SECTION ONE

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SYNOD

19 - 21 MAY 2017

BAIRNSDALE, VIC

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NOTES ON SYNOD PROCEDURES

The following notes are provided for the guidance of members of the Synod:

- When any member rises to speak she/he shall address the President only, and not the Synod, or any member thereof.

- When a member is speaking, no other member may rise to speak, nor may interrupt him/her, except through the President.

- No member should rise to speak unless he/she intends to move, support or oppose a resolution - save for the purpose of making an explanation or asking a question, and then only by the leave of Synod.

- Whenever a member enters or leaves the Synod, or crosses from one side of the House to the other, it is customary to bow to the Chair.

- An attendance slip is to be signed by all clerical and lay representatives at each session of the Synod and handed to the Synod Secretaries.

- When giving notice of motions, questions or moving motions or amendments, members must give copies in duplicate to the assistant secretaries.

Copies of Standing Orders of the Synod of the Diocese of Gippsland are available on the Diocesan website at www.gippsanglican.org.au

DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND
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SYNOD PROGRAM 2017

Friday 19 May 2017

7.30 pm	Synod Eucharist – St John's Church, Bairnsdale
	Preacher: The Right Reverend Philip Huggins, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Melbourne, President of the National Council of Churches in Australia (See below).
	Dean, Archdeacons and Canons - Copes *Clergy please robe – white stole* *Lay Readers also please robe*

Saturday 20 May 2017

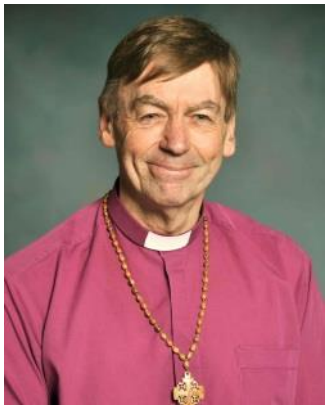
8.30 am	Morning Prayer in the hall of the Bairnsdale Campus of Gippsland Grammar
9.00 am	Synod sitting. Commences with Prayers by the Chaplain Formal Matters Presidential Address
9.45 am	Synod Business continues Formal Business Bishop-in-Council motions Legislation
11.00 am	Morning Tea
11.30 am	Resume - Continuation of Synod Business
12.45pm	Lunch
	Lunch will be held at Clifton Waters Village
2.00 pm	Resume - Discussion groups on *Strategic Directions*
2.45 pm	Continuation of Synod Business
3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00 pm	Resume
5.45 pm	Recognition of retired or retiring clergy

6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
7.30 pm	Synod Dinner and Fellowship Time, St John's Church Hall

Sunday 21 May 2017

8.15am - 9.15 am	Eucharist – St John's Church, Bairnsdale
	Ministry team only to robe.
9.15am	Breakfast, St John's Church Hall
10.00 am	Synod sitting commences with Prayers by the Chaplain
12.30 pm	Synod adjourns (no lunch will be provided)

Bishop Philip Huggins



Bishop Philip Huggins

Bishop Philip Huggins was ordained in 1977, and has held clerical appointments in regional Victoria, metropolitan Melbourne, and appointments of Assistant Bishop in Perth and Bishop of Grafton, NSW.

Bishop Philip returned to Melbourne in 2003, after about ten years interstate, taking up the appointments of Incumbent of St Stephen's Richmond and Bishop to the Northern Region. In 2007, the region was extended to include over 70 parishes in both the Northern and Western region of Melbourne and Geelong. He is now bishop of the Oodthenong area of episcopal care.

Bishop Philip is President of the National Council of Churches in Australia, Chair of Board of Brotherhood of St Laurence, President of Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School, and Board Member of St Lawrence Community Services, Overnewton Anglican Community College and Member of Christian World Service Commission. He has Episcopal oversight of Cross-Cultural Ministry.

Bishop Philip has a strong interest in and actively contributes to welfare and multi-cultural issues and activities. Bishop Philip tries to hold together both contemplation and action, in the Spirit of Jesus.

