

Incorporation Timeline

Date and Activity	Details
12 th February: Vision Sunday 10:00AM Introduce the proposed new leadership structure Process of implementation of leadership introduced Opening of membership registration Nomination period opens for new elders	 David Wraight will introduce our proposed leadership model and explain its strength and benefits including how the roles of elders, and ministry leaders within a new Leadership Council will serve our church well. The working group believes that the current deacons should continue to serve in their roles. We believe that they are faithfully fulfilling the role, and will provide stability, support and continuity to the new leadership structure. Please feel free to direct your questions and feedback regarding the proposed leadership model and processes to the working group either in person or via email. Please provide your feedback within the next few weeks if possible as we are hoping to endorse the leadership structure and processes on the 19th March 2017.
Criteria for membership: 18+ years of age (or associate membership for those aged 12-18*) Regular attendance of a church activity/program in the last six months Supports the church purpose Willing to accept the Statement of Faith *associate members will not have voting rights	 The requirements for church membership according to the proposed constitution will be explained. 'Registration for membership' forms will be available for the commencement of registration, for those who wish to become a member. Each individual needs to complete, and submit a form to the allocated box at the rear of the auditorium. This method of registration will remain open until the church becomes an incorporated association (planned for 2nd April.) If you have any questions regarding membership, please speak to Andrew Rhyder or the working group. Please prayerfully consider your nominations for church elders, according to the role descriptions/profiles provided. Nominations must be received in writing by the 26th February. Please submit to the allocated box at the rear of the auditorium.
26 th February: 12:00 midday Period for Nomination of Elders <u>closes</u>	 The nominees for eldership will be processed, interviewed and vetted by a selected nomination committee, independent of the working group. Leigh Minehan, Garth Grant and David Wraight have agreed to assist in this role.
The nomination committee will announce the nominees for eldership to the congregation. A two-week period will be provided to allow any feedback/queries/concerns to be expressed regarding the nominees for eldership and for any feedback to be followed up where required	Feedback on the announced nominees is to be given to Leigh Minehan, Garth Grant or David Wraight.
8 th March 2017: WG and deacons meeting - 7:30pm at the church	Finalisation of constitution documents for distribution to the congregation for review

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 19th March 2017: Church meeting 11:45AM The church will be asked to accept the the proposed leadership structure and processes moving forward The church will vote in relation to the acceptance of the nominated elders The new elders will be announced after votes have been processed. The proposed constitutional rules will be explained to the congregation. Copies will be made available, and there will be an opportunity for questions. The nomination period for Ministry Leader positions (new role) will be explained and opened 	 The acceptance vote for the nominees for eldership will be a secret ballot, where all members present will vote yes or no for each nominee. 75% affirmative will mean the nominee is accepted. The votes will be counted and those accepted will be announced on the day. Please prayerfully consider your nominations for ministry leaders, according to the profiles provided. Nominations must be received in writing by the 26th March. Please submit to the allocated box at the rear of the auditorium. Absentee Voting: If you know you are going to be away on the voting day, please notify Kay Perkins or Steve Harris and they will arrange for an early vote for you. Your vote will need to be received by the 18th march to be counted.
The week of 20 th March: Elders and Deacons to meet independently • The elders will determine who of them will stand as nominees for the leadership council • The deacons will determine who the chairperson will be, to stand as a nominee for the leadership council	
26th March 2017: Period for nomination of ministry leaders closes.	 The nominees for ministry leaders will be processed, interviewed and vetted by a selected nomination committee, independent of the working group.
Thursday 30 th March: All members to be notified of Nominations for leadership council positions via email, or phone call if required. A list will be posted on the front window of the church by 5 PM.	 Please provide the working group with your details if you wish to be notified by phone call.
Sunday 2 nd April: Church meeting 11:45AM ■ Initial membership registration process closes prior to meeting ■ Vote for acceptance of the constitution ■ Vote for acceptance of nominated Elders, Ministry leaders and Chair of Deacons for formation of the Leadership council in accordance with the constitution	 Whilst the initial membership registration process will close prior to the meeting, anyone can apply for church membership at any time after we become incorporated - but using the processes of the constitution (still simple!). If you have any questions regarding membership or the constitution, please speak to Andrew Rhyder or the working group. Absentee Voting: If you know you are going to be away on the voting day, please notify Kay Perkins or Steve Harris and they will arrange for an early vote for you. They will need to be received by 9AM on 2 nd April to be counted. Nominees will only be available from 30 th March so you will need to plan your vote submission to ensure timeliness and anonymity.