



## 1) THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD

*'There is power in God's gospel, beyond all description!'*  
C.H. Spurgeon

The gospel is the most powerful agent of change this world will ever know. It is the gospel – God's gospel – that is our vision. God's Son was born, lived, died and yet was made alive, risen, Lord, Saviour and Judge of all. This is the gospel God is declaring all over our world.

This is the gospel that has called us at St Andrew's:

- Calling us to surrender and trust our forever King
- Calling us to be transformed by his grace into a united people of humble, wholehearted faith.

This gospel has called us into God's relentless purpose – **proclaiming the hope of Jesus Christ as Lord to Wahroonga, to our communities, our city, our world.**

Here in our beautiful and blessed part of Sydney – a place of change, success, resources and diversity – here in this place, are countless lives separated from God and under his judgement. Here in this place, are effects of this separation. Here in this place, is a desperate need for God's salvation in Jesus Christ.

Here in this place, God is building his church by his gospel. He is building each and every day, as we go about the work of the gospel together here in Wahroonga and in our neighbouring communities.

## 2) WAHROONGA AND NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES

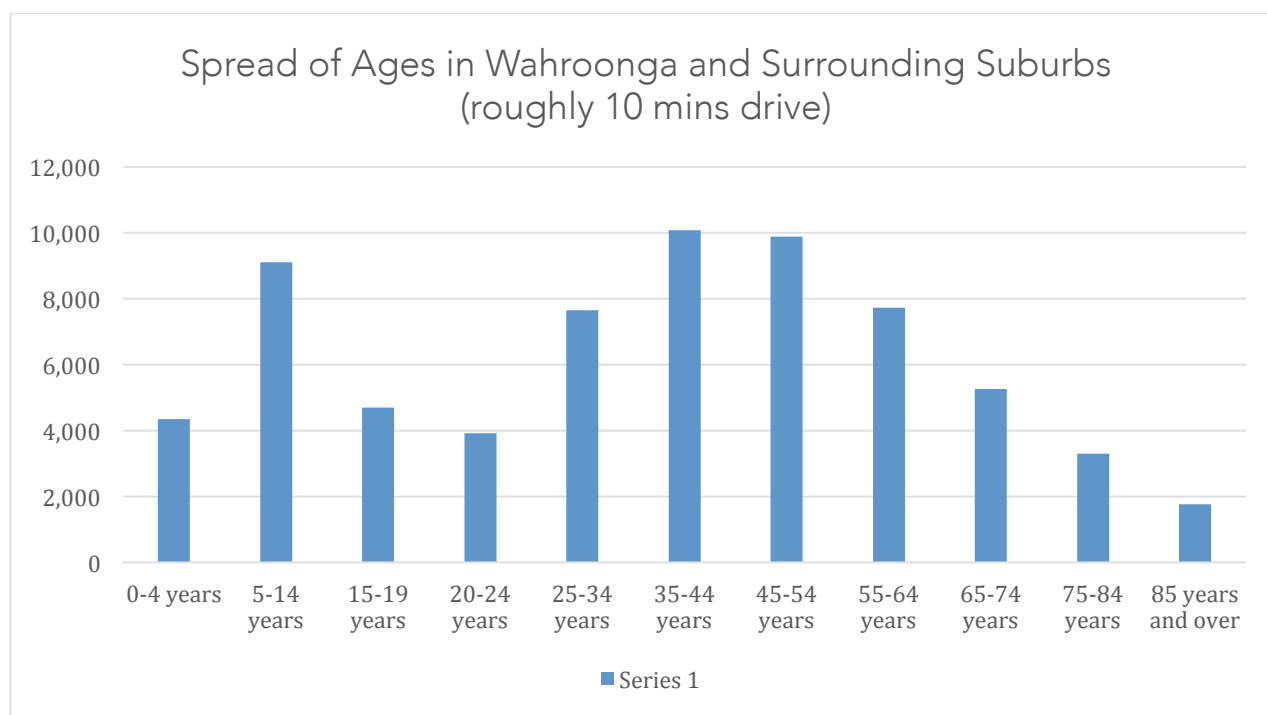
### WHY DO PEOPLE COME TO WAHROONGA AND NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES?

