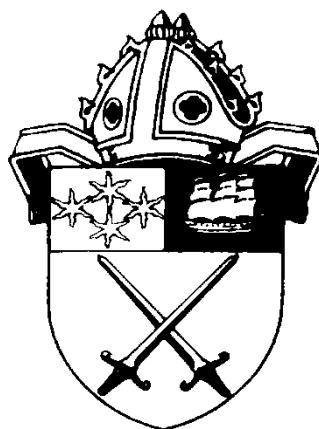


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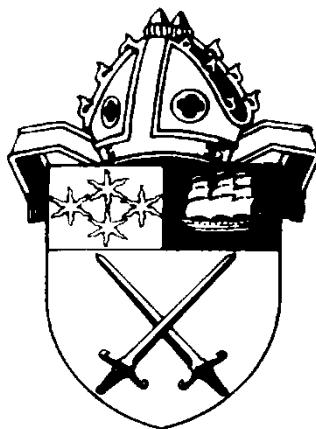
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ACTIONS ON MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2024

Number	M2024/01
Motion	Hope25
Mover	The Rev'd Karen Cave
Seconder	The Rev'd Paul Watson

TEXT OF MOTION:

That this Synod wholeheartedly supports the project **Hope25 – Hope In An Uncertain World** – sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ and encouraging every Parish and Anglican community to participate.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION:

The Synod held in Newcastle, Australia 1856 was introduced by Bishop William Tyrrell with the words, “We meet together to discern the best method to save souls for Christ” – in the context of our Synod here today we could say, “to determine the best way to tell people the Good News of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.”

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ – the first mark of mission in the Anglican Communion is to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

The hope within us can be described as, “God so loves us that God sent God’s only Son to show us how to love, to die upon the Cross, and to rise from the dead assuring us of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life as we put our trust in Jesus”.

The Mission and Ministry Commission (MMC) reported to the General Synod Standing Committee their vision for a national season of prayerful preparation during Lent 2025 followed by a season of intentional proclamation in every Parish in every diocese across the Anglican Church of Australia from Easter to Pentecost 2025. The hope and prayer is that this will be the start of a genuine revival in the country and something that will unite the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Mission and Ministry Commission held a two day workshop during February 2024 in Melbourne. EVERY diocese supported sending delegates and 22 out of 23 were represented. The delegates met and collaborated in hope and unity.

The workshop introduced and refined the MMC vision plan developing strategies to put **Hope25** into action and enable dioceses to get on board with enthusiasm.

The Theme is Hope in an Uncertain World:

We are living in an uncertain world marked by wars and rumours of wars, climate change, the mental health crisis, cost of living stress, job insecurity,

health challenges, displacement, identity struggles, domestic violence and broken promises. We know that Jesus offers real and lasting hope in the midst of these challenges.

We believe exploring this theme will help us connect with ordinary Australians and to be able to introduce them to Jesus.

Even though the internal title is **Hope25**, we want to communicate from the outset that the activities and resources explored during this season and the skills learned are not just for 2025 but will change our church in an ongoing way by building confidence in our people.

Hope 25 was launched at Pentecost 2024 with a message from the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia. Resources were made available and the publication of weekly newsletters and prayer points began. People were invited to preach, write and record sermons, write bible studies, train others in evangelism, prepare liturgies, prepare “how-to” guides, to be graphic designers, caterers, media specialists and so on.

Phase 1: Preparing for Hope25

It is hoped that Lent 2025 will be a season of spiritual and practical preparation exploring the idea of, “be prepared to give an account of the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15), with resources provided to prepare Parishes for an intentional season of proclamation from Easter to Pentecost.

Phase 2: Hope in an Uncertain World – Easter to Pentecost 2025

This is the main season of evangelism where Parishes will hold events, invite friends along, where all Anglicans will be confident to have intentional faith conversations with their friends.

