



REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH



RUC HISTORY PROJECT: 1880 – 1990

Part D

Summaries of Church Records:

Area Property Committees

Congregational Property Committees

Parish Planning and Development Committee

Other Relevant Documents

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Please Note:

1. **The photograph on the Title Page** is of the property on the corner of Richens Street and Anzac Ave which was purchased in March 1988 for the purposes of building a Worship Centre for the Redcliffe Peninsula Uniting Church
2. **Above Photographs** are of the cleared site (Cnr Richens St and Anzac Ave) and the 'Turning of the Sod' (18th June 1989)

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH

PARISH PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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CONGREGATIONAL PROPERTY COMMITTEES

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OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Area Property Committees (1977 – 1980):

Following Church Union (1977), for administrative purposes, the Redcliffe Peninsula Parish has been divided into three areas:

- Southern Area
 - Central Area
 - Northern Area
- The Southern Area comprises:
 - Ernest St Congregation (Previously Margate Methodist Church)
 - Chatham St Congregation (Previously Margate Presbyterian Church)
 - Gerald Ave Congregation (Previously Clontarf Methodist Church)
 - Kate St Congregation (Previously Woody Point Congregational Church)
- The Central Area comprises:
 - Josephine St Congregation (Previously Queens Beach Presbyterian Church)
 - Buckingham St Congregation (Previously West Redcliffe Methodist Church)
- The Northern Area comprises:
 - Griffiths Rd Congregation (Previously Scarborough Methodist Church)
 - Jeays St Presbyterian Church (Previously Scarborough Presbyterian Church)
 - Anzac Ave Congregation (Previously Anzac Ave Congregational Church)
- Also:
 - Vacant land at Susan Ave, Kippa Ring

Parish Property and Development Committee (1980):

- In 1980, following the sale of the Jeay St property (to the Presbyterian Church of Qld) and disbanding of Kate St and Anzac Ave Congregations, the decision was taken to disband the Area Property Committees (as above) in favour of Congregational Property Committees. Five Congregational Property Committees were thus formed:
 - Griffith Rd
 - Josephine St
 - Ernest St
 - Chatham St
 - Gerald Ave

Their role was to continue the work of the previous Area Property Committees in relation to the maintenance their own church property.

In addition, a new `Parish Property and Development Committee` would be formed to have oversight the Congregational Property Committees and the remaining properties (most of which were no longer in use):

- Jeay St
- Kate St
- Anzac Ave
- Buckingham St
- **Membership of Parish Property and Development Committee:**
 - Mr A Watson (Chairman)
 - Mr D Cunningham (Vice Chairman)
 - Mr C Kroll (Secretary)
 - Mr W Robinson (Treasurer)
 - Ministers:
 - Rev R Painton
 - Rev R Morgan
 - Rev M Mossam
 - Representatives of Congregational Property Committees:
 - Mr N Grant
 - Mr R Lees
 - Mr J Hooper
 - Dr R Ram
 - Mr F Scott
 - Mr R Lister
 - Mr S Wareham
 - Mrs Q Headley
 - Mrs S Pordage
 - Miss A Tolmie

COLLATION OF CHURCH RECORDS (re Church Property) 1977 – 1989:

Parish Council Records:

1977:

- **March:**
 - **Griffith Rd** in being painted
 - **Kate St** and **Anzac Ave** properties are in poor repair; recommend no repairs at this stage
 - **Jeays St** requires repairs to guttering and drainage
- **June:**
 - **Jeays St** property channelling storm water
 - Expecting Redcliffe City Council to issue a demolition order on **Kate St Church**
- **August:**
 - Painting of **Jeays St Church** (external front only)
 - Report from Redcliffe City Council re **Kate St** property as expected
- **October:**
 - **Kate St** Congregation Final Church service: 20th November 1977
 - **Kate St property** to be advertised for sale

1978:

- **February:**
 - **Kate St property** to be sold for demolition and removal
- **March:**
 - Investigation of land at **Kippa Ring** (Apex Ave); need to check 're-zoning'
 - Synod agrees to sale of **Kate St**; demolition now taking place
- **April:**
 - Land at **Kippa Ring** unsuitable; too small
 - Land at **Susan Ave** to be retained for the time being
- **June:**
 - Plumbing repairs at **Chatham St**
- **August:**
 - An offer received re sale of **Susan Ave**; decision no to sell at this stage
- **October:**
 - **Buckingham St** building needs re-stumping
 - Painting **Josephine St Manse**
 - New stove required at **Josephine St Manse**
 - New carpet laid in **Josephine St Church** (aisle and dais)
 - Fence required at **Josephine St** to ensure the safety of children (Day Kindergarten)
 - Consideration re putting **Kate St** property on the market

1979:

