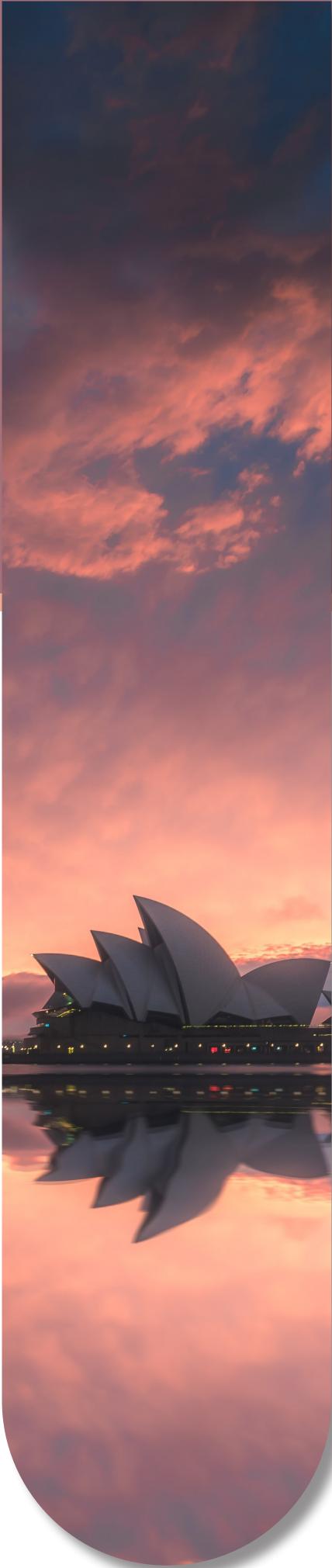




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# Vision Cast





# The Vision

*To see Australia come back to Jesus; that His light, love and life would transform us into the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit*

From studying our history of times when God moved, and cities were transformed, and by digging through scriptures for keys and then taking these findings and coupling them with what we know about what God is doing in the Earth today, we can unlock and open God's strategies for seeing an outpouring of His Spirit and our cities and regions transformed by the gospel love of Jesus.

We know this is His will, so lets follow Him on this journey...

# What we know...

History tells us through the 1902 Great Melbourne Revival and the 1959 Billy Graham Campaigns that three things can work together to transform cities

- 1 – An immense amount of prayer and preparation
- 2 – A missional unity from the majority of churches
- 3 – A major gospel campaign as the catalyst

More information about these revivals that transformed cities can be found here (ref 1, 2)

Billy Graham came to Australia in 1959, 1968 and 1979. The 1959 Sydney campaign is considered the most effective campaign for Sydney. It was over double the length and effort of the other two campaigns (on average). It was 5 weeks long.

We know that most modern evangelistic campaigns that are held in capital cities do not see the same level of city transformation. The two main differences are:

- 1 – Modern campaigns are much shorter (typically 1-3 days)
- 2 – Modern campaigns do not have the same level of unity, prayer and preparation the previous ones had. The evangelistic organisations often lead the campaign as opposed to getting the local leaders to take responsibility and drive the event.

We do know that in Australia where country town churches work together to hold a significant gospel campaign, they see city transformation (re. the

retention rate of Christians from one census period to another). Campaigns still work today, its just harder work in capital cities.

These moves of God in 1902 and 1959 saw significant change but the campaign never continued, therefore, sometime later, the cities reverted back to their old ways. We know, from observing festivals where the gospel has significantly impacted, that an annual momentum building approach has a longer lasting impact.

