



SAINT
PAUL'S
CAULFIELD
NORTH

CAFÉ REFRESH.



A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO
MEET US AND MEET
JESUS

WHY HOSPITALITY MATTERS & THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE US



Our Mission

*Helping people to find hope, wholeness
and purpose in Jesus.*

The starting point for anyone is an initial connection with our church. This might be because they see a sign and come in, but it is more likely through someone from our church meeting them somewhere else and inviting them to one of our activities.

Imagine if your first step in inviting someone to church was as easy as saying –

“Would you like to catch up for a coffee at St Paul’s Café?”

The coffee is good and we can share some cake.”

They come along, decide to come back because they enjoyed the hospitality and the conversation with you. Soon they begin to recommend it to their friends as a place to gather. You hear them say,

“There is something about this place that I really like. I love what this church is doing in the community and I want to find out why you do what you do.”

Now imagine they begin to start following Jesus, just because over a period of time they met him through a bunch of people reaching out through a café.

This isn’t an impossible vision. We are in an amazing position to see exactly this happen. In fact through English Conversation we have already seen this happen many times. The truth is it could be happening more often as we leverage better the position God has blessed us to reach out from.

Not only would we want to invite people in, but we would love to see our people blessed, encouraged, healed and made whole because of what happens in our café. Imagine us stepping into a season where the broader church is blessed by what God has given us to carry and empower people with. Our buildings are intended by Jesus for us to serve his mission.

Will you support this?

THE CAFÉ TODAY & OUR VISION FOR TOMORROW

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The Café Today

For the last 30 years our café has served our church in our mission. Currently it serves Sundays, ministry gatherings, community events, pastoral conversations and midweek outreach activities.

Today, cabinets and benches are worn, health requirements have changed and the space is beginning to look tired. It is time to update to serve our future needs.

Today when people come to a venue, expectations have changed. When we got our coffee machine, we were on the forefront, but today we have a little bit of catching up to do.

Our hospitality matters because it gives people an impression of how much we value them. People's comfort is found not just in how we treat them, but how they feel in the spaces we have. We have a few challenges: noise, heating, cooling and audio among other things. We don't want anything to get in the way of someone coming to know Jesus and growing in him.

Our Vision for Tomorrow

As we consider this appeal we aren't just thinking about our needs, we are thinking about the impact our church might have over the next 20 – 30 years. How many people could be reached with the good news of Jesus? How many lives could be changed? Who are the children, youth, adults, generations that will be blessed because of what we sow today? We want to see people find hope, wholeness and purpose in Jesus. Our café is a key place to facilitate our mission.

At this stage we aren't ready to consider opening as a commercial café, but we do want to give people a proper café experience. Our first priority is creating a place for ministry effectiveness.



our cafe is busy every week



many parts are beyond repair



PROJECT OUTLINE

This project has been developed by the project team in consultation with professional café design consultants, the parish council, a large group of key parish stakeholders, Glen Eira City Council and specialised professional contractors. The primary scope and most parts of the secondary scope have already been quoted by a minimum of two contractors with a well-regarded industry reputation. This consultation will continue as project scope is finalised following the special appeal.

Primary Objective

Create a refreshed, compliant and highly functional hospitality serving area for hosting events for our church and for outreach to our community.

Project Principles

Principle 1 — Mission Before Amenities

The purpose is ministry effectiveness, not creating the most impressive facility.

Principle 2 — Refresh Before Expansion

The project focuses on improving what already exists rather than substantially increasing the size, amenities or footprint of the facility.

Principle 3 — Hospitality Before Food Production

The primary purpose is serving people rather than creating a kitchen for preparing food.

Principle 4 — Stewardship Before Preference

Resources will be directed toward improvements that deliver the greatest benefit to ministry and hospitality. We acknowledge there are things that would make life easier, but this will depend on both generosity and alignment with mission.

Principle 5 — Preserve Gathering Space

People are more important than equipment and so we don't want to lose vital gathering space.

Principle 6 — Build Once, Build Well

Where infrastructure work is undertaken it should be durable and capable of supporting future ministry needs. We don't want to make short term decisions that are inadequate for future purposes.

PROJECT SCOPE, DESIRED SCOPE AND STRETCH TARGETS

Primary Scope (financial target \$38k)

- New cabinetry, benchtops and storage.
- Improved serving workflow.
- Compliance with health and safety standards.

Desired Scope (financial target +\$110k)

- Improved acoustics through appropriate room treatment (flooring, ceiling and walls).
- Improved coffee facilities.
- Improved facility for cool and hot refreshments.
- Sound system and TV to use for both hosting events in the café and live audio/visuals from the sanctuary (partly to help parents with kids).
- Upgrade of electrical switchboard.
- Bathroom aesthetic refresh.