- **February:**
 - An inquiry from the Presbyterian Church re availability of un-used buildings in RUC Parish for use by 'Continuing Presbyterians' in the area; suggestion re use of **Anzac Ave Church**
 - An inquiry from the Christian Outreach Centre for use of the **Jeays St Church**; decision to advise that the future of the Jeays St Church is uncertain at this stage
- **May:**
 - Decision for **Jeays St Congregation** to discontinue
 - Final service at **Jeays St**: 27th May 1979 @ 2.00pm
 - Decision to make **Jeays St Church** available to the Presbyterian Church for rental at \$30.00/week
- **June:**
 - Negotiations between the Presbyterian Church and Redcliffe Uniting Church re rental / purchase of **Jeays St property**
 - **Jeays St** building requires painting
 - **Land at Kippa Ring** (Cnr Anac Ave and Wattle St):
 - Four blocks of 18 acres range in price from \$30,00 to \$ 45,000
 - Decision to investigate further
 - Interior of **Josephine St Manse** requires painting
- **October:**
 - **Buckingham St Congregation** to discontinue
 - **Final Service at Buckingham St**: 28th October 1979
 - An inquiry from the Presbyterian Church to purchase **Jeays St property**
 - Decision re the future of **Jeays St property** has not yet clear
- **December:**
 - Decision to disband **Buckingham St Congregation**
 - An inquiry from the Redcliffe Citizens Culture Club re renting the **Buckingham St property** for their sole use
 - **Jeays St**: Decision not to proceed with a sale at this stage
 - **Jeays St**: Still available for rental
 - Inquiry from Division of Aged Care (Uniting Church) re removal of **Josephine St Manse** (Lancaster St) in order to expand the Blue Haven Complex

1980:

- **February:**
 - **Josephine St Manse** (House in Lancaster St): suggestion to re-locate house to Buckingham St; not viable; too expensive
 - **Josephine St Manse** recently painted and furnished
 - **Josephine St Church**: Termite eradication and re-stumping
 - Working Bee at **Buckingham St** to tidy up property
 - **Jeays St Church** still rented to Presbyterian Church: to be reviewed
- **April:**
 - **Buckingham St Congregation** disbanding
 - **Kate St Congregation** disbanding
 - **Griffith Rd** to continue as is
 - **Josephine St Congregation** to continue as is
 - **Ernest St Congregation** is functioning satisfactorily
 - **Chatham St Congregation** is functioning satisfactorily; some discussion re extending Chatham St property (adjacent allotment is for sale)

- **Anzac Ave Congregation** disbanded some time ago; Anzac Ave now used for Youth Group activities and some Parish meetings (ie Parish Council)
- **Future of Anzac Ave property;** Prime Real Estate; Possible uses:
 - Sell property for commercial use
 - Develop property as Parish Administrative Centre
 - Other?
- **Jeays St:** Consider sale to Presbyterian Church
- **Susan Ave:** Consideration that this would be a good site for a Parish Administrative Centre
- **Western Area:** Discussion re purchasing land in the area; no Uniting Church in the Western Peninsula
- **June:**
 - Investigation re purchasing property adjacent to **Chatham St**
 - Sale of **Anzac Ave** property under investigation
 - Sale of **Kate St** property under investigation
 - Sale of **Jeays St** property under investigation
 - Inquiry from Blue Haven Village re purchase of **Josephine St Manse**
 - Extension Work in the Western Area of Redcliffe under consideration
 - Request from **Anzac Ave Congregation** to disband
 - Negotiations with the Presbyterian Church re sale of **Jeays St**
- **September:**
 - Repainting and repairs of **Josephine St Manse**
- **October:**
 - Proposed amalgamation of Deeds of **Josephine St Manse** and New Haven properties (**Note:** Assurance from the Committee on Retirement Living that when Redcliffe Peninsula Parish decides to sell Josephine St, the Committee on Retirement Living will purchase at market value)
 - An inquiry from Redcliffe Hardware re purchase of **Anzac Ave property**
 - An enquiry from Goldsworthy Real Estate re **Kate St property**
 - An enquiry from Emmanuel Baptist Church re leasing the **Buckingham St** building
 - Proposed extension of **Gerald Ave Church**
 - Further discussions re developing the **Susan Ave** site
- **November:**
 - An offer from Redcliffe Hardware to purchase **Anzac Ave property**

1981:

- **May:**
 - Sale of **Anzac Ave** to Redcliffe Hardware to proceed
 - **Susan Ave property:** ongoing investigation
 - Ongoing Investigation into purchasing land in **Rothwell area**

1982:

- **February:**
 - **Ernest St Congregation:** Request to Parish Council for financial assistance to undertake renovations of the church
 - **Kate St:** An offer has been made to purchase Kate St property; decision to hold for another year

1983:

1984:

1985:

- **October: Task Group established:**
 - See Separate entry
 - Future of Church Properties within Redcliffe Parish
 - Valuation of Church properties (11th October 1985):
 - Gerald Ave (\$120,00.00)
 - Kate St (\$100,00.00)
 - Ernest St Church + Manse (\$120,00.00)
 - Chatham St (\$80,00.00)
 - Buckingham St (\$100,00.00)
 - Griffith Rd Church + Hall + Manse (\$
 - Josephine St Church + Manse (\$165,00.00)
 - Recommendation of Task Group: *Status quo is not an option*
 - Membership of Task Group:
 - Representatives of Presbytery and Synod:
 - Rev Clive Ayre
 - ... John Thiesfield
 - ... Ernie Calvert
 - **Survey of Redcliffe Parish re Preferred Places of Worship (Minister's Survey):**
 - Central Place of Worship
 - Separate Worship Centre (North, South, West)
 - Continue as we are
 - Other suggestions
 - Results of Survey (majority response):
 - Josephine St (Central Place of Worship)
 - Griffith Rd (Continue as we are)
 - Ernest St (3 Separate Worship Centres)
 - Chatham St (Continue as we are)
 - Gerald Ave (Continue as we are)