People come to Wahroonga and surrounds to:

- To make a home – 23,000 households
- To attend school – 15 schools
- To find care – 2 hospitals & 17 aged-care facilities
- To play – countless sporting clubs, parks and cafes
- From Overseas – 31,000 NESB residents

### WHAT ARE THE TRENDS OF OUR AREA? <sup>1</sup>

a. There is a concentration of children and their parents

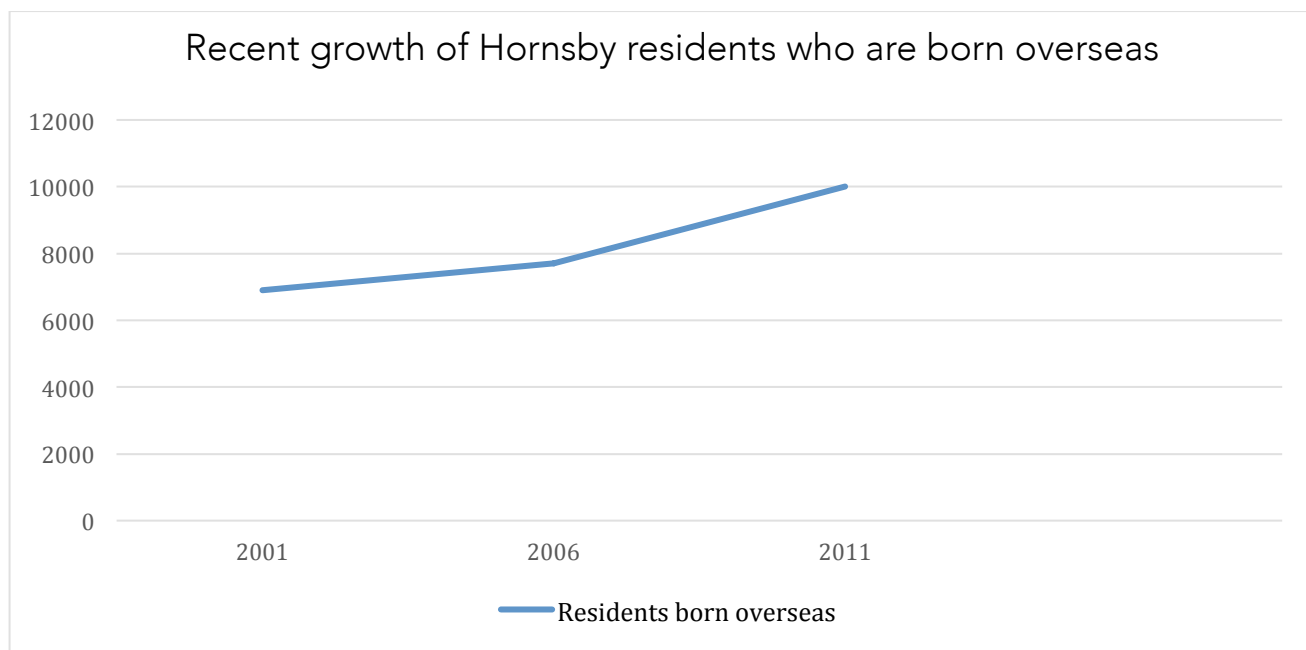
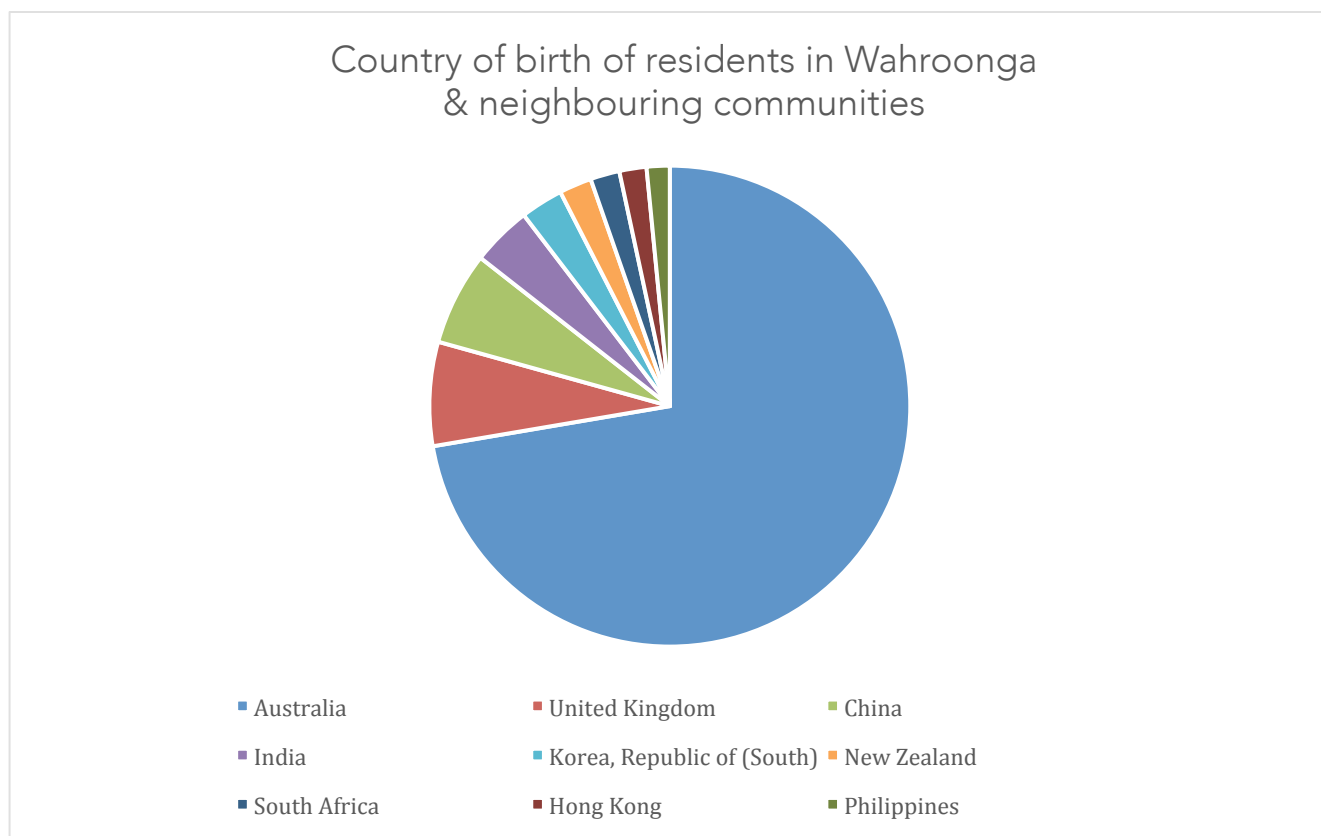


