

## St Michael's Church Building Fund

The St Michael's Church Building Fund is an account set up in association with the National Trust of Australia NSW. The purpose of this fund is to maintain the St Michael's Church heritage building and immediate surrounds. In the 2023 Parish Annual Report this fund is described in the Balance Sheet as "National Trust Bank Account."

Before funds from the account can be spent on St Michael's Church maintenance, approval must be sought from the National Trust in relation to the particular object of expenditure.

Deposits to this fund do not come from the National Trust or the government. All deposits are from the generous St Michael's Church community. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.

Over the last 6 years some of the maintenance projects which have benefitted from this fund are:

- New bell ringing mechanism to replace broken down old mechanism
- New sandstone steps to side entrance
- Restoration of main entrance approach and new sandstone steps
- Extension of wheelchair platform
- New carpet at rear of church
- Organ repairs
- Rendering/pointing of parapet gables (roof side)
- Rendering of belfry ceiling
- Restoration of driveway

(Note the new roof of 2019 was funded by an insurance claim).

As the EFY rapidly approaches perhaps some members of the St Michael's Community might consider making a tax deductible donation to the fund and thereby help to bring the next two prioritised projects to reality. Two outstanding projects are:

1. Lead capping on the 5 stepped parapet gables including copper flashing down to the roof. This method will stop further deterioration of the top portion of the gables and greatly reduce the damage to the church from water penetration. Due to movement in the gables, render alone has been demonstrated as a temporary solution only. Lead capping is a permanent solution. Note we have recently used render on the tower to fix leaks because the tower is stable. More and more aging sandstone buildings in Sydney are using lead capping to solve water penetration as it is a proven traditional method and hence heritage approved. 3 quotes have been received and the wardens have accepted a quote for \$61,148 ex GST.

Below are photos of lead capping on identical stepped, parapet, sandstone gables of St Thomas' church at North Sydney.



2. New timber floor to replace water damaged old yellow tongue sheeting floor in St Paul's Chapel (small chapel in St Michael's Church).  
2 quotes have been received and the wardens have accepted a quote for \$30,990 ex GST. There will be an additional cost for an underfloor ventilations system.

St Michael's Church building has other maintenance needs however the above mentioned projects are considered to be the most pressing.

### **How to donate**

By EFT to:

"National Trust of Australia NSW – St Michael's Vaucluse Conservation Appeal."

BSB: 032 044

A/C: 574707

Include your name in the comment.

And please inform the Church Admin of your donation, name and address at

***office@southheadanglican.org***

so that a tax deductible receipt can be mailed to you.

By Cheque:

"National Trust of Australia NSW – St Michael's Vaucluse Conservation Appeal."

Mailed to PO Box 738, Vaucluse, NSW, 2030

Remember to include your details so a tax deductible receipt can be mailed to you.