BRINGING NEW IIE TO RIVERSTONE



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UNDER GOD WE DESIRE TO REVITALIZE LIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH RIVERSTONE

- **BUILDING A TEAM OF PASSIONATE SERVANT HEARTED DISCIPLES**
- **RELEVANT WORSHIP SERVICES**
- **CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS**

DEVELOPING MAGNETIC & CONTEXTUALLY

• EVERY MEMBER IN COMMUNITY TOGETHER

OUR VISION

SHARING THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS WITH THE WORLD

OUR MISSION

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

We see a church full of hearts so desperately broken for the lost, and so completely confident in the power of the gospel, that the good news of Jesus is always on our lips and the love of God is clearly seen in our actions.

CULTIVATING FAITH IN JESUS

We see a church so humbled by the power of our creator God, so in awe of the person of Jesus, and so consumed by the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, that we are forever submitting ourselves to His Word and turning to Him in prayer.

CELEBRATING LIFE WITH JESUS

We see a church so overcome by the grace and compassion of God, that we cannot help but rejoice, sing and live out our thankfulness in never-ending praise, as we regularly gather and joyfully serve him all of our days.

"I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE" -JESUS (JN 10:10)

"CHURCH PLANTING IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTIC METHODOLOGY UNDER HEAVEN."

- CHARLES PETER WAGNER (MISSIOLOGIST)

PLANTING/REPLANTING

Church planting is building a core of Christian worshippers unified in reaching the lost and establishing a thriving congregation. Replanting incorporates and builds on the foundation of an existing church community.

UNDER GOD WE DESIRE TO:

- gather a team to replant a dynamic and contemporary church service
- maintain a vibrant heritage service and community

"ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH IS GIVEN TO ME. SO GO AND MAKE FOLLOWERS OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. BAPTIZE THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT." - JESUS (MT 28:18-19)

GO MAKE DISCIPLES....

For many "go" simply means "being intentional in opening **CHURCH PLANTING REVITALISES THE CHURCH** your life to gospel opportunities." Church planting **INCREASING REACH TO:** naturally refocuses a team to that gospel mandate. NEW GENERATIONS

THE BEST WAY TO **REACH THE INCREASING DIVERSITY IN OUR SUBURBS**

New churches are more likely to adapt in ways that can New congregations are able to better engage their better reach the emerging generations and new people members in innovative and kingdom focused service, groups in a changing cultural landscape. Typically newer both in church programs and their own personal lives. congregations attract younger adults as well as ethnic and immigrant groups.

- NEW RESIDENTS
- NEW CULTURAL GROUPS

THE BEST WAY TO **RELEASE NEW AND CREATIVE DISCIPLES** AND LEADERS

WHY RIVERSTONE?

GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY IN A GROWING SUBURB

The population in Riverstone and surrounding estates is expected to more than triple in the next 10 years and reach 100,000 in the next 20 years. Planned developments include the new rail link at Cudgegong station and high rise housing up to 12 stories tall.

GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY IN A STRATEGIC CENTRAL HUB

Riverstone is at the very heart of the North west growth area in Sydney and planned to be one of the three main hubs of the North western growth area. Major development is planned in a new town centre and the development of large traffic flow corridors.



HOME OF FUTURE CHURCH AND HOUSES

BOX HILL

LOCATION OF THE CURRENT CHURCH

AREA 20

RIVERSTONE

UDGRADE		
D5 ROAD UPGRADE		18%
PRECINCI	31%	16%
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FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 11	50%	66 %
	2011	2026

GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY IN FACILITIES

The current and future facilities owned by Life Anglican Church in Riverstone offer a strategic platform to launch a new initiative.

CURRENT FACILITIES

Currently the church owns a versatile auditorium with audio visual equipment, an ample food preparation area, outdoor community space, welcoming children's hall, an area to develop a low cost car park and an intimate historic chapel. We believe that these facilities will resource stage one of our congregation's growth.

FUTURE FACILITIES

PLANS SUBMITTED FOR

THE DEVELOPMENT OF 33 HAMILTON STREET

ANGLICAN

RIVERSTONE

Riverstone is part of the Anglican diocese green fields initiative. Land has been purchased on Hamilton street and plans are in place for future development. This site will become part of a central thoroughfare in the heart of Riverstone.

"CHURCH PLANTING IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO RENEW THE EXISTING CHURCHES IN AN AREA"

-TIM KELLER

OPPORTUNITY TO REVITALIZE IN A SUBURB OF HISTORIC CHURCHES

In 10 years over 80% of Riverstone residents are expected to be under the age of 50 and over 60% to be families with children under the age of 11. It is projected that the cultural diversity will also increase significantly to over 40% born overseas. It is likely that most of the historical local churches will not be equipped to reach the large number of young and multicultural families moving into the area.

