

LIVING WATER  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

# *Church Planning Morning Report*

2 Nov 2024, 9-12pm @ LWAC

## **Prayer for unity and love of the church**

*Almighty Father,  
your blessed Son before his suffering and death prayed  
for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he  
are one: Grant that we, your Church, being bound  
together in love and obedience to you, may be united in  
one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe  
in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

# Vision 24 – a call to love and mission Feedback

We noted that we have come to the end of our 5 year vision that we launched in January 2020. There was a deep sense of gratitude & joy when we reflected on what the Lord had been doing among us over the past 5 years. There had been challenging times, things that we hadn't expected, & also high points of celebration, but through it all we could see the hand of the Lord.

*A final reflection on the progress of Vision24 – a call to love and mission.*

## **1. Gospel Progress:** Comments were:

- Things to celebrate were the emphasis on mission evidenced with the regular running of Alpha, the marriage course and Invitation Sundays. The emphasis on discipleship with the growth in the number of life-groups and the courses offered by Richard over the last couple of years (apologetics and ethics) -also the prospect of starting up Albany Ministry training in 2025 offering the Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology.
- Having 3 ordinands has also been a wonderful work of God in our church.
- Areas needing attention it was felt were the need for training the church in mentoring.

## **2. Worship:** Comments were:

- We have settled on 2 Sunday services instead of 3. These together with the Wednesday and monthly services meant that we were offering a diversity of style of services, yet with a common identity as one church.
- The creative emphasis in our worship particularly during the high seasons of the year such as Easter and Christmas were encouraging and appreciated.

### **3. Embodied Hope:** Comments:

- The Store is humming along very well with Fiona and Brett leading the team from about mid year. There is an increase in the number of people being engaged with week to week and a strong ministry mindset amongst the volunteers.
- The Garden is being maintained by a small group. We need to seek the Lord for the vision for the garden.

### **4. Prayer and Pastoral** Comments:

- The vital ministry of prayer undergirds everything we do at LW, and this past year it has maintained well and in some areas grown. The Intercessory team has grown.
- Teaching on prayer ministry is an area needing attention.

### **5. Families and Children** Comments:

- The Marriage Course run by the Jansz' was once again a real benefit to many people, including those not part of our church.
- Children's Ministry is growing with the addition of a creche at the Sunday 5pm service. Heidi's work with the children on Sundays has been a significant blessing to the church.

### **6. Youth and Young Adults** Comments:

- Heidi and Shane led a young adults lifegroup this year, and the young adult's presence on Sundays has been encouraging. Almost all of them however are leaving Albany at the end of the year!
- We have no ministry to youth – seeking God for his provision.

## **7. Men and Women Comments:**

- Mens Time Out continues to be a blessing to the men and Rob Palmer's hospitality is legendary.
- Flourish Women has had a good year in 2024 under Allyson's leadership.
- Ivan's coffee morning continues to bless senior men and grow.

## **8. Retirees and Seniors Comments:**

- Extended Communion Services in Aged Care Centres under Jenny's leadership continues to provide one service a month in 4 centres.
- The Retirees in our church are extremely active. A number of lifegroups have become effective pastoral care groups.
- There was concern about not 'forgetting' about the older members of our church.

## **9. Lifegroups Comments:**

- Richard spoke to the Re-Formation of lifegroups that took place in early 2024. This went very well with more people leading groups and more people in groups than the previous year.

## **10. Promoting the Gospel beyond ourselves**

### Comments:

- We enjoyed a steady presence of visits from missionaries and representatives of mission organisations throughout the year.
- A new partnership with churches in Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa began this past year, supporting churches in rural areas in their work of making Jesus known and meeting human need.