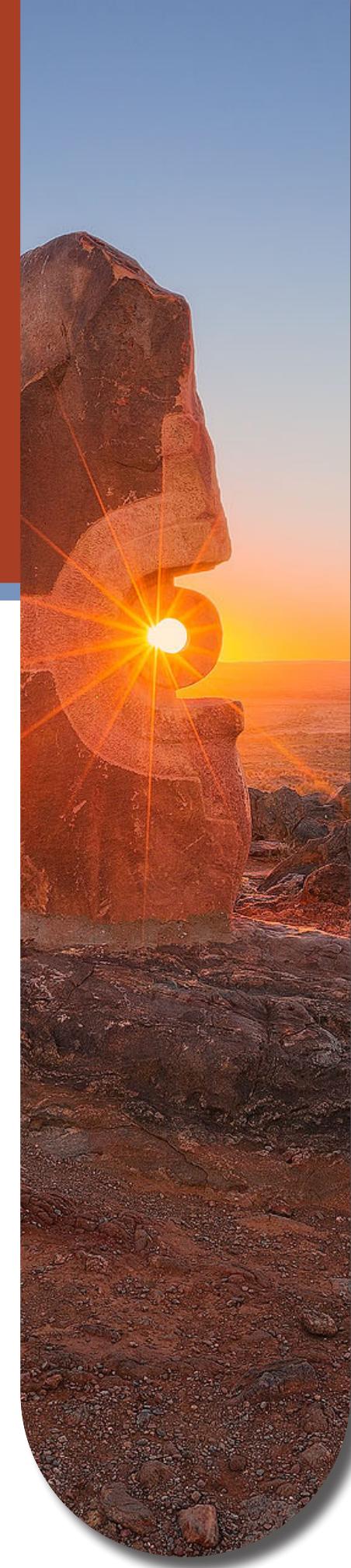
The Bible tells us that our unity will be a great witness to the world that Jesus is God's Son and sent by Him (Jn 17:20-23). Many people in the world currently, consider most Christian denominations to be different religions. To change this perception, we need to preach the gospel not only to individuals but to cities and regions. Large scale gospel events make our unity visible and therefore shift public perception of our Oneness, thereby, evangelising the city because people know the churches are working together.

Many other places in the Bible talk about the blessings of unity (1 Cor 12:12-13, Eph 1:10; 4) and even command it (Ps 133).

We can also see across the globe that there is a shift happening in the church, the Lord is stirring evangelism in the hearts of His people, mobilising us to reach the world around us in our own relational networks and spheres. There is a great awakening to the reality of God that has already started and is rapidly gaining momentum.

<sup>1</sup>Faase, K., n.d. Lessons from the 1959 Billy Graham crusade. [Online] Available at: <https://www.crossover.org.au/revitalised-in-witness-the-lessons-from-the-billy-graham-crusades-of-1959-pt-3/> [Accessed 2019]

<sup>2</sup>Renshaw, W. F., 2014. Torrey-Alexander: Revival comes to Melbourne. In: Marvellous Melbourne and spiritual power. Acorn Press, pp. 42-49.



# A Campaign Strategy

*for catalytic city transformation*

From this information, we can devise a God-breathed campaign strategy to transform cities.

The campaign should have a significant amount of prayer mobilised in lead up to it.

We must do a significant gospel campaign that is united – lets use evangelists from the different denominations and streams of Christianity.

