

14 September 2020

Greetings to all at Waurnd Ponds Community Church - in both the Belmont and Bannockburn congregations,

As was announced this past Sunday on Church@Home <https://www.wpcc.com.au/announcements/announcement/>, over the past 12 months the Eldership has deliberated our current multi-site model, whilst seeking God's guidance on how we move forward for the benefit of both congregations and his Kingdom.

After extensive discussions and prayer, the decision has been made to release and support the Bannockburn congregation as an autonomous church. We are united, convinced this will be an effective and positive change. Pastor Steve and Cass Abram, along with the leadership team, will continue to lead into this new season, and work towards establishing a new entity with its own governance structure.

This is an exciting time for the church in Bannockburn, as it allows for continued growth and influence within the local community and beyond. It is intended that the formal governance and oversight change will come into effect as of 1 January 2022. In order to achieve this timeframe we will begin the process of creating a new entity from the start of 2021; this includes registering the church with government regulatory bodies and the CRC, establishing a formal Eldership structure, confirming the employment of Ps Steve Abram as the new church's Senior Pastor, and setting up new financial arrangements (including new bank accounts).

This will be a time of opportunity, possibility, and blessing for the Bannockburn congregation to continue in all that God has purposed.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Steve and the Bannockburn leadership team as they now commence the necessary arrangements, and for WPCC Eldership and Finance Team, as they work with them over the next 12 months.

We appreciate your support and prayers, understanding that you may also have questions about this decision. We are more than happy to discuss this with you at an arranged time.

Yours in Christ

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