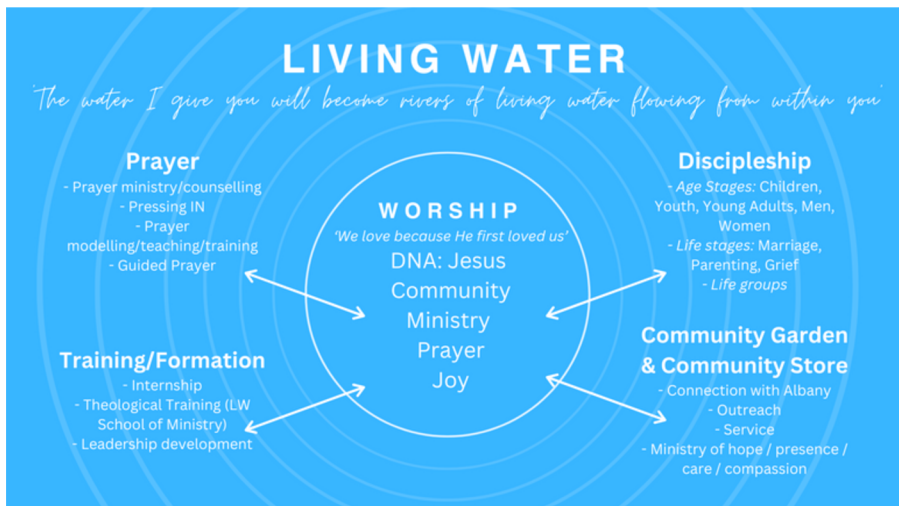


## Ministry Leaders Feedback

We heard brief feedback from a number of ministry leaders. Their full reports will be presented at the Annual meeting in February 2025.  
Prayer

*Praying in groups giving thanks for reflections on vision24 as well as matters raised by ministry leaders.*

## How is God leading us as we move in 2025?



There seem to be 4 key areas the Lord is directing us into...

### 1. Prayer

- Prayer ministry/counselling
- Pressing IN
- Prayer modelling/teaching/training
- Guided Prayer

## 2. Outreach

- Store and Garden Embodying Hope
- Ministry of hope / presence / care / compassion
- Alpha/Marriage Course/Parenting Course

## 3. Discipleship

- Age Stages: Children, Youth, Young Adults, Men, Women
- Life stages: Marriage, Parenting, Grief etc.
- Life groups

## 4. Training/ Formation

- Internship
- Theological Training Diploma (Albany Ministry Training)
- Leadership development

### *Description of Graphic*

#### **1. The first thing to note is the key text in John 4 for us as a church:**

Remembering Jesus' words to the woman at the well. He promised water that would become rivers of **living water** flowing from within her... this is a reference to the Holy Spirit and his ministry of filling us with the love of God, and that love flowing out from us in ministry and mission for God's glory.

#### **2. The second thing to note is that Worshiping Jesus is at the centre of our life as a church:**

Worshipping God is expressed by the centre circle. Worship creates: **Community, Ministry, Prayer and Joy** (our DNA). Jesus and his love at the heart 'We love because he first loved us.'

### **3. The third thing to see are the Ripples.**

- **This worship and love of Jesus, ripples out** into all of life; our families, friendships, work situations and the broader Albany community'

### **4. Then the fourth thing to notice are the arrows.**

- The **arrows** represent mission and ministry and they move both ways because as much as the ministry /mission is reaching out it is also drawing people in.

*And so as we prayerfully consider what the Lord seems to be doing – the question becomes, how do we respond?*

**How do we lean in and cooperate with the Lord so that his will is done and all for his glory in 2025 and beyond?**

## **Matters for Discussion:**

### **Ministry Staffing:**

We are excited about the possibility of employing a Youth and Young Adults pastor in 2025. We can see the need in this area of our church and in the broader community. We recognise that this appointment brings with it a significant financial commitment from us, and the fundraising so far has been good.

### **Target \$120 000. Raised to Date +- \$65 000**

*Youth Pastor Donations can be made to:*

*General giving account*

*Name: Living Water Anglican Church*

*BSB: 706-001*

*AC: 30004022*

*Reference: Youth Pastor*

### **Discipleship Training:**

Plans have progressed significantly for Living Water to partner with the Great Southern Training Hub in order to offer the Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology in 2025. This could be of benefit to lay leaders and preachers as well as those considering a call to ministry as a next step after the internship. We want to play our part in the revitalisation of the church in this region. A matter for prayer.

## **Open Mic**

Members of the meeting had opportunity to speak to matters that were important to them.

Allyson: There was a real need to support younger mums with their little ones – possibly with a playgroup and also support parents with a parenting course.

*Comments: This has been a need for some time. LW has had a playgroup in the past.*

Andrea: Pornography is having a very bad impact on children and men in particular. The church needs to teach on these topics and be open about sexual sin and helping people get out of addictions. *Comments: all agreed.*

Brett: The Community Store is excellent but it is quite restricted in terms of space. November is too busy a month in the church year! *Comments: The store size is subject to city by-laws in relation to our zoning.*

Judy: Its important to find ways to foster intergenerational connecting – older relating with younger. *Comments: agreed*

Tim: There is a lot of family breakdown in our broader community and in our church at times. The importance of creating a culture of mentoring is vital. Also rampant and even celebrated sexual sin in our culture is creating a generation of victims, especially children.

Jalisa: Upgrading our Kids Playground will support families and provide a safe space for mums to go, a playgroup for young parents would be really good.

