

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

3rd Session of the 49th Synod Business Paper: Tuesday 15 October 2013

(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)

Members of the Synod are asked to identify themselves each time they speak

1. **Devotions will be led by the Rev John Gray**
2. **Minutes of 14 October 2013**
3. **Answers to questions**
 - 3.1 The Rev Anthony Douglas asked the following question –
 - (a) What expenses have been incurred by Youthworks related to direct mail fundraising appeals in each of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 (to date)?
 - (b) What has been the value of donations received by Youthworks in relation to direct mail fundraising appeals in each of the same periods?
 - (c) If it is not possible to isolate the donations received as a result of direct mail appeals, then what has been the value of donations received by individuals in these periods?
 - 3.2 Canon Sandy Grant asked the following question –
 - (a) What is the status of ARV's development at Sandon Point and what are ARV's intentions for the site?
 - (b) Is ARV planning to consult with local parties having a significant interest in this site, including local Aboriginal people, and what steps have been taken to date to consult these parties?
 - 3.3 Canon Sandy Grant asked the following question –
 - (a) In regards to our PSU's Care and Assistance scheme, what are the similarities to and differences from the Roman Catholic Church's *Towards Healing* protocol?
 - (b) How has the adequacy of the maximum payout under this scheme been determined?
 - (c) Has consideration been given to the impact of inflation on the maximum payout amount over the years this scheme has operated?
 - (d) What, if any, criticisms of our scheme – reasonable or otherwise – is the PSU expecting, as the Royal Commission unfolds?
 - (e) Are there any adjustments to the way this scheme operates being considered by the Safe Ministry Board?
 - 3.4 Archdeacon Deryck Howell asked the following question –
 - (a) When will the next review of the funding principles and priorities 2013 document take place?
 - (b) Who will conduct that review?

3.5 Mr Michael Toull asked the following question –

- (a) What is the amount of Anglican Church Property Trust (“ACPT”) Management Services fees deducted from the income that would otherwise be available for distribution from Client Funds in 2013, expressed as an approximate percentage of that income?
- (b) Are ACPT Management Services fees calculated and charged equivalently on all funds held in trust by ACPT?
- (c) If the answer to (b) is “no”, what are the variations (in summary form)?
- (d) What is the estimated proportion of aggregate ACPT Management Services fees charged on funds held in trust by ACPT that relates to the recovery of ACPT expenses incurred in relation to activities other than fund management?
- (e) Will the percentage referred to in (a) be significantly different in 2014?

3.6 Ms Tricia Blombery asked the following question –

- (a) Sydney Diocese continued to appoint 3 representatives (2 clergy, 1 lay) to the NSW Ecumenical Council but has made no financial contribution for several years. Could you please explain the plan and timing for restoring this funding?
- (b) In the Appropriations Bill an allowance is made of \$20,000 for Freedom4Faith. Can you please explain why this organisation has been chosen for funding, and why the funding was not provided to NSW Ecumenical Council?

3.7 Mr Peter Hanson asked the following question –

- (a) What information was given by the Cathedral to Standing Committee resulting in the in principle decision by Standing Committee to exempt the Cathedral from all variable parish cost recoveries, levies and assessments?
- (b) What are the reasons for Standing Committee making the in principle decision to exempt the Cathedral from all variable parish cost recoveries, levies and assessments?
- (c) Will Standing Committee consider applications for exemption from all variable parish cost recoveries, levies and assessments from –
 - (i) parishes in arrears with their parochial cost recoveries; or
 - (ii) parishes undertaking significant capital and/or maintenance works; or
 - (iii) parishes who are in financial difficulties for any other reasons?
- (d) Which Standing Committee members, after having reported their conflict of interest, absented themselves from all discussion and voting on this matter?
- (e) Which Standing Committee members, after having reported their conflict of interest, took part in discussions but abstained from voting on this in principle decision?

3.8 Mr Jon Burgmann asked the following question –

Noting that the names “Anglican Aid” and “Anglicare” are very similar and indeed might be considered synonymous by outsiders, and noting that in the local sphere these two agencies of our Diocese perform some very similar functions;

Are any steps being taken to differentiate more clearly between them to overcome confusion and any perception of competition between them?

3.9 Ms Lyn Bannerman asked the following question –

- (a) What specific activities/projects were funded by the 'Work Outside the Diocese' Committee in the 2012 year and so far in the 2013 year?
- (b) How much was allocated to each of these activities/projects?
- (c) What further activities/projects are planned to be funded this year from both the remaining grant, and any reserves held by the Committee, and how much will each project/activity receive, actual or estimated?
- (d) What is the projected surplus to be carried forward to 2014?

