



News from Diocesan Council

November 2017

CEO ac.care

Shane Maddocks, new CEO of ac.care, was invited to share with Diocesan Council a little about himself and to give some reflection about ac.care and its work and for the Council to dialogue a little as he begins the wonderful task of serving others on our behalf. He noted the importance of the role working with Diocesan Council, the Parishes and Communities acknowledging the need of help from physical and spiritual support and prayer. The Council interacted with questions and acknowledged that the Diocese needs to interface better with ac.care and it was hopeful that our new shape of eight Mission Partnerships may compliment doing this better.

Regenerating Places of Faith Conference

On behalf of Council, Fr Peter Simmons attended the above mentioned conference which addressed the struggles of congregations that have been shrinking, ageing and struggling to maintain their places of faith. He reported to DC the importance of consulting and engaging with the community to gather ideas and suggestions. To move forward it is necessary that we support one another in prayer and in action. Yes mistakes may be made, but over all it is vital to trust in God.

Diocesan Resource Centre

On previous occasions the Diocese has asked for books to establish a resource centre for the use of Clergy and Laity. With options for locations to set this up not eventuating, it was agreed that shelves be added to two walls in the Bishop's Office at the Registry. This has been funded from the Ministry Training fund, however donations towards this cost would be gratefully received. Further details will be provided once this is operational.

There must be more to life... Discover Jesus

The initial *Discover Jesus* materials were dispatched via Diocesan Council members in preparation for the Christ the King launch. Further materials will continue to be available and resources and have been, and will continue to be, emailed throughout the Diocese to assist church communities to engage with the challenges and opportunities with discovering Jesus.

Composition of Pastoral District Council

It was reported to Council that the Southern Suburbs Pastoral District Council was generally operating with the suggested composition for their Mission Partnership. The Riverland are also beginning to operate in accordance with this model and expect to confirm their Council at the next DC.

Risk Management Committee Chair

Don Grimmatt, Principal of Investigator College, has kindly agreed to chair the Diocesan Risk Management Committee.

Home Mission Fund Grant

A grant has recently been approved from this fund for the Southern Suburbs Mission Partnership to hire equipment to host an outdoor cinema event to screen a Christmas film and use the opportunity to bring the community together and briefly tell them about the true joy of Christmas.

Good News Stories - Taking mission to the people

A number of Good News Stories from around the Diocese have been shared with Council including; Southern Vales: Decided to adopt the name "Western Fleurieu Anglicans," A combination of churches for the Blessing of the Fleece held at Delamere was a huge success with 96 communicants, St Ann's Aldinga Prickle Team who prune roses all over South Australia have been awarded with a community award.

The Riverland: A Prayer Vigil starting in Morgan then Waikerie and moving through the District.

Mt Gambier: Fr Neil Fernando has been ministering throughout the area in an unpaid capacity until a more permanent arrangement can be made.

Registry Office Holidays

Closing Friday 22nd December 2017, 12noon
Re-opening Monday 15th January 2018

2018 Synod Dates

25th & 26th May, Woodcroft College

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