



News From Diocesan Council

December 2022

Diocesan Council Membership

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The Bishop welcomed new Registrar Richard Earley and Susan Smith to their first meeting of DC.

Financial Reports

Jeff McHugh, Chair of the Finance, Assets and Investments (FAI) Committee presented recommendations to DC that 2023 Stipend be increased by 2.5% and increases to travel allowances also be approved.

Insurance Costs

Advise from Broker is that insurances covers will up approx. 50% on 2021. Awaiting premium schedules.

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council.
St Francis of Assisi Christies Beach: Engagement with, and proposals from two Project Managers have been received to assist to manage the rebuilding process. A third quote is in process, and once received, a decision will be made which firm to appoint. Noting the whole process will take 24-36 months to complete rebuild.
St Johns Langhorne Creek: Real Estate valuations have been received, Sales Agency entered into.
Lameroo: Final Service to be held early in 2023.
St Alban Berri: Possible subdivision options being investigated.

River Murray Flooding Relief

Ac.care staff are being used in running flood crisis centres. Loxton Food Pantry work is now covered by Food Bank and Berri Lions, both doing a great job and receiving grants.

Diocesan Planning Workshop

DC agreed the three day workshop to be held in February 2023 will be called the Future Vision Workshop, and to be attended by FAI Committee members, DC members, Peacewise Director, Governance Officer and invited Clergy and Laypeople.

Risk Management

Salesforce system is now in place for Safe Ministry, administered via Adelaide Diocese. The DOTM went live mid November 2022. Assistant Registrar, Chris Lubcke has been appointed as the DOTM Safe Ministry Officer.

Governance

Ms Jenetta Russell, Governance Officer advised that the rollout of the WHS audit has been delayed due the role of WHS not yet being filled, and expectations of involvement with the Future Vision Workshop will take preparation time.

Directors IDs are not required by Diocesan Council members.

Episcopal Standards

Jacqueline Highfields was appointed as the Episcopal Standards Director for DOTM.

Registry Staffing

Richard John Earley has been appointed as Registrar, Public Officer and Secretary of Synod for the Diocese of The Murray, and commenced work on 28th November 2022.

Richard has also been appointed as an authorised representative of the DOTM for PRODA (Provider Digital Access) for Australian Government services.

Church Wardens elected in 2021 hold office for three years, therefore 2023 annual meetings do not involve elections of Church Wardens.

Synod is to be held on 2-3 June 2023 at Bridge Event Centre (Murray Bridge Racing Club)

Cemeteries

Appointment of Curator, Port Elliott to be Stan Wood

Parish Applications

Applications received from Mount Gambier Parish (built in cupboards for Op Shop and retaining wall, and Tatiaria Parishes to complete repairs and maintenance work on the Church Hall, Keith.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting

18th February 2023

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