Bishop Philip is married to Liz who is a psychologist. They have three adult sons.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH SYNOD – SECOND SESSION 2017

Last Name	Title, First Name, Initials & Qualifications	Parish/Ministry
	THE BISHOP	
GOLDSWORTHY	The Right Rev'd Kay M. BTh	BISHOP OF GIPPSLAND
	CLERGY	
ANDY	The Rev'd Phyllis L (Priest Assistant Lakes Entrance & Metung)	ABORIGINAL MINISTRY – LAKE TYERS
ANTHONY	The Reverend Samuel S C (Sathi) BD, MTh	MOE/NEWBOROUGH
ASHLEY	Archdeacon Edie M BSc BTh MPhil Master Mgmt (Priest in Charge)	THE ABBEY/PAYNESVILLE
BATT	The Rev'd John S ThL DipMin MMin MCD DMin	NEERIM SOUTH
BURNEY	The Rev'd Brenda BTh Dip Ang Ords DipT(EC) (Priest in Charge)	CHURCHILL/BOOLARRA/ YINNAR
DALTON	The Rev'd Kathleen D A (Priest Assistant Morwell)	ABORIGINAL MINISTRY – MORWELL
FLETCHER	The Rev'd Tim F B ThDip BMin	CORNER INLET
GRIMES	The Rev'd Frances A Dip RACOG MBBS (Hon Deacon Assistant)	CORNER INLET
HEAD	The Rev'd David R BChemEng BTh	MORWELL
JACKA	The Rev'd Sue M MEd BEd BTh DipAngOrders	TRAFALGAR
KNOTT	Archdeacon Graham K BA	LEONGATHA
LANHAM	The Rev'd Rich C (Youth & Families)	CHAPLAIN – GGS & DIRECTOR YOUTH & FAMILIES
LOGAN	The Rev'd Canon Barbara D BTh AdvCertAccounting	LAKES ENTRANCE & METUNG
LOWE	The Rev'd Daniel A BA DipTh DipEd	CHAPLAIN – SPAGS
MAGEE	The Rev'd Greg T D BA BD BTh GradDipMin	BASS/PHILLIP ISLAND
MCALEER	The Rev'd Chris T ThDip, DipMin BArch Grad DipEd	EAST PAKENHAM & NAR NAR GOON
MUSTON	Archdeacon Phillip B BA MA DipTh	VICAR GENERAL/ WARRAGUL
OAKLEY	The Rev'd Colin J BMin BTheol	WESTERNPORT
OBERSBY	The Rev'd Marilyn M (Assoc Priest) BA DipEd BD MCD GradDip Student Welfare	TRARALGON
PAIN	The Very Rev'd Susanna L BSc BSocW GradDipPastSup BTh	SALE
PEKEN	The Rev'd Katie S (Priest Assistant) BA BTh	WARRAGUL
PERRYMAN	The Rev'd A DipMin DipAngOrds (Hon Priest Assistant)	WONTHAGGI/INVERLOCH
PERRYMAN	The Rev'd David J R (Curate-in-Charge)	AVON
PETERS	The Rev'd Graeme J DipMechEng BTh	WONTHAGGI/INVERLOCH
PHILLIPS	The Rev'd Lyndon M DipMin BTheol DipAngOrds (Priest in Charge)	ROSEDALE/HEYFIELD
PITTAWAY	The Rev'd Geoff E DipMin BTh	MIRBOO NORTH
RAMAGE	The Rev'd Jennifer A. Ramage BArt MDiv (Associate Priest – Children's and Youth Minister)	DROUIN
RICHARDSON	The Rev'd Canon Jeff R ThDip BMin	TRARALGON

SPALDING	The Rev'd Dr Dean K PhD GradDipTheol Grad.DipEd BTh BSc	DROUIN
TOMS	The Rev'd Heather W DipAngOrd Dip CCFT (Hon Priest, Hospital Chaplain and Prison Chaplain)	ROSEDALE/FULLHAM PRISON CHAPLAIN
TOOHILL	The Rev'd Dr Graham J MBBS CertChrstnMssnBCV CertDiaconateStud (Hon Deacon Asst)	LEONGATHA
WALLIS	The Rev'd Janet BEd DipTh BTh	MAFFRA
WHITE	The Rev'd Jo S GradDipMusEd DipTPrim BTh DipMin	YARRAM
WICKING	The Rev'd Antony R DipTchg DipTh DipMin	BAIRNSDALE