?: Could LW buy a bus in order to pick people up for church and activities etc. *Comments: This has been raised and investigated in the past– the costs would be high.*

Suzi: Short term mission trips is something that has been such a blessing to many people – can we do these from LW? *Comments: Some members of the congregation have experience and could advise.*

Aaron: Having special evenings from time to time that are just about gathering to praise and worship God would be wonderful. *Comments: agreed.*



# Property matters

## Buildings

Presently we are finding some aspects of our current building capacity to be reaching their limits in terms of the ministry that needs to be supported.

1. Our office space needs are exceeding capacity, and have been for some time. We are also adding a youth pastor to our staff team, which will further increase this need.

2. Children and Youth Ministry Space: Kids church kids (gr 1-6) are having to be accommodated in 2 rooms in Community House which is proving to be an increasing challenge. There is no obvious space for a youth ministry on Sundays at the moment. The need for space for these ministries is growing.

3. Fellowship Space/Foyer: For a number of years we have needed increased fellowship space and a foyer.

## A Way forward:

Drawings were presented

- Two new demountables for offices and Youth space to be built and located alongside the car park.
- Renovate Kids church Space where existing offices are located.
- Renovate Community House into a new dedicated creche space
- Hope: possibly a new Foyer to assist with fellowship space teas and coffees etc.

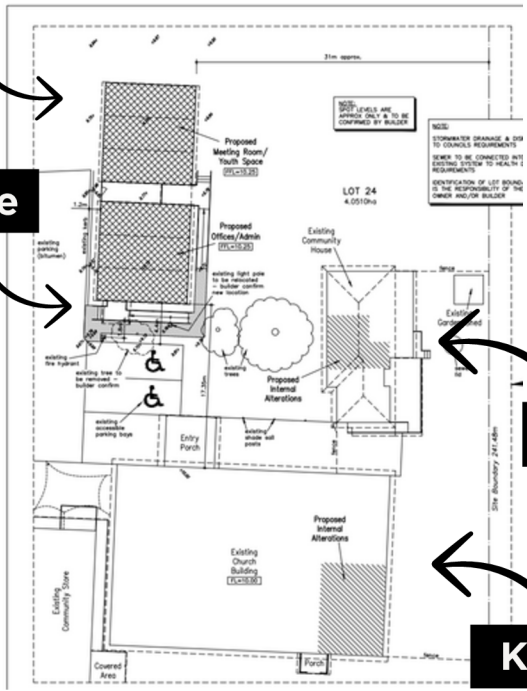
- Cost is estimated to be about \$500 000. LW would likely seek to borrow this amount and repay through the Anglican Community Fund.
- A step forward at this point would be to settle our existing loan that has \$99 000 remaining. Donations can be made to:

*Building Fund account*  
 Name: *Living Water Building Fund*  
 BSB: 706-001  
 AC: 30004023

**Demountables - Youth**

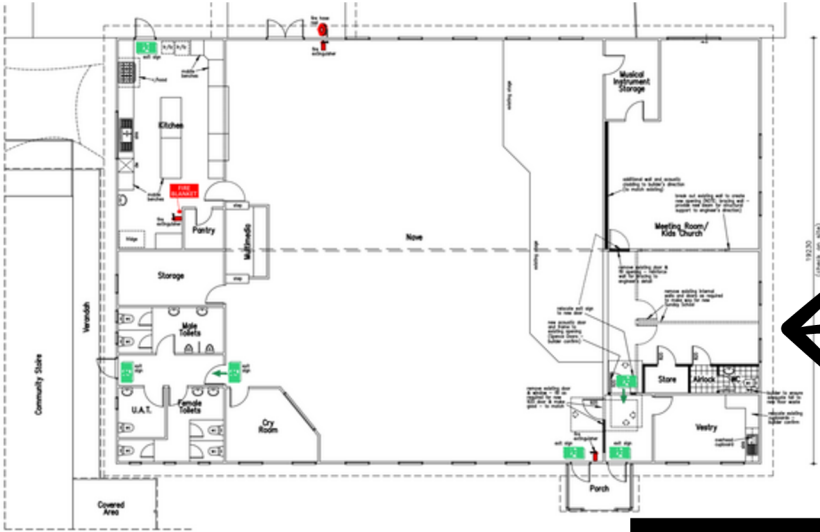
**SITE OVERVIEW**

**Office Space**



**Creche**

**Kids Church**



**New Kids Church**

Sketch - Church Building -  
Floor Plan - New

Scale 1:100



**New Creche**

Sketch -  
Community House -  
Floor Plan - New

Scale 1:100