#### Implication for our mission:

We cannot ignore ministry and continued outreach to young families. We must also prepare for the next five years as those who are young teenagers grow through high school.

<sup>1</sup> Information from ABS census data, available at: [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

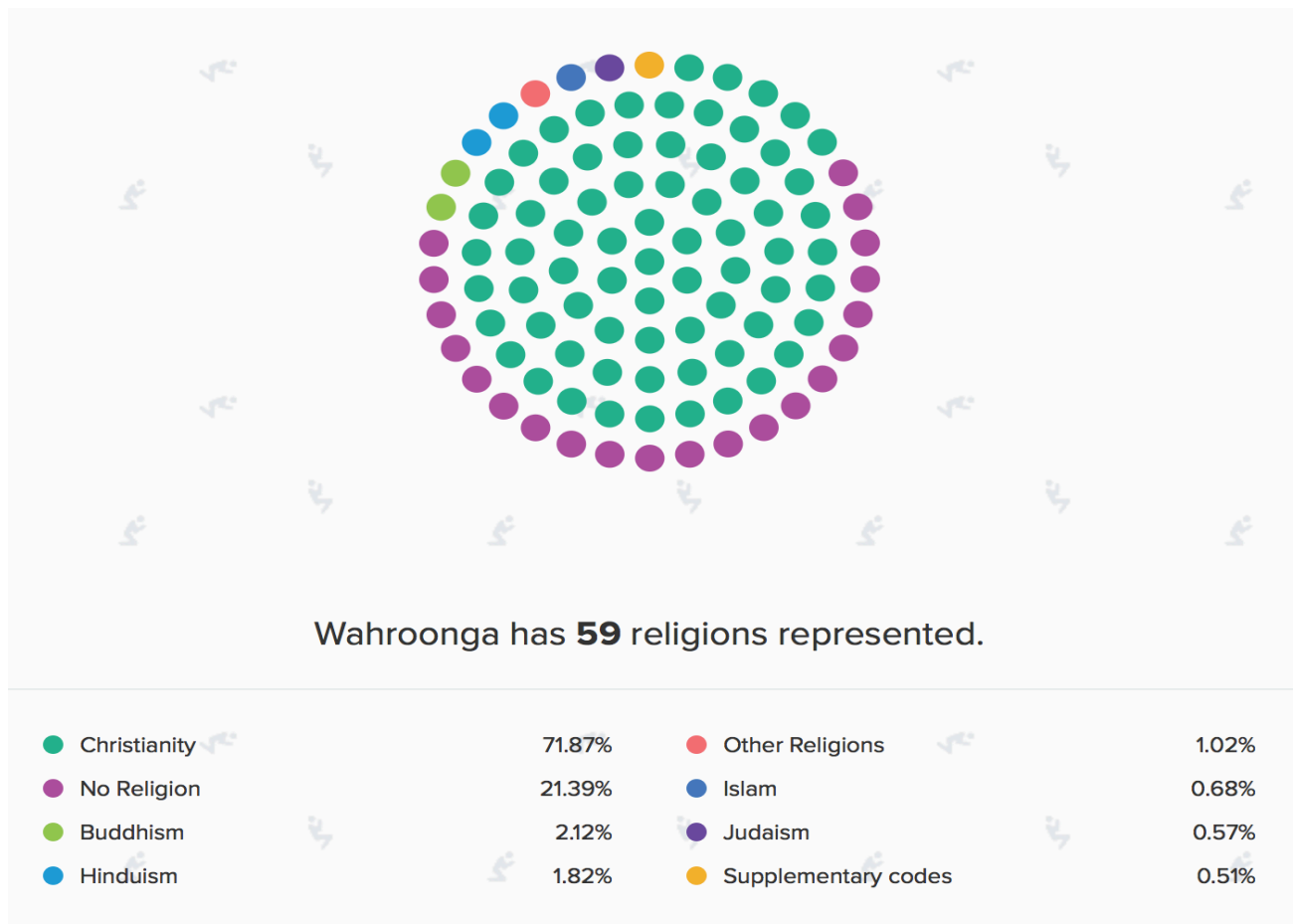
b. More than 25% of our area's residents are born overseas. This number is growing



