



creekroad  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2020 VISION UPDATE

**REACH THE CITY.**

REACH THE WORLD.



Brisbane is a growing city.

The population of Brisbane is expected to reach 3 million by 2020. That's 3 million people who need to hear about Jesus!

We want to reach as many people as possible for Jesus. You know these people. You work, live and spend time with them.

Maybe you even pray for them.

You want them to hear about Jesus

You want them to put their trust in Jesus.

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)*

Reach the city. Reach the world.

Six words. Six words that define our approach to life at Creek Road.

I don't want these words to be an empty slogan. Let's use them to give us clarity as we plan our gospel ministry together. Let's continually remind ourselves that we are here to reach the city and reach the world for Jesus.

Let's grow our servant hearts.

Our hearts for Jesus. Our hearts for the lost. Our hearts for giving.

Giving of our time. Giving of our money. Giving of our very selves. In response to a wonderful God who has given us everything freely from his grace in Jesus. God with us.

God has blessed us abundantly as a church family. He has blessed us beyond measure by connecting us to God and each other through the cross of Jesus. He has blessed

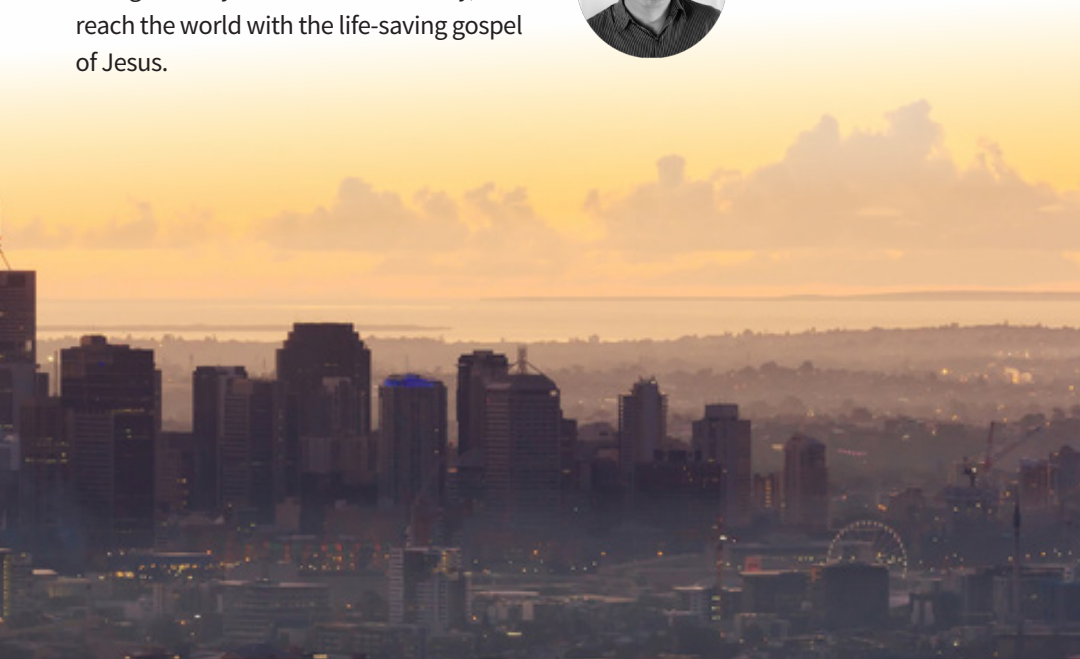


us with opportunities to grow together in Jesus as a church family. He has also blessed us with opportunities to serve together as Jesus has served us. It is our great privilege to declare the true story of God, the world, and us – not only every Sunday as we gather across our campuses – but also through the week as we gather in our Growth Groups, serve in our Ministry Teams, and as we live the gospel into our city and world.

God is blessing our church family with amazing people, resources, and finances. Together we are growing our servant hearts. Let's pray that the good news of Jesus spread so more hearts might be brought to life. Let's give hard, from hearts softened by grasping the enormity of God's loving actions at the cross. Let's use the gifts and resources God has given us to help people of all ages connect, grow, and serve with us. Let's genuinely strive to reach the city, and reach the world with the life-saving gospel of Jesus.