We pray that planting a new congregation in Riverstone will bring fresh gospel opportunities and kingdom impact.

DANIEL & SUZI WALMSLEY

Daniel has studied and served as a youth minister for 9 years before being ordained in the Anglican Church of Sydney in 2009 and been part of the ministry team at Life Anglican Church for the past 8 years serving in a number of different roles. Most recently he has been in a senior executive role including overseeing church services across all our church locations, developing our creative ministries and establishing a strategy to equip people into serving. He has also had direct pastoral oversight at three congregations at Quakers Hill.

Suzi is a Western Sydney girl born and bred, growing up in Blacktown. She studied early childhood and primary school teaching and the last few years she has been a full time mum

Daniel and Suzi have a heart to see the gospel grow in Western Sydney and God has been calling them towards church planting the past few years.

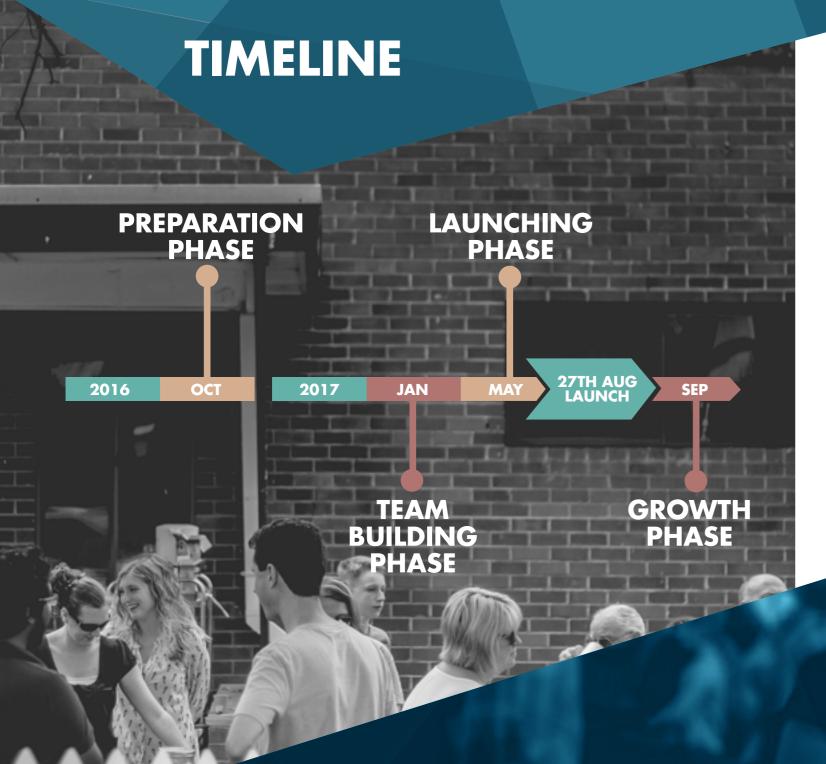
ANDREW & MERRYN COURT

call 'well-travelled'. His family built a little further from the Hills; 4 years their first home in Quakers Hill and in Pakistan and 4 years in Bahrain in Riverstone and being involved in he's done most of life-school, sport, as a missionary kid. She loves church, falling in love-in that place. music - especially the joy of leading Even when he married his childhood sweetheart Merryn and moved out of home they didn't go far (literally just down the road!). After completing Merryn met at kids church, but it was his music education degree he a few years before they got married. decided to give vocational ministry a go. Those two years as a full-time ministry trainee gave him a hunger to teach and serve God's church. Now as a theological college student he finds himself drawn back to those suburbs he calls home: this time as a student minister who's excited by the prospect of playing a part in the Riverstone repotting.

Andrew isn't exactly what you'd Merryn spent the first stage of her life Andrew and Merryn are both looking Christians in singing. She teaches Music and Biblical Studies at Arndell Anglican College. Andrew and

forward to investing in God's people His plans for this growing suburb.





PREPARATION PHASE

- Daniel and Suzi join Life Anglican Riverstone
- Developing planting strategy

TEAM BUILDING PHASE

- Recruiting team and continue planning
- Andrew & Merryn join Life Anglican Riverstone
- Connect team through life groups
- Commence once a month 'Preview Church'

LAUNCHING PHASE

- Continue refining through "Preview Church"
- Launch marketing and connecting strategy

GROWTH PHASE

- Launch connecting events
- Continue community connections

'PREVIEW CHURCH'

Once a month we will be aiming to run church as we envision it in it's future growth phase. On these weekends we aim to serve at our best offering an opportunity for our team to visualize the vision and invite others to experience a taste of things to come and consider partnering with us.



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