

KALAMUNDA CHURCH OF CHRIST

2006 TO 2011



**BUILDING A COMMUNITY THAT
IMPACTS THE WORLD AND GROWS THE
KINGDOM**

FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN “COMMUNITY ON THE RISE”

The purpose of this paper is to provide a clear concept of where we are going and how we can get there. There is no doubt that God has been leading us as a Church and has a clear purpose for us being who we are. He has brought together a chosen group of people and positioned us in a strategic place.

For many years now God has put on the leadership’s heart the calling to take the Church out of its walls and into the local community. The heart and vision hasn’t changed but we believe it is time for us to rise up. God has put many things into place, but most of all the position we have within the local community. Kalamunda Church of Christ is now well established through relationships in the Kalamunda Shire. We believe the call to us now is to rise up and take hold of the position we have and influence the local community. Hence the phrase:

“Community on the Rise”

Genesis 13:17

Rise up and walk through the land, in the length of it and in the breadth of it, for I will give it to you.

The Community on the Rise describes us as a body, our position in the community and the community itself.

- **We are a community that is destined to rise up into heavenly places.**
1Th 4:16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first.
- **The Church Community Rising up and taking its place in the local community.**
Act 26:16 But rise and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of what you saw, and in what I shall appear to you;
- **The Kalamunda Community being on a Hill but also itself rising up and setting a standard.**
As a community we are situated on a hill, a natural rise.
The light on the Hill that has been spoken out so many times we believe is not the Church but the Kalamunda Community. Could it be that God would have our local community rise up and make a stand? That would be something else.

NEXT FIVE YEARS:

We believe the next five years is about expanding the presence of the Church in the community and giving God the glory. Because we will be expanding our role in the community we need to renew our facilities, rising up and standing out as a strong influence in the future of Kalamunda. We envisage the creation of a community centre facility that is regularly used by both business and community people for the purposes of developing strong communities.

This paper describes the bigger picture and the Community Centre proposal.

KALAMUNDA CHURCH OF CHRIST FIVE YEAR PLAN

Kalamunda Church of Christ is an “*irresistible*” Christian Community where people become fully devoted Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE SEE:

- People of all ages and people groups, being transformed through a dynamic relationship with Jesus and sharing this with the world.
- The Church as an integral part of the local community being a positive influence.
- The Church facilitating partnerships and networks of positive influence.
- People released into their God-given destiny.
- A facility, that stands out in the community, where people connect with each other and together connect to God. A facility that would reflect the heart of the Church, as a part of the local community.

Four Pillars:

There are four pillars that support foundational principles on which everything we do stands:

Jesus Christ. Christ is the cornerstone, the foundation on which everything is built. We respond to Him through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit with the following four fundamental pillars

1. **Prayer.** It's in prayer that we keep our relationship with God alive and our reliance on Him.
2. **Gifts of the Holy Spirit.** The gifts of the Holy Spirit given to the Church to fulfil the purposes of God.
3. **Word of God.** The scriptures are foundational in our understanding and the releasing of the promises of God, and give us direction.

4. **Worship.** Our worship, whereby we always give God the glory in all things, is our gift to God that causes a deeper intimacy with Him.

COMMUNITY DISTINCTIVES:

These are the things that we believe sets us apart in the local community.

“A Culture of Love” A Love for God, a Love for one another A Love for the lost”

In this community we will be a culture, which will strive for excellence in all we do, embracing the five culture norms

- **Freedom.** That people would discover the freedom they have in Christ Jesus, freedom from the things that would hinder them fulfilling all that God has for them.
- **Inclusiveness.** Everyone is of equal value and plays a significant role in the body of Christ.
- **Supportiveness.** Within the body people are encouraged and supported in their journey with God.
- **Empowerment.** As the body exercises its gifts, individuals are equipped to fulfil their purpose.
- **Destiny.** Every individual discovers their God-given purpose, understanding that God has a plan for their life.

CRITICAL COMPONENTS

To achieve the Community of influence that God has lead us to be, there are a number of critical components that are necessary:

House of Prayer

It was Jesus who said that his house would be called a “House of Prayer”. We want to ensure that prayer is central and always encouraged, at the heart of all we do. The strategies to achieve this are as follows:

- Elders and Pastors lead the way through regular church prayer meetings (Sunday morning and staff meetings) and prayer retreat. One every term.
- Regular prayer ministry every Sunday.
- Promotion and encouragement to every group to use the Prayer Room.
- All night prayer meetings. Once a term
- 40 hrs of prayer. At least one per year.
- Combine prayer meetings with other Churches. One 24/7 a year.

Youth Ministry

Active Youth Ministry that will raise up Disciples of Christ. The purpose is to equip and send Youth out to minister to others. This will be done through:

- Small groups
- Friday night encouragement and equipping
- High School Ministries
- Workshops

Children's Ministry

Our goal is to have a contemporary Children's Ministry that empowers our children in their relationship with Jesus. This is achieved through:

- Junior Christian Endeavour. This Friday night programme continues to produce future leaders.
- Children's Church. There is no doubt that this is an area that will grow and develop. Already our numbers have increased over the past term and the expectation is that this will continue.
- Play Group. It is expected that this will grow to be a significant outreach of the Church.

Life Groups

To develop Life Groups that will reflect and develop the Culture of the Church and are a natural introduction into the Church Community. Our goal is:

- To develop pastoral support for Life Group leaders.
- To run a 40 days of Community in term two 2007.
- Continue to develop specialised Life Groups for different groups of interests.