There is one question we need to keep coming back to as a church family. How can we best step forward together to reach as many people as possible with the good news of Jesus, and so really "Reach the City. Reach the World"? This is a question our Board and Staff Team will always wrestle with and pray about. Please wrestle with, and pray about this question with us. That's the goal of this quarterly Vision Update. It's to let you know some specific things we're praying through – whether as decisions that need to be made now, soon, or later. You are part of this conversation - please join with us in bringing all this before our great God in prayer. Because of Jesus, he is with us.

**Steve Cree**  
**Senior Pastor, 2017**



# 2020 VISION PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father

Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for our precious wonderful Saviour, Emmanuel, God with us. Thank you that he stepped out of the ultimate comfort zone, to seek and save the lost. Lost people like us. Thank you that for him, taking up a cross was the literal reality of your plan to save sinners: a real cross outside Jerusalem, where he shed his blood to wash us clean. Thank you that he rose from the grave victorious. Thank you that he has poured out your Holy Spirit. Thank you that he grants forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe. From grateful hearts we thank you.

Thank you for those who've gone before us, proclaiming salvation through Jesus. Thank you for the apostles who first announced the gospel, giving their very lives for the sake of others hearing the gospel. Thank you for the Reformation five hundred years ago, reclaiming the gospel of grace. Thank you for those who proclaimed the gospel to us. Thank you for those who have gone before us in the ministry of Creek Road, embracing change with all its challenges, so that many more people could be reached with the gospel. Please help us now to keep moving forward in that gospel vision.

Thanks for our Board, our Staff Team and the wider team we're all a part of as one church in three locations. Empower us by your Holy Spirit, we ask, our great God. Strengthen us, equip us and embolden us to be people of the gospel in our thinking and

feeling and doing – with our head, heart and hands. Lead us in what it will mean to most effectively reach our city and our world with the gospel of Jesus.

Loving Father, you know our hearts. Our excitement. Our fears. Our struggles. May that same gospel that saves us also strengthen our hearts today. May the knowledge that you have not even held back your own Son fill us with confidence that you will surely provide all we need, as you call us to serve, to worship you, in all things. May our steps forward in mission, be the very same steps that lead us to maturity as believers. So Father may your Spirit move in all of our hearts, to soften our hearts, to align our hearts with yours. Father unleash in your church the gifts, the passions, the vision needed to honour you.

Finally Father, we pray for the lost around us. Please open the eyes of their hearts to see Jesus. We pray that their hearts would come alive with the heartbeat of Jesus in them. Please prepare the hearts of many lost people we ask, at Carina, at South Bank, at Springfield, in the many places we are partnering with other churches... please pour out your mercy in abundance that many might be saved.

And Father, as we hear the true story about God, the world and us in your gospel, please minister to our own hearts we ask. In Jesus' name and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

# OUR BOARD

Every week of the year Creek Road's Board members, like all Ministry Partners, minister within the church community as members of growth groups and ministry teams. When they come together as the Board, they exercise a church governing ministry that focuses on Creek Road's vision,

strategy and policies. The Board's ministry enables others, especially the Senior Pastor and ministry staff, to lead Creek Road's ministries and be more effective in their service for God's kingdom as we seek to grow our servant hearts and 'Reach the City, Reach the World' with the gospel of Jesus.

## CHAIRMAN



**PHIL STRONG**

## ELDERS



**DES SOARES**



**TIM HEWLETT**



**WES FITTELL**



**MAL GRIFFIN**  
(ON LEAVE IN 2017)

## MANAGERS



**ABEL IMMARAJ**



**DYLAN BYRNE**



**KERRIE DAHLER**



**SANDRA  
HINRICHSEN**



**STEVE CURRIE**



How can we best step forward together to “*Reach the City, Reach the World*” with the gospel of Jesus?

