

# **News From Diocesan Council**

September 2024

#### **Diocesan Council Membership**

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

**Synod 2024** Diocesan Council confirmed the minutes of the Annual Session of Synod held 21-23 June 2024 as a true and accurate record. Synod attendees to receive a Synod workshop feedback form, and have availability to Synod workshop presentations.

## **Property Report**

<u>St Francis of Assisi, Christies Beach</u>: Aiming to have Development Application lodged by the end of September and approval by the end of the year.

<u>King Charles the Martyr, Padthaway:</u> Offer received with proposed settlement 27 September 2024.

Finance Audit and Investment (FAI) Committee Report Recommended to Diocesan Council that the distribution rate for parish trust account funds for the period 01 April 2024 to 30 September 2024 be 3.5%. Diocesan Council approved the rate of 3.5%.

Diocesan Council approved the recommendation from FAI Committee that stipends for 2025 be increased by 5%.

#### Safe Ministry

Registry is continuing to audit Safe Ministry status of those holding a licence, particularly as parishes are now requesting Lay Ministry licences.

## WHS and Risk

Some parishes are yet to complete WHS forms and/or Bushfire Risk Mangement documentation. Registry is following up.

AIRS (Insurer) has now advised of requirements for Flood Risk Management. The Registry is liaising with parishes with flood risk properties as identified by AIRS.

## **Diocesan Cemeteries**

A meeting of Cemetery Curators is being organised. The aim is to discuss information regarding regulatory requirements, as well as consulting on issues of concern and options for mutual assistance and support amongst Curators across the Diocese.

### **Purple Bench project**

Adelaide Diocese's Domestic & Family Violence Working Group supports the installation of purple benches in public spaces to honour all victims of domestice and family violence.

Diocesan Council has previously endorsed Beck Newell's membership of the Working Group. The Council endorsed Beck Newell to lead the purple bench project in The Murray.

> Future Diocesan Council Meeting 6-7 December 2024

> > **FAI Committee** 12 November 2024

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