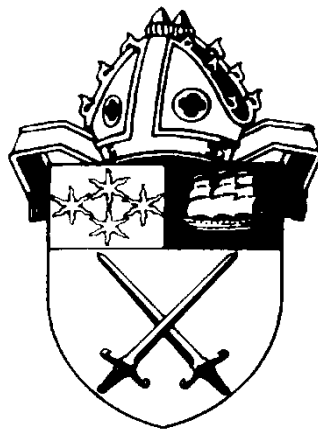


THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



**THIRD SESSION
OF THE
FORTY SECOND SYNOD
2024 - 2026**

MOTIONS, QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

Book 4

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ACTIONS ON MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2025

Number	M2025/01
Motion	Faithfulness in Service
Mover	The Rev'd Shane Marques
Seconded	The Rev'd Dr Richard Goetz

TEXT OF MOTION

Faithfulness in Service is the code of conduct in this Diocese for all clergy. This motion is brought in order to amend the wording of items 7.2 as follows:

Sections 7.2 currently:

7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for clergy and church workers to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct.

The proposed amended sections 7.2:

7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for clergy and church workers to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct by maintaining chastity in singleness and faithfulness in marriage.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION:

This proposed amendment would change the wording of items 7.2 in order to more clearly reflect the bible's teaching on sexual ethics that clergy specifically would be required to uphold. This would be the original wording, as is still in place in many Anglican Diocese in Australia.

Update

Mr Matthew O'Brien spoke against the motion

Dr Renae Barker - standing Order 19A states that a Synod motion to move to the next item of business and to stop the existing motion without any debate may be granted as a motion by Synod.

Motion to move to next item of business

Vote: 45 for and 0 against with 4 Abstained

ACTIONS ON MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE 2025

Number	M2025/02
Motion	Synod to Give Thanks for the work of the Crown Nomination Commission
Mover	The Revd Alex Scutt
Seconder	Dr Renae Barker

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod gives thanks for the work of the Crown Nomination Commission. That this Synod recognises the election of Bishop Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. Commends in prayer the Church of England, the Anglican Communion, and the Archbishop of Canterbury designate; asking God's wisdom grace and guidance for her leadership and ministry in the years ahead. That Synod asks the Bishop to convey this motion to the Archbishop of Canterbury designate. That Synod invites Bishop Sarah Mullally to visit this Diocese should she ever visit Australia.

Update

Revd Alex Scutt spoke to the motion
Revd Jamie Murray – spoke objecting to the motion
Dr Renae Barker (Advocate) & Seconder spoke to the motion
Revd Alex Scutt – Put the motion to Synod
Motion: Carried with 7 Abstained

Bishop Ian communicated the Synod motion to The Rt Hon and Rt Revd Dame +Sarah on 21st October 2025 and received a reply of thanks from Bishop Sarah on 23rd October 2025.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2026

Number	M2026/01
Motion	Time Limit on Wardens and Parish Council members
Mover	The Revd Canon Ian Mabey
Seconded	Karen Reeves

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod request the Legislation committee draft such changes to enact that the time limit on Wardens and Parish council be removed and references to such be altered.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION:

The current time limits, which were introduced about 8 years ago with the change to the statutes of the diocese, impose a unrealistic restriction on many parishes. While it might be an ideal to work towards, the restriction means that parishes are unable to choose the best person for the job and often have to choose from a very small pool of people. It means that asking Bishop's permission to vary from the rules as laid down becomes the norm rather than the exception. It also means that each community cannot choose who they believe is the best person for the role.

Number	M2026/02
Motion	The Recognition of Prior Learning in Working with Children
Mover	Matthew O'Brien
Seconded	Matthew Cabala

TEXT OF MOTION

That this synod:

- 1) Upholds the principle that those working with children in our churches must undergo recognised *safe working with children training* prior to commencing their work.
- 2) Notes that registered teachers and school chaplains (or similar) must complete a recognised form of safe working with children training.
- 3) Empowers the *Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority (DSMA)* to *Recognise* training other than the *Creating Safer Communities (SMR) Level 2 Course as Prior Learning*.
- 4) Requires that evidence of *Prior Learning* must be submitted to the DSMA before the individual commences work.

- 5) Notes that in the case of a currently registered teacher this evidence may include;
- a) a *Registration or Renewal Notice* with the *Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia*
 - b) annual confirmation from the teacher's employing school that the teacher has completed the child-safety and mandatory compliance training required under the Registration Standards for Non-Government Schools in Western Australia.
 - c) any additional evidence reasonably required by *The Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority (DSMA)* to determine *Recognition of Prior Learning*.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION

In the Diocese of Bunbury, it is a requirement that all who work with children complete the *Creating Safer Communities (SMR) Level 2* training.

In some instances, this training is similar to that for professions such as teachers and school chaplains.

This motion empowers the *Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority (DSMA)* to recognise prior learning, provided evidence of its completion is provided.

Number	M2026/03
Motion	Removing Age Restrictions
Mover	The Revd Canon Ian Mabey
Seconder	Karen Reeves

TEXT OF MOTION

That this synod requests the legislation committee draft the required changes to the statutes and regulations such that age is not a barrier or restriction to any office or activities in the Bunbury Diocese. Competence be the only restriction with the Bishop of Bunbury and Bishop in Council being the final arbiter of competence. These changes be brought to the next general Synod of the Diocese of Bunbury for approval

EXPLANATION OF MOTION

While the Anglican church may enjoy some exemption from age discrimination legislation, we have no theological requirement to limit participation on age, and it does not enable any administrative advantage but rather only places barriers to people's Involvement. People close to the centre of decision making should be able to make the best decision as to who should be involved. There is no reason for us to take advantage of exemptions unnecessarily.



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NOTICE OF QUESTION

FULL NAME OF PERSON PUTTING QUESTION: _____

(please print)

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: _____

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Please write additional text on plain paper as necessary



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AMENDMENT TO MOTION

I give notice that I will move the following amendment to the motion

_____ by:

Deleting the words:

Adding the words:

The lines of the motion affected will then read:

SURNAME:

SIGNATURE:

(Please print)



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NOTICE OF MOTION

FULL NAME OF MOVER (*please print*): _____

FULL NAME OF SECONDER: _____

TEXT OF MOTION:

That

SIGNATURE:

ADMINISTRATION USE:

DATE RECEIVED: _____

ITEM NO: _____