1986:

- **April: Mission Strategy Committee** (See separate entry)
- **October:**
 - Ongoing discussions re selection of new church site
 - Inquiry re painting of **Ernest St Manse**; referred to Property and Development Committee

1987:

- **February:**
 - **Parish Property and Development Committee:**
 - New Committee to be formed in 1988
 - Taking over some of the responsibilities of the Congregational Property Committees
 - Recommend to Redcliffe Parish:
 - purchase of land on Anzac Ave / Richens St
 - Parish to make a commitment to establishing this as sole worship centre within 4 years
 - involves the eventual closure of all other worship centres
 - Request from **Griffith Rd** congregation:
 - treatment of flooring in the hall
 - construction of a concrete apron
 - Work on **Ernest St Manse**
 - Neighbourhood Centre now functioning at **Buckingham St**
 - **Josephine St Church:**
 - Phone has been transferred from manse to vestry
 - Church Vestry converted into an office for the Minister
- **April:**
 - Parish Property and Development Committee to be formed in 1988
 - Nominations for Parish Property and Development Committee:
 - Shirley Pordage
 - Joyce Carter
 - Ron Ramm
 - Geoff Maskelyne
 - Neil Grant
 - Parish Task Group (same as for 1986):
 - R Ramm
 - K Lawson
 - J Wallace
 - G Maskelyne
 - E Johnson
 - M Evans
 - Role of Synod Property Committee and Presbytery Property Committee: oversight of buying and selling church properties:
 - Permission to sell existing church properties
 - Authority re purchase property for new church complex
 - Instructions to Redcliffe Parish Council re above
 - **Kate St:** to be listed for sale with Goldsworthy's Real Estate
 - **Buckingham St:** to be listed for sale with Goldsworthy's Real Estate
 - **Josephine St:**
 - Budget for Vestry / Office: \$300.00
 - Better car access required for the Manse
- **June:**
 - Decisions re the **future of the Redcliffe Congregation** (ie once buildings, currently used for church services, are sold)
 - A request from **Buckingham St** for repairs to fence
 - **Josephine St Manse** now available for rent
 - Parish Property and Development Committee does not wish to approve further expenses on existing buildings until the matter of a **single Parish Worship Centre** is resolved

- **August:**
 - **Old Griffith Rd Manse:** Removal of excess furniture
- **October:**
 - **Gerald Ave Congregation:** Query arrangements for church services after the sale of the church
 - **Ernest St:** Inquiry re the sale of the property adjacent to the Manse
 - **Kate St Property:** An offer of \$95,000.00 from Hermach Pty Ltd for the purchase of the land
 - **Buckingham St:**
 - An offer of \$1,000.00 for the removal of the building
 - An offer of \$24,700.00 for land on the cnr of Buckingham St and MacDonald St
 - An offer of \$25,500.00 for land on the cnr of Buckingham St and Windsor St
 - Decision to offer \$250,000.00 for land on Anzac Ave / Richens St (subject to approval of Presbytry and Synod)
- **November:**
 - Documentation of the sale of **Buckingham St**
 - Documentation of the purchase of Anzac Ave / Richens St
- **December:**
 - **Griffith Rd:**
 - Upstairs of Manse to be used as the Parish Office (as a temporary measure)
 - Future accommodation for Griffith Rd Sunday School
 - Query re use of the farmhouse on **Richens St Property** as a possible neighbourhood Centre
 - Sale of **Buckingham St** approved by Synod
 - Sale of Gerald Ave approved by Synod
 - Proposed sale of **Kate St** property
 - **Ernest St:** Church Service times for 1987
 - **Gerald Ave:** Church Service times for 1987

1988:

- **January:**
 - **Parish Property and Development Committee:**
 - See Minutes February 1987
 - As from 1988, one Property Committee for Redcliffe Parish
 - All Congregational Property Committees to be disbanded
 - **Gerald Ave:**
 - Two offers for Gerald Ave property:
 - Faith Lutheran Church
 - Greek Orthodox (building and pews for removal)
 - Inquiry re future of property funds
 - Inquiry from Griffith Rd re access to Gerald Ave Organ
- **February:**
 - Parish Property and Development Committee:
 - Two separate subcommittees (this is not clear)???:
 - Parish Property Committee
 - Parish Development
 - Membership of Parish Property Committee
 - Chairman of Parish Council
 - Secretary of Parish Council
 - 3 members of Parish Council
 - 2 representatives of each congregation

