

NAMING CEREMONY FOR BG CHAPEL ANNOUNCED



Fri 4 January 2013

Generous donations over recent months combined with a supportive price from builders G.E. Shaw means construction of a chapel and multi-function community space for Anglicare's Brindabella Gardens nursing home is set to commence in February.

A Celebration Service will be led by Bishop Stuart Robinson on Thursday, February 28 at 10.30am in the Brindabella Room. As part of that service there will be a special naming ceremony for the chapel.

Late last year, over 350 people have enjoyed 'High Tea' with Bishop Stuart Robinson at a special fundraising event at the Huntly Estate. Guests were treated to tasty treats and wonderful choral and musical performances by students from Radford College, Grammar, and Girls Grammar schools.

Over \$12,000 was raised on the day for the project, and with further giving in the wake of the event means the project is just shy of the original target of over \$600,000.

Paul Baxter, chair of the Appeal Committee, set the tone for the event saying "we are celebrating that the Anglicare Board has given the go ahead to the project, trusting that we will raise the remaining dollars needed".

He gave a special mention to Brindabella Gardens chaplain, the Rev'd Morton Johnston, who was the driving force behind the project.

"The common factor in the Project Team, the Auxiliary, Anglicare and the Appeal Committee which I lead is Morton", he said.

Afterwards, Mr Baxter reported that thanks to Huntly event, and on top of the fundraising efforts throughout the year, they had now achieved over 95 percent of their funding target.

Bishop Stephen Pickard, Anglicare's Interim Chief Executive said he was "excited by the response from people throughout the Anglican Community".

Special appreciation, he said, must go to the three choirs who entertained the guests, especially the Radford Year 12 students who were just two days out from their final exams. Meanwhile Canberra Girls Grammar provided a wonderful combination of vocal and instrumental performances and the Grammar Primary School Chorale patiently waited in the heat to deliver a stunning finale despite they and their teacher only just returning from school camp.

"I am also especially grateful to Huntly estate owner John Gale for generously opening his property to us as well as the team of volunteers who made the day possible," Bishop Pickard

said. "Special thanks also to Sue Jordan, Ken Quilty, Maree Maher, Kaye Pritchard, Sarah Hubert, Helen Bennett, and Claire Lloyd-Jones who all played key roles in ensuring the smooth running of the event as well as our Fundraising and Events Manager Trevor Capps for his leadership."