

Courageous Church: Change of Use Application

Information:

Building 3: 1 Santorini Promenade Alkimos

Current use: Retail (currently vacant)

Proposed Use: Place of Worship

Current Use / Surrounding Uses:

Building 3 has not had a tenant since being built. Other uses on the site include a barber shop, a Café and a tax agent.

Description of Applicants:

Courageous Church is a non-profit organisation that runs weekend worship services. During the week, we will be expecting less than 10 people to be using the building during office hours (9am-5pm). After-hours (past 5pm) during the week and Sunday mornings are when most of our activities will be running.

Office hour activities:

- Counselling and pastoral care.
- Planning for services.
- Planning and training for our teams.
- A base for crisis catering for families in need.

After-hours activities:

- Small group meetings (30 – 60 people).
- Leadership meetings and training.
- Sunday morning church services (10am).

Our biggest attendant meetings would be our Sunday morning service which currently attracts 100-150 people every Sunday, and is focused on strengthening and uplifting individuals and families in our community.

Staffing:

As we currently have 3 part time staff, the building will be used as needed for meetings during regular working hours.

Equipment:

We will use sound equipment during our service hours, we will have no other machinery or other equipment on our site.

Proposed need for facility:

This facility will greatly aid our efforts in caring for the community in the City of Wanneroo. This can be through the positive message that we bring, as well as practical aids such as crisis catering. We would also look at developing other programs to help people of all ages to make a positive contribution to our community. We are expecting our Sunday services to grow to around 200 people on Sunday mornings as well, which this building accommodates very well.

Transport and car parking considerations:

The Alkimos Bus stop sits opposite the building (about a 2 minutes walk away). The area is also well serviced by busses, especially since it is quite close to Butler Central.

The building shares car park bays with the Café and Barber on Sundays, but with parking bays across the road at Alkimos Primary School and the generally quite time period our services are on there should be no issues finding adequate parking. That is also the time that traffic is not heavy along Santorini Promenade and will not cause any undue traffic congestions.