Throughout Phases 1 and 2 multiple resources will be available for playgroups, Sunday school, kids’ club, youth, families and the aged. Materials for events will be provided, backed up by a national website. Liturgical resources including music, videos sermons, homilies, sermon outlines, special edition gospels and bibles and those appropriate for specific contexts, for example, schools, prisons, Anglicare and chaplains will be available.

This is an amazing opportunity for each diocese, Parish, and Anglican community to unite and intentionally proclaim the gospel using our individual God given gifts.

Update

Motion was adopted and embraced by the Diocese.

Number	M2024/02
Motion	Faithfulness in Service
Mover	The Rev'd Shane Marques
Seconder	The Rev'd Paul Watson

TEXT OF MOTION

Noting that Faithfulness in Service is used in this Diocese for all clergy and available to all who chose to abide by its contents, be amended as follows:

Sections 7.2 and 7.4 currently read (as per passed motion M2022/5):

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.

7.4 Your sexual behaviour should be characterised by faithfulness and integrity.

The revised sections 7.2 and 7.4 would read (as per original wording):

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.

7.4 You are to be chaste and not engage in sex outside of marriage and not engage in disgraceful conduct of a sexual nature.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION:

This proposed amendment reflects a reversal of the motion M2022/5 that was passed by synod 2022.

The purpose of a code of conduct is to provide explicit descriptions of conduct that is, and is not acceptable. The amended wording that was passed at Synod 2022 undermines this principle and creates ambiguity in this regard. This motion seeks to reverse this, and restore the original FIS wording of sections 7.2 and 7.4.

Update

Motion was denied.

Number	M2024/03
Motion	Synod Representative Appointment on the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Board
Mover	The Mr Matthew O'Brien
Seconder	The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

TEXT OF MOTION

That Synod approve the appointment of Mrs Jane Whiddon as Synod representative on the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Board from April 2025.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION

Under the constitution for the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, appointments to the Board include the Bishop, a priest and a member appointed by the Bishop, one appointment each made by Bishop in Council and Trustees and one person appointed by Synod.

Jane Whiddon is the daughter of the late Dr Val Lishman who helped found the Cathedral Grammar school and was Chair of the Board for 25 years, on which his wife also served. Jane was a student at the Grammar School, she is a confirmed Anglican and has been serving on the Marketing and Enrollments sub-Cttee since 2022. Jane's CV with her substantial qualifications and experience is attached.

Jane cannot commence work on the Board until April next year due to work commitments, including working abroad, but Synod approval would be needed in advance, hence requesting approval now.

Update

Mrs Jane Whiddon is serving on the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Board.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2025

Number	M2025/01
Motion	Faithfulness in Service
Mover	The Rev'd Shane Marques
Seconder	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:

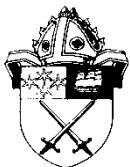
7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for clergy and church workers to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct.

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.



FORMS

FULL NAME OF PERSON PUTTING QUESTION: _____
(please print)

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: _____

TEXT OF QUESTION:

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION

I give notice that I will move the following amendment to the motion
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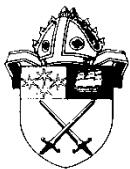
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FULL NAME OF SECONDER:

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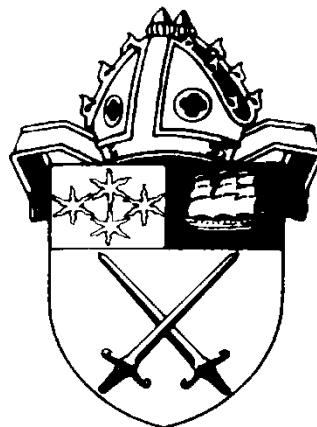
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BILL 01: BISHOPRIC ELECTION STATUTE 2011 – 2018 AMENDMENT (TIME FOR ELECTION) Bill 2025

Be it enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Bunbury in Synod assembled:

1. This statute shall be known as “Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018 Amendment (Time for Election) Statute 2025”.
2. The Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018 is amended by:
 - a. In clause 3 (a) deleting “or three months before the date of the retirement of the Bishop” and replacing it with “under clause 2 (a) (iii), (iv) or (v), or six months before the See becomes vacant under clause 2(a) (i) or (ii)”.
 - b. clause 3 (b) is amendment by:
 - i. after “six lay members of Synod” insert “, *one of whom shall be the Chancellor*,”;
 - ii. after “*as Bishop or*” insert “any member whose”; and
 - iii. deleting “In the event of the Administrator being nominated,” and replacing it with “The Chancellor shall be the chair of the committee. In the event of the Chancellor being unable or unwilling to serve as chair,”
 - c. clause 3 (d) is amended by deleting “Administrator” and replacing it with “Chair”
 - d. clause 3 (g) is amended by deleting “Administrator” and replacing it with “Chair”
3. The Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018 is amendment by replacing the title “Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018” with “Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2025”.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment to clause 3(a)

Clause 3 (a) of the Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018 presently reads:

The Bishopric Nomination Committee

3.(a) When the See becomes vacant, or three months before the date of the retirement of the Bishop, the Administrator shall call together the Bishopric Nomination Committee which shall nominate not less than three and not more than six persons to a special session of Synod to be called within three months of the vacancy of the See for the purpose of electing a Bishop.(emphasis added)

vacancy, for the Bishopric Nomination Committee to elicit, consider and select names as well as organise a special session of Synod.

Following the proposed amendments clause 3 (a) of the Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018 will read:

3.(a) When the See becomes vacant under clause 2 (a) (iii), (iv) or (v), or six months before the See becomes vacant under clause 2(a) (i) or (ii), the Administrator shall call together the Bishopric Nomination Committee which shall nominate not less than three and not more than six persons to a special session of Synod to be called within three months of the vacancy of the See for the purpose of electing a Bishop

This amendment will extend the time to search for a new Bishop to 9 months in total, being six months prior to the retirement of the Bishop or the attainment of the age of 70 years and three months after the vacancy. This would allow more time for the consideration of candidates, give the Candidates more discernment and preparation time and allow more time for the logistics of organizing a special session of Synod.

It is unclear whether the additional time prior to the vacancy currently only applies to the retirement of the Bishop under clause 2(a) (ii) or also applies to vacancy due to the Bishop attaining the age of 70 years under clause 2 (a) (i). This amendment makes clear that the additional six months prior to the vacancy applies to both of these predictable events. The additional time prior to the occurrence of the vacancy does not apply to vacancy under 2(a) (iii), (iv) and (v) as these are unpredictable events.

Amendment to clause 3(b)

Clause 3 (b) of the Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018 presently reads:

The Bishopric Nomination Committee

*3(b) The Bishopric Nomination Committee shall consist of six clerical members, one of whom shall be the Administrator and six lay members of Synod who shall be elected at the first session of each Synod. There shall also be elected three clerical and three lay persons as reserves in the event of any member of the Committee being unavailable to serve. Any clerical member whose name is considered for nomination as Bishop or their immediate family shall cease to be a member of the Committee. **In the event of the Administrator being nominated, the committee shall elect one of its members to chair the Committee.** The Diocesan Secretary shall be the secretary of the committee.*

(emphasis added)

This provides that the Administrator, who is a clerical member, is the chair of the committee. Given that the Administrator is likely to be one of the most senior members of the clergy within the Diocese it is likely they will be nominated and considered by the Nomination Committee. As a result, the Bishopric Nomination Committee will very likely need to elect a new chair after its first meeting. This disrupts the work of the committee.

