



# News From Diocesan Council

February 2023

## Diocesan Council Membership

Resolved to appoint Fr Neil Fernando, Fr David McDougall and Fr Simon Waters to Diocesan Council, along with Governance Officer Jenetta Russell.

## The Bishop's Report

The Vicar General's position has been abolished, resulting in ordinances and regulations needing updating, which will be attended to in due course.

The Bishop would also like to appoint three Archdeacons with geographical responsibilities to be confirmed, in addition to an Administrator for when he is absent from the Diocese.

The Bishop is taking leave from 17-24 March, he will be going overseas.

The Bishop is to attend a Governance Briefing training program in Melbourne on 13th and 20th May.

## Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council.

St Francis of Assisi Christies Beach: Three project management companies to present to committee who will decide on which company to appoint.

St Johns Langhorne Creek: Currently on the market.

St John the Baptist Lameroo: Sale can proceed after a final service in the church.

St Alban Berri: Ongoing subdivision options being investigated.

King Charles the Martyr Padthaway: Parish Council indicated a desire to sell the church.

Goolwa rectory: renting of the rectory approved.

The Finance, Audit and Investment Committee will be reviewing property insured values with all parishes.

## Future Vision Workshop

All Diocesan Councillors expressed appreciation for the process and outcomes of the Workshop. It was considered a significant first step in establishing a new culture for the Diocese. Parish councils are encouraged to use a similar process of listening and waiting on God.

## Risk Management

The Bishop is working through Work Health and Safety process and forms with parishes progressively.

## Governance

Governance Manual being reviewed by Governance Officer Jenetta Russell and the Chancellor, Robert Tong. Diocesan Council will establish sub committees and Diocesan Councillors must sit on at least one sub-committee.

## Episcopal Standards

Synod needs to repeal current Episcopal Standards Ordinance and adopt the General Synod Episcopal Standards Ordinance.

## Legislation

The following updated Diocesan Regulations were adopted:

- Cemeteries Stonemasons and Memorial Gardens
- Diocesan Council administration
- Parochial Trust funds
- RPE Accounts
- Tenancy of Rectories
- The Murray Fund

The Comprehensive Psychological Assessment of Candidates for Ordination Protocol was adopted.

The Registrar may now approval property expenditure up to \$5,000.

## Diocesan discussion on the Ordination of Women

The Bishop is organising a Synod like gathering to hear presentations on both sides of the argument and has invited Stephen Pickard to come.

## **Next Diocesan Council Meeting**

**14-15 April  
2023**

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