

MASTER PLAN

COMMUNITY UPDATE – AUGUST 2023



PACIFIC BROOK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PREPARATION FOR STAGE 1 – 72-74 MAITLAND STREET

Chris Baldry – Group Business Manager

Thank you for your ongoing support of Pacific Brook Christian School and our plans for the future partnering with you. The School would like to announce some updates regarding our property development and plans for 2024.

Pam Lewsey, senior leadership, our architects, planners and engineers were disappointed to be informally advised in mid-July that despite the approval of the Planning Proposal by Muswellbrook Council, the State Department of Planning intends to reject our application for the 72-74 Maitland Street site development works. This means that our Stage 1 Building timetable has been again put on hold.

But do not be discouraged, we are pressing on as the Bible says in Joshua 1:9. Recently our Pacific Group of Christian Schools Limited Board Directors all visited the 30 Sowerby Street School site and also prayed over the Maitland Street land on 4 August 2023. The Board have committed the Maitland Street land to be used for Christian education for and the advancement of the town of Muswellbrook. The Board are committed to this project and achieving our goals for this land, as such we plan to appeal to the Land & Environment

WHAT'S IN THIS UPDATE

72-74 Maitland Street State Significant Development approval likely to be rejected.

School Board visited the School and prayed over the land on 4 August 2023.

School Board committed to 72-74 Maitland Street site and will proceed to Land & Environment Court.

30 Sowerby Street to be leased for 2024 year.

Please pray.

More updates to come...

Court, as we have every good reason to believe that this site is appropriate for School education. The School is concerned that State Government processes have held up this community development. If you are so inclined, you may wish to advocate on our behalf to your local State MP and let them know that you want a school on this site. We have been told that they are concerned about flooding, but our flood engineers Royal Haskoning DHV have assured us that if there were flood waters of Biblical proportions in the Probable Maximum Flood area, our Flood Evacuation Plan is fit for purpose.

Meetings with our Presbyterian friends have concluded, and they are in prayer with us to develop the site at 72-74 Maitland Street. In the meantime, they continue to allow us to lease the current school site of 30 Sowerby Street into and for the 2024 year.

We expect to update you with more details on the Land & Environment Court outcome in the months to come.

I do apologise to the Pacific Brook Christian School community that this project has taken far longer than anticipated and ask you all to continue to pray for the School, Pam Lewsey as Principal, the team of staff, the consultants, and the lawyers on this process. It has been a long and complex process, and the end is in sight.

