

# Melton's New Anglican Worship Centre



The old Anglican church building will conduct its last services this Sunday at 8am and 10am.

**A new era commences in the history of Christ Church Anglican Church, Melton next Sunday, August 11 at 2pm when at a Thanksgiving Eucharist, the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend, David Penman Dedicates their new Worship Centre.**

An open invitation is extended to all to attend, especially past parishioners. Invitations have been sent to past clergy of the parish, and ministers of the other churches in Melton to join them on this historic occasion.

When they arranged the date for the Dedication some three months ago, they thought the building would be completed by mid July, and the congregation would have a couple of Sundays to settle into the new building. This was not to be the case, as through shortage of supplies, the building will not be complete until a couple of days prior to the Dedication.

Like most new churches there will be many hours of voluntary work to be carried out, particularly outside with the drive way, the car park, and the Memorial Garden.

## A venture in faith

**It was late in November 1982, when the parishioners were faced with the prospect of building a new Worship Centre, owing to the deterioration of their present building.**

At their annual meeting in February 1983 they accepted the challenge to build a new Worship Centre at a cost of \$200,000, as a venture in faith.

This figure of \$200,000 was frightening at first, but with the assistance of the Diocese with loans of \$120,000 and approval to borrow \$40,000 from the State Bank.

the church raised over \$50,000 passing its target in 1984

This was achieved through their opportunity shops the pre Easter fetes, the wool exhibition, the talent's appeal and this year the "buy a brick appeal. In addition a \$5000 donation was made by the Holy Trinity in Bacchus Marsh.

On the Dedication Day, they will have a Recipe Book published for the occasion for sale, packets of note paper with a sketch of the new Worship Centre, and photos of the present building, will also be available. Their \$10 brick voucher will also be on sale.

We congratulate the people of Christ Church Melton on their achievement and wish them well for the future, thanking them for providing this new Worship Centre for the people of Melton.

A set back was experienced in August 1984 when the tenders were received with the price escalating to over \$260,000. It was felt this was beyond the parish, and the Memorial Garden was eliminated, as the committee could see this being added later with voluntary labour.

This brought the estimated cost at \$250,000. Again the people accepted the challenge to raise an extra \$50,000 as their share and to borrow another \$44,000 from the bank.

The tender from R. G. Dixon, builders from Reservoir was finally accepted late October 1984 and work commenced early November. R.G. Dixon had already worked in Melton building St Catherine's Roman Catholic School and the Commonwealth Bank.

In the two and a half years