



News From Diocesan Council

December 2023

Diocesan Council Membership

Full Diocesan Council membership can be found at:
www.murray.anglican.org/parishes/diocesan-council.

Bishop Keith: Presented a statement regarding his marriage to the Rev'd Alison Dutton.

Bishop Keith stepped aside from his duties as the Bishop.

Administrator of the Diocese of The Murray

The Venerable Simon Waters was appointed Administrator in the Bishop's absence.

Committee and Appointments

Bishop Nomination Committee—Composition of the Committee:

- Administrator
- Chancellor
- Five clergy
- Five lay members of Synod
- Two clergy alternate members
- Two lay alternate members

These positions were all filled as follows:

Clergy—The Ven David McDougall, the Ven Neil Fernando, Rev Nicholas Rundle, Rev Margaret Holt, Rev Carol Cornwall.

Clergy alternatives—Rev David Patterson

Lay—Dean Gross, Ruth Daws, Chris Martin, Murray McFarlane, Brian McMillan.

Lay alternatives—Jeff McHugh

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council:

St Francis of Assisi, Christies Beach: Trice (project management firm) prepared and submitted a proposed building and design process.

St Alban's Berri: Sale contract signed.

St John the Baptist, Lameroo: Auction scheduled for February 2024.

King Charles the Martyr, Padthaway: No movement from potential buyers for the property.

Christ Church O'Halloran Hill: Council (local government) will not allow subdivision or the required access that would facilitate selling off the unused Glebe land.

Property Working Group: The Group has been asked to consider:

- How might the Diocese fund unexpected unfunded liabilities?
- How can the Diocese use property to fund mission opportunities?

The Murray Anglican

Fr Neil Fernando appointed as Editor of The Murray Anglican.

Synod

To be held 21-22 June 2024 in Mount Gambier.

Safe Ministry

An audit has been completed by Registry of the Safe Ministry status of all Clergy. This is now being extended to all lay persons licenced by the Bishop.

Workplace Health & Safety

Some parishes are yet to complete the new WHS paperwork due by 31st December .

Insurance: Annual insurance bill was paid in the past week. Surprisingly and pleasing, the increase from the previous year is less than 1%.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting

Meeting dates for 2024 yet to be confirmed.

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