3.10 The Rev Mark Gilbert asked the following question –

What proportion of lay Synod representatives and parish wardens responded to the survey pertaining to the 10 year diocesan mission?

3.11 The Rev Steven Farrar asked the following question –

Is there an appointed chaplain at UWS Parramatta, and if so who, and what percentage of their time is spent there?

3.12 Mr Peter M G Young asked the following question –

- (a) Has the number of boundaries of Mission Areas changed since their inception? If so how and when?
- (b) Are the number of boundaries of Mission Areas to change again soon? If so, how and when?

3.13 Mr Peter M G Young asked the following question –

Can the details of the thirty Area Deaneries and the parishes comprising them be inserted in future Sydney Anglican Diocesan Year Books – even in smaller print in the form of an appendix?

3.14 Mr Tom Mayne asked the following question –

- (a) How many equivalent full time (EFT) staff were employed by Anglicare across the organisation in January 2013 and of these how many were face to face counsellors?
- (b) How many EFT staff are employed by Anglicare across the organisation in October 2013 and of these how many were face to face counsellors?
- (c) If the answers to (a) and (b) above show a reduction in the number of face to face counsellors employed, what is the reason for this reduction?
- (d) If the answers to (a) and (b) above show a reduction in the number of face to face counsellors employed will the Diocese consider reintroducing support funding to restore face to face counselling to its previous levels?

3.15 Dr Stuart Piggin asked the following question –

In the last three elections of our Archbishops (Goodhew, Jensen, Davies), how many candidates were there in each and how many nominations did each candidate receive?

What is the correlation between the number of nominations received by a candidate and his success in the election?

4. Petitions

5. Questions

6. Procedural motions from members

6.1 Consequential consideration of motion concerning review of the *Discipline Ordinance 2006 and Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994*

Synod agrees, if the bill for the *Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2013* is passed as an ordinance of the Synod, to consider forthwith the motion at item 9.14 on today's business paper.

(Mr Robert Wicks/The Rev Chris Moroney)

6.2 Substitution of motion concerning upholding traditional heterosexual marriage

Synod agrees to substitute the following for the motion at item 9.15 on today's business paper (Upholding traditional heterosexual marriage) –

“Upholding classical definition of marriage

~~This Sorrowful if biblical convictions have ever been used to justify unbiblical behaviour toward the gay community, this Synod –~~

- (a) noting the millions of Australians who want to uphold ~~traditional heterosexual~~ the classical definition of marriage, commends the ~~Abbott~~ Federal Government on its decision to challenge the Australian Capital Territory's same sex marriage laws, should they be passed, and
- (b) urges the Government to take whatever action may be necessary to ~~protect~~ preserve the God-given institution of ~~heterosexual~~ marriage, desiring our society to avoid the significant ramifications of a breakdown in or dilution of the most basic family unit.”

(The Rev Raj Gupta/The Rev Craig Roberts)

7. The President will invite members to give notice of other motions

8. Calling of motions on the business paper

9. Motions

To be taken today from 3.15 pm

9.1 Synod Elections (Efficiency and Transparency) Amendment Ordinance 2013

That the *Synod Elections (Efficiency and Transparency) Amendment Ordinance 2013* pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Dr Laurie Scandrett/Mr Doug Marr)

9.2 Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2013

That the *Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Ordinance 2013* pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Bishop Peter Hayward/Mr John Pascoe)

9.3 Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2013

Synod permits the introduction of the *Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2013*.

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(Dr Robert Tong/Mr Garth Blake)

9.4 **Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013**

Synod permits the introduction of the *Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013*.

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(Bishop Ivan Lee/Dr Rodney James)

To be taken today from 4.15 pm

9.5 **Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations**

That the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations be approved in principle.

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(Dr Laurie Scandrett/Mr Andrew Frank)

To be taken today from 7.00 pm

9.6 **Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of Mission**

Synod, noting the report on the review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of Mission, requests its members to provide comment on the draft early exposure of a possible new Diocesan Mission outlined in the report by 30 November 2013, with a view to a new Diocesan Mission being prepared by the Archbishop and Standing Committee, and circulated to Synod members by 1 August 2014 for consideration at the 2014 session of Synod.

