harvest and Aldi, assists numerous families. We feel privileged to be able to support those in need.

In the past year, we distributed over 5000 meals, hampers, and gifts across our campuses. Additionally, our campuses offer community spaces where individuals can connect for conversations, meals, receive vouchers, pastoral care, and even medical assistance.

Thank you, HopeUC, for your unwavering commitment to loving people well. Through your generosity, we were able to provide cars, clean houses, offer haircuts, winter blankets, clothing, and so much more.



Thank
you for
all your
support

We eagerly anticipate what God has in store for us as we continue to deepen our involvement in the community. To join our teams or sign up for our upcoming Out West trip to Dubbo/Parkes in August, please contact us at hopelocal@hopeuc.com.

CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

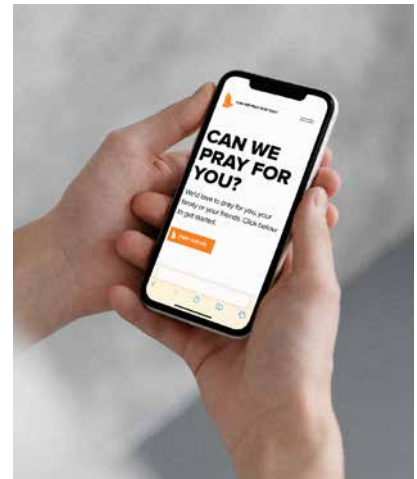
We're thrilled to share that our "Can We Pray For You?" campaign we ran in the lead up to Easter was a tremendous success. Through various marketing methods like letterbox drops, social media, and outdoor banners, people were invited to submit their prayer requests. Each request was prayed for by a local church, and those who submitted a request were invited to attend the local church's Easter services. Ultimately, the campaign aimed to offer prayer and support and introduce people to the love of Christ. We're grateful for the positive response to this campaign and look forward to continuing to spread the message of hope and love again even further next year



BILLBOARDS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT



ONLINE CAMPAIGN



TELEVISION ADS



LETTERBOX DROP



LOCAL CAMPUS

“THIS IS A GOD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. IT HELPED US ENGAGE THE CONGREGATION AND CONNECTED THEM TO THE HEARTBEAT OF THE COMMUNITY. IT MADE OUR COMMUNITY AWARE THEY CAN ALWAYS ASK FOR PRAYER.”

Campus Updates



CHARMHAVEN

We have completed general building updates, the courtyard has been painted and building painting is in progress.



PORT STEPHENS

We have now fenced our backyard area and added a brand new playground for primary.



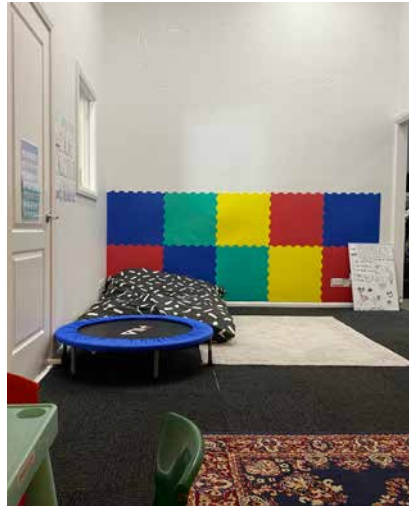
PENNINSULA

The foyer has been painted, carpet has been removed and concrete polished. We have also painted the auditorium walls and platform.



NEWCASTLE

In 2022, we demolished the neighbouring building and transformed the space into a beautiful site through landscaping and laying new turf.