Community Services

A community service that networks and partners with the local community to influence positive community transformation. To achieve this we have launched "Community Vision Kalamunda" (CVK) the community arm of Kalamunda Church of Christ. The purpose of CVK is to build asset based community services. We believe the key to this will be through the development of "Connect Seminars" which will build strong relationships within the local community and connect people together and with the Church. Our goals are:

- To establish CVK as a Public Benevolent Institution.

- To develop Connect Seminars and have seminars running all year round, including topics on Parenting, Life after Divorce, Depression, Business Seminars and more.
- To raise funding support so as to increase impact.

Outreach Support.

Outreach Support Group facilitates the ministry of our church into Country and our world that reflects our mission beyond the local community. The goal is to:

- Develop a team of people with different portfolios that will increase our partnerships with those we support.
- To send Ministry teams to Uganda, India and other areas with whom we have connections.
- To visit those with which we are in partnership.

Celebration Services

Our goal is to have regular Celebration Services that give opportunity to express worship and praise. This will be a time when God's power is released to equip the Church to fulfil its purpose. Our goal is:

- To have a team who plan the services.
- To develop a service that is visitor friendly.
- To have the gospel spoken out weekly
- To actively encourage people to accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- To grow disciples of Christ.

Leadership and Ministry Training

It is important that we continually train and equip people to serve and lead others. To do this we aim to have:

- Two schools a year on a Sunday night that give people a variety of options.
- Two leadership schools a year.
- Special guest speakers.

The New Facility

In order to provide for our current and expanding Youth and Children's Ministries and to facilitate our opportunity to reach out to the local community we believe it is necessary to develop a new building. It is envisaged that this facility would replace the existing Function Centre providing shared accommodation for the various Youth and Children's ministries, the Church administration centre as well as the Community Centre functions described earlier. The building of this facility will not impact on the current refurbishment of the Worship Centre and indeed will provide offset savings on this

project. The attached brief provides further information in relation to this proposed facility.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We propose that we have a purpose-built building that will itself set the Church up in the community as a significant and important resource in the local area. Our aim is to self fund our community activities thus increasing our ability to serve the community. The community centre will enhance our core mission and also allow us to develop addition community services

BACKGROUND

Over the years we have been researching the strengths of the local community and the assets of the Kalamunda Church of Christ. God has assembled a Church which has a heart to serve others in the local community. We have an amazing location situated on an arterial road, near a major intersection and overlooking the City of Perth. There is much unused land around the buildings with potentially great views. We also recognise that this Shire has many qualified people and a real sense of community, although many people still feel disconnected.

There is a commitment to family and the local community, but time is a real issue. With this in mind we have seen an opening for community life-skills seminars to be an area we can present to the local community. Because there are many professionals in the community there is also a commitment to self-development and a desire to perform well. With this in mind, we have developed Community Vision Kalamunda presenting Connect Seminars. So far we have received a very positive response from the community and believe as Connect Seminars grow so will the support base increase, giving the Church a higher profile and strengthening the community we live in.

As we have been developing community seminars we have discovered a real lack of quality seminar and counselling rooms in the local community. Business and community groups within Kalamunda have also acknowledged this shortfall. The ideal situation would be to have something connected to the Church, although at this stage our facilities are not designed for this type of approach

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The proposal is that we have a purpose-built building that will connect us to the local community. It is envisaged that the facility will be built on the site of the current Function Centre providing for the following activities

- Church Administration offices
- Youth and Children's ministry.
- Professional seminar rooms.
- Counselling offices
- Coffee Shop/catering area

The centre will take advantage of the position incorporating a split level design which achieves prominence on Canning Road and takes advantage of the view and fall of the property.

The rooms will be made available for business seminars, both to the community and other groups needing such venues. The professional facilities will attract groups and organisations from other areas to the Hills. With this in mind we can anticipate a large amount of support from the Kalamunda Shire, as they are keen to see Kalamunda put on the map and people coming up into the area.

Next to the CVK rooms we would have a café or coffee shop. This could be internally operated or provided by an external franchise. With views of the city and nothing in the immediate area like it we should be able to have a viable business. This coffee shop would be able to serve the local community as well as cater for the seminars. I suggest we would employ a manager for the coffee shop with any profits going towards the building funds and developing our community services. From discussions with coffee shop owners and other Churches that have a similar approach, we believe that the profits from a well-run coffee shop would go a long way to funding staff to run our community centre. With all earnings going into the community we would still be able to be classed as non-profit.

Adjacent to the coffee shop would be our Church office ensuring that our community services are strongly linked to the Church.

The lower level of the community centre would be a Youth Centre and a Children's Ministry Centre. Both of these would be purpose-built to achieve the future programs we have for the Children's and Youth Ministries.

This is a large step of faith where we believe God can and will supply all we need. We also believe He uses many means and a resource like this will attract community funding. We could pursue a number of avenues such as a joint venture with the local Shire (Broome Church is doing this), external funding (a number of Churches of Christ have received large amounts for such projects) and then there is corporate funding.

CONCLUSION

We believe that this can be achieved in the next five years but we do need to start the process now.

This is a step of faith and will need the support of the Church as a whole. It will require significant resources but we serve a great God who has prepared good works in advance for us to do and who wants us to go into the world to present His gospel.

The next steps will be:

1. Consultation with the Church body exploring various scenarios seeking God's direction.
2. Once details are clearer we present the preferred scenarios to the Church with a time line, which includes further consultation.
3. Form a task force to start investigating and doing a feasibility study of the proposal.
4. Start the planning process and costing.

5. Put the financial plan to the Church and start the process of fund raising.