# THE SOURCE

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 2021

**Introduction:** Loneliness is a big problem in Australia

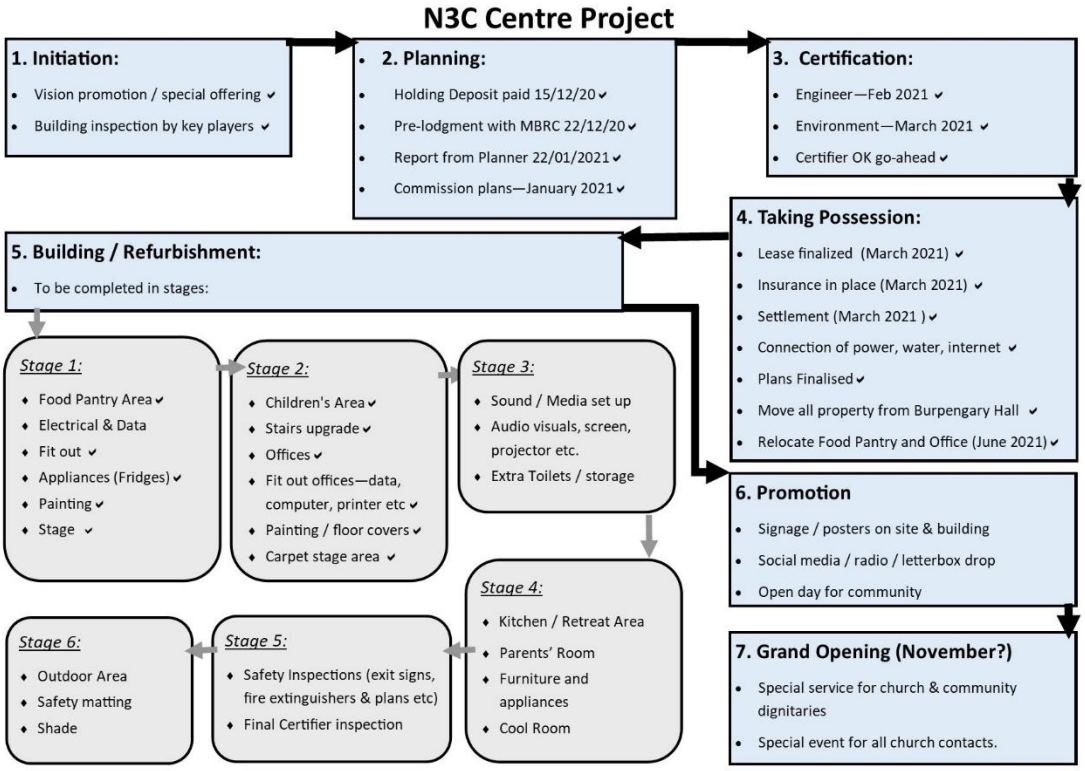
- We try many different ways to find fulfillment; Some will:
  - Experiment with drugs and alcohol but this feeds into mental illness and addiction.
  - Focus on their profession.
  - Focus on some political cause or become an activist.
    - These can be fulfilling at times, but what about when I am alone?
  - Search for the perfect soul mate, partner, or friend to satisfy their emptiness.
    - The problem is when we do that, we put the responsibility for our happiness onto others.
- Many are realising there is a deeper well to draw fulfillment from.
- Jesus came to give a natural high instead of a chemical fix.
  - To give direction to all worthwhile causes as they reflet how Jesus would respond.
  - To show that a relationship with Him enhances every other relationship and is the source of my own stability.
- Jesus made a way:
  - By dying to pay the price for sin (His body).
  - To wash me clean spiritually (His blood).
  - His resurrection declares His victory over sin and death.
  - When we confess Jesus is Lord and make Him #1 in our lives, He becomes the source of the healthiest version of ourselves.

Isaiah 46:3b-5 *…You whom I have upheld since you were conceived and have carried since your birth. Even to your old age and grey hairs, I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. To whom will you compare Me or count Me equal? To whom will you liken Me that we may be compared?*

- How could we NOT be captivated by Jesus?
- Prayer of confession
- Distribute elements to "*Thank You Lord"* music.
    - Prayer over elements
- SONG: "*Thank You Lord*"

## 2. Where we are Now:

- Church is not just a building!
    - Community space to serve the people.
    - Had to be visible.
- Mission Statement:
    - Reach people for Jesus.
    - Restore the broken and wounded.
    - Release people's God-given gifts by serving Him.
    - Reproduce by mentoring / discipling others.
- Speak to diagram: (handouts)
    - BLUE section only



## 3. Where to from here?

- Speak to diagram (handout)
    - GREY section only.  Stages ONE & TWO almost completed.

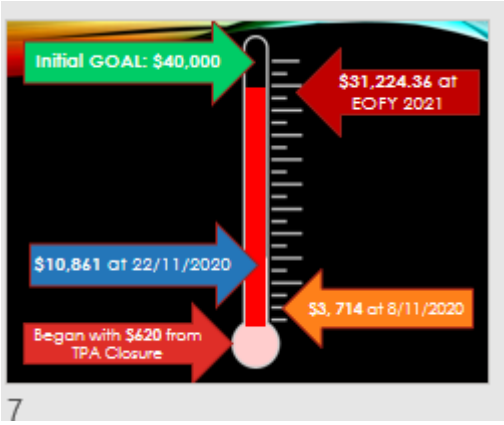
## 4. Giving Thanks:

All this equates to thousands $$ in savings.

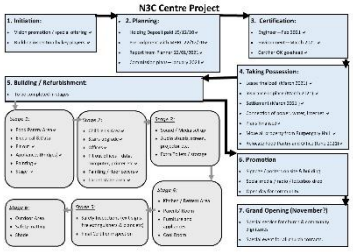
- Many items were donated:
    - Timber frame for stage
    - Various Power Points
    - Windows
    - Desk in Pantry
    - Shelving in Pantry
    - Various Doors
- FREE Labour from MMM
- Time and products given by Church Family:
    - Particular thanks to Mark O, Peter N, Peter & Merril Kuskie, Matt Klefisch, Roz King, Jo Rolston, Louise Hobson, David Mareko, John Storey, Samantha Ibbetson.

## 5. Giving Graphic

- Diagram shows:
    - “seed” from TPA closure: $620
    - GOAL: $40,000
    - Giving to EOFY: $31,224.36
        - Includes: $5000 one-off
        - Includes: $9470 from savings

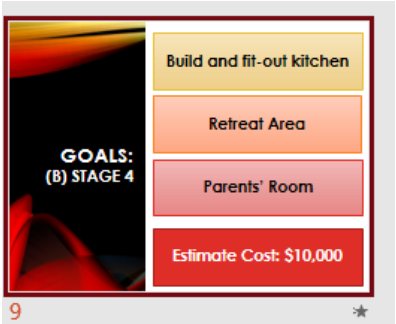


## 6. Goals: (Refer to Diagram)




- Stage 3:
  - Aircon for Pantry
    - Quote: $4,3000
  - Sound / Media set-up
  - Extra Toilets
    - Estimate $20,000

- Stage 4:
  - Fit out kitchen
    - Includes appliances & fittings
  - "Retreat" area
    - Any more furniture?
  - Parents' Room
    - Fittings / furniture
  - Estimated $10,000




## 7. New Fundraising Graphic:

- Start with $1,748.98 from EOFY 2021
  - aim for $30,000
- Other fundraising ideas?
  - Cash for cans
- Take up offering

**Final Song:** *"Thank You Lord"*