

## **Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe**

### **Parish Master Plan Update – Easter 2009**

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and who have provided written comments or spoken to a member of the Parish Leadership Team regarding the Parish Master Plan of December 2008. The feedback from Parishioners has been considered in forming the policy and action steps following. Unfortunately there has not been the time or resources to reply to individual letters.

The implementation of the Master Plan will be considered at the April meeting of the PLT. In preparation for the meeting the Executive has developed a number of policy positions and undertaken the following actions.

As policy matters the Executive proposes:

- The Master Plan to be adopted as the framework for the future of the Parish;
- The Plan to be progressed in stages with a review of the outcome of each stage before proceeding to the next;
- The sale/redevelopment of the West Ivanhoe tennis court site to be the first stage;
- A Business Plan that examines all options for the sale/redevelopment of the tennis court site and the risks involved be prepared to inform the decision to proceed with the project;
- The Archdiocese to be approached regarding considerations for the future of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe and the Korean community within the Parish.

The actions that have been taken are:

- The Executive met the Vicar General and the Diocesan Manager and received support for the progression of the Master Plan with the tennis court development as a first stage;
- A first level Business Plan was prepared which indicates that redevelopment of the tennis court site for housing is viable; and,
- The Executive met the managers of the Catholic Development Fund who indicated that funding of the proposed development was within their policy framework.

The PLT meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> April will welcome the new members and also elect the Executive for the next 12 months. The decision on the progression of the Master Plan, as per the Executive proposal set out above will be taken at that meeting.

The first stage of the Master Plan, the proposed sale/redevelopment of the tennis court site, is designed to provide an income stream for the Parish so that we can employ a pastoral associate, undertake some essential upgrades such as the installation of audio/visual systems in the churches and provide a focus for all of us on the future of the Parish. Your support will be required for the Plan to be successful.

Pat Kelly

Chair, Parish Leadership Team, 12 April 2009