



Email: Marc Rader, Senior Pastor, GBC sent 17 April 2025 to Congregation (via GBC Links)

Re: GBC Renovation Plans – Links to Submit Qs and Forum 12 May

Hi everyone,

I am writing to: a) inform you of plans to renovate our office spaces to accommodate the creche and preschool ministries; b) provide you with the proposed plans and the rationale for the work; c) outline the process and; d) to invite your questions, comments, and feedback.

As I mentioned at our member's meeting in late March and in our services last Sunday, we believe that the time is right to engage in the renovation of our office spaces to accommodate our creche and preschool ministries. Last week in the E-news I published the rationale for the project and you can find that [longer document HERE](#). Essentially, relocating the creche and preschool ministries downstairs addresses some key safety concerns (most notably that our most vulnerable children are upstairs and at the greatest distance from an emergency exit) and has several significant flow-on implications for how we use our facility. It is also important to note that the cost of the works would be covered from funds in the Property Trust. In other words, we would not need to raise funds.

When I published the rationale for the project I promised that we'd release the proposed plans for the renovation. These plans, which have been drafted by Laura van Breda of Southworth Architects and a member of GBC, are available here - [CLICK FOR PROPOSED PLANS](#).

The major changes are to the office spaces; upstairs and down. The staff offices would be relocated upstairs and the downstairs offices renovated for the children's ministry spaces. You'll also notice that those rooms become mid-sized meeting rooms; something we lack in our current facility [[CLICK FOR EXISTING PLANS](#)].

The process requires that we hold an extraordinary members' meeting on Sunday May 18 at 11:15am to authorise the leadership of GBC to complete the proposed renovation works. The wording of the resolution(s) will be released two weeks prior to the meeting (that is, after Easter!).

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We would like to make this decision in May so that we can do the necessary work to commence the renovation in Term 3.

Before the meeting we will be inviting feedback, questions, and comments and seeking to address them. There are three primary ways you can provide feedback.

First, general comments or feedback can be sent to office@gymeabaptist.org.au with "Renovation" in the subject line.

Second, [specific questions can be submitted here](#). This will take you to Slido where you can enter your own question and/or upvote other questions. We hope to create a FAQ list from this platform.

Third, we will be holding a forum on **Monday, May 12 at the church from 7:30pm-9:00pm**. You will be able to attend online via Zoom or in person. At this forum, we will be addressing questions and comments.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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