



# News from Diocesan Council

February 2013

## CLERGY APPOINTMENT

The Administrator announced the following clergy appointment:

Fr Kenneth Hagan, Locum Tenens, Mt Gambier.

## RESIGNATION

The Administrator sadly announced that he has accepted the resignation of Chancellor John Harley. Council expressed its heartfelt thanks to Mr Harley for his services over many years to the Diocese.

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL MATTERS

Safer Church Principles (Child Safe Environment):

**2013 Training dates to be advised soon.**

Pastoral Assistant Renewal Process: Council were provided with copies of the documentation relating to the 2013 renewal process and it was agreed that the full renewal process be communicated to all parish clergy and secretaries as soon as possible for a 31st March return date.

Church Property: Council was reminded that the Pinnaroo Church is expected to be offered for sale by auction in the near future.

Legislation Review Committee: Council suspended any further meetings of the Legislation Review Committee until beyond mid 2013 so that two of its members, namely Jill Hervé and Murray McFarlane will then be in a position to present much work on overheads for the Committee's ongoing consideration.

2013 Synod Date and Venue:

Council confirmed that Synod would be held on Friday & Saturday 24th & 25th May at the Taillem Bend Town Hall and that a Synod Dinner be arranged for the Friday evening in Murray Bridge.

Royal Commission: Council considered correspondence from the General Synod Office in relation to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Notice of termination of Lease: Council were informed that the tenants leasing the Murray Bridge Office at 2 Clara Street had provided notice to vacate the premises together with seeking renewal of their lease at 4 Clara Street.

Teleconference: Council considered the use of this facility for short extraordinary meetings to alleviate the difficulty of long distance travel, however the idea was discounted at this stage.

Diocese of Willochra Synod Observers:

Council appointed Fr Alex Bainton and Mrs Jill Hervé as observers from the diocese to attend the 2013 Willochra Synod being held in Port Lincoln.

Board and Committee Appointments:

The Registrar has been tasked with the role of preparing a listing of all board and committee appointments made outside of the synod election process. This will include any known terms of reference, those who make the appointments and the term and frequency of each appointment.

## FINANCE, AUDIT & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (FAI)

Draft Budget 2013: Council considered the Draft Budget prepared and recommended by the FAI Committee and agreed to approve it for presentation to the 2013 Synod.

Allowances: Council affirmed that the Rural Deans and Deans Allowances be changed to an expenses based allowance and paid by reimbursement in line with the criteria for Archdeacons expenses.

Leigh Trust Trustees: have advised the Council that Grant payments for the year ending 31 March 2014 will increase by 7.02%.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) Funding: Historically the diocese has not financially assisted NATSIAC and Council agreed not to fund them on this occasion.