- **Gerald Ave:**
 - An offer of \$110,00.00 from Faith Lutheran Church
- **Ernest St:**
 - An offer from Margate Child Care Centre
 - Referred back to Goldsworthy's Real Estate
- **March:**
 - Ongoing consideration re use of the **house in Richens St** as a Neighbourhood Centre
 - **Ernest St Property:**
 - Decision to reject offer
 - Lower than valuation of the property
 - **Kate St Property:**
 - Decision to reject offer
 - Lower than valuation of the property
- **April:**
 - **Kate St Property:**
 - An offer of \$72,000.00
 - Offer accepted
- **June:**
 - **Gerald Ave:**
 - Sale finalised
 - **Buckingham St:**
 - Sale finalised
 - **Kate St:**
 - Synod approval of sale
- **July:**
 - **Chatham St:**
 - Decision to proceed with sale
 - Ongoing consideration re use of the **house in Richens St** as a Neighbourhood Centre; awaiting advice from Redcliffe Council
- **August:**
 - **Ernest St Property:**
 - Still in use; indoor bowls
 - **Chatham St:**
 - Two offers:
 - Local Developer
 - Blue Nursing (\$70,000 for land, building and contents)
 - Decision to seek advice from Synod
 - **Gerald Ave:**
 - Gerald Ave Bowls Club: decision re equipment
 - **Griffith Rd:**
 - Griffith Rd Ladies Fellowship
 - Future of **Josephine St Kindergarten**

1989:

- **January:**
 - An offer of \$167,000.00 for **Griffith Rd property** (Church, Manse and Hall) excluding furniture and furnishings
- **February:**
 - Sale of **Ernest St** finalised
 - An offer of \$175,000.00 for **Josephine St Church** accepted

- An offer of \$177,000.00 for **Griffith Rd (Church, Hall and Manse)** accepted
- Disposal of furniture and furnishings:
 - There may be multiple numbers of some items
 - Planning Committee to make decisions re these
 - Consider their possible use in the new complex
 - Some items / Memorials (ie Baptismal Fonts, Pews etc) may need to be dealt with sensitively
- **March:**
 - Synod approval of sale of **Griffith Rd**
 - New owners (Seventh Day Adventist Church) agreeable to Redcliffe Uniting Church's continuing use (for the interim) of the Griffith Rd Hall for Sunday Morning Church Services
- **August:**
 - **Josephine St Manse:**
 - Preparation for new Minister
 - Requires re-furbishing and fencing
 - Disposal of items from **Ernest St** property:
 - Bowls mats
 - Organ (valued at \$1,750.00)
- **September:**
 - Disposal of items from **Ernest St** property:
 - Bowls mats
 - **Chatham St** Garage Sale (raised \$1041.00)
 - **Josephine St Manse:**
 - Preparation for new Minister
 - Repairs
 - New floor coverings

1990:

- **Parish Council:**
 - **May:**
 - Working Bee at **Ernest St Hall**

Parish Property and Development Committee:

- **1980:**
 - **April:**
 - First Meeting of the Parish Property and Development Committee
 - Negotiations re sale of **Anzac Ave property** to a local hardware company (\$75,000)
 - Negotiations re sale of **Jeays St property** to the Presbyterian Church of Qld; two members of Griffith Rd Property Committee authorised re this
 - **May:**
 - Recommendation to Parish Council re sale of **Susan St property**
 - Recommendation to Parish Council re investigation of purchase of property in the **Rothwell area**
 - Gerald Ave Property Committee requested to submit sketch plans and of estimates of proposed building extensions to **Gerald Ave Church**
 - **June:**
 - Inquiry re purchase of land in the **Rothwell area** continuing
 - Sale of **Susan Ave** to proceed
 - Chatham St Property Committee requested to provide quotes for repairs and painting of **Chatham St Church**
 - **August:**
 - A report that LJ Hooker Real Estate Agents advised that land been set aside in the **Rothwell Area** that might be suitable for a proposed church site
 - Discussion re Indemnity Insurance for all church properties
 - **October:**
 - Decision that \$1,000.00 be set aside for repair and painting of **Chatham St Church**
 - A request from Josephine St Property Committee for the construction of a ramp at the **Josephine St Church**
 - **November:**
 - Arrangements re **Jeay St congregation** to continue 'as is'
 - Parish Council agrees to:
 - Request for a ramp at **Josephine St Church**
 - \$1,000.00 for repairs and painting of **Chatham St Church**
 - Working Bee (30th November):
 - Removal of all furniture from **Anzac Ave Church**
 - Furniture to be stored at Buckingham St Church Hall
 - Organ to be stored at Josephine St Manse
 - Recommendations under consideration re sale of **Kate St property**
- **1981:**
 - **May:**
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 - **Susan Ave property:** Ongoing investigation
 - **Rothwell Area:** Ongoing investigation
- **1982:**
 - **February:**
 - Request to Parish Council for financial assistance to undertake renovations of the **Ernest St Church**
 - An offer has been made for the purchase of **Kate St property**
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- **Task Group established:**

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- **1986:**

- **April: Mission Strategy Committee:**

- Extract from a letter from the Elders Committee to The Evangelism Co-ordinator, North Brisbane Presbytery (1 April 1986): *Following a few crises in our Parish, the Parish Council, with guidance and support from Presbytery and Synod have formed a **Mission Strategy Committee** to research and choose goals and priorities for the Uniting Church on the Peninsula. From this report they are assessing how the Church can best fulfil these goals in relation to property and worship centres*