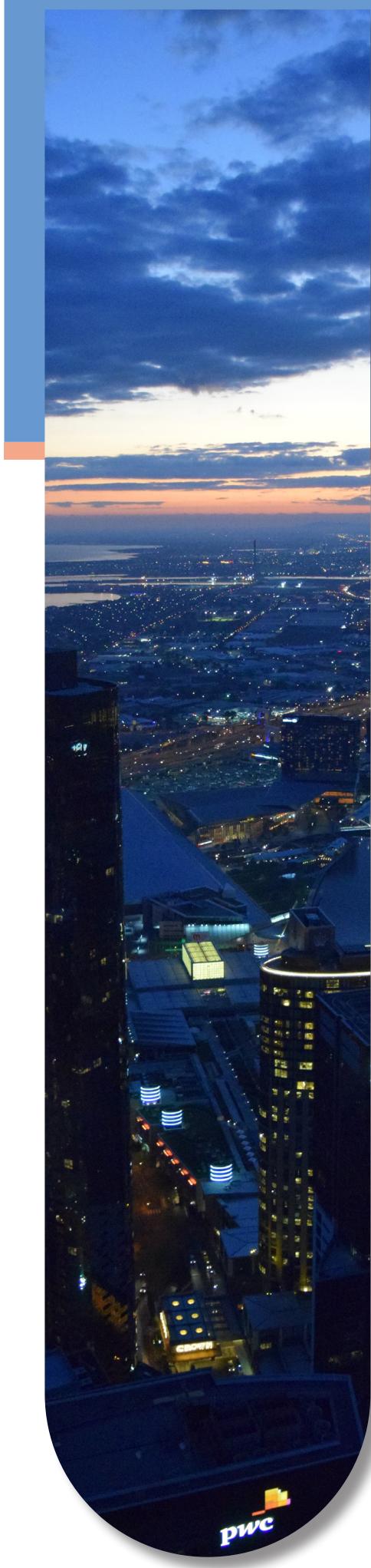
It must be highly visible to the city, particularly the unity of the churches/denominations.

Its need to be a united effort, not just hosting an event and marketing it to Christians. The city leaders need to partner to steer and drive the campaign.

The campaign must be a mobilisation of Gods people into the city, not just an event Gods people come to.

The main portion can't be a 1-3 day event in one place – it must be a significant effort reaching many places

It can't be a one off, it must gain momentum, and not stop – let's start and repeat every 12-24 months, letting different ministries lead.



# Our Strategy

*A three-phase beginning*

## **Phase I – LAUNCH (2018)**

Come together to pray, and cast the vision and strategy to enlist partners and build the team.

This happened at ANZ stadium Dec 1st, 2018.

## **Phase 2 – GROW (2019/2020)**

Come together to pray and equip and do an initial outreach.

**This is going to happen at QUDOS BANK ARENA  
Jan 16-18, 2020.**

## **Phase 3 – FILL AND OVERFLOW (2021/2022)**

Come together to pray, equip and outreach with a major campaign, until the whole city has been saturated in God's love; that not one would miss out.

It is intended that this will happen at the end of 2021 back at ANZ Stadium and many other smaller places around Sydney.

## **ONGOING**

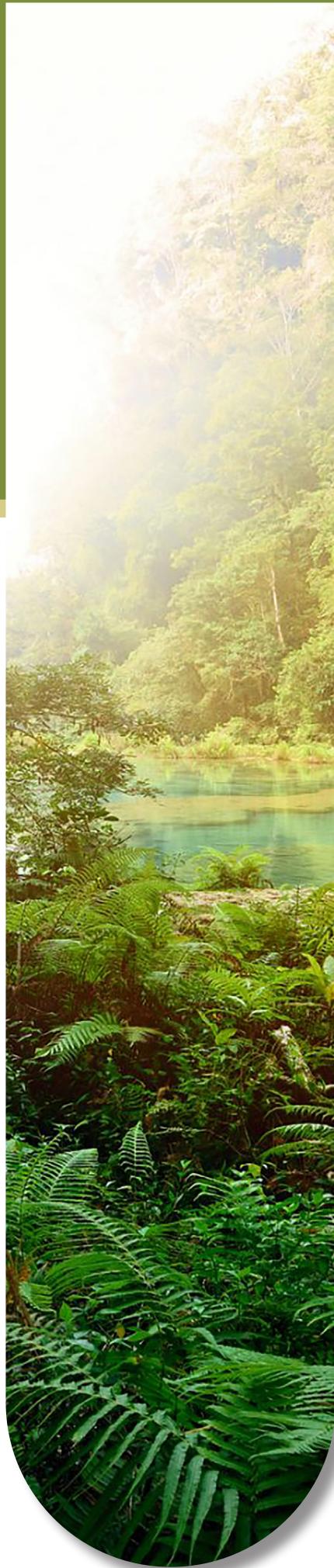
The city needs to continue to hold city-wide gospel campaigns each year, utilising different evangelistic associations so that it becomes a movement.