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(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Archie Poulos)

9.7 **Church planting models for Greenfield Areas**

Synod, noting the report on the strategy for ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese, invites its members to submit comments on the holistic strategy for promoting ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese to the CPTF by 31 December 2013.

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(The Rev Bruce Hall/The Rev Jonathan Squire)

To be taken on Wednesday 16 October 2013 from 7.30 pm

9.8 **Clovelly: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Clovelly as a parish with effect from 1 January 2014.

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(The Rev David Rogers/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

9.9 **Robertson: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Robertson as a parish with effect from 1 January 2014.

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(Mr Tony Willis/The Rev Barry Lee)

To be taken on Wednesday 16 October 2013 from 8.00 pm

9.10 **Mission Property Committee**

Synod –

- (a) notes the progress of the Mission Property Committee (“MPC”) in relation to Greenfield acquisitions;

- (b) notes that in addition to its other funding sources, the MPC proposes a financial contribution from those parishes benefitting directly from the MPC's current and future Greenfield developments, and
- (c) provides in principle support for –
 - (i) parishes that receive MPC funded ministry centres paying a contribution to the Mission Property Fund equal to 10% of annual parish offertories from the date of occupation of the building for a period of between 15 and 30 years, or until substantial commencement of any "stage 2" building, and
 - (ii) parishes that receive MPC funded ministry residences paying a contribution to the Mission Property Fund equal to 50% of the market rental valuation, increasing to 100% after five years, until the original capital investment of the MPC is repaid.

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(Mr Geoff Kyngdon/Mr John Sung)

9.11 Synod in 2014

Synod supports the First Ordinary Session of the 50th Synod in 2014 being held over 4 days on Monday 13, Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 October, on the basis that the meeting will commence at the usual time of 3.15pm on each of those days.

(Mr Robert Wicks/The Rev Raj Gupta)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

9.12 Domestic violence and educating clergy

Synod requests Moore College and Ministry Training and Development, in consultation with the Safe Ministry Board and appropriate experts as required, having reviewed the input they already provide, to investigate and, as needed, develop an effective approach to educating ordinands and clergy in regards to domestic violence and how to respond when it comes up as an issue in marriage (and other relationships).

In such training, consideration ought to be given to ensuring that upholding the Bible's good teaching on submission - both in preaching and teaching, and in marriage education or counselling - is not easily twisted as a cover for abuse.

Synod requests that Moore College and Ministry Training and Development report back with a progress report by the next session of Synod.

(Canon Sandy Grant/Miss Jane Tooher)

9.13 Fellowship Meal for the Proclamation of the Lord's Death

This Synod requests the Doctrine Commission to provide for the next session of Synod the report it originally conveyed to the Standing Committee concerning resolution 38/07 Fellowship Meal for the Proclamation of the Lord's Death or, if this is not possible for whatever reason, this Synod requests the Standing Committee to provide for the next session of Synod this same report.

(Dr Barry Newman/Canon Warwick de Jersey)

9.14 Review of the Discipline Ordinance 2006 and Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994

Synod requests the Standing Committee to review the *Discipline Ordinance 2006* and the *Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994*, with particular regard to their interaction with the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012* (NSW),

and to bring a report and any proposed amending ordinance or ordinances to the 1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod.

(Mr Garth Blake/Dr Robert Tong)

9.15 Upholding traditional heterosexual marriage

This Synod –

- (a) noting the millions of Australians who want to uphold traditional heterosexual marriage, commends the Abbott Government on its decision to challenge the Australian Capital Territory's same sex marriage laws, should they be passed, and
- (a) urges the Government to take whatever action may be necessary to protect the God-given institution of heterosexual marriage, desiring our society to avoid the significant ramifications of a breakdown in or dilution of the most basic family unit.

(The Rev Raj Gupta/The Rev Craig Roberts)

9.16 Special Religious Education

This Synod –

- (a) acknowledges the vital importance of Special Religious Education (SRE) as a means of reaching children and young people with the Gospel,
- (b) acknowledges the work of Genr8 in expanding the provision of SRE, especially in State high schools,
- (c) notes and applauds the partnership announced between Bush Church Aid Society and Genr8 which will enable the provision of additional SRE coordinators in country regions of New South Wales so that SRE can be provided not only in the city of Sydney but throughout the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

(Mr Fred Chilton/The Rev Dr Roger Chilton)

9.17 GAFCON 2013

Synod welcomes the second Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) to be held in Nairobi, 21 to 26 October 2013. It commends the theme, "Make disciples of all nations..." amidst the continual challenge to uphold the authority of Scripture, the truth of the gospel and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Synod looks forward to the Conference's contributions in maintaining and generating partnerships with faithful Anglicans from around the world. Synod encourages prayer for the Conference, the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglican (GFCA) General Secretary, Archbishop Peter Jensen and the 94 Australian delegates.

