



News From Diocesan Council

December 2021

Diocesan Council Appointments

Diocesan Council: Fr David Patterson, Fr Wayne Corker (Full DC membership can be found at: www.murray.anglican.org/parishes/diocesan-council)

Finance, Audit & Investment Committee: Dean Grosse

Bishop Election Committee: Dean Grosse

General Synod Representative: Fr David Price

Advised to Council: Diocesan ABM Representative: Ms Alison Dutton

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council. The offer on a Strathalbyn property remains although the parish has decided not to sell. The agents of the property in the South East are running an expression of interest campaign. Council supported the proposal to subdivide this land. The rental property in the Southern Suburbs has been settled and the insurers have put a proposal to us regarding the damaged church building. The Seaford Meadows Rectory has been leased. The Lameroo congregation are going through the process to recommend the sale of the church.

Risk Management

A Diocesan Council strategic profile is being created in accordance with Risk Management ISO 3100:2009. ISO 45001. The profile to cover Risk Description, Explanation of the Legislative Issues and Risk Assessment Process. Once approved by Diocesan Council, Parish Councils will then be provided with a working document so that they can create their own local Risk Management Profile as an evaluation tool. It will be critical to build a Risk Culture across the Diocese.

Integrated Accounting System

The IAS working group have been tasked with developing policies and procedures. The format of reporting is being assessed and the minimum procedures and audit requirements for parishes that operate their financials within the IAS is being developed. The anticipated deadline for this draft is 15 December. Following this the IAS Workshop will be rolled out.

Draft Regulation - Appointment of Committees

A draft regulation was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Council came to a mind that the Committees should be named WHS Committee (Work Health Safety) and FAI Committee (Finance Audit Investment), and proceeded to adopt the Regulation. This can be found at: www.murray.anglican.org/parishes/regulations

Registry Staffing

An update in relation to Registry staffing was sought and the Bishop and Jeff provided comment. It was further noted that Jasmine Irvine will be taking maternity leave from mid-February.

Professional Standards Committee

The annual report of the Professional Standards Committee was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Safe Ministry Records - Provincial Safe Ministry

The migration of records is progressing. The rollout of the program is anticipated for December/January.

Reports From Synod Observers

The Diocesan Representatives to the Diocese of Adelaide Synod and the Diocese of Willochra Synod each submitted reports on their attendance for the information of Council.

Episcopal Standards Ordinance and Committee

It was reported that negotiations to share services between Dioceses is still on-going with the proposed scope being each Dioceses' PSD, PS Board and PS Committee to act as the other's ESD, ES Committee and ES Board. It was noted that amendments to PS Ordinances might have to be made so that the Committee and Board membership meets the ES Committee and Board membership requirements. It was further noted that The Murray might still have to find a solution for a Review Panel if necessary.

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NATSIAC

A background paper outlining membership and financial support was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Council recognises this work, however traditionally the Diocese has not contributed financially. It was agreed to obtain information to assist Councillors and Parishes consider promoting the value of providing financial assistance for this work. Councillors were asked to give thought to who could represent the Diocese in relation to membership. It was agreed to have future discussions in relation to an Organisation Reconciliation Plan and that in 2022 a Reconciliation Committee should be established. Rick Fisher was tasked with chairing a small planning committee in order to bring a proposal to the May 2022 Synod.

Parish Project Applications Above \$5,000

The following Parishes have submitted projects to Council with estimated costs above \$5,000 for approval which was granted;

Western Fleurieu - The refurbishment of the McLaren Vale Rectory.

Millicent & Penola - Repairs to barges, ridge capping and roof flashings on the Kalangadoo Church.

Mount Gambier - A solar power project for the Mount Gambier Rectory.

Onkaparinga Valley - A Church doorway and ramp project for the Woodside Church.

Southern Suburbs - Significant interior and exterior work including plumbing and electrical for the O'Halloran Hill Rectory.



PeaceWise Training

O'Halloran Hill
5th & 12th March 2022

Synod 2022

27th & 28th May
Murray Bridge

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