Following the proposed amendments clause 3 (b) of the Bishopric Election Statute 2011 – 2018 will read:

*3(b) The Bishopric Nomination Committee shall consist of six clerical members, one of whom shall be the Administrator and six lay members of Synod, **one of whom shall be the Chancellor**, who shall be elected at the first session of each Synod. There shall also be elected three clerical and three lay persons as reserves in the event of any member of the Committee being unavailable to serve. Any clerical member whose name is considered for nomination as Bishop or **any member whose** immediate family is nominated shall cease to be a member of the Committee. **The Chancellor shall be the***

chair of the committee. In the event of the Chancellor being unable or unwilling to serve as chair, the committee shall elect one of its members to chair the Committee. The Diocesan Secretary shall be the secretary of the committee. (emphasis added)

The proposed amendment:

- 1) Makes the Chancellor a default member of the Bishopric Nomination Committee, ensuring there is a member of the committee with legal expertise and experience in procedure and protocol.
- 2) Retains the Administrator as a default clerical member of the Bishopric Nomination Committee.
- 3) Replaces the Administrator as chair with the Chancellor, reducing the likelihood of the Bishopric Nomination Committee needing to replace its chair
- 4) Makes clear that the nomination of close family members of any committee members, not just clerical members, renders them ineligible.

Clause 3 (d) and (g) are subsequently amended to shift the responsibility from the Administrator to the Chair of the Bishopric Nomination Committee, whether this be the Chancellor or another member elected by the Committee.

Responsibility for initially calling together the Bishopric Nomination Committee (clause 3 (a)), calling the special session of Synod (clause 4 (a)) and otherwise conduct the business of the special sitting of Synod remains with the Administrator.

BILL 02: LICENSING STATUTE 2017 - 2021 AMENDMENT (SENIOR LAY CANONS) BILL 2025

Be it enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Bunbury in Synod assembled:

1. This statute shall be known as “Licensing Statute 2017 – 2021 Amendment (Senior Lay Canons) Statute 2025”.
2. The Licensing Statute 2017 – 2021 is amended by deleting clause 16 (h).
3. The Licensing Statute 2017 – 2021 is amendment by replacing the title “Licensing Statute 2017 – 2021” with “Licensing Statute 2017 – 2025”.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 16 (h) of the Licensing Statute 2017 – 2021 presently states:

16 (h) Senior Lay Canons, as set out in the Cathedral Statute 2014, are a special category of Diocesan Licensed Lay Minister.

This is a remnant from a time when wardens were expected to be Licensed Lay Ministers. Noting that Wardens are no longer required to be Licensed Lay Ministers deleting clause 16 (h) will bring the Cathedral into line with other Parishes.

BILL 03: STATUTE TO CONSENT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1914

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to amend the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914 (the Constitution).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Bunbury in Synod assembled that:

1. Consent is given to amend the Constitution as follows:
 - (a) the “2016 amendments” as detailed in the track changes copy of the Constitution at Attachment 1, and
 - (b) the “2025 amendments” as detailed in the track changes copy of the Constitution at Attachment 2.
2. This Ordinance/Statute may be cited as the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914 Amendment Statute 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOR AN ORDINANCE/STATUTE TO CONSENT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1914

At the Provincial Council meeting of 18 March 2025, it was resolved:

That Provincial Council:

- a. *note the advice from the Chair of the Church Law Commission of General Synod concerning the conflict between the Provincial Constitution and the National Constitution, and*
- b. *recommend the Synod of each diocese enacting an ordinance expressing its consent to the attached 2016 and 2025 amendments to the Constitution of Province of Western Australia.*

The 2016 amendments were previously approved by this Synod by Resolution, but to correct the previous procedural error, consent by statute is now required.