#### Implication for our mission:

There are many people living very close who are looking for community, connection, belonging and language development. We need to diversify our ministry to reach out to those who are not from an Aussie, English-speaking background.

- c. There are many people in our area who have a strong affiliation with Christian churches.<sup>2</sup>



#### Implication for our mission:

We should not be ashamed of preaching the Gospel fearlessly because many people continue to identify as Christians. There are lots who view our church as their church, so we need to connect and build relationships with them. Easter and Christmas remain vital mission opportunities. We should also see the importance of *occasional* services (baptisms, weddings, funerals).

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<sup>2</sup> These infographs are based on the same Census data, but were produced by SBS: [www.sbs.com.au](http://www.sbs.com.au)

### 3) A PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S WAHROONGA IN 2020

#### ➤ *PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH*

Pray that in 2020 St Andrew's remains committed to grow in the gospel, through faithful ministry of the word, in all of the church family, in season and out.

Pray that we serve together as a fellowship of builders with diverse gifts to make a significant mission impact in our area.

#### ➤ *PRAY FOR MISSION IMPACT*

In our mission field there are more than:

- 45,000 people in young families
- 10,000 young adults
- 18,000 seniors
- 31, 000 people from NESB

By 2020 we are praying to be a church that has mission impact in all our ministries and at every stage and context of life throughout our area and globally through our mission partners.

#### ➤ *PRAY FOR NUMERICAL GROWTH*

We have seen God bring numerical growth over the past 2 years: from 85 adults to 160 adults and 70 children and youth each Sunday. We are praying that God will continue to grow the ministry of the gospel here, for the sake of His name.

2016	2020
160 adults 10 small groups 20 small group leaders 70 children and youth 6 scripture teachers 70+ in Prime Time	450 adults 30 small groups 60 small group leaders 175 children and youth 15 Scripture teachers 100+ Prime Time

## 4) FIRST STEPS: INITIAL PLANS IN 2016-2017

There are many areas of ministry that we will need to focus on in the coming years. Here are 5 focus areas where we plan to make significant *first steps* in 2016 and 2017.

### 1. CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

#### *Developments:*

- Steady and significant growth in 2015 and 2016
- Our first Christmas Workshop
- The Stand (Friday Kid's Club – Years 4 – 6)
- Restructuring Youth to reach younger years
- Experienced oversight of this ministry
- Growing teams in children & youth ministry

#### *What's Next:*

- Continued outreach to children (0-18) and families
- **The appointment of a full-time children and youth minister in 2017**

### 2. EVENING CHURCH

#### *Developments:*

- 2015: closing existing 6:30 congregation and beginning plans to plant in late 2016.