## later

2018 onwards

**FUTURE CAMPUSES:** the Board remains prayerful about where God might lead us in the future to plant our next campus.

**WHAT JESUS MAKES RIGHT:** There were several issues we addressed as a church two years ago in our ‘What the

Here are questions and notes to pray about. Note that the ‘soon’ and ‘later’ items are not things we need to decide at this point – and time-frames may change – but are listed to give a sense of what might be ahead for us to decide – and for us to be thinking and praying about now. There are many needs listed here and we invite you to pray about how these needs might be met.

## done

Q2 2017

**BUDGET.** Several strategies have been put in place to realise funds and reduce costs. The sale of Norman Park and the installation of solar at the Carina Ministry Centre are the two best examples. The Board and staff actively manage this issue. Please review the budget material on the following pages.

**SPRINGFIELD MINISTRY SPACE.** Our Springfield Campus has settled into their new venue. Benefits are being seen in particularly our Kids ministry as, along with new team members, the ministry lifts and the fun increases as kids hear about Jesus.

**CROSS CULTURE CONNECT.** 2017 has seen increased communication and engagement with our Cross Culture Connect Partners. Chats on the phone and Skype have helped us to understand the challenges they face, the opportunities before them and then to pray for their exact needs. It is from these chats that we are better able to encourage our Growth Groups to join with one of our Cross Culture Partners and tell people about Jesus.

## now

Q3 2017

**MINISTRY AT CREEK ROAD.** We praise God daily for the amazing ministry, we as a church, are able to do for Jesus. This fulfils our Vision to be a church that Reaches the City and Reaches the World for him. Commitment to teaching God’s word and to then actively live out God’s word in community is bearing fruit in newcomers, long-term members, little kids, older folk and everyone in between. The weekly prayer notes provides a summary of God’s provision to us.

**JOHN WARLOW PARTNERSHIP.** The Christian Wholeness Framework is well known to Creek Road. Loving and caring

Church Gets Wrong, But Jesus Makes Right' series. As we think through who we are as a church showing Jesus' love, we're keen to make a real difference in such issues as: Slavery, Fostering/Adoption, Mental Health, Refugees, Aged Care, and Faith at Work. The Sally Irwin visit from The Freedom Hub offers an opportunity for us to get involved with making a real difference on the issue of slavery.

**TRAINING PIPELINE:** We are looking ahead to 2018 with a renewed focus on encouraging people to consider training through such options as Gap year, Leadership Development Program, Ministry Traineeships as well as study at Theological College. We especially want to develop training resources for use in mentoring contexts.

soon  
Q4 2017-Q1 2018

**CARINA CAMPUS PASTOR.** After much prayer and discussion, we have approached a minister and they are currently considering this ministry opportunity. Discussions are in the very early phases, please pray for all involved. We will share information as it becomes available.

**CARINA FACILITY UPGRADE.** We are wanting to explore options for upgrading the outdoor area of our Carina facility. We want to make it an excellent area for everyone from adults to kids. In the future there is still the possibility of building something significant on the vacant block, but for now we want to do a more modest outdoor improvement that might tie in with

anything we do in the future. We are very much wanting to consult with everyone from the Carina campus about their thoughts on what would be of benefit for everyone. As with the consultation for the change from four services to two, Chris Pine and Andrea Pryde will be available after services at Carina to talk this through. This consultation will start Sunday 16 July 2017.

**CROSS CULTURE CONNECT TEAM.** Big picture planning is underway to establish a church wide approach to helping international people to connect, grow and serve at Creek Road. The establishment of a Cross Culture Connect Team is a key focus in the coming months.

for our people, that is Pastoral Care, is built around this framework. The author, Dr John Warlow will be working with staff in the coming six months, to train and equip. It is planned that this training will be extended to leaders across the church, particularly Growth Group Leaders, Kids and Youth Growth Group Leaders and Ministry Team Leaders in 2018.

**FREEDOM HUB.** Slavery is a reality in Australia. Precious people trapped by evil. Partnership between Creek Road and Sally & Gavin Irwin and the Freedom Hub Café continues to grow. Freedom Hub have commenced detailed planning for a venue in Brisbane that will give people fleeing slavery safety and a future. Creek Road is playing its part in this ministry opportunity.

