



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTHGATE

Projects & Property Update

Agenda

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 - a. Property Allocation - THL/Apollo and Syro-Malabar Community
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 - c. Fencing

- 2. Church Building
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 - b. War Memorial Extension

- 3. Hall Building
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 - b. Recent Safety Improvements

- 4. Have Your Say!

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Property Allocation

The Northgate site is currently shared by the Mother of Mercy Parish, the Syro-Malabar Parish, the CCR, Apollo/THL and other community groups. As part of planning for the site's future use, lease arrangements have been developed and discussed with major site users to support long-term certainty, safety and effective site management.

Objectives of the agreements

- Create clearer separation between church and commercial activities and reduced interaction between campers and church users
- Improve management of the site
- Increase safety and security
- Provide dedicated access and defined lease boundaries
- Improved long-term certainty for all parties

Next Steps

- Construct new Fraser Road access & driveway (completed)
- Install perimeter fencing and access gates



Property Allocation - Apollo/THL

Background

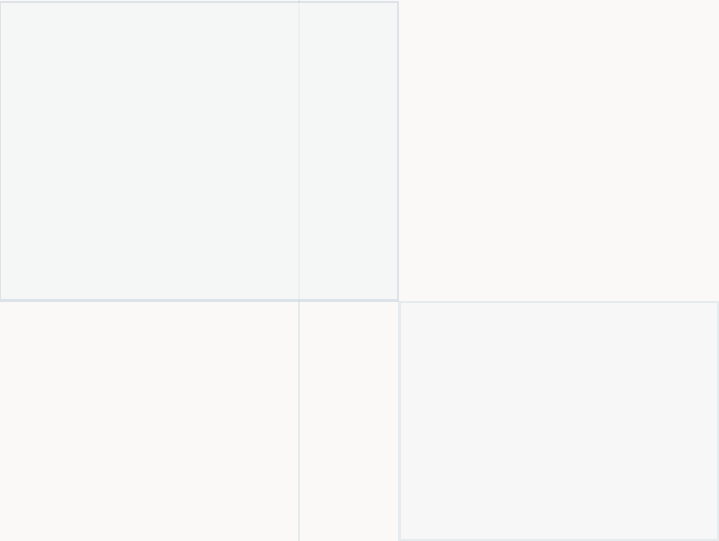
- Long-term lease arrangements to support ongoing commercial operations while retaining church ownership and future flexibility

Current Status

- Ground Lease in place to 2030

Benefits

- Provides a substantial and reliable income source for the parish
- Supports future investment in parish facilities
- Long-term tenure certainty for THL/Apollo
- Retains St John's Church and parish presence on site
- Provides a framework for future site development
- Clear separation between commercial and church activities



Property Allocation - Syro-Malabar Community

Background

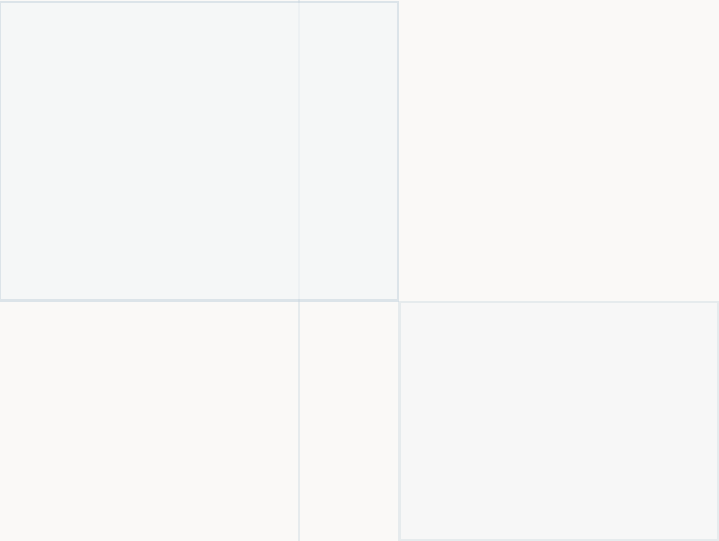
- Supports their long-term pastoral and community needs
- Syro-Malabar community is exploring future development opportunities for the hall

Current Status

- Heads of Agreement completed
- Lease arrangements negotiated and agreed in principle
 - Agreement for Ground Lease (to 2030)
 - Long-term Ground Lease (50 years + 50-year option)

Benefits

- Greater certainty for worship and community activities
- Supports future growth and investment
- Contributes to the long-term vision for Northgate



New Fraser Road Access & Driveway

A new driveway and access point from Fraser Road have been completed to improve access, safety and the overall management of the Northgate site.



