

## **Why we are Relocating**

### **Why are we moving?**

Firstlight has outgrown ECU Mt Lawley in the sense that it does not provide us with the platform to move forward in the dreams and vision we see for our church. Leaders have told us and results from the survey are clear that our people want to see the church grow and make an impact on the community. Without a permanent building where we can base ourselves, run events and programs out of, grow our ministries from, this dream becomes difficult to accomplish.

We see this move as a coming of age for Firstlight. Like a teenager moving out of their childhood home into a place where they can finally spread their wings and start working towards their dream and their purpose. God is doing a new thing at Firstlight and this building is part of that. The leadership have discerned this is God's calling, are committed to follow His lead and are excited for the promise of things to come.

### **How did we connect with Lake Gwelup Christian Church (LGCC)?**

Pastor Richard and Joanne attended a service at LGCC during one of ECU's open days. At the same time, the board were considering whether previous relocation options were fit for purpose given the changing nature of our congregation with the emergence of a lot more young families. As such, the board started exploring other relocation options that would improve the way we conduct our church activities, which led to a connection with the good people of LGCC. Concurrently, the leadership at LGCC had received a prophetic word that their building was not just for them to use but to be a blessed place for other churches to expand the kingdom of God. By the time we made the connection with LGCC they had also prayerfully made the decision to open their building to other churches. And just like that, God had so expertly moved all the pieces together, prepared both churches in advance and timed it so well that He only needed to open one door for both churches to step into their calling. This is one of many reasons both churches feel the connection is God-led and the move forward is through doors that have been divinely opened.

### **What are the details of the arrangement?**

We are entering into an arrangement with LGCC where we pay them an agreed rate to use the building for our Sunday services as well as all our ministry and outreach requirements during the week. We will also be sharing office space and moving everything out of the Osborne Park office with staff to be based out of the LGCC building. The arrangement will allow us to utilise the venue for any ad hoc events or community outreach we want to host providing us with a lot more freedom in our programs and who we are able to partner with due to the option to use this venue. Using ECU outside of our Sunday booking was logistically difficult, expensive and restricted by significantly more public bookings.

### **How many people can the building cater for?**

The auditorium can host up to 310 people.

### **Will we be able to utilise the building outside Sunday service?**

Yes, as long as there is availability and it meets LGCC's event requirements.

### **Will we be merging with LGCC?**

No. Both churches will be keeping their separate identities for the foreseeable future.

## **Change in Service Time**

### **Why did we choose the 3-5pm service time?**

The boards of Firstlight and LGCC have had several discussions about the new service time. LGCC's usual church service is on Sundays at 9:30am, so the morning option was not available to Firstlight. Firstlight conducted a survey earlier this year which included preferences for an alternative afternoon service time. The survey results pointed to this time as the most popular slot.

We also feel this time is beneficial for the following reasons:

- Frees up Sunday mornings for families with weekend sports or other social activities.
- Generally falls outside of nap times for families with young children.
- Not too late that it impacts on the week ahead.
- The service does not run over a mealtime.
- Gives potential for the congregation to fellowship after the service over a meal.
- It changes how we do church and could lead us to reach people we were otherwise unable to before.

### **What if people can't make the new time?**

We are blessed to be worshipping in a building that hosts church services at other times throughout the day. So whilst we would love everyone to be able to move to our new service time if they can't, for whatever reason, there is a service run by LGCC at 9.30am and another service run by C3 Karrinyup Church at 6pm.

### **How will it work with other churches and what are their service times?**

There will be three churches worshipping at the LGCC venue on Sundays. These are:

Lake Gwelup Christian Church – 9.30am to 11.30am

Firstlight Church – 3pm to 5pm

C3 Karrinyup Church – 6pm to 7.30pm

### **Won't we clash with the C3 Karrinyup Church service?**

We are required to be out of the auditorium by 5pm but are able to fellowship in the function area after our service whilst C3 have their service in the auditorium.

### **When will we start meeting at LGCC?**

Our first physical service at LGCC will be held on Sunday, 26 July 2020 at 3pm. We are planning something special and will provide more details closer to the day.

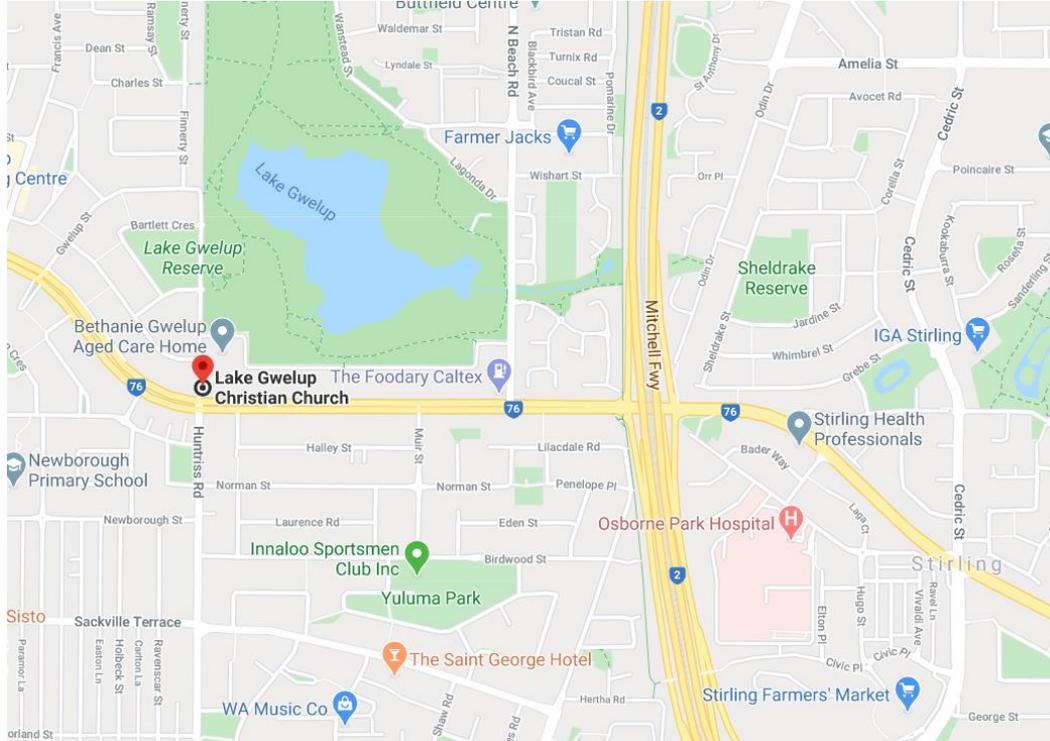
### **Why wait to end of July? Can we not we start services next week?**

LGCC have requested a 4-week period between announcement of our partnership and our Sunday service start date. This is to give their congregation time to adjust to the new arrangement as this is also a big change for them.

## Location

### **Where is LGCC?**

LGCC is located on the corner of Karrinyup Road and Huntriss Road in Gwelup. If taking the freeway, it is the Karrinyup Road exit.



### **Will there be parking?**

There are close to 100 parking bays in front of the church building.

### **Can I take public transport there?**

Bus routes 422 and 425 feature stops near LGCC.