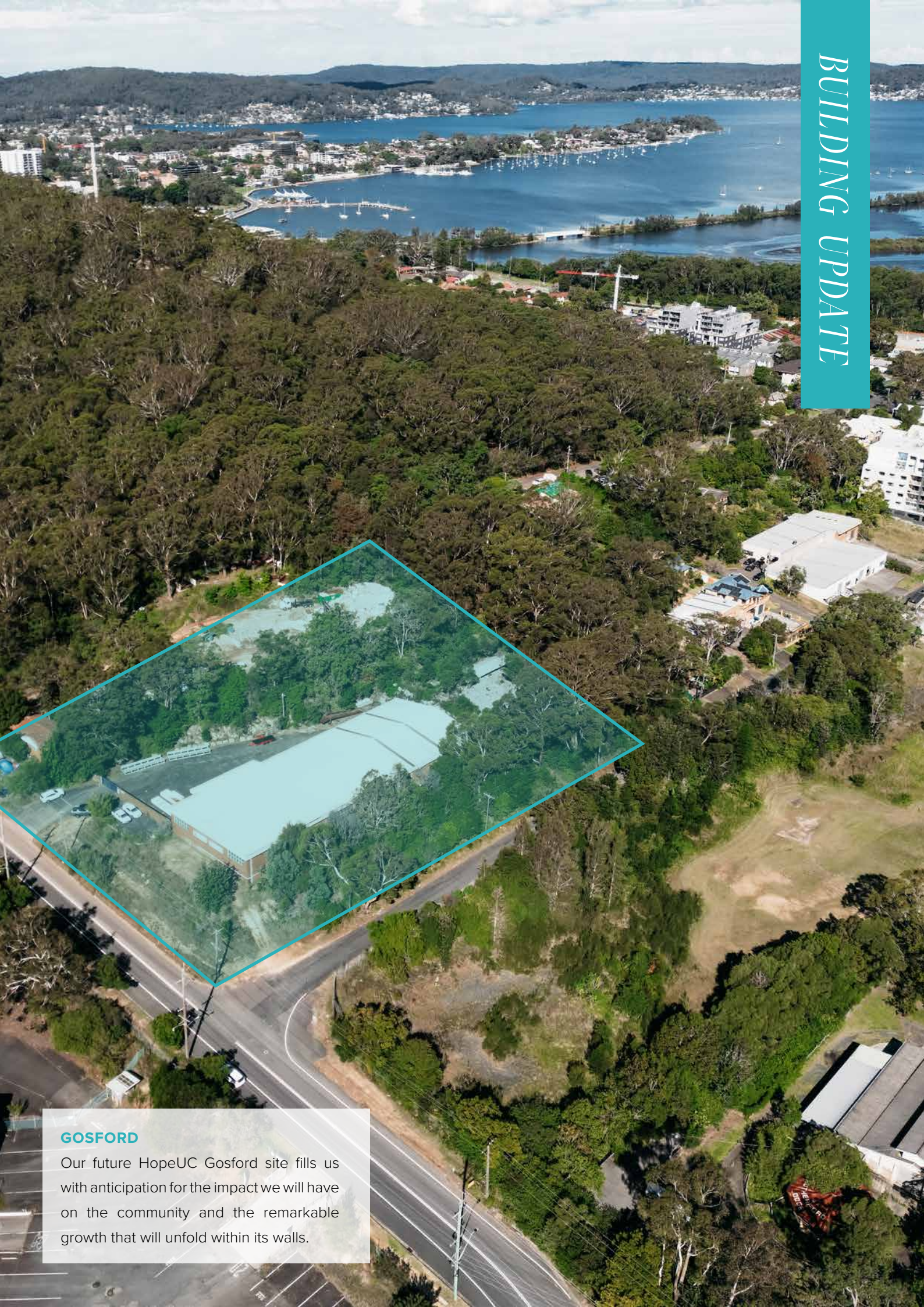
MAITLAND

Stage one of our new Sensory Space is now complete, along with exterior painting and a new production desk.



GOSFORD

In 2022, we celebrated the acquisition of a new property located in the heart of Gosford. This milestone fills us with excitement for its potential and we look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead for HopeUC Gosford.



GOSFORD

Our future HopeUC Gosford site fills us with anticipation for the impact we will have on the community and the remarkable growth that will unfold within its walls.

LOOK
to THE
FUTURE

“I DO NOT PRAY
FOR THESE ALONE
*[IT IS NOT FOR THEIR SAKE
ONLY THAT I MAKE THIS
REQUEST]*, BUT ALSO FOR
[ALL] THOSE WHO *[WILL
EVER]* BELIEVE AND TRUST
IN ME THROUGH THEIR
MESSAGE, THAT THEY ALL
MAY BE ONE; JUST AS YOU,
FATHER, ARE IN ME AND I
IN YOU, THAT THEY ALSO
MAY BE ONE IN US, SO THAT
THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE
[WITHOUT ANY DOUBT]
THAT YOU SENT ME.”

JOHN 17:20-21 AMP

Looking to the Future

We are filled with excitement as we envision the future of HopeUC. In addition to our weekly gatherings, we are expanding our activities midweek to include prayer, food distribution, Bible studies, educational growth tracks, and creative expressions. Our Children's and Youth ministries are flourishing, and our Champions Clubs for children with additional needs are growing in each campus. Our focus is on establishing a strong presence in each region where God has placed us. In a world that grows increasingly dark, having a prominent home base for the church is becoming more and more important. We want to emphasise to everyone, "There is a place for you here." We genuinely believe this.

As we prayerfully build for the future, following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, supporting those who are suffering locally and globally, and stepping out in faith, we want you to know how much we love and appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for investing in the future and walking alongside us as your pastors. Together, we can build a lasting legacy for the glory of God.



Look to the future



CHARMHAVEN CAMPUS GOALS Addition of portico and finish painting

ESTIMATE: \$100,000



PORT STEPHENS CAMPUS GOALS Painting and addition of portico

ESTIMATE: \$100,000



PENINSULA CAMPUS GOALS Render and paint exterior of building

ESTIMATE: \$50,000

BUILDING A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



MAITLAND CAMPUS GOALS Playground and basketball area for youth + kids space **ESTIMATE: \$50,000**



NEWCASTLE CAMPUS GOALS Portico and painting **ESTIMATE: \$100,000**



GOSFORD CAMPUS GOALS DA for new building and clean up of new Gosford site **ESTIMATE: \$85,000**



YOU CAN BE SURE THAT
GOD WILL TAKE CARE
OF *EVERYTHING* YOU
NEED, HIS GENEROSITY
EXCEEDING EVEN YOURS
IN THE GLORY THAT
POURS FROM *JESUS*

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 MSG



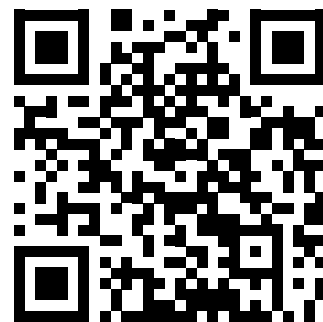


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