



Friday, 7 May 2010

## History Unearthed in Demolition at St Barnabas Church Broadway

A 97 year old time capsule has been found on the site of the old St Barnabas Church on Broadway by demolition workers from the Delta Group which has been clearing the site for rebuilding.

The glass 'time bottle' (as it was called then called) contains a Church newsletter, coinage of the time and includes an edition of the Sydney Morning Herald. It was buried when the Memorial Stone of the old Church Hall was laid on 29th March, 1913.

The hall, along with the Church building itself, was destroyed by fire on the 10th of May, 2006. Since then St Barnabas Church ('Barneys' to the locals) has been in the process of organising the design of a new church, multipurpose hall and forecourt with access to Broadway on the original site where Barneys has stood since 1859. Throughout the demolition archaeologists have been sifting through the rubble on the look out for important links with the past.

"The discovery has really made us think about what messages or objects we would like to leave for future generations when we open the New St Barnabas at the end of 2011" said Rev Mike Paget. "It is fantastic that we have this tangible connection with an earlier generation of the Barneys family."

**The 'time bottle' and photos from the fire will be on display at an Art Exhibition to be held at the Barneys rectory at 35 Arundel Street in Glebe on May 28th at 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Some exhibits on display will be for sale to raise funds for the re-building.**

---

Barney's received development approval from the City of Sydney in May of last year for the construction of a new church building on the Mountain Street site. The new building was designed by award winning architects Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (FJMT). FJMT was appointed following an extensive design competition.

The new buildings will include a worship space/auditorium which will seat up to 600 people, and can be used by other groups for large meetings and conventions. This will be complemented by several smaller meeting rooms, some office space, catering facilities and underground parking.

**Barneys is an iconic part of Sydney's history and any support for this project would be appreciated. For donation or fundraising enquiries contact: Michelle Hillman on 02 9211 3496 or donate on our website [www.barneys.org.au](http://www.barneys.org.au)**

**Media Enquiries contact: Mario Falchoni - 0418 401 415**

---