



News From Diocesan Council

October 2022

Diocesan Council Membership

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Opening

The Council reflected on the contribution the late Dr Ted Sandercock, had made to the Diocese and the Western Fleurieu, and thanks given for his time with us.

Financial Reports

Jeff McHugh, Chair of the Finance, Assets and Investments (FAI) Committee presented FAI recommendations for Distribution rate of 1.00% paid in arrears to half year ended 30th September 2022. Expectation is as investments fall due and attract a higher current interest rate with Financial Intuitions, greater return on funds can be obtained, and in due course flow on to the Parishes.

Stipend and Allowances: Noted that Stipends increased 2% in 2022 but no increase to travel allowances. FAI Committee to bring recommendations to the Diocesan Council's next meeting.

Committee and Appointment Vacancies

An application to join the FAI Committee was approved for Fr David McDougall, recently installed as Priest in Charge Onkaparinga Valley.

Mrs Susan Smith was appointed as a member of Diocesan Council and will attend her first meeting in December 2022.

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council.

St Francis of Assisi Christies Beach: Engagement with, and proposals from three Project Managers is underway to manage the rebuilding process.

Paruna: Council have advised that the Diocese's name is being removed from the title.

Lameroo: Waiting for final service to be held, most likely in 2023 now, before sale processes commence.

St Peter Morgan: Society of the Sacred Mission to enter into a five year lease with the Riverland Parish, with an option to purchase.

Langhorne Creek: The Parish of Strathalbyn passed a resolution to sell the land and buildings which was approved by Diocesan Council.

Risk Management

A new database system for Safe Ministry Records and Training is yet to go live, but expected to be available before next DC meeting.

Governance

Ms Jenetta Russell, Governance Officer advised that the rollout of the WHS audit has been delayed due to the passing of Dr Ted Sandercock. The Skills Matrix is partially complete. A Teams Agreement is being prepared for use by Parish Council and all Committees

Professional Development, Supervision and Ministry Reviews

The Bishop advised that all Clergy must have a Professional Development Plan and a Supervisor in place by 1 January 2023, with details submitted to the Registrar who will be responsible for maintaining a record of progress against the Plan and Supervision.

Diocesan Planning Workshop

A three day workshop will be held in February 2023 to create a strategy to support growth in the major population areas and continue to service the needs of the non urban centres. Output from this workshop will be taken to Synod.

Synod 2023

Preferred dates were discussed subject to availability of Murray Bridge Racing Club facilities, to be confirmed at the next meeting.

The Murray Anglican

Noted that a publication has not been produced since mid 2021, contact with the Editor to be undertaken.

Registry Staffing

Jeff McHugh Acting Registrar confirmed that interviews with three prospective candidates had been held for the position of Registrar, resulting in a suitable candidate being offered the role.

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

9 & 10 December 2022

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