- **November:**

- Current negotiations re potential site for new church complex:

- Buffalo's land in George St
 - William St
 - Cnr Duffield St and Victoria Ave
 - Rothwell site

- Requirements for new church site:

- Atleast one acre of land (for the development of a worship centre)
 - New centre:

- a central site (all facilities provided)
- some facilities on other sites
- possibility of using existing church properties in other areas for some activities

- **1987:**

- **February:**

- Parish Property and Development Committee (yet to be formed; see Parish Council Minutes, February 1987) recommend the purchase on land on the Cnr Anzac Ave and Richens St provided the Parish makes a commitment to establish a sole worship centre within 4 years ... and involving the closure of all other worship centres
- Proposed membership of Parish Property and Development Committee (see Parish Council Minutes, February 1987).

- **April:**

- Parish Task Group (same as for 1986):
 - R Ramm
 - K Lawson
 - J Wallace
 - G Maskelyne
 - E Johnson
 - M Evans
- Negotiations between Redcliffe Parish Council, Presbytery and Synod re purchase price of land Cnr Anzac Ave and Richens St
- Agreed price: \$250,000.00; higher than that, further negotiations required
- A deputation to Hon Terry White MLA re possibility of obtaining land which might be presently held by the Government and which they might be willing to sell to the Redcliffe Uniting Church

- **June:**

- Decisions re the future of the Redcliffe Uniting Church:
 - Instructions from Synod and Presbytery to proceed with the sale of all properties that are currently used for worship purposes
 - Once church properties are sold, need to arrange a suitable venue for future worship services (Matter referred to Task Group for further action)

- **October:**

- Query from Gerald Ave Congregation re arrangements for church services after the sale of the church (See Parish Council Minutes, December 1987)
- Interim arrangements re church services in 1988
- Ongoing negotiations between congregations re times of church services and continuation of congregational activities

- **December:**

- Investigation of possible sites for Parish Office:
 - Old farmhouse on Richens St property
 - Shop at 4 Duffield Rd
 - Upstairs Griffith Rd Manse
 - Gerald Ave Church building

- **1988:**

- **January:**

- Parish Property and Development Committee:
 - See Parish Council Minutes, February 1987
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 - All Congregational Property Committees to be disbanded

- **February:**
 - Parish Property Committee
 - Membership:
 - Chairman of Parish Council
 - Secretary of Parish Council
 - Three members appointed by Parish Council
 - Two members appointed from each congregation
 - Members of Redcliffe Parish invited to submit suggestions for new church complex
- **March:**
 - An advertisement to be placed in the media for plans for a new church complex from a qualified architect
 - M Wildish to contact 3 architects to obtain information re costs of sketch plans for new buildings
- **April:**
 - Rev N Kidd and M Wildish to visit Redcliffe City Town Planner to discuss plans re new church complex (Anzac Ave / Richens St)
 - M Wildish has contacted 4 architects; 2 are prepared to submit plans at no cost
 - Synod has advised that a brief (re new church complex) is to be prepared and submitted to Presbytery
 - A new committee to be formed (Planning Committee):
 - To have oversight of planning the new church complex
 - To prepare a brief from which plans can be drawn
 - Present brief to the Redcliffe City Council for approval
 - Membership of Planning Committee:
 - J Wallace
 - G Taylor
 - A Evans
 - N Millward
 - M Wildish
 - Parish Property Committee:
 - Membership of Parish Property Committee:
 - R Way (Convenor)
 - Existing 6 members
 - 3 appointments from Parish Council:
 - R Way
 - N Grant
 - One other (yet to be named)
 - Report from Redcliffe City council: the house on Richens St property is not suitable for use as a Neighbourhood Centre
- **June:**
 - Report from Planning Committee:
 - Architects brief has been accepted
 - Architects Brief to be forwarded to Presbytery
 - Once approved by Presbytery, Architect's Brief will be forwarded to those architects who have shown interest in this project
 - Preliminary designs will be submitted to Parish Council for evaluation and decision re the most successful design
- **October:**
 - **Special open meeting of Parish Council**
 - Purpose: to discuss the architect's preliminary plans for the new worship centre
 - Two plans were considered
 - The plan submitted by Thomson Adsett was accepted

