



## Student Housing Project

### Report to December Congregation meeting

Well, that's been a journey, but the destination is something to behold.

It is over three years since the Dreaming Process, with a good number of us putting a sticker against the suggestion that we rationalize the church's property. Our student houses, particularly 10 College, were becoming more demanding to maintain, a factor added to by those trying to do the maintenance getting older and a little less agile.

So Anne Ind, Graham Buckton and I were asked to take on the project.

There have been a lot of decisions along the way. As a church we recommitted to the Student Accommodation Program. We knew we wanted new lower maintenance houses, but where to locate them, how to fit them on the block, who to get to build them, how much to spend on them.

Anyway, after many meetings, hundreds of emails, hours on the phone, about a hundred pages of submissions and reports, we have two houses with which I believe we can be very satisfied.

I know the students are excited about their new homes.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you enjoying their ambience at the dedication and morning tea a couple of weeks ago, although I wonder if the students who were there might think "Hey, these houses work pretty well for a party with 50 or 60 guests."

As you will have noticed, there is still some work to do outside. We believed that managing the landscaping ourselves would save us some money so did not include it in the building contract. That work is underway.

In conclusion, thank you all so much for your encouragement, suggestions, comments and donations. It has made the whole process smoother and more satisfying for the Project Team knowing that we had your ongoing support.

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For the Project Team  
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