# The Launch (2018)

*Gods Story*

On December 1st, 2018, around 2000 people gathered in the north end of ANZ Stadium to pray for God to move in our nation. After receiving a dream, we stepped out and booked the stadium for a \$500k event with hardly \$500. The Lord paid for the event through a series of miracles, and we successfully held the prayer day. We launched the idea to "imagine ANZ Stadium filled with people worshipping Jesus - 80 000 people uniting for Jesus as a stepping stone towards Unity being restored to the Body of Christ." We believe that moment would be catalytic for seeing our nation turning back to Jesus; filling the stadium for Jesus to then empty the stadium and fill the city with Jesus and we go shine His gospel love.





# Growing –

**Qudos Bank Arena  
January 16th - 18th  
Thursday – Saturday**

**Day 1:**

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

National Christian leaders from different spheres, are uniting to pray for God to revive our nation.

# Jan 2020

## **Day 2:**

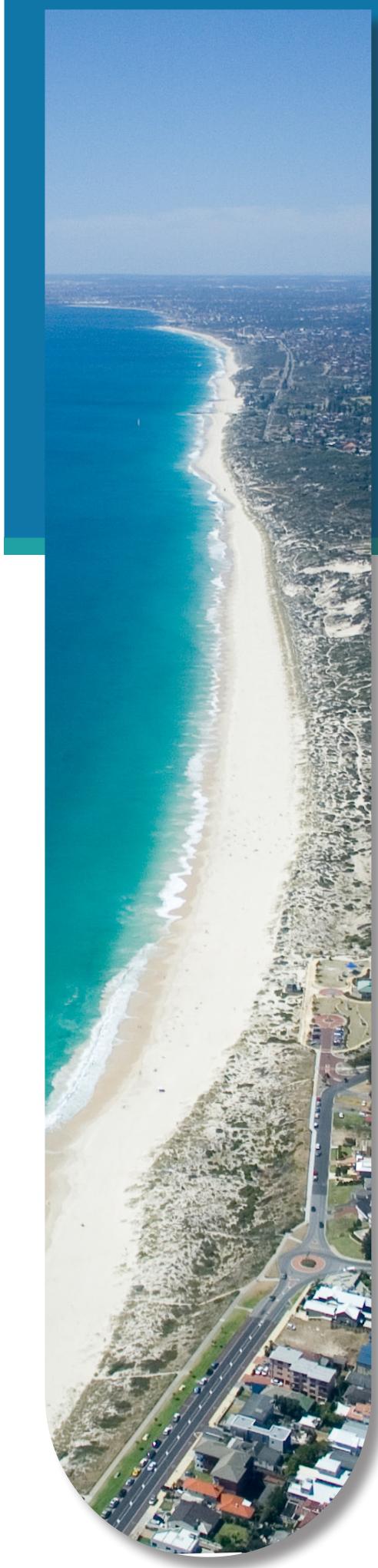
### **INSPIRE & EQUIP**

12 Evangelists will be teaching and preaching to inspire. Different international worship bands will be leading.

## **Day 3:**

### **LOVE SYDNEY OUTREACH**

At midday we close the stadium and go love Sydney back to Life with the Gospel Love of Jesus.

An aerial photograph showing a long, sandy beach curving along a coastline. To the left is the bright blue ocean with white-capped waves. To the right is a green, densely built-up area with houses, roads, and some parks. The sky above is clear and blue.

# Together, we can... .

- Partner for the event
  - Mature believers can 'adopt' a new believer
  - We can work together to run the event
  - Financially partner to make events free
- Jesus Loves Australia evangelism training
  - We can host a training session for churches or your church
- Unity Development
  - Work with local ministers' networks to host a local gospel campaign

# How to connect in...

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