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THIRTY-EIGHTH SYNOD – SECOND SESSION 2017

LAY MEMBERS (Parish, Ex-Officio and Youth Members)

Ms R Armstrong AO QC MA - Chancellor

Mr B J Norris JP BA GradDipLFAH ThL - Registrar

(as at 27 April 2017 and based on parish returns for 2015-16)

Parish		**Lay Members**		**Supplementary Lay Members**
AVON		May Kyne		
		Jane Macqueen		
		Denise Vranek		
BAIRNSDALE		Peggie Arthur		Kim Eason
		Peter Down		
		Sue Lester		
BASS/PHILLIP ISLAND		Margaret Hancock		Elaine Visalli
		Les Ridge		Rhoda Hayhurst
		Sandy Ridge		Roma Caulfield
BUNYIP		Raelene Carroll		
		Jaan Enden		
CHURCHILL/BOOLARRA/		Beverley Littlejohn		
YINNAR		Anne Lyne		
CORNER INLET		Robert Fulton		Robert Paragreen
		Meg Knight		
		Dianne Paragreen		
CROAJINGOLONG		Anne Thoroughgood		
DROUIN		Alacia (Lacy) Biggs		Kay Huggins
		Alisha Jones		
		Ian Maxfield		
HEYFIELD		Margaret Beckett		Deb Chambers
		David Chambers		Joan Hall
KORUMBURRA & POOWONG		Janet Staben		Robyn Mills
		Fiona Bull		
LAKES ENTRANCE &		Kath Grandy	2	
METUNG		Val Jones		

LEONGATHA		Heather Scott		Marion Dewar
		Mimmie Ng		
MAFFRA		Heather Baker		
		Lynette Teese		
MIRBOO NORTH		Denise Martin		Rhondda Milner
		Judy Blomeley		
		Christine White		
MOE		Beryl Brien		
		Gwyneth Jones		
		Graeme Nicholls	1	
MORWELL		Sandra Wagner		Sandy Johnson
		Felicity Knight		
		Andrew Hawken		
NAR NAR GOON		Stephen Douglas		
NEERIM SOUTH	1	William Mapleson	2	Murray Hannah
		The Hon John Delzoppo, OAM		
		Elizabeth Delzoppo, OAM		
NEWBOROUGH/		Helen Davis		Jeanette Ringin
YALLOURN NORTH		Jan Misiurka		
		Dot Gibson		
OMEO		Kate Commins		Bev Cook
		Brett Lee		
ORBOST		Barbara Lunson		
		Joseph Aalbers		
		Ann Aalbers		
PAYNESVILLE		The Hon Robert Fordham, AM		Tim Gibson
		Sue Fordham		
		June Treadwell, OAM		
ROSEDALE		Lorna Foster		Alan Dunkley
		Susan deCann		Sandra Dunkley
SALE		Julie Irving	2	Arthur McPherson
		Cynthia Grove		
TAMBO				

TRAFALGAR		Nick Solohub		
		Geoff Savige		
		Sue Pye		
TRARALGON		David Gittins	2	Glenda Edebohls
		Mark Woods		
WARRAGUL		Jenni Lang		
		Wendy Shiels		
WESTERNPORT				
WONTHAGGI/INVERLOCH		Lance Perryman	2	Rhi Jones
		Ross Smith		Wendy McBurnie
		Peter Anderson		
YARRAM		David Miller		
		David Hartmaier		

Notes:
1. Seeking leave of Absence for this Session of Synod
2. Supplementary Members attending this session of Synod

NON-PARISH REPRESENTATION

Youth Representatives None

PERSONS TO BE ACCORDED SEATS IN THE HOUSE WITH PERMISSION TO SPEAK

Braham, Mr Viv	Diocesan Solicitor
Langshaw, The Rev'd Thelma	Priest at Omeo
Muston, Mrs Cathrine	Anglicare (Parish Partnerships)

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SATURDAY 20 MAY 2017/SUNDAY 21 MAY 2017

- BUSINESS PAPER -

1. Prayers by the Bishop's Chaplain.

2. The President will announce the appointment of the two assistant Secretaries, one clerical and one lay person (The Rev'd Heather Toms and Mrs Marion Dewar).