Total Cost of Project \$148k

(including primary and desired scope)

Stretch Targets

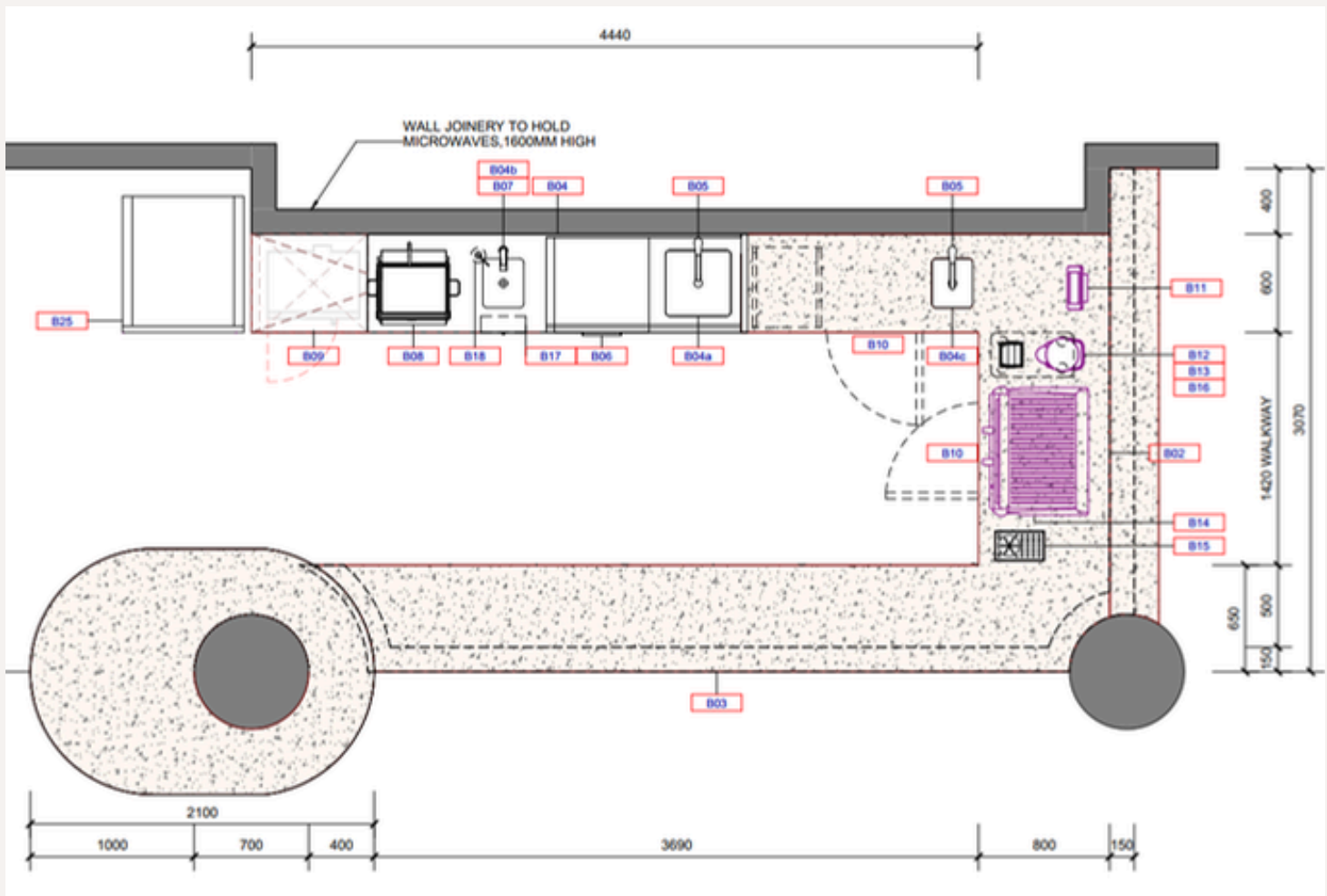
Café Awning (+\$40k): to reduce sun penetration and heat through windows without blocking visibility from the road. After initial consultation with contractors, this is the expected cost including architectural, engineering, planning and construction. Internal blinds are unable to solve our challenge. This stretch target is a sub-project in itself! It is also a step towards improving temperature comfort levels.

Additional refrigeration and extended storage possibly utilising the bell tower (+\$15k. Still needs additional scoping)

Dishwasher Replacement (+\$5K): desired by some people, but not guaranteed to produce a better clean.

