

DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

SYNOD 2019

(17-19 May)

RESOLUTIONS, ACTS, ELECTION RESULTS AND QUESTIONS

SALE, VIC

226/19 Bishop-in-Council Report

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

Proposed Action: No action required

237/19 2016/17 and 2017/18 Annual Accounts of the Diocese

Resolved that this Synod adopts the audited Diocesan Accounts for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Proposed Action: No action required

238/19 2018/19 & 2019/20 Diocesan Budget and Five-Year Budget Objective

Resolved that this Synod:

- a) Confirms the budget for 2018/19 adopted by Bishop-in-Council on 13 December 2018:
- b) Endorses a budget objective to achieve financial sustainability in five years by planning for a surplus of income over expenditure by 1 October 2023: and
- c) adopts the Diocesan Budget for 2019/20 and authorises Bishop-in-Council to make such adjustments as it considers necessary consistent with the five-year budget objective.

Proposed Action: Bishop-in-Council to implement the budget and the budget objective.

229/19 The Abbey

Resolved that this Synod receives and welcomes the report on the continuing progress being made in the development of The Abbey as a diocesan mission initiative and commends The Abbey program to parishioners across the Diocese.

Proposed Action: To be referred to parishes.

230/19 Safe Ministry Authority (SMA)

Resolved that this Synod receives the report of the Safe Ministry Authority.

Proposed Action: No action required

231/19 Bishops Presidential Address - Response

Resolved that this Synod thanks the Bishop for his Presidential Address to Synod.

Proposed Action: No action required.

232/19 Equal representation

Resolved that this Synod requests Bishop in Council to consider the need for and desirability of legislative amendments required to guarantee equal representation of men and women in that body and bring them for consideration to the next synod.

Proposed Action: Referred to the Governance Committee of Bishop-in-Council by resolution 236/19.

233/19 Bishop-in-Council Membership

Resolved that this synod requests Bishop in Council to review whether its council is the most practicable size for good governance and to draft the legislative amendments required to make any changes and bring them for consideration to the next synod.

Proposed Action: Referred to the Governance Committee of Bishop-in-Council by resolution 236/19.

234/19 Ministry to the Dying (Synod Resolution 222/17)

Resolved that the report of the working group be received.

Proposed Action: Bishop-in-Council to consider the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report.

235/19 Gender Balance

Resolved that this Synod requests the Bishop in Council to report annually to each parish and to each synod the gender balance of the Bishop in Council, Diocesan Committee's, Parish Councils and licenced positions in the Diocese. The report is to note the balance as it is also reflected in full time, part time and honorary appointments. The report is also to note the balance in all positions, including ex-officio, elected and nominated positions.

Proposed Action: Referred to the Governance Committee of Bishop-in-Council by resolution 236/19.

236/19 Motions NM/1 to NM/3

That this Synod resolves that Resolutions NM/1, 2 and 3, if resolved in the affirmative, be referred to the Governance Committee of Bishop-in-Council and a report be provided to the next meeting of Synod.

Proposed Action: Bishop-in-Council to refer these motions as requested.

227/19 Young Adults Movement

Resolved that this Synod asks Bishop-in-Council to adopt and progress the work of the “Young Adults Movement” currently being developed for the Diocese of Gippsland, to support and enable ministry to and from people aged 18-40 years.

Proposed Action: Bishop-in-Council to consider the implementation of this motion.

228/19 Motion of Appreciation

Resolved that this Synod expresses its appreciation to:

- a) Bishop Richard for his leadership of the Synod and his Presidential address;
- b) All the people who do the work of Synod:
 - The Chancellor and officers of Synod;
 - the Chair of Committees;
 - the Diocesan Solicitor;
 - the clerical and lay secretaries;
 - the timekeeper;
 - the scrutineers;
 - the Synod chaplain; and
 - the Registry Staff
- c) The Dean, staff and parishioners of the Parish of Sale for the Synod services and the catering during Synod especially the dinner on Saturday night;
- d) Gippsland Grammar for providing the venue for Synod and for their care and attention;
- e) Mr John Delzoppo for his outstanding service as Chair of Committees of this Synod for over 40 years; and
- f) The Rev'd Brian Norris for his service as Registrar and Secretary of this Synod since 2003 and for his service to the Anglican Church of Australia in diocesan administration for over 36 years.

Proposed Action: Appropriate letters to be sent.

ACTS PASSED

- Superannuation of Clergy Act 2019
- Appointments (Amendment) Act 2019

QUESTIONS

Question:

New costs and diocesan staff vacancies – The Rev'd Tim Fletcher, Corner Inlet

With consideration for the circumstances of BIC/3, has the Diocesan leadership decided upon no new costs and not filling Diocesan Staff vacancies until the budget is in surplus?

Answer by the Bishop:

The Diocese needs a professional Registry Office to meet the needs of its clergy and people, and to provide services to parishes and other ministry settings, such as: payroll; trust funds management; insurance; support for the bishop; website management; secretarial services for Synod, Bishop-in-Council, and other Diocesan Committees and agencies; and access to information and advice. These services cannot be provided by volunteers. The Registry Office is also our primary point of contact with the Province of Victoria, other Dioceses, the General Synod Office, the Anglican Communion worldwide, peak ecumenical bodies, and some community organisations. In taking a shared approach to addressing our financial challenges, we need to look at the whole, and not focus on one area of expenditure. Generating new sources of income will be at least as important in returning the budget to surplus as any cost-cutting measures, especially in an already lean structure. That said, the Registry Office is mindful of budgetary constraints, and is always looking to make savings and to maximise efficiencies. I am pleased to report that the Registry Office expenditure is currently under budget, year to date.

ELECTION RESULTS

See the Attachment.

Attachment

Elections Results - Synod 2019

Body	Clergy	Lay
Board of Electors (Bishop)	1. Susanna Pain	1. Philip Davis
	1. Graham Knott	2. Robert Fordham
	2. Sue Jacka	3. David Chambers
	3. Phil Muston	4. Val Jones
	4. Tracy Lauersen	5. Marion Dewar
	5. David Perryman	6. John Delzoppo
	<i>Alternates:</i>	
	<i>Three vacancies</i>	<i>Three vacancies</i>
Board of Reference	1. Graham Knott	1. Marion Dewar
	2. David Head	2. Beth Delzoppo
	3. Phil Muston	
	4. Tim Fletcher	
Clergy Appointments Board	1. Jo White	1. Jan Misiurka
	2. Tim Fletcher	2. Beth Delzoppo
	3. Phil Muston	3. June Treadwell
Cathedral Chapter – Clerical Canon	1. David Head	
Cathedral Chapter – Lay Canon		1. Marion Dewar
		2. David Chambers
Provincial Council	1. Graham Knott	1. Richard Connelly
	2. One Vacancy	3. Robert Fordham
General Synod	1. Graham Knott	1. Robert Fordham
	2. Tracy Lauersen	2. Richard Connelly
Diocesan Tribunal	1. Graham Knott	1. Beth Delzoppo
	2. David Head	2. Marion Dewar
	3. Tim Fletcher	
	4. Phil Muston	
	<i>Alternates:</i>	
	<i>Four vacancies</i>	<i>Two vacancies</i>
Stipends Commission	1. Graham Knott	1. Richard Connelly
		2. David Chambers
		3. Beth Delzoppo
Bishop in Council	1. David Head	1. Val Jones
	2. Tim Fletcher	2. David Chambers
		3. Beth Delzoppo
		4. Liz Hall
Trusts Corporation	No vacancy	