



News from Diocesan Council

April 2016

Welcome

Council welcomed Margaret Philpott to her first meeting, noting that she joins the Diocesan Council upon the nomination of the Bishop to fill a casual vacancy.

Pia Jensen was introduced to the Council noting that her role in the Diocese as Finance Officer is primarily associated with the Integrated Accounting System.

The Progress

The Murray Progress has now been completed. Over 400 people attended the conversations scheduled at sixteen locations around the Diocese. An interim report will be presented at the May Synod.

Work Health and Safety Requirements

The Risk Management Committee met prior to the Council and discussed the upcoming presentations on WHS by James Large, Director of PeopleVision, at Synod and Archdeaconry gatherings. Work continues on new Policies and an audit of the existing Diocesan Council Policies, all in order to provide good government to the Diocese.

Diocesan Assets and Property Report

Jeff McHugh submitted a further written report to the Council, and it was noted that he will be reporting at the forthcoming session of Synod.

Diocesan Website

Following on from the Diocesan Communications Strategy Report, it was moved that the Council engage a company to provide a new and refreshed Diocesan website. A number of websites for other dioceses have been compared in the search to find a company to provide the diocese with a modern, professional, high quality, all device friendly website, with the admin users being able to edit all aspects of the website with ease. It was noted that those involved with research and taking this matter forward had made good progress.

June 2016

The month of June will be Ministry Training Fund month. Previously known as the Ordination Candidates Fund, the name has changed to reflect the need for training both Lay and Ordained people in the Diocese. Appeal posters and envelopes will be distributed for each centre at the forthcoming session of Synod.

Distribution Rate

The interest distribution rate for the six month period 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016 was set at 1.50% per annum and paid on all Parish/Diocesan investments.

Registry Office Lease - Murray Bridge

The Diocesan Council approved the renewal of a lease for the Registry premises, with additional floor space to provide a permanent meeting room, for a three year period.

Home Mission Fund Grants

Two grants have recently been approved from this Fund.

Kingston-Robe for the purchase of a data projector.
Mount Barker for the hire of a market marquee and tables for their hall.

Safe Church Environment

It was reported that a successful Clergy Training Day had taken place on 3rd March at Keith with Theodora Ekonomopoulos and Linda Vinall providing an overview of Professional Standards and Safe Ministry matters respectively. The dates for Safe Ministry Training sessions have been set and sent to all Parishes and Pastoral Districts, and are printed below. More details and how to register are on the Diocesan website, or with Parish/Pastoral District Secretaries.

Full Day Course for NEW participants

Registration from 9:00am

Saturday 2 July, St Catherine's Church Hall, Keith
OR

Saturday 20 August, St Margaret's Church Hall,
McLaren Vale

Three Hour Refresher Course for those who attended the Full Day Course 3 years ago

Sunday 3 July, St Catherine's Church Hall, Keith,
at 1.00pm
OR

Sunday 21 August, St Margaret's Church Hall,
McLaren Vale, at 2.00pm

2016 Synod Dates

27 & 28 May, Woodcroft College
5 November, Special Call, Woodcroft College

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