**SOUTH BANK MEETING SPACE.** Queensland Theatre is going to be renovating the space that our South Bank Campus currently rents each week. Alternate venues are being sought now. Potential exists to partner with the Freedom Hub Café to work from the same venue. This partnership would bring long-term ministry and financial benefits.

# CHURCH2CHURCH

For many years, Creek Road has sought to love and care for churches who are ministering across Australia and the world through the sharing of resources and expertise.

The benefit that partner churches have reported, the desire of more and more churches to join and the increasing impost on Creek Road to manage this expanding network has prompted the Board to move towards establishing Church2Church.

So put simply Church2Church will provide the support required to grow the partner church ministries at Creek Road, which will

- Enhance the ministries of both partner churches and Creek Road campuses;
- Create avenues for participating churches to contribute;
- Provide pastors with the mentoring that's desperately needed.



## EXPERIENCED MENTORS

Dave and Kathy Thurston are the proposed candidates for the positions of Ministry Mentors within Church2Church. Dave and Kathy are currently ministering at

Abbotsford Presbyterian Church Sydney. They have

ministered in the Presbyterian Church

in NSW for over thirty years in the local church setting as well as through a long-term ministry in mentoring staff in many different ministry settings. It is planned that they will commence work with Church2Church in early 2018. Dave will be attending the July Ministry Dinner to speak about how he and Kathy see this role contributing to our partner churches and Creek Road.

Significant achievements within our existing partner church network over the past three

months demonstrate the forward momentum for Church2Church.

- i. The ministry in Adelaide has taken a significant step forward with identification of a Senior Pastor candidate in David Gunning, together with plans for a multisite ministry across Adelaide, resourced by Church2Church,
- ii. Matt Oates, Senior Pastor at Epping Presbyterian Church (one of our Partner Churches), is the Assembly nominee for a senior role in the Presbyterian Church of NSW, responsible for resourcing churches. Matt is anticipating that Church2Church will play a significant role in supporting churches across New South Wales,
- iii. Significant funding (\$120K) has been received from Christian business people who have identified Church2Church as the way forward in ministry provision, and we are in discussions with other such people,
- iv. Representatives of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland and the Presbyterian Church of Australia are supportive of the establishment of Church2Church and funding discussions are progressing well.

## STRENGTHS OF CHURCH2CHURCH INCLUDE:-

- Combining both church resources and mentoring to support Church leadership growth;
- Partner network already over 25 churches;
- Strongly Evangelical and Presbyterian based;
- Suited to small to medium sized churches in both regional and urban areas.

## NEXT STEPS

The Church2Church entity will be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). The Steering Committee will commence detailed planning for the operational implementation of the Church2Church. We also will continue engaging with various church organisations and potential supporters to share the growth plans for this ministry.



# YOUR PART IN THE VISION



## CONNECT

- **PRAY AND TRUST THAT GOD WILL GIVE US THE STRENGTH & WISDOM TO MOVE FORWARD** - without him, nothing is possible.
- **COME TO CHURCH** - to encourage, and be encouraged, by his word and by the community of believers.
- **INVITE FRIENDS TO COME ALONG TO CHURCH** - because everyone needs to hear about Jesus.



## GROW

- **COME TO GROWTH GROUP** - This is where you will be supported as you grow in your relationship with Jesus, form strong and safe relationships, and share in the community and love of God's people.
- **HELP YOUR GROWTH GROUP TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS** - organise a social or a weekend away. It's in these strong, loving relationships that we feel safe to do the work to become more like Jesus.
- **JOIN WITH A CROSS CULTURE CONNECT PARTNER**



## SERVE

- **READ THE COMMUNICATIONS THAT COME OUT** - this is where you can keep up to date with progress on our 2020 Vision.
- **PRAY REGULARLY FOR THE MINISTRIES OF CREEK ROAD** (Handout, Newsletter & Facebook) - when you pray with us, you are playing a part in the vision of your church.
- **ASK QUESTIONS AND SHARE IDEAS** - the conversation is what makes the vision work.
- **GIVE US A HAND IN MAKING THESE THINGS REAL** - without your help, this won't happen.
- **TIME & SKILLS** - the body of Christ is made up of many different parts, each one has a role in making the vision happen.
- **GIVING** - your generosity is needed to realise the vision.
- **BE READY FOR GOD TO CHALLENGE YOU TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS**