The 2025 amendments are intended to clarify the procedure for changing the Constitution and ensure consistency with the Constitution Of The Anglican Church Of Australia. It is also necessary to delete reference to the Provincial Trustees, which no longer exist.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. the “2016 amendments” as detailed in the track changes copy of the Constitution
2. the “2025 amendments” as detailed in the track changes copy of the Constitution

BILL 04: DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL 2025

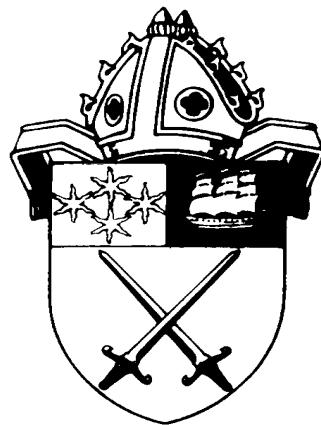
Be it enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Bunbury in Synod assembled:

1. This statute shall be known as "Diocesan Assessment Statute Amendment Statute 2025".
2. The Diocesan Assessment Statute 1991 - 2020 is amended by:
 - a. In clause 5(a) deleting the words "Management account, the see Account and the Foundation for Ministry Account" and replacing them with "Operating Account"
 - b. In clause 6:
 - i. deleting the words "the Parish or District Priest and the Parish or District Council and replacing them with "Parishes and Anglican Communities";
 - ii. deleting the word "May" and replacing it with "November"; and
 - iii. after the words "each year" inserting the words "and will take effect from 1 January of the following year.
3. The Diocesan Assessment Statute 1991 - 2020 is amended by replacing the title "Diocesan Assessment Statute 1991 - 2020" with "Diocesan Assessment Statute 1991 - 2025".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill updates the Diocesan Amendment Statute 1991-2020 to reflect the current structure and operational practices of the diocese and that the financial year for parishes has changed from July to June to January to December.

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BUNBURY DIOCESAN TRUSTEES

2 Clerical 3 Lay Members	Section 2 The Trustees Statute 1985-1991 The Trustees shall be: Clerical: The Bishop (Chairperson), The Administrator, and Two Trustees elected from Synod. Lay: The Diocesan Chancellor, The Diocesan Advocate, The Diocesan Secretary, and Three Trustees elected from Synod.
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Current Elected Diocesan Trustees

Clerical Members	The Rev'd Cn James Tabor The Rev'd Cn Ian Mabey
Lay Members	Mr Brian Seale Ms Marilyn Royer

For consideration:

Please read The Trustees Statute 1985 - 1991.

The Trustees are the legal entity for the Diocese and consequently hold significant legal and financial governance responsibilities and risk on behalf of the Diocese.

There are five Trustees meetings held each year in Bunbury; in February, April, June, August and November. These are held on a Thursday, and as all Trustees are also ex-officio members of Bishop-in-Council, it is a full day of meetings on each occasion with both meetings held on the same day. Each meeting takes half a day. The paperwork takes several hours to read and prepare on each occasion. Trustees also take on additional committees and reporting as required.

Vacancy: 1

One Lay Member – Position failed to be filled with only 2 nominations in the 2024 election.

BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL

3 Clerical 3 Lay Members	Section 3 The Bishop-in-Council Statute 1986 - 2010 The Council shall consist of: a) The Bishop b) The Administrator (ex-officio) The Archdeacons (ex-officio) The Priest-in charge-of the Cathedral Church (ex-officio) The Trustees (ex-officio) c) Two lay members of the Diocese appointed by the Bishop for the period of a Triennial Synod. d) Three clerical and three lay members elected at the first general session of each Triennial Synod.
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Current Elected Bishop-in-Council

Clerical Members	The Rev'd Cn Karen Cave The Rev'd Neale Sommersby The Rev'd Justine Richmond
Lay Members	Mrs Suzanne Saunders Mr Richard Charles
Bishop's Appointments (2) as Lay Members	

For Consideration:

Please read The Bishop-in-Council Statute 1986 – 2010
The Bishop-in-Council currently meets 5 times a year in Bunbury; in February, April, June, August and November. It meets prior to the Trustees and takes half a day for each meeting; and, at least another half day to read the papers.

Bishop-in-Council is the Standing Committee for Synod.

Retiring members are eligible to stand for re-election.

Vacancy: 1

One Lay Member – Position failed to be filled with only 2 nominations in the 2024 election.