(The Rev Gavin Poole/The Rev Robin Kinstead)

9.18 The Diocesan Mission and Baby Boomers

Given that Baby Boomers (the generation born between 1946-1962) is arguably the largest segment in the Australian population and will be entering their retirement at an unprecedented rate over the next 15 years, with more discretionary time and increased longevity, this Synod requests the Missions Committee to explore and report back to Synod on how the Diocesan Mission plan for the next 10 years will be directed toward –

- (a) ensuring that Baby Boomers in the Diocese are evangelised, nurtured in their faith, reaching out to their peers with the Gospel, and exercising their spiritual gifts and godly wisdom in vital ministry within churches and the wider community, and

- (b) raising the awareness of parishes and the Diocese concerning the needs and potential of Baby Boomers and inspiring, training, and encouraging them in ministry to their peers and others.

(Mr James Ackland/The Rev Andrew Katay)

9.19 Transparency of Synod funding

Synod, in order to improve the transparency of Synod funding, requests the Standing Committee to consider, as part of its review of the document “Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013” (the “Statement”) –

- (a) requiring all potential recipients of Synod grants (under the Appropriation headings *Long Term Mission Commitments* and *Current Mission Activities*) to provide the Standing Committee, for the purposes of formulating the Synod budget for the next triennium, with information about their ongoing funding requirements for the triennium, including information similar to that referred to on page 21 of the Statement; and
- (b) making this information available for viewing by Synod members at the offices of SDS no later than 4 weeks prior to the Synod session at which funding for the next triennium is considered.

(Mr John Pascoe/Bishop Peter Hayward)

9.20 Church Land Acquisitions Levy

Synod requests the Standing Committee to remove the Church Land Acquisitions Levy from the Parish Cost Recoveries Ordinance to be considered by the Synod in 2014 and to ensure that appropriate structures and mechanisms are in place to continue raising funds for the acquisition of land for new churches and for other projects of the Mission Property Committee.

(The Rev Richard Blight)

9.21 The Rev Eric Bird

Synod gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of the Rev Eric Bird. We praise God for the eternal results of his ministry in the parishes of Punchbowl, Wollongong, Keiraville and Minto, and most especially for the 24 years of his tireless service in retirement to establish the parish of Shoalhaven Heads. Eric was also a pioneer in the use of radio for Christian ministry, offered low-cost professional desktop publishing and printing services, and played a significant role in bringing “Evangelism Explosion” to our Diocese. He was also a member of the Board of the Department of Evangelism that recommended John Chapman’s appointment to his role as Diocesan Missioner.

In all things, Eric humbly sought to promote the clear teaching of God’s word, and Synod is thankful to God that he was pleased to use Eric Bird to promote the Gospel by every means possible. We offer our condolences to his widow Dorothy and their family, and share in their rejoicing that Eric has received his long-awaited hope.

(The Rev Anthony Douglas/The Rev Andrew Glover)

9.22 Cathedral and cost recoveries charges

In the light of last night’s discussion on Parochial Cost Recovery and Church Land Acquisitions Levy, Synod expresses the opinion that the Cathedral should not be exempted from any of its normal share of charges to be paid by parochial units.

(Mr John Fullager)



Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Tuesday 15 October 2013.

Tuesday 15 October 2013	
2.00 – 3.15 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
3.15 – 4.15 pm	9.1 Synod Elections (Efficiency and Transparency) Amendment Ordinance 2013 9.2 Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2013 9.3 Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2013 9.4 Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013
4.15 – 5.45 pm	9.5 Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations
7.00 – 8.30 pm	9.6 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of Mission 9.7 Church planting models for Greenfield Areas
8.30 – 10.00 pm	Business as per the business paper

Wednesday 16 October 2013	
2.00 – 3.15 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
3.15 – 5.45 pm	Business as per the business paper
7.00 – 7.30 pm	Missionary presentation
7.30 – 8.00 pm	9.8 Clovelly: Reclassification as a Parish 9.9 Robertson: Reclassification as a Parish
8.00 – 10.00 pm	9.10 Mission Property Committee 9.11 Synod in 2014 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper