



News From Diocesan Council

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Diocesan Council Membership

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

Ensuring safe Parish environments

Being Together is a General Synod document produced to assist parishes regarding the expectations of behaviour of members of church communities. The Registrar will distribute Being Together to parishes, encouraging its use in conjunction with Faithfulness in Service and the Diocesan Grievance Policy.

Strategy and Mission

A Strategy and Mission Working Group is being formed to consider how to support current ministry and develop a frame work to guide the Diocese for viable ministry into the future.

Governance

Diocesan Council appointed a sub-committee consisting of Ms Jenetta Russell, the Ven Peter Sandeman and the Registrar to review the draft Governance Manual.

Property Report

The Development Application for St Francis of Assisi Christies Beach was lodged in December and is now going through statutory processes.

Finance Audit and Investment (FAI) Committee

Profit and Loss Statement for 2024 and Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024 were tabled, noting that end of year adjustments are yet to take place.

Risk Management

Safe Ministry Growth in Licensed Lay Ministry has involved more support from the Registry related to Safe Ministry clearances.

Workplace Health and Safety Some parishes have still not completed the required WHS forms.

Building valuations The Diocese is aiming to complete valuations on all parish properties during 2025, requiring parish involvement.

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) legislation AEDs are required in all public buildings, including places of worship by 1 January 2026. Preventive Health SA is offering a \$1K grant per unit, requesting the Registry to submit one bulk application on behalf of all Diocesan entities.

Hope25

Hope25 seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025. The Ven David McDougall will kayak down the Murray River, holding a low-key service and BBQ at each town with an Anglican congregation, and interviewing local service providers regarding community needs. The Registry will distribute specially printed Hope25 gospels of Luke to parishes.

Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM)

Diocesan Council was informed of Lay Ministry training options. Prepared sermons will be made available to parishes. Further information will be available at Synod.

Diocesan Council Meetings 2025

4-5 April
17 May
5 July
19-20 September
21-22 November

FAI Committee Meetings 2025

18 March
29 April
26 August
21 October

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