- Report of decision of Parish Council to be forwarded to:
 - Presbytery
 - Synod
 - Redcliffe City Council
 - Planning Committee to have oversight of the building of the new complex
 - Decision that all remaining church properties be sold as quickly as possible:
 - Ernest St
 - Griffith Rd
 - Josephine St
- **1989:**
 - **January:**
 - Special meeting to discuss sale of Griffith Rd property
 - **February:**
 - An offer of \$175,000.00 for **Josephine St Church** accepted
 - An offer of \$177,000.00 for **Griffith Rd (Church, Hall and Manse)** accepted
 - Synod approval of sale of **Josephine St Church**
 - Synod approval of sale of **Griffith Rd (Church, Hall and Manse)**
 - **May:**
 - Plans for new church complex are with the Redcliffe City Council
 - Finalised prices and dates should be available at next meeting
 - After sale of all church properties, new venue for church services to be located for use until the new church complex is completed
 - Date for the first combined service of all Redcliffe Parish Congregations (yet to be determined)
 - Date for Dedication and Blessing of the land (Richens St) yet to be determined
 - As an interim measure, Parish Office is to be located 'downstairs' at the home of Dr and Mrs Ramm
 - **June:**
 - A quote of \$741,000.00 for the building of the new church complex has been received from NC Corbet
 - Quote accepted
 - Once final approval has been received from the architect and Redcliffe City Council, the final figures and paper work will be submitted to Synod
 - **September:**
 - Music Committee:
 - K Lawson
 - R Taudavin
 - N Sheppard
 - T Wilson
 - M Wildish
 - Purchase on new grand piano (\$5,500.00)
 - Stained Glass Window: several designs have been submitted (no other information)
 - **November:**
 - New church complex:
 - Progress is slow
 - Awaiting the arrival of beams from New Zealand
 - New grand piano:
 - Investigation under way
 - May need to sell all exiting musical instruments in order to cover costs
 - Redcliffe Parish will be recognised as one congregation as from 25th December 1989
 - Restructuring of organisations within the Redcliffe Parish:

- *In preparation for the opening of the new church complex (in 1990), and in response to the closure of the previous churches (in December 1989), a number of church organisations require restructuring*
 - New Structure of Redcliffe Uniting Church:
 - Pastoral Care Committee
 - Evangelism and Youth Committee
 - Christian Education Committee
 - Worship Committee
 - Administrative Committee
 - Finance Committee
- **1990:**
 - **January:**
 - Planning and Development Committee:
 - Areas of responsibility for new church complex:
 - Builders, Architects, Stained Glass Window
 - Rev Noel Kidd
 - Mr Jim Wallace
 - Furniture and Fittings:
 - Rev Mike Smith
 - Landscaping, Carpark Area:
 - Mr Arthur Cayzer
 - Mr Noel Millward
 - Organ, Lighting, Sound System:
 - Mr Rob Way
 - Finance:
 - Mr David Brown
 - No Plaques acknowledging donors or names on memorials) to be placed on any walls or on any item; Parish Council Minutes February 1989)
 - Property Committee:
 - Roofing of new church complex to be completed by end of January 1990
 - Other areas of building to be completed about this time
 - Completion date not yet available
 - Moderator to conduct the Official Opening
 - Celebration Committee to be set up to organise Official Opening:
 - Chair: Rev Noel Kidd
 - One representative from each organisation within the church
 - Members to be invited at the request of Parish Council Executive
 - Quote for Kitchen cabinets: \$3,726.00
 - No sale for purchase of Ernest St Organ
- **March:**
 - Report from Celebration Committee:
 - First assembly in the new church will be an act of worship
 - Order of Service for Official Opening has now been prepared
 - A whole-day program of celebration has been planned; members may attend as many functions as they wish
 - Date of Official Opening still not certain
 - A time of prayer has been set aside for guidance re the details of the Official Opening (22nd March)
- **April:**
 - Report from Worship Committee:
 - Proposal re format of church services in new church

- See Parish Council Minutes, April 1990
- **May:**
 - Working Bee for the Official Opening of new church complex: Saturday 29th April 1990; wonderful support from members of the congregation
 - First Meeting of Parish Council in new church complex: 16th May 1990
- **September:**
 - Final report of Parish Property and Development Committee ... task completed
 - New Property Committee appointed for new church complex

Task Group Establishment: A meeting of the Redcliffe Parish was held on 11th October, 1985 when representatives from the Presbytery and Mission and Parish Services were invited. Significant issues were faced relating to mission strategy, property development, pastoral care and evangelism. Some representatives felt that there were some frustrations which could be attributed to differing expectations by those present.

Presbytery and Mission and Parish Services representatives reported back to a meeting held at my office some days later. During the discussion, several things emerged:

- (1) There appeared that a clear way forward was necessary for happy and creative development of property and mission;
- (2) Property development appeared to hinge on appropriate mission goals;
- (3) There seemed to be some difference of opinion as to what were the Parish's specific goals;
- (4) And decision making, relating to the above, seems to get "stuck" at certain points on a consistent basis;
- (5) The combination of usual parish processes with the above is causing some uncertainties and frustration;
- (6) The situation appeared such that it was felt that significant attention should be given to providing a greater freedom for the parish to continue its work more vigorously;
- (7) The group decided to offer assistance by providing some up-dated data and (hopefully) independant assessments.

Contact was made with the parish ministers who encouraged us in our offer. There are some limitations in this working paper due to the usual constraints of time and personnel resource.

Basic Principles: This working paper is prepared against the back-drop of certain principles. These statements are not intended to be comprehensive or exclusive.

- (1) This is not a mission strategy paper, but suggestions will have far-reaching missional implications. This is also not a property development program in isolation.

The working paper seeks to declare some mission options by also declaring some personnel, financial and property options.

