



News From Diocesan Council

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Diocesan Council Membership

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Financial Reports

Jeff McHugh, Chair of the Finance, Assets and Investments Committee presented a paper on the key financial factors affecting the Diocese. Attention was drawn to declining assessments, increasing administrative costs due to the need for greater compliance and good governance. Legal fees were also having a significant impact on financial means.

Committee and Appointment Vacancies

The various vacancies were discussed. Members noted the need for more gender diversity on the Diocesan committees. The Bishop and the Governance Officer talked about a skills matrix that would be useful in ensuring we populate the committees with the necessary skill sets.

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council.
St Francis of Assisi Christies Beach: The insurance claim has been finalised and proceeds paid out and invested for the future rebuild of the Church.
Paruna: Waiting for a response from Council relating to the hand back of the land to the Crown.
Lameroo: Sale process will be commenced once a final service has been completed—the date for the final service is to be determined.
St Alban Berri: Approved was the sale process of the rectory and church.
St Peter Morgan: SSM have maintain their interest in the site as a base for Adventure Connect, with the Riverland Parish to consider a lease of the land for five years.

Risk Management

A Workshop was held at St Margaret's McLaren Vale in July which went well, the essential objective is to instil a duty of care and responsibility throughout Parishes. A new database system for Safe Ministry Records is yet to go live.

Governance

Ms Jenetta Russell, Governance Officer referred to the importance of spreading a sense of responsibility for good governance throughout Parishes. The initial draft Governance Manual is being reviewed by The Chancellor and the Governance Officer.

Professional Standards Appointment

Kooyoora have been appointed as professional standards managers.

Diocesan Planning Workshop

A workshop will be held early in 2023 to explore the health of parishes and the need to review the way ministry and administration is spread throughout the Diocese, given changes in demographics and regional areas.

Registry Staffing

Jeff McHugh advised that a new position of Assistant Registrar has been filled with Christine Lubcke commencing on 11th July 2022, and the process of recruiting a replacement Registrar is underway. In the interim Jeff McHugh is Acting Registrar. Registry Clerk Jasmine Irvine is still on Maturity Leave until 2023.

National Redress

Jeff McHugh is now the Diocesan contact under the Proda arrangements for the National Redress Scheme, pending appointment of a new Registrar.

Public Officer

Mr Brian McMillan has accept the interim appointment of Public Officer until a new Registrar has been appointed.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting
14th & 15th October 2022**

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