3. The President will advise that the Chairman of Committees, the Hon John Delzoppo, OAM and the Deputy Chair of Committees, Mr Mark Woods, will continue in office until the end of the 38th Synod. In the absence of Mr Mark Woods at this session of Synod, it will be moved that Archdeacon Graham Knott be appointed as acting Deputy Chair.

4. The President will announce the appointment of one clerical and one lay person to peruse the minutes of the Synod and certify to the President within 30 days after the end of the Session whether the minutes are a true record of proceedings (The Rev'd David Head and Mrs Lynette Teese).

5. The President will call for nominations and the election of a Timekeeper. The Registrar will move that the Rev'd Brenda Burney be appointed.

6. The Assistant Secretary (Lay) will move "the suspension of so much of Standing Orders as will allow the business of the House to proceed in the order and at the times indicated in the Synod program circulated to Members and the time of sitting".

7. The President will advise that members will indicate their attendance at Synod by completing an attendance slip and handing it to the Synod Secretaries. The Secretaries will also call over the names of Synod members on Saturday only.

8. The President will announce the Elections that are required to take place during the Session, her own appointments (if made already) and the results of any uncontested elections.

9. The Assistant Secretary (Lay) to inform the house that the elections, if necessary, will be held from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. today. (Standing Order 20)

10. The appointment of scrutineers.

11. The Assistant Secretary (Lay) to move "that the following persons be accorded seats in the House and that they be permitted to speak but not to vote:

Braham, Mr Viv	Diocesan Solicitor
Langshaw, The Rev'd Thelma	Parish of Omeo
Muston, Mrs Cathrine	Anglicare (Parish Partnerships)

12. The President will deliver her address to the Synod.

13. Bishop's Presidential Address – Response (TO BE TAKEN AFTER THE LUNCH BREAK ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON)

    The Rev'd Geoff Pittaway will move that the Bishop be thanked for her Presidential Address to Synod.

14. The Registrar will table:

    The Minute Book of the Bishop-in-Council and a report of the Parish and Diocesan Trusts.

15. The Registrar will table:

    The names of those who have been appointed to various offices of the Diocese since the last Ordinary Session of the Synod.

16. The President will ask for -

    a) Petitions
    b) The Assistant Secretaries will advise the Synod of those nominated for election to positions.
    c) Notices of Questions
    d) Notices of Motions
    e) Answers to Questions (Answers to questions submitted on Saturday will be answered during the course of Synod)

    (Two copies of Questions and Motions are to be handed to the Secretaries as soon as they have been read. A form is provided for this purpose)

17. Formal Motions – Standing Order 14

    Before the Orders of the day or Motions are proceeded with, the President at each sitting shall read over the Motions on the Business Paper and any Motion may be taken as a Formal Motion, unless objection be taken by the word "Object" being called by a person other than the mover or the seconder and such motion on being determined formal shall forthwith be put without debate.

18. Motions recommended by Bishop-in-Council under Standing Order 11(10)

    18.1 Motion on Procedure

That this Synod convenes in conference at 2pm today to consider the Strategic Directions document circulated to Synod members.

18.2 Bishop-in-Council Motions

BIC/1 Bishop-in-Council Report
(See Section 2)

That this Synod receives the report of the Bishop-in-Council covering the work of the Council since the last session of Synod.

Moved: The Registrar

BIC/2 2015/16 Annual Accounts of the Diocese
(See Section 2 (BIC Report) and Section 4)

That this Synod adopts the Diocesan Accounts for 2015/16.

Moved: Mr David Gittins (Traralgon)

BIC/3 2017/18 Diocesan Budget
(See Section 2)

That this Synod adopts the Diocesan Budget for 2017/18.

Moved: Mr David Gittins (Traralgon)

BIC/4 The Abbey
(See Section 3)

That this Synod:

a) Receives and welcomes the report on the work of The Abbey;
b) Reiterates its support for this significant Diocesan Missional Initiative;
c) Encourages Anglicans across the Diocese to support The Abbey Program and the planned further development of The Abbey facilities.

