

News From Diocesan Council

April 2025

Diocesan Council Membership

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

Diocese Vision:

In this Diocese

because we love God

we seek to make and nurture disciples of Jesus

and to love as Jesus loves

so that all we encounter and meet might have an opportunity for new life, new hope and we bring the kingdom here.

Safe Communities

In addition to the Being Together document, Bystander training may be helpful for parishes. This training is available through the Diocese of Adelaide.

Governance

The Governance Committee has met and is working on reviewing the Governance Manual.

Property Report

The Development Application for St Francis of Assisi Christies Beach is progressing with Council raising queries which have been answered by the Project Managers.

At the request of the Western Fleurieu Parish Council, Diocesan Council approved the sale of St James' Delamere.

Finance Audit and Investment (FAI) Committee

Diocesan Council accepted the FAI recommendation that the distribution rate for parish trust funds for the six months to 31 March 2025 remain at 3.5%.

2024 Audit will be finalised shortly. Financial statements will then be reviewed by FAI before coming to Diocesan Council for adoption and presentation to Synod.

Risk Management

<u>Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) legislation</u> Grant application has been submitted to Preventive Health SA.

<u>Hope25</u>

Website will be set up for access to Fr David McDougall's daily reflections as he completes his kayak journey down the River Murray. There will be a brief service and BBQ at the river reserve of each town with an Anglican Church, as well as recording interviews regarding community needs in the local towns.

Parish Status review

Diocesan Council approved changes of Parish status according to the Parochial Administration Ordinance criteria. The Registrar will communicate the status change to Parishes with the corresponding revision of Synod representation entitlements, and request confirmation of Synod representatives so the Synod Summons can be issued.

Synod 2025

The Administrator outlined details of the draft program and workshop sessions to Diocesan Council, encouraging communication with the Summons for non-Synod members to attend, particularly as the Workshop sessions will be helpful for any parishioners.

Diocesan Council Meetings 2025

16 May 4 July 19-20 September 21-22 November

FAI Committee Meetings 2025

29 April 26 August 21 October

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