*Vision is exciting.  
Vision helps us to take  
the commission that  
God has given us in  
his Word to tell the  
world about Jesus  
and his great love.*

*Vision without action  
remains words on a  
page.*

*Here is your  
part... Here is your  
opportunity...*

*Why? To give the  
glory to God as more  
and more people  
love Jesus as Lord.*

# KEEPING UP TO DATE

There are so many different ways that people receive information these days. We try to use a range of methods to share information and news. We hope that one works for you.

- Elvanto Members Area
- Creek Road Newsletter
- Facebook (Creek Road and each Campus has a Community Facebook Page)
- Weekly Handout
- Community Spots within the Service

We prepare these various publications to help everyone, week by week, to keep abreast of ministry opportunities and developments.

There are breath-taking stories that we want to share with everyone about what God is doing & it would be a shame if you missed the news.

If you are having trouble finding one of the above options – call the Office 3398 4333 or email [office@creekroad.org.au](mailto:office@creekroad.org.au) or ask a member of staff and we'll find a way forward.

# FINANCE & GIVING

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VAR. (\$)	VAR. (%)
TOTAL INCOME	\$713,013	\$804,489	(\$91,476)	-11.4
TOTAL OP. EXPENSES	\$757,267	\$798,600	(\$41,333)	-5.2
	(\$44,254)			

## YTD JAN – MAY 2017:

- Income 11.4% below budget
- Expenses below budget by 5.2%
- Shortfall of approx. \$44,000 is funded by operational reserves
- Expenses owing = \$20,000 Presbyterian Church Queensland contribution, South Bank rent.
- Norman Park property sale due diligence date (when the contract is unconditional) has been extended to Friday 23rd June. Please pray for positive outcome.

- *Thankful for recent extraordinary business gifts (business services and supplies) netting a real cost saving. We hold these givers information in confidence. If you're interested to explore this path, we would love to hear from you!*
- *Thankful for new givers across this year! Approx 21 at Carina, 12 at South Bank, 3 at Springfield*

At Creek Road, we don't want our budget to limit what God is doing. We give - sacrificially and generously - to reach as many people as possible with the message of Jesus, not just to meet budget.

Our giving is a response to our salvation in Jesus. As we give with a heart for the lost, we remember that we were once lost too – until Jesus found us and brought us home

Please consider your current giving. Here are a couple of ways to give:

1. Creek Road web site  
[www.creekroad.org.au/give](http://www.creekroad.org.au/give)
2. An app  
<http://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app/>

# COMING EVENTS

**Tue 11 July** Term 3 Ministry Dinner

**Wed 9 Aug** Carina Facility Upgrade Consultation Finishes

**Thur 17 Aug** QTC Paul Tripp Event –  
Instruments in the Redeemers Hands

**Sat 26 Aug** Growth Group Trivia Night

**Wed 4 Oct** Term 4 Ministry Dinner

# COMING SERIES

**Term 3 2017** LIFE. Beyond the Seven Deadly Sins

**Term 4 2017** Love My Church: 1 Corinthians 11-16

**Term 1 2018** Luke's Gospel (Part 1/4)

**Term 2 2018** 1 Samuel

# FEEDBACK

## **HAVE FEEDBACK ON ANYTHING IN THIS 2020 VISION UPDATE?**

We are always keen to hear from you. This Vision must be our vision – the Vision of Creek Road, so your involvement is vital. From generation to execution – we all have a part to play. Questions, ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

Email [feedback@creekroad.org.au](mailto:feedback@creekroad.org.au) &

- Request a member of the Staff Team to join you at Growth Group
- Make a suggestion
- Ask a question

**To allow time for consideration and implementation – feedback for this term needs to be received by 9 August 2017**