BISHOPRIC NOMINATION COMMITTEE

5 Clerical & 6 Lay Members	Section 3b The Bishopric Election Statute 2001 - 2017
3 Clerical & 3 Lay Reserve Members	<p>The Bishopric Nomination Committee shall consist of six clerical members, one of whom shall be the Administrator and six lay members of Synod who shall be elected at the first session of each Synod. There shall also be elected three clerical and three lay persons as reserves in the event of any member of the Committee being unavailable to serve. Any clerical member whose name is considered for nomination as Bishop or their immediate family shall cease to be a member of the Committee. In the event of the Administrator being nominated, the committee shall elect one of its members to chair the Committee. The Diocesan Secretary shall be the secretary of the committee.</p>

Current Elected Bishopric Nomination Committee

Clerical Members	The Rev'd Cn Karen Cave The Rev'd Cn James Tabor The Rev'd Justine Richmond The Rev'd Cathie Broome The Rev'd Neale Sommersby
Clerical Reserve Members	The Rev'd Esther Leach The Rev'd Shane Marques The Rev's Cn Ian Mabey
Lay Members	The Hon. Kevin Prince Dr Renae Barker Mrs Marilyn Royer Dr Bronwyn Jones Mr Richard Charles Mr Doug McDowell

Lay Reserve Members	Mr Brian Seale Mrs Wendy Mabey Mr Matthew Cabala
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For Consideration:

Please Read The Bishopric Election Statute 2001-2017

This Committee meets only when there is a vacancy in the Diocese when the Bishop retires, resigns, dies or becomes permanently incapacitated or deprived by a competent authority.

DIOCESAN AUDITOR

To be approved by Synod	Preamble of Diocesan Audit Statute
APPOINTED AUDITOR	AMD Chartered Accountants

DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL

2 Clerics in Priest's Orders 1 Lay member	<p>Section 3a The Tribunal Statute 1985 – 2013</p> <p>(a) There shall be in and for the Diocese of Bunbury a Court of the Bishop to be known as the Diocesan Tribunal and it shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The Bishop of the Diocese who shall be President,(ii) Two clerks in the holy order of priest and holding the licence of the Bishop and to be elected by Synod, and(iii) A lay person to be elected by Synod.
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Current Elected Diocesan Tribunal Members

Clerical Members	The Ven Geoff Chadwick The Rev'd Esther Leach
Lay Member	Vacant

For Consideration:

Please read The Bunbury Diocesan Tribunal Statute 1985 – 2013.

This is a Diocesan Tribunal established as the Court of the Bishop which has the jurisdiction to hear and determine charges of breaches of faith, ritual, ceremonial or discipline and of such offences as may be specified by any ordinance or rule of a diocese against a person who holds the Licence of the Bishop.

Vacancy: 1

One Lay Member – Position failed to be filled with no nominations in the 2024 election.

PAROCHIAL NOMINATIONS BOARD

3 Priests licensed in the Diocese more than three years 3 Lay Members	Section 4b The Parochial Nomination Board Statute 1987 - 2010 a) The Bishop will be the Chair or will appoint a Chair. b) One priest who has been licensed in the Diocese for not less than three years, and one lay person who is a member of Synod, chosen by the Bishop from a panel of three of each, duly elected at the first session of each triennial Synod.
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Current Parochial Nominations Board

Clerical Members	The Rev'd Cn Karen Cave The Rev'd Cn Mavis Tyler The Rev'd Cathie Broome
Lay Members	Vacant

For Consideration:

Please read The Parochial Nomination Board Statute 1987 – 2010

The purpose of The Parochial Nomination Board is to nominate to the Bishop of the Diocese a Cleric or Clerics for consideration for appointment to a parish or ministry district in which the cure of souls is vacant or becoming vacant.

Vacancy: 3

Three Lay Members– Position failed to be filled with no nominations in the 2024 election.