#### *What's Next:*

- Jan-April: meetings with potential partners
- May-July: monthly prayer and information meetings
- August: begin informal weekly gatherings

- October: public launch of new Evening Church

### 3. BIBLICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR MINISTRY

#### *Developments:*

- Growing ministries has created a growing need for trained leaders across a range of ministries.

#### *What's Next:*

- Biblical and practical ministry training to equip people for ministry at St Andrew's, in our communities and beyond.

### 4. CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### *Developments:*

- The appointment of a full-time Church Administrator – significant improvement in our ministry capacities and support structures.

#### *What's Next:*

- Develop administrative support across the range of ministries needs and mission opportunities.

### 5. BUILDING RESOURCES

#### *Developments:*

- No significant work done on our church centre for 2 decades and increasing pressure on the functionality and capacity of our current premises.

#### *What's Next:*

- Parish Council to present a Capital Works priority list to the church family after Easter. Priority 1 will be a multi-faceted upgrade to aspects of the church centre costing approx. \$100,000.



## 5) RESPONDING TO THE WORK OF OUR VISION IN 2016

As part of the St Andrew's church family please pray and consider how you might be involved this year in giving yourself to what God is doing in Wahroonga and neighbouring communities – building his church through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE VISION BY GIVING FINANCIALLY

In 2016...

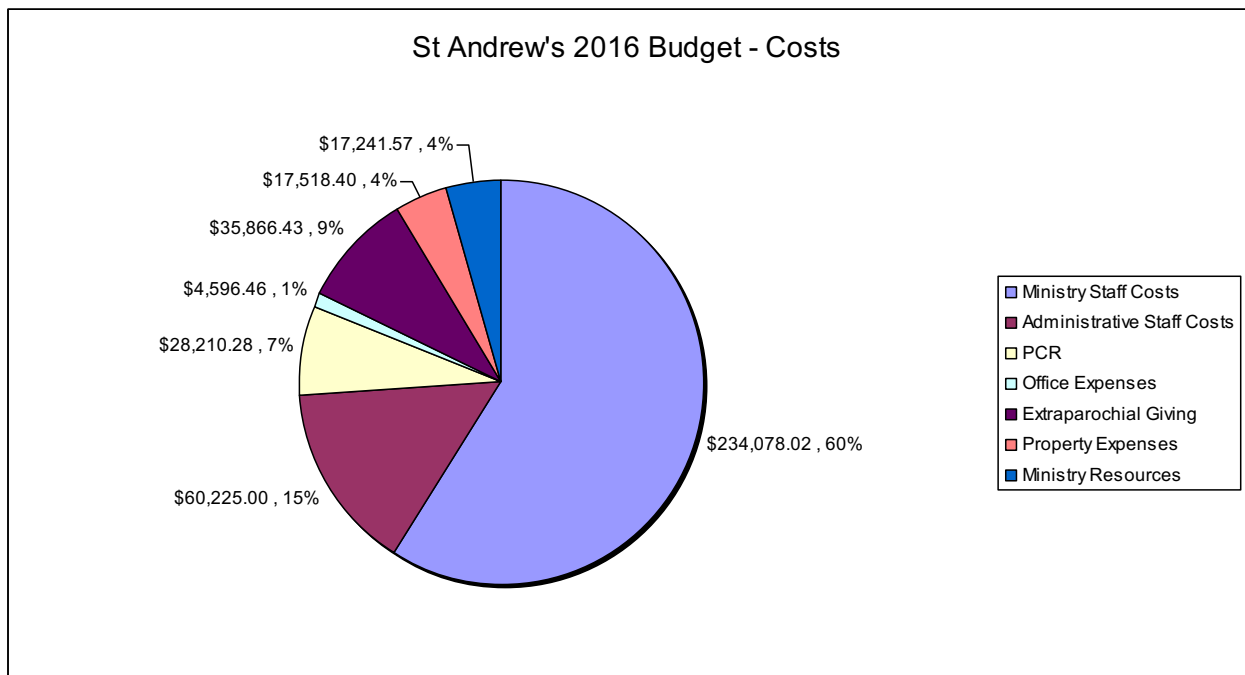
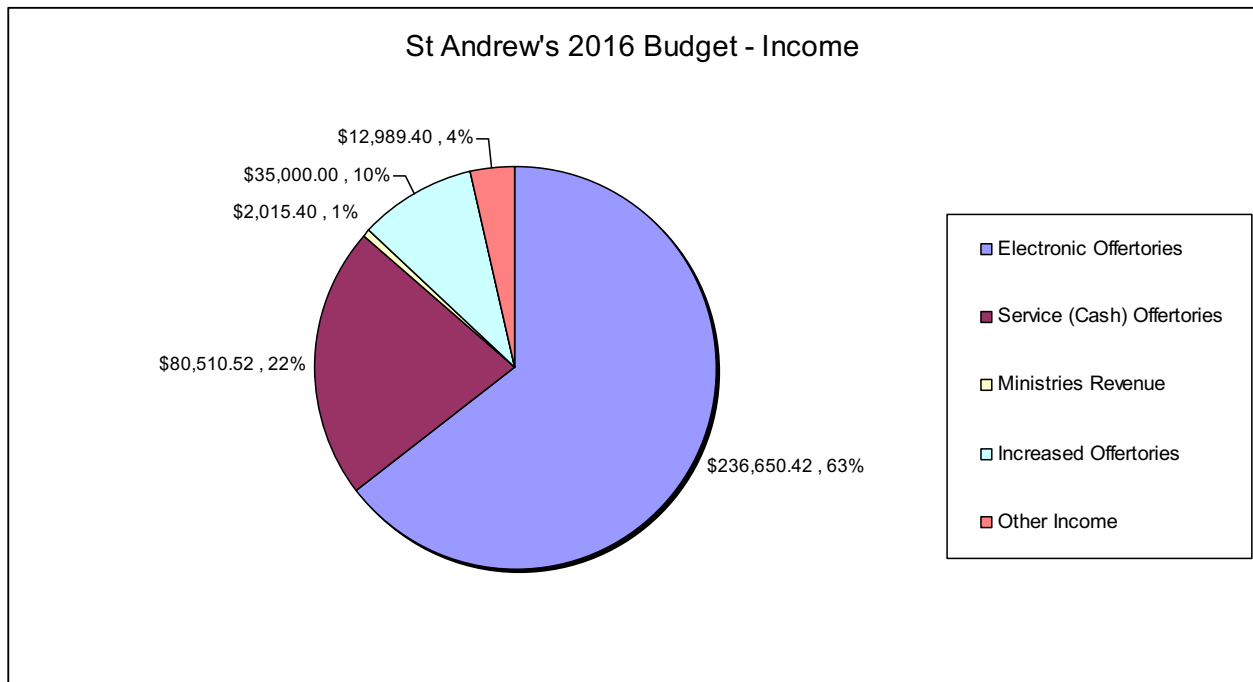
In order to sustain our current ministry in 2016 and prepare for an appointment of a full time children's worker from 2017...we will need to:

- Increase our regular giving by \$35,000 (from last year's regular giving of \$325,952).
- This amounts to a 10% increase in giving from 2015 to 2016

#### St Andrew's Anglican Church, Wahroonga

##### 2016 Budget and 2017 Forecast summary

	2015	2016
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Offertories	325,952	317,161
Secondary income	21,831	15,005
Offertories increase/adjustment	-	35,000
Bequest		28,864
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>347,783</b>	<b>396,030</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Ministry Staff Costs	132,619	234,078
Administrative Staff Costs	44,885	60,225
PCR	17,512	28,210
Office Expenses	7,166	4,596
Extraparochial Giving	41,741	35,866
Property Expenses	42,975	17,518
Ministry Resources	16,723	17,242
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>303,621</b>	<b>397,736</b>
<b>Net result</b>	44,162	- 1,706



This increase would enable us to meet our current ministry costs and get us most of the way to our next step of the full-time appointment in 2017.

In 2017...

2017 – we would only need to increase giving by a further \$7,500 (2%), because of the bequest, that could, if we needed it, help us again in 2018.

Each March we take time as a church family to hear about future plans, to pray, to review our own giving and make a clear commitment to regular giving for the year ahead.

- For some, after hearing of the plans before us, there will be an opportunity to increase your current giving.
- For some this review will result in a commitment to continue to give at the same level (and for some who are struggling it may be a decision to reduce their giving)
- For others there will be an opportunity to start giving regularly this year

#### SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE VISION BY GIVING YOURSELF IN SERVICE

The staff team would love to meet with anyone who is keen to discuss how they might serve in the future here at St Andrew's.

*To support the vision in service or financially,  
please complete and return the Vision Response form.*

*Please respond by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016*

