



# News from Diocesan Council

April 2009

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL FAREWELLS**

The April meeting was the final ordinary meeting for the Triennium and, for Fr Dennis Eales and Lay Canon Robert Dewell, the final meeting altogether. Fr Dennis is retiring from formal parish ministry and Lay Canon Bob has decided to call it a day and take the opportunity to do some extended travelling. Lay Canon Michael Bleby paid tribute to Lay Canon Bob's 34 years in office on Diocesan Council and Council joined Michael in united acclamation for the wonderful commitment and contribution Lay Canon Bob has given to the Diocese through his membership on Council and Synod. The Council prays Lay Canon Bob and Kaye and Fr Dennis and Mary have a safe and wonderful time in their 'retirement'.

## **SYNOD**

### **Venue**

Synod will begin the first session of the Fourteenth Triennium with worship in Holy Evangelists' Church, Goolwa at 5.00pm. Synod will be convened at the Centenary Hall Complex in Goolwa.

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **Stipend Continuance**

In the previous issue (October 2008) it was reported that the Diocese of Melbourne was proceeding with joining WorkCover as from 1 July 2009. As a result of a decrease in the insurance pool, premiums would greatly increase for the Dioceses of Adelaide and The Murray. Discussions have now been held between our Provincial Registrars and, on the recommendation of the Provincial Stipends & Issues Committee, Council has resolved, subject to further satisfactory due diligence, the Diocesan Council would enter into the CommInsure Salary Continuance policy. If CommInsure proves unsuitable, a decision to enter WorkCover would have to be made by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010. The CommInsure proposal has emanated from the Diocese of Willochra. Parishes will be notified of the full details in due course.

### **Matters pending action**

Four matters await finalisation: the See Fund Trust A/C, Endowment Fund transfer from the Diocese of Adelaide, MOU with the Diocese of Adelaide re Professional Standards and the Assessment Ordinance.

### **Diocesan Properties (Clara Street)**

A 12-month lease with the right of renewal for a further 12 months has been secured for 2 Clara Street, Murray Bridge.

## **PASTORAL MATTERS**

### **Safe Church**

Mrs Vivien Bleby will make a presentation on safe church principles to the June meeting of Diocesan Council.

## **MISSION**

### **Diocese of Popondota**

Popondota expressed its gratitude to the Diocese for its donation and will use the gift to build a Mission Guest House as an income generating project.

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## **THANK YOU**

To each and every one of you who have served on Committees for the Diocese during the last triennium, Council expresses its sincere thanks for your commitment to your diocese.

## **JUNE is**

### **Ordination Candidates Fund Month**

#### *Please*

**Pray** for our Ordinands

The Reverend Paul Devenport (deacon)  
Mr Cameron Doody  
and for vocations offering for the sacred  
ministry.

**Give** generously to this appeal so that we can train those who respond to God's call.