



News From Diocesan Council

September 2025

Diocesan Council Membership

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

There are lay vacancies on Diocesan Council.

Registrar Richard Earley was appointed as General Synod Lay Representative (Reserve).

Diocesan 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.

Administrator's Report

Br Simon spoke to his tabled report:

- Br Simon is leading Future Directions Workshops with parishes that have requested this.
- Br Simon has attended the Anglican Schools Australia Conference and the Faith Hope and Love Conference. The latter was organized by General Synod to consider a faithful church response to issues of Domestic and Family Violence.
- Bishop Sophie of Adelaide Diocese is going to Mount Gambier in August.
- Bishop Sophie will be the Administrator for the Adelaide Diocese when Archbishop Geoff Smith's resignation becomes effective.
- The shared clergy retreat with Willochra was worthwhile.
- Lay ministry training— Dr Rodney Fopp is working through a preaching training course in the South Coast parish, then will work on how that can be rolled out more widely across the Diocese.
- Our Anglican schools are a great opportunity to reach young people.

Synod

A Synod feedback form has been distributed to Synod attendees.

The Parish of Mount Barker District is willing to host the Annual Session of Synod in 2026. Diocesan Council agreed to accept the offer.

Property Report

St Francis of Assisi Christies Beach

Revised costings to be available shortly and these will be reviewed.

St Peter's Morgan

An offer has been made by a party to purchase the property.

St James' Delamere

A Real Estate Agent will be appointed to facilitate the sale.

Finance Audit and Investment (FAI) Committee

Diocesan Council accepted the FAI Committee recommendation that the interest rate for distribution on parish trust funds be 3.25% for the period 01 April 2025 to 30 September 2025.

Diocesan Council endorsed the FAI Committee decision that the Diocese pays the balance of the cost of the Automatic External Defibrillators remaining after application of the government grants received.

WHS and Risk Management

AED rollout and installation currently underway within the parishes.

Diocesan Council Meetings 2025

21-22 November

FAI Committee Meetings 2025

21 October

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