

November 2024 Newsletter

Building Commences after more than 12 years of planning.



Architect's view of 32 South street Ministry Centre and Community Hub

The fences are up, and the work has started on the new Shepherd's Wharf Ministry Centre and Community Hub at 32 South Street Rydalmere.

It has been a long journey to get to this point - we are close to realising our long-term vision to build a centre that not only meets the needs of our parish but contributes to the whole community.

Just over 12 years ago our parish came to the realisation that our existing facilities were no longer suitable. Our existing parish and outreach programs needed modern facilities. We could also see that our community needed low-cost, purpose-built spaces for meetings, cultural events and performances, due to population growth and the limited number of available places, most of which were extremely expensive to hire.

We could also see that our community was rapidly growing, impacted by COVID isolation and needed ways in which to connect with each other. The impact of high cost of living is impacting on the wellbeing of individuals and families who require practical support and facilities combined with community partners programs that can make a difference. We imagined and planned a new facility that could proactively address isolation, provide a safe welcoming meeting place, and a place to learn through seminars on mental health, wellbeing and financial management and provision of English as a Second Language classes.



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And so, our journey began to realise this vision. We sold our existing properties, found a new site and designed a facility that will provide a place of engagement for all.

Our parish will adopt a new name - Shepherd's Wharf Anglican Church Rydalmere when we move to the new ministry centre. This name and our new logo reflect the heritage of the area around our new building and our connection to the Parramatta River.

This \$3.46M investment to bring the Ministry Centre and Community Hub for Rydalmere/Dundas/Telopea area to reality is projected to be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2025.

The project is delivered as part of the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants (WSIG) Program, who have committed \$585,000 funding to the facility.

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