Basic Hall Kitchen Refurbishment to make suitable for food prep (+\$25k)

KITCHEN LAYOUT



Notes

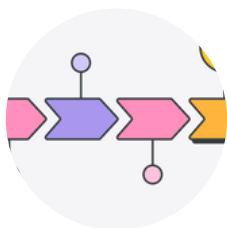
- Design is for illustration. Every detail is not finalised. Actual kitchen will include drawers & bin storage.

Highlights

- Compliance
 - Stainless steel bench
 - Industrial linoleum floor
 - Handwashing station
 - Separate food washing basin
- Design
 - Professional layout organised by a design professional who has worked on some of Melbourne's top cafes.
 - Improved accessibility and workflow.
 - Dual purpose spaces including a raised bar section with seating and flexibility to be used as a servery.

B01	1	Bar Servery Ledge
B02	2	Bar Servery Ledge
B03	1	Service Wall
B04	1	Stainless Steel Glasswashing Bench
B04a	1	400x400x300 Deep Sink
B04b	1	250x300x200 Deep Hand Sink
B04c	1	250x300x200 Deep Sink
B05	2	Flick Mixer
B06	1	Dishwasher/ Glasswasher Underbench
B07	1	Hand Sink Mixer Tap
B08	1	Sandwich Press
B09	2	Microwave Oven
B10	2	1 Door Underbench Fridge
B11	1	Bump Screen - By Client
B12	1	Coffee Grinder
B13	1	Coffee Knock Chute
B14	1	2 Group Coffee Machine
B15	1	Jug Rinser
B16	1	Slim Bin & Dolly
B17	1	Mounted Towel Dispenser
B18	1	Soap Dispenser
B25	1	1 Solid Door Upright Fridge

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE



Timeline

We would love to complete the primary and desired scope works prior to the end of Christmas 2026. Completion will be dependent on how quickly we are able to raise necessary funding.



Who are the project team?

Mark Grove (chair/warden), Diep-Thanh Lee (outreach), Katie Bond (works as an architect), Peter Moore (project management / engineering background).



Project Governance, Reporting and Accountability

The Parish Council is the project sponsor and final decision maker in consultation with the Melbourne Anglican Diocese Property Department. This project has already been approved. The Archbishop in Council has approved a non-assessable building fund for us.

The Project Team is responsible for planning, quotations, recommendations and overseeing project implementation. All major works will have a minimum of three quotes before the best contractor is selected (in accordance with our spending policy).

Reporting to the congregation will occur for: financial appeal, scope and budget finalisation, project timeline (with associated communication plan) and completion.



Why aren't we adding cooking facilities, why doesn't it include this...?

These and other questions are beyond the scope of this document, but many are included in our project scoping document that was developed out of our stakeholder consultation. It would be useful to process any questions through the project principles above. We are doing our best to position ourselves for the future.

Should you have further questions, please direct to Mark Grove through the office.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

PRAY

Please pray for our mission and pray for all the resources we need to meet it.

GIVE

Be part of the solution to the prayers we are praying. We would love to at a minimum cover both our primary and desired scope. This involves us raising \$148K.

We would love to do more, but it all depends on the generosity of our people. This is not instead of giving general offering, but over and above. We think this is possible together. It is an investment into the future ministry of our church and future generations

You can find details for giving and pledge an amount on our website or the enclosed pledge form <https://saintpauls.au/appeal>



ENCOURAGE

We would love for you to encourage others to support this appeal. Remember, we aren't thinking primarily about our need, but about how we can position our church for reaching people well into the future.

Let's be part of preparing the way for people to meet Jesus through us.



PLEDGE FORM

Name _____

Pledge Amount _____

How will you donate? bank deposit – cash/cheque – credit card

Email _____

Phone _____

Bank Details:

Building Fund

BSB 703 122

Account Number 0501 0880

Credit Card Giving and Appeal Details:

Credit Card transactions through the ADF for this appeal do not attract any fees. Please find online access to this facility and a copy of our appeal document at <https://saintpauls.au/appeal>



We would love to finish our appeal by 20 September 2026. Please return this form either to the office or in the offertory bags prior to this date. If this is achieved we anticipate we could complete the primary and desired scope works prior to Christmas 2026.

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A MORE WELCOMING CHURCH

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can support this vision. Every gift, prayer, and conversation helps us create a space where people encounter Jesus through hospitality.

If you'd like to get in contact with us or have questions you can do so through the office: admin@saintpauls.com.au or 03 9576 1477