



Bridgeley Broadcaster

First stage of slab now completed

The York to Northam road has been busy in the last couple of weeks, with York Concrete trucks traveling backwards and forwards to the Bridgeley Community Centre site in Wellington Street, Northam.

Several loads were needed to make the large footings required and by last weekend the slab for the Auditorium was completed. This took 6 truck-loads of concrete.

Since then, two more sections of slab have been laid, each requiring four loads. Workers have had to dodge showers this week, but, by Friday, the slab sections to be constructed in the first phase were completed.

When asked about the project, Dick Kerse, of



York Concrete said "It's just another job. We do a lot of work like this."

Dick's team still has quite a bit of work ahead of it as they will now make the concrete panels for the walls. This process is expected to take three to four weeks (see p.2)

Earlier in the month saw the construction of the large

retaining walls, built by Hardrock Stonemasonry. The work site then became more defined when Lloyd's Earthmoving returned to level out and compact the many loads of sand delivered to make the sand pad.

After the concrete panels are completed Dempster's Steel will be contracted to lift the tilt up panels into position.



Message from the Director by Shirley Smyth

God sometimes talks to me in pictures. For example, sometimes when I'm gardening God reminds me about the "weeds" in my life. I like to see and hear God through things happening around me.

As I've been watching the building going ahead I've been reminded about the need for us to have strong foundations for our lives.

Such a lot of care has been taken by the builders to do all the background preparations.

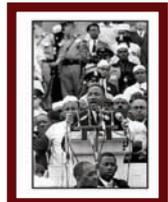
After the rubble was removed new sand was brought in to form a sand pad that was well drained and well compacted. We must have been the only people hoping there wasn't rain for a few weeks early in June until the base was

firmly finished.

But, the sand wasn't all that was needed. The retaining wall helped to provide the stability and then the footings and the slab are all needed, too.

Such a lot of "foundational work"!

What are your foundations like? - a good question for me too! *Shirley*



Report: "Live the Dream" night

On Saturday, 17th June about 40 people met in the Lesser Hall for our "Live the Dream Night".

The footy on the big screen didn't turn out to be that great, as the Eagles

went down to Port, but the food was good and there was lively discussion about dreams for the Bridgeley Community Centre.



Shirley Smyth presented the "Access and Usage Policy", signed with Lotterywest.

A very fruitful and helpful discussion followed, with several questions being raised and discussed and thought about.

Question: What does the Avon Catchment Council have in common with Northam Church of Christ?

See answer at bottom of the page

Concrete Tilt up panels explained simply

The Bridgeley Community will be constructed with a mix of concrete panels, that will later be painted, and other areas of brick.

Phil Smyth, of Fewster & Stone explained that tilt up panels are being made to make many of the inside walls for the new centre. The two main benefits are:

- It is most economic
- The walls can be erected in a quicker time frame

The 4 large areas of floor slab already laid now became the base on which the panels are to be constructed.

Each wall panel is constructed to its individual dimensions by formwork being built up and concrete then being poured into it. The panels will be poured in a specific

order so that they are in the correct position when it comes time for them being stood.

It is thought that about four panels should be able to be made in a day. Each panel has reinforcing steel and lifting points built into it. As it is finished it remains lying flat on the slab

Bond Breaker is sprayed over a panel as it is completed so that another panel can be constructed on top of it, without them sticking together. Several different layers of panels of different shapes and sizes will be constructed on top of each other.

This phase of construction will take about 4 weeks after which Dempster Steel will oversee the lifting of the panels into position.

After the panels are stood the gap between the present slabs will be in-filled and only then will the other floor slabs be poured.



The proposed building in relation to the retaining wall



An example of a tilt up panel being raised into place

Photo updates



The picture of the retaining wall across the front of the block will be used as part of the Bridge Builders promotion

York Concrete are one of several local contractors being used



A TIP

to be a good witness you need

1. a living experience of Jesus
2. A loving heart
3. A listening ear

BUT

Don't be so full of "telling" that you don't hear the question

Coming Up

- **Launch of Bridge Builders**
- **New ministry opportunities**

Answer:

The Avon Catchment Council and Northam Church of Christ have at least 2 things in common:

1. They both work at building up partnerships with other community groups, and
 2. Rochelle Pyle is a valued team member.
- Rocky is working with Bill Addison and Cathy Manning to publish a brochure outlining the coming "Bridge Builders" giving programme. Keep your eyes open for their great work.