BONIFACE CARE

3 members (not necessarily members of Synod)	Section 3a (i) The Bunbury Diocesan Anglicare Council Statute 1991 – 2013 (i) Synod shall elect three members at the First Session of each triennial Synod who shall hold office for the duration of that Synod and until their successors are appointed. They need not be Synod members.
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Current Boniface Care Council Elected Members

Elected Members	The Rev'd Cn Karen Cave
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For Consideration:

Please read The Bunbury Diocesan Anglicare Council Statute 1991 – 2013.

This Council meets a minimum of four times each year, in Kojonup. It is the mission support arm of the Diocese in its work and assistance to parishes. It carries reporting accountabilities to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) and the ATO together with accountability to Bishop-in-Council and Trustees. It is supported by the Diocesan Secretary as the Executive Officer and the Diocesan Registrar.

Vacancy: 2

Two Lay Member – Position failed to be filled with no nominations in the 2024 election.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

2 Clerical	Section 9 (1) The Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914-1984
2 Lay	<p>The Council shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) (i) The Metropolitan, (ii) The other Diocesan Bishops of the Province, (iii) The secretaries of each of the dioceses, (iv) The lay trustees of the Province who shall hold office ex officio, and</p> <p>(b) Two clerical and two lay representatives of each Diocese.</p>

Current Elected Members of Provincial Council

Clerical Members	The Rev'd Karen Cave The Ven. Geoff Chadwick
Lay Trustee	The Hon. Kevin Prince
Lay Members	Dr Renae Barker Mrs Marilyn Royer

For Consideration:

Please read The Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914 – 1984.

The Provincial Council meets twice a year in Perth and the meeting takes half a day. In addition, there may be additional responsibilities and extra duties as a Member.

GENERAL SYNOD OF ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

2 Clerical	Section 17 (4) of General Synod Constitution & Table Annexed to Constitution
2 Lay Members	The number of clerical and lay representatives respectively of each diocese shall be in proportion to the number of clergy of the diocese and shall be determined by dividing that number by a quota, namely, twenty, and if on the division there is a remainder of ten or more the diocese shall be entitled to one more clerical and one more lay representative.

Current Elected Members of General Synod

Clerical Members	The Very Rev'd Canon Darryl Cotton The Ven Geoff Chadwick
Lay Members	Dr Renae Barker Ms Marilyn Royer

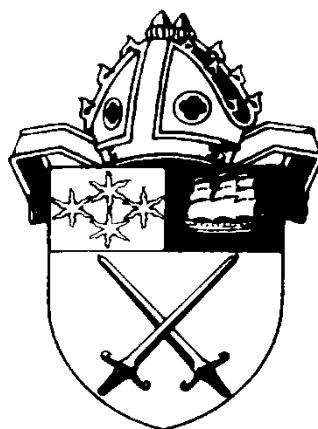
BUNBURY DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL

Chair: The Rev'd Cathie Broome

At 2021 Synod The Bunbury Diocesan Mission Council Statute 1999-2004 was repealed as these positions are now appointed by Bishop in Council Standing Committee.

No election required.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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

BOOK 8 2025

PROCEEDINGS OF 2024

Cathedral Grammar School Friday 27th September 2024

1.20pm Bishop opened in prayer with acknowledgement to country.

1.25pm Rev'd Nick Freeland - Registrar read out the list of those present / apologies.

1.27pm: Archdeacon raised motion that synod hours be as those set out in the schedule

Bishop re: appointments Geoff (Archdeacon), Susan Saunders, Alison Charles Wendy Mabey as minutes committee and timekeepers.

Nominations today, for committees will close after tea this evening, (this was later changed to after, afternoon tea) election results on day two.

Reports have been tabled and circulated including Bishop in Council, Trustees, and financial report and budget.

1.31pm: Bishop took the stand and delivered his address.

2.12pm: Rev'd Cathie Broome – Harvey/Donnybrook Parish. Motion - The ABM Key relationships manager Meagan Schwarz can address to Synod at 9.55am on