This is an attempt to be 'a way forward'.

- (2) Affirmation is given that there has been faithful planning and foresight by the various denominations during the past century. Churches were established in the growth areas of the day. To affirm these previous actions does not, however, declare that what we have is appropriate for all time or even for the next half century.

- (3) As our fore-bears planned and sacrificed and looked into their future so it behoves us to prove that their labours are not in vain, and that in the same pioneering and visionary spirit we stand with them in preparing for our future and for our children. We stand to be judged by a succeeding generation concerning our vision and foresight.
- (4) Any propositions to be followed should allow for the current generation to make a contribution to both missional and property development. It would be a backward step to live off the hard work of our fore-bears. It would be of real value to carry sensible and reasonable overdrafts to achieve what is necessary to take the Church into the next 50 years. We should not live off the giving and sacrifice of our fore-bears.
- (5) God has blest us with many material assets. This in itself calls for faithful stewardship. Accountability is the same whether we have much or little. To have much does not allow us to squander and to have little does not allow us to be mean. Faithfulness in the use of money and property is a necessity. We are called to faithful stewardship.
- (6) One significant element of stewardship is sharing. It is believed that there are large resources in Redcliffe Parish, (financial and otherwise). Any mission plan must seek to share resources for the good of the whole. While there will be significant emphasis on financial and property resources, options suggested do also relate to good use of personnel and other resources. We share our resources.
- (7) Any property development or rationalisation must serve the Mission of the Church. There can be no end in itself. Property/buildings are only a resource.
- (8) Buildings will need to be as flexible as possible in their use. Careful consideration must be given to architecture, prevailing weather, clientele and current and future mission thrusts, and outreach.
- (9) While looking into the future, care must be taken to love and provide for our current worshippers and supporters. Pastoral care for those who have faithfully served in the past must be set side by side with outreach to those still in need of the Gospel.
- (10) Due attention should be paid to "SILENT HISTORY". It should be noted that personal and Church History is written into buildings and their contents. Every care should be taken to acknowledge that there are unique "sacred sites" for most people.

- (11) There appears to be a genuine openness to change, not for the mere sake of change, but for a desire to see the Kingdom of God continue to grow. The very nature of the history of Redcliffe seems to indicate that attachments to buildings and sites are not as deep as could be in areas where several generations have made their home there.
- The current ministers work in co-operation with some "Team Ministry" concepts. However, the plan is more strongly geared to work in designated geographical areas. The working paper does not address this issue, neither does it close off any options for now or for the future. The Incumbents at the time will work through this strategy with their Parish.
- (12) Current properties are well cared for and loved. There is distinct pride taken in all places of worship and grounds are equally well maintained. However, quality of property and level of maintenance will not hold undue place in suggested options.
- (13) Above all, the Church must be obedient to the Call of God. We are His Church. He has clear plans and we must wait in quiet reverence to "hear what the Spirit says to the Church at Redcliffe".
- (14) The Church at Redcliffe stands on a threshold. It rejoices in past achievements. It now has a very precious privilege of "casting a mould" for the next 50 maybe 100 years. Bad planning could reduce mission opportunity for several generations. Good planning will release resources for exciting ministry and outreach.
- Lord grant us wisdom; make us equal to the task and catch the heavenly vision. Amen.
- (15) There is no strong tendency to attend the nearest Church to where people live. It appears that each minister has a clear personal following. There is a cluster of close-by locals who attend the nearest Church. Youth work seems to be centred on the north side of the Peninsula.

Property: These are some thoughts about property and an estimate of their contribution to the future.

Gerald Avenue: about four (4) allotments (say 96 perches)
buildings in good condition and well kept.
Conservative estimate value (C.E.V.) \$120 000.

Kate Street: two (2) allotments. prestige position
C.E.V. \$100 000.

Ernest Street: Church, Hall and Manse - good condition.
circa- 48 perches. C.E.V. \$120 000.

Chatham Street: Multi-purpose, Church/Hall, circa - 48 perch
C.E.V. \$80 000.

Buckingham St.,: 2 blocks, prestige position C.E.V. \$100 000.
Griffiths Road: Church, Hall and unused Manse, good condition.
C.E.V. \$100 000.
Josephine Street: Church, Hall and Kindergarten - good condition.
Circa 48 perch. C.E.V. \$100 000
Josephine Street: Manse, good condition. \$65 000.

Summary:

Rough estimate of property value:

Gerald Avenue	\$120 000
Kate Street	100 000
Ernest Street	120 000
Chatham Street	80 000
Buckingham Street	100 000
Griffiths Road	100 000
Josephine Street	100 000
" Manse	65 000
<u>TOTAL</u>	785 000
Less Parish Development Fund contribution of 10%	78 500
available	\$706 500
Add - Current reserves	\$150 000
<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>	\$856 500

Note:

The Task Group has considered that Status Quo is not an option.

RESULTS OF MINISTERS SURVEY: *Preferred Place of Worship* (1985)

Answers from Redcliffe Parish Congregations to questionnaire prepared by the Ministers, re places of worship in the Parish.

