



News from Diocesan Council

March/April & July 2017

Diocesan Council Vacancies

Diocesan Councillors addressed vacancies created recently. Updates on the full membership of Council can be found on the Diocesan Website.

Diocesan Website

The refreshed website has been active for some months now. Annette Schirmer from the Parish of Mount Barker will be keeping information updated and is also heading up the Facebook contributions. All Parishes and Pastoral Districts are encouraged to ensure their service times are correct and to send digital photos of their churches to the Registry Office by email.

Synod Minutes

The Report of the Third Session of the Sixteenth Triennial Synod have been confirmed and distributed to Parishes and Pastoral Districts by email. They are also available on the website.

Diocesan Assets/Property Strategies/WHS Audit

Chair of the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee Jeff McHugh briefed Council on the feedback of properties and buildings following encounters with Parishes and Pastoral Districts. The Diocese has secured James Large of PeopleVision to assist with WHS legislative obligations with a target date to complete the reviews by 30th June 2018. It was noted that Fr Peter Simmons will work half time with Jeff McHugh on property matters enabling good stewardship of Diocesan resources.

Moratorium for capital expenditure

Council accepted the recommendation of the FAI Committee that the moratorium for capital expenditure in excess of \$5,000 be extended to Synod 2019.

Assessment Regulation

Diocesan Council approved for implementation the Assessment Regulation 2017, effective from 1st July 2017. This can be viewed on the website.

Distribution Rates

Council accepted the recommendation of the FAI Committee that the following tiered rate of interest distribution be implemented from 1st April 2017.

\$0 - \$10k 0.5%
\$10k - \$50k 0.75%
\$50k and above 1.5%

Woodcroft and Investigator Colleges

The implementation of a prize to be awarded annually in the schools, known as the Anglican Diocese of The Murray Prize is now in place.

Registry Staffing

Council accepted the recommendation of the FAI Committee that a candidate having accounting experience be appointed with the ability to accommodate and grow the Integrated Accounting System (IAS), and return to the Registry data entry services currently externally contracted and to provide support for the Registrar.

Ac.care

Newly appointed CEO of ac.care, Shane Maddocks has been invited to spend a period of time talking with the Council at its November meeting about ac.care and our interrelatedness and opportunities.

Good News Stories - Taking mission to the people

A number of Good News Stories from around the Diocese have been shared with Council including; newly rebranded Op-Shop and drop in centre (Mt Gambier), establishment of a Soup Kitchen (Southern Suburbs), introduction of varied worship on Sunday evenings (Pt Elliot-Goolwa), participants of the Bishop's Holy Land Pilgrimage sharing their experiences at various functions and the work for the dole beautification projects at Berri and Renmark have commenced (The Riverland), the ecumenical cooperation for local events (Southern Vales) presentation afternoon from the Malaysian Tour Group led by Fr Paul Monash (Kingston-Robe), successful Mothers' Union Lady Day celebrations (Mt Gambier & Strathalbyn), hugely successful fundraising luncheon and auction in aid of the Helpless Colony Orphanage, Kathmandu and organisation of a guided tour to Nepal (Mt Barker).

Safe Ministry Training Dates

2nd September at 9:30am Safe Ministry Training
Full Day Course for new Participants
McLaren Vale - Dr Ted Sandercock
sanderwt@bigpond.com or 8556 4535

8th September at 9:30am Child Safe Environments
Murray Bridge - Jasmine Irvine
jasamine@murray.anglican.org or 8532 2270

28th October at 9:30am Child Safe Environments
Mount Barker - Dr Ted Sandercock
sanderwt@bigpond.com or 8556 4535

17th November at 9:30am Child Safe Environments
Mount Gambier - Lynn Fisher
churchan@bigpond.net.au or 0407 186 174

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