Perimeter Fencing and Access Gates

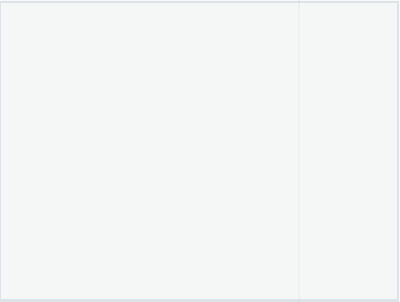
To support the new lease arrangements, perimeter fencing and access gates are proposed around the leased areas to provide clear separation between church and commercial operations.

Proposed works

- New perimeter fencing around leased areas
- Access gates at key entry and exit points
- Clearly defined lease boundaries
- Improved site access management

Benefits

- Improved safety and security
- Controlled site access
- Clear separation of site users
- Easier wayfinding for visitors



Planned Audio-Visual Update

Background

- Existing audio and visual system at St John's Church is ageing, requires replacement
- Upgrade is intended to improve sound quality, microphone performance, user operation and visual display for the congregation

Current status

- Two proposals have been received and are currently under consideration

Next steps

- Stakeholder Engagement & Decision Making:
 - Is livestreaming and recording a priority for the future?
 - Is one display screen sufficient, or should additional screens be provided?
 - Other requirements?

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War Memorial Extension

Background

- Proposed enhancement of the existing War Memorial precinct at St John's Northgate
- Aims to create an improved space for remembrance, reflection and community commemorative events

Current Status

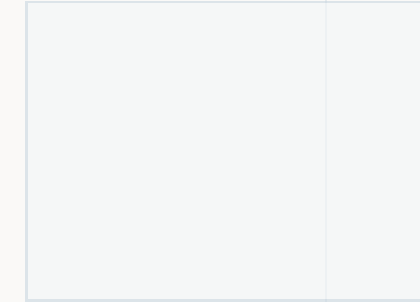
- Initial feedback from Brisbane City Council and heritage representatives has been positive: The concept is generally supported and can progress to the next stage of planning and design.
- No major objections have been identified

Design Requirements

- Respect the heritage character of the site
- Support larger commemorative gatherings
- Integrate appropriately with the church and surrounding landscape

Next Steps

- Continue design development
- Review plans with stakeholder groups
- Progress planning and heritage approvals
- Refine the memorial space to support future community use



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Syro-Malabar Parish: Hall Development Plans

Further information and content to be provided by the Syro-Malabar community and incorporated into this slide.

Recent Safety Improvements

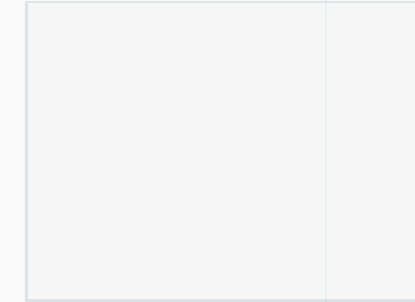
A Work Health and Safety (WHS) review has been requested following concerns regarding the condition of some buildings and a recent incident involving a fall on a staircase.

Issues identified and addressed

- Mould remediation
- Plumbing repairs and inspections
- Emergency lighting repairs
- Electrical safety improvements
- Clearance of emergency exits
- General housekeeping and site clean-up activities

What does this mean for you?

The assessment is a proactive step to ensure that buildings continue to be used safely while longer-term decisions are considered.



Have Your Say!

We welcome your feedback on the proposed plans and future development of the Northgate site. We invite you to ask questions, share feedback, raise concerns, and suggest ideas!

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