<u>Congregation.</u>	(a) A central worship centre (with various service times and necessary transport to be arranged)	(b) Separate worship centres in North, South, and West.	(c) Continuing with worshipping in the places of worship as we are at the present time.	(d) Have you any other suggestions?
Griffith Road	(a) 30 (a) & (b) 2 (a), (b), (c) 1 (a) & (c) 2	(b) 16 (b) & (c) 35	(c) 64	
		35 + 64 =	99 votes to continue to worship at Griffith Rd	
Josephine Street	(a) 32	(b) 13	(c) 7	
Ernest Street	(a) 4	(b) 24 Some of these 24 also said they favoured (c).	(c) 1	
Gerald Avenue	(a) 1 (23 against (a))	(b) 4 (2 wanted N. & S. 1 wanted N., S. & Central 17 were against (b))	(c) 24	"The meeting was unanimous that Gerald Avenue should continue as a place of worship."
Chatham Street <i>Preaching Place</i>	(a) -	(b) 2	(c) 11	Twelve favoured 10.15 a.m. (the present time) for worship. One favoured 9 a.m.

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UNITING CHURCH - REDCLIFFE PENINSULA

In the last few years we have been operating in 5 churches -

- 2 in the North - Josephine St. & Griffith Road, within approx. 1 km of each other.
- 3 in the South - 2 in the Central South, Ernest Street. and Chatham St. within approx. 1 km of each other. 1, Gerald Avenue, in the extreme South.

Considerable sums of money have been spent in maintaining each, as the properties are "middle-aged" and have required repairs to roofing and plumbing to electrical installations and repainting etc.

From time to time discussions have ensued as to whether it would not have been better to put all this money into a Central Church (an idea which had very few supporters when we first came into union).

The matter was brought to a critical stage when Griffith Road became unable to seat the congregation which was attending regularly. They asked the Parish Council for approx. \$20,000 to open the Church into the adjoining Hall.

Parish Council realised that our present buildings would continue to age and money would continue to flow out in repairs until, like our Kate St. and Anzac Ave. properties their economic life was over and a decision as to what to do would then be inevitable. One school of thought was that the situation should be faced now.

Mr. R. Adsett, Architect, was brought in to examine and report on our properties and to give his opinion on how the Parish should develop.

He was asked to examine and report on the Griffith Road plan also and has done this, preparing an architect's drawing and an approximate cost viz. \$25,000.

He has also reported that in his opinion the Parish should plan for a Central Church located on the Tennis Courts attached to the Margate Youth Centre. At the same time he suggests the retention of one site in the North and another in the South without specifying where. He has drawn a sketch of the possible Central Church which would on present costs be \$480,000. It is not known whether the cost of the land is included.

There are many things to consider and Appendix B includes some of them, and the Parish Council is of the opinion that before the matter proceeds there should be meetings of the five congregations to discover their opinions on whether there should be a Central Church.

To this end it is proposed to prepare a brochure to inform each Church member of the pros and cons of this suggestion.

Any assistance the Presbytery Committee can give of general experience, and on the Redcliffe Parish requirements in particular would be appreciated.

Appendix A sets out some of the views expressed at "Workshop" before Union and since.

Appendix B sets out some of the problems which will have to be considered if Mr. Adsett's suggestion is adopted.

Appendix C sets out the case for immediate work to be carried out at Griffith Road.

APPENDIX A

<u>For</u>	<u>CENTRAL CHURCH</u>	<u>Against</u>
Some members gain inspiration from large congregations		Some members are happier in small groups
Some like traditional services.		Others tend to more demonstrative services.
COMMENT: It is probably possible to meet all these people in a number of services with different ministers.		
Three Churches, one central, one North, and one South should be enough.		Some have a deep spiritual and emotional attachment to the Church they attend.
		Some like a Church witnessing in the local area.
Numbers are available for Elders, Committees, and Choirs, Youth Groups etc. Leaders are available.		Some of our present Churches are able to provide this but not all. Those who can, see no advantage accruing.
Cost of maintenance is minimal.		Undoubted. No argument can be advanced as this is the "strong point" in the proposal.
		Some like to walk to Church and doubt the permanence of travel arrangements.

APPENDIX B

Suggestion for North & South Centres to continue. All our Churches are capable of development so which are to be chosen? A lot of people who wish to stay put are catered for by the suggestion, but not necessarily all, (only those who are in the "lucky" church chosen).

Is the site at the Margate Centre subject to flooding? It is noticed that an additional pipe is being installed.

Can this land be purchased from the Synod Dept?

Have the Council any requirements for this Holiday Camp? The Land is zoned for Special Purposes. Does this embrace Religious purposes?

How would we finance the project? With North & South properties held we have 5 pieces of land, 100,000 or so cash. The project involves cost of land, building and furnishing. Churches are generally unsaleable.

Are there any "unknown" advantages in having a Central building?

APPENDIX C

The problem is immediate. The people have to be seated now. We would not like them to drift away. Incidentally collections have grown from \$4000 odd for 8 weeks to \$7500 at present. The project could pay for itself. The beauty of the Church is not destroyed. The Church is made more effective by the inclusion of the Hall space which is screened off.