Moved: The Hon. Robert Fordham

BIC/5 Strategic Directions
(See document circulated separately)

That this Synod:

a) Gives thanks for the opportunities that have arisen from *Jesus Christ Here and Now for Gippsland 2013-2017;*

b) Expresses it gratitude to the Rev'd Trevor Smith for leading the regional consultations around the Diocese in late 2016 directed towards the next stage of the strategic directions plan;

c) Receives the material on the next stage of the plan; and

d) Encourages parishes and members of the Diocese to participate fully in the strategic directions process.

Moved: Archdeacon Graham Knott

BIC/6 St John's Bairnsdale 150th Anniversary

That this Synod joins with the Parish of Bairnsdale in giving thanks to God for 150 years of ministry at St John's Church and prays that this ministry will continue under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for many years to come.

Moved: Mrs Marion Dewar

19. Bills for consideration

19.1 Superannuation of Clergy Bill 2017

The Registrar will move that a Bill for an Act relating to the superannuation of clergy and for other purposes be approved in principle.

19.2 Professional Standards Bill 2017

The Hon. Robert Fordham, AM, will move that a Bill for an Act relating to professional standards and for other purposes be approved in principle.

19.3 Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 (Adoption) Bill 2007

The Hon. Robert Fordham, AM, will move that a Bill for an Act to adopt the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 of the General Synod and for other purposes be approved in principle.

19.4 Abbey Bill 2017

Archdeacon Edie Ashley will move that a Bill for an Act to make provision for the governance of the Abbey at A'Beckett Park, Raymond Island and for other purposes be approved in principle.

19.5 Parish Administration (Amendment) Bill 2017

Archdeacon Philip Muston will move that a Bill for an Act to amend the Parish Administration Act 1994 and for other purposes be approved in principle.

20 Reports
(See Section 3 of the Synod papers)

The persons shown against each report will table the report and move that it be received:

a) Anglicare Gippsland	Ms Jane Anderson
b) Gippsland Grammar	Mr David Baker
c) Anam Cara Community Gippsland	Ms Jane Macqueen
d) Gippsland Anglican Retirement Living Ltd	Ms Val Jones
e) St Paul's Anglican Grammar School	Archdeacon Philip Muston
f) St Paul's Cathedral	Dean Susanna Pain

Each person listed, if they are a Synod member, will move that the report be received. If they are not a Synod member then a Synod member will move the motion on their behalf.

21 Motions Submitted by Members of Synod

NM/1 - Euthanasia

That this Synod:

a) Acknowledges that God is the giver of life and sovereign in matters of life and death;
b) Rejects euthanasia and physician assisted suicide as contrary to the will of God;
c) Encourages the promotion and provision of good palliative care; and
d) Encourages members of synod to write or speak directly to members of parliament expressing their concerns on these matters.

Moved: The Rev'd Graham Toohill, Leongatha
Seconded: The Rev'd Tim Fletcher, Corner Inlet

NM/2 Closure of Hazelwood Power Station – Effects on Community

That this Synod notes with prayerful awareness:

a) the pain and sadness caused by the closure of the Hazelwood Power Station and the subsequent loss of around 750 jobs after many years of provision of wonderful employment security, of service to the Latrobe Valley and of electricity supply to Victoria and further afield;

b) the effect of this closure on the lives of many Latrobe Valley families struggling to feed, clothe and educate families and to pay off mortgages;
c) the wider effect on associated businesses and service industries with the reduced level of income in the community and the possible departure of individuals and families to seek work elsewhere;
d) the pain, emotional distress and loss of self-esteem to those who have been retrenched and their families and the possible increase of cases of severe depression and even suicide;
e) The probable coming closure of the Heyfield Mill with similar deep pain and trauma.

Given the above issues of need, we ask that this Synod commits itself, through our parishes, schools, agencies and op shops:

a) to continue to support in prayer, care and, where possible and appropriate, physical and financial help to those affected
b) to encourage the Federal, State and Local Governments to seek ways of replacing jobs and of creating new areas of job growth and innovative industries in the Latrobe Valley and in Gippsland in general.

Moved: The Reverend David Head
Seconded: The Reverend Brenda Burney

NM/3 Motion of Appreciation

Future Synods

38th Synod
11-13 May 2018, Sale (Pentecost – 20 May)

39th Synod
17-19 May 2019, Sale (Pentecost – 9 June)
15-17 May 2020, Western Region (Pentecost – 31 May)