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How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation...

Isaiah 52:7

Christ Centered

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Dear Church,

It is with overwhelming appreciation and gratitude that we place the Horizon Church Vision Offering booklet for 2023 in your hand.

Together as a church, we have journeyed through the last decade, in both the valleys and the mountaintops, witnessing time and again the goodness of God overflowing and outworking in and through our lives. It is truly miraculous what God has done, and we are forever grateful to be part of such a faith-filled community of believers.

This year has been a defining one in the life of Horizon as we have expanded our reach across the nation and seas, whilst building an intrinsic common thread between us all - the **uncommon love** of Christ.

When we consider the story of the Good Samaritan which we have studied together as a church this year, we see the Samaritan man, moved by compassion, towards action. While others walked by without regard, he saw a man in need and took to action to care and provide for him.

As Horizon Church continues to grow and our borders expand, Vision Offering 2023 is an opportunity to put compassion into action, in order to see more people reached with the **uncommon love** of Christ.

We look forward to all that God has in store for the future of Horizon as we continue to build upon our great legacy for the next generation.

With love,
Pastors Brad & Ali



But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. Luke 10:33-34 (NKJV)

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Foundations



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BUILDING HORIZON JOURNEY

Horizon Church has a rich heritage in the Sutherland Shire, from its early beginnings as Sutherland AOG, founded by Pastor Norm Armstrong and his wife, Gwendoline in 1949 with the first service held in the local Sutherland School of Arts building.

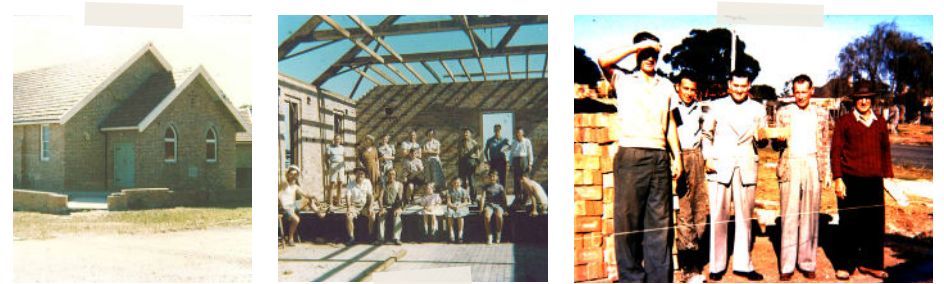
The land on which our Sutherland Shire campus is currently located was purchased in 1954 and for decades it has seen thousands come to Christ. In the early 2000's as the church began to reach

capacity of its then building, plans to rebuild were undertaken and in 2008, the new auditorium was opened. In 2017, through generous giving into the Vision Offering, the Nehemiah Project was launched which saw the full completion of the church's refurbishment to include a fully fitted out Basement for our children and youth, the installation of the Horizon Cafe and upgrades to the foyer. The Nehemiah projects were completed and paid for in full, without the need to incur any additional debt.

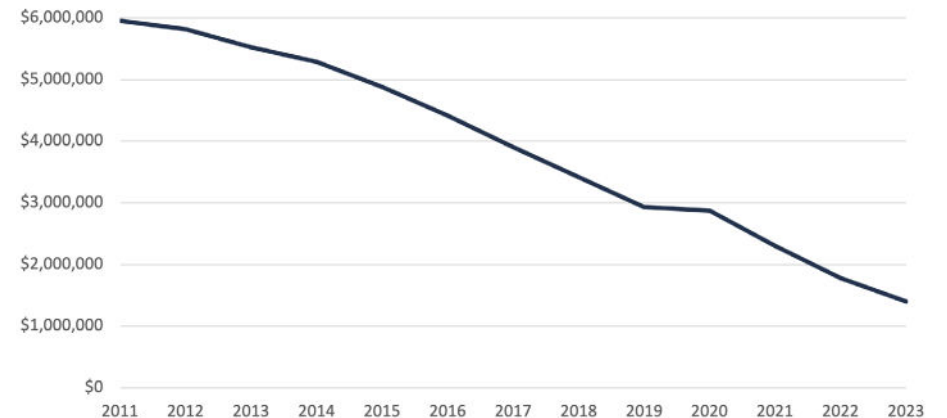
A VISION AND THE FIRST BRICK

Founding pastor Norm Armstrong saw land and a building in a vision. He responded to God's leading and trusted Him to provide a home for the church he began (with just 19 people, 9 of which were children!). Land and supernatural provision came.

A block of ground became available in Stapleton Avenue, Sutherland. It was purchased for £450. A Public Works inspector named George Askew came along and became interested in the new building project. With his generous financial help to purchase the land and the help of many volunteers, work commenced on Tuesday 17th August 1954 at 9.30 a.m, with Pastor Norm Armstrong laying the first brick of a building designed for 250 people. It was dedicated on Saturday, 1st October 1955 during an AOG State conference.



OUR STORY SO FAR



SUTHERLAND SHIRE



Horizon Sutherland Shire is nothing short of a grace and favour miracle of God. Having served our local community for almost seventy five years from this location, it has become a hub for all generations to experience God's love and power. The faithful and sustained generosity of many has made this possible.

This year we have seen remarkable growth, with many new faces and families finding a home with us. Our Kids Ministry is burgeoning, our Youth Ministry is seeing many come to know God's love each week and the Spirit of God is

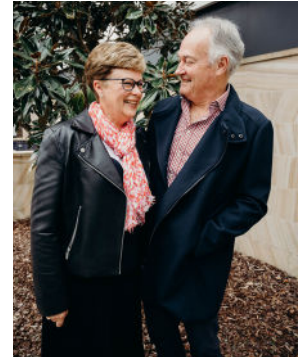
breathing vastly on all areas of our reach into our community. Our deep and prayerful passion is that God would continue to use Horizon Sutherland Shire to see hundreds of families touched by His love through our ministries.

Our building has accommodated so much of this Spirit-led ministry and has provided a home for God's embrace in the lives of people. This year, our giving will go toward reducing the debt on our facility and contributing to the much anticipated new venue for our St Andrews Campus.

PETER AND GILL MCGREGOR

Horizon Church has had a significant impact on us and on our children since we first came in 2001. We've matured in our faith and understanding and have been blessed as each of our children found their life partner(s) at Horizon. We've been able to participate in and contribute to, many of Horizon's ministries over the years and have witnessed Horizon flourish and grow. We are continually thankful for the blessings of belonging to a strong

bible-based church. We give for a number of reasons - God gave so much, first - "...He gave His only Son...", God has blessed our lives in so many ways, giving is biblical, giving, for us, is "normal" - can't imagine being part of the Church and not giving. We believe that, after the debt is repaid, Horizon can direct the Vision Offering towards expanded ministries which may include opportunities to house our newer campuses in their own buildings!



BRENDAN & MANDY ANDREWS

Our family has been part of Horizon Church for over two decades - we first met through the Youth and Young Adults Ministry, got married in 2009, and are now blessed with two wonderful children. Horizon Church has been more than just a church to us; it's been a community that has supported us through life's ups and downs. That's why we give to the Vision Offering - not just because it's our turn, but because we believe in investing in the future of Horizon Church and the impact it has on people's lives. We've seen firsthand how sacrificial giving from

others before us has helped build the church and expand its reach. Now, it's our turn to steward what God has placed in our hands and continue that legacy of generosity. Reducing church debt is just one part of the bigger picture. It means more finances can be directed towards the work of the gospel and reaching those in need. We believe that giving to Horizon Church is an investment in the kingdom of God and the transformation of lives.

KELLY AND KARL WEITZ

I (Kelly) have been a part of this incredible church for the past 20 years and for us as a family, the past 6 years. Horizon Church has shaped us, grown us and been a consistent safe place for us to grow in God and outwork his call for our lives. It has kept us grounded in His purpose and connected us to the most life-giving community of people. Horizon Church is our family and it's our home. We give because generosity is God's invitation for us to partner with

His mission on earth, and we're honoured to be a part of that. The Bible is full of scripture that alludes to 'looking up' which is a picture of hope and seeing into the future God has for us. We are believing that as a church we will see into the new things God has for us, not just internally, but externally as we reach into the lives of our communities across Australia and in the Sutherland Shire.



Our Next Season



For over 2 years now Horizon St Andrews has been loving and serving the people of South West Sydney with the **uncommon love** of Jesus in powerful and practical ways. Each week we are seeing new people and new families connect with our church and make Horizon home. Our Kids and Youth ministries are flourishing, our Sunday services are bursting at the seams and our mid-week Life Groups and gatherings continue to grow. We are also very excited to share that this year our Youth Ministry received the Community Group Initiative of the Year award from Campbelltown City Council.

As we continue to see God pour out His favour and blessing on our church it has become very clear that it is time to move into a new facility that can accommodate all that God has for our future.

We are looking forward to relocating into a new facility in the near future. A place where we can have a larger, custom designed auditorium, dedicated Kids and Parents rooms, and a beautiful foyer for connection and fellowship. A place for people to find Jesus. We are so grateful to God, knowing He will open the right doors at the right time for our next season of growth as a campus.

BROADSTOCK FAMILY

As Christians we need to belong to a house of God that can continue to grow us and nurture us in all that God has for us and our family. It needs to be a place where we fit, where the DNA is right. A place where we can come together and worship our Lord and hear His Truths for our lives without compromise and seeing not only our children growing and nurtured but also our grandchildren too.

In 2020 that became Horizon church due to the diligence and much prayer of our pastors. We

are grateful to God for Pastor Adrian and Kathy and for Pastor Brad and Alison.

We give because God taught us to give. He asks us to trust Him and bring the full tithe into His house. When we do that and bring our tithes and offerings He is faithful to do what He says. With a family of 8 and 1 income we learnt that by giving to God what He asked of us He would help us with the little we had and increase where it was needed. It wasn't always easy but God is faithful, and God has and continues to look after us. Thank

you Lord. We also have learnt even in the extra stretch faith giving, to give out of what God has given us not what God may give us in the future.

A bigger church building would help in accommodating the people we have now and those that will come and not have people feel like there's not enough room for them. Also to see us all come together in one service and have ample room for the different ages of our Kid's ministry. We are grateful to God for all He is and all He is doing, for our church and our family.



ERONNY & ANNA

Horizon provides an environment of learning and support systems that has helped realign a lot of our purpose as a family. We have grown spiritually and really enjoy spending time with our church family.

Gratitude has been an ongoing theme for our giving. God has continued to bless our family with amazing opportunities and

experiences. We give to spread God's love, so that all people can feel the amount of love we have been blessed with.

It has been great to see that our services have been so full that seats have had to be placed in the foyer.

With more space at church it will mean more people will be able to encounter God's love in our church.



CAMPUSES HOUSE THE HARVEST

We have seen rapid expansion in our campuses across the past few years, with our Sutherland Shire, Dunsborough, St Andrews and Online campuses teeming with life, new people, salvations and testimonies of the goodness of God! With four active campuses and another three to come in this next season, the promise of sons and daughters being released is coming to pass.



With West Sydney, Indonesia Rote Island and Perth soon to come, we are so excited to see the Christ-centred, Word-based, Spirit-led heart of Horizon spread further afield. We know that campuses house the harvest, and as we continue to seek God, His will and leading into new cities and regions, we look forward to seeing many people come into relationship with Jesus and grow in their faith.

The 2023 Vision Offering will be received across all campuses on Sunday June 25th. Giving will be utilised to resource all campuses and reduce building debt.

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TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIVING

The Shirelive Foundation is a Public Ancillary Fund used primarily to support the loan commitments of the church building and its technical equipment, via distributions to the Shirelive Property Building Fund and the Shirelive Media and Performing Arts Fund.

From time to time donations to the Shirelive Foundation may be used to support the activities of other complying charities and outreach events.

Donations made to the Shirelive Foundation in this year's 2023 Vision Offering are tax deductible. The Shirelive Foundation (ABN 7592907389) has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status and will issue annual tax deductible receipts for all giving to this fund at the completion of the financial year.

If you own a business or have a family trust and would like to give through those, please have a discussion with Roger Head, Steve Lam or Gary Macarthur or email gary.macarthur@hz.church.

NON-TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIVING

Many givers, however, may NOT require tax deductibility. Indicating this on the give form allows us greater freedom to operate without the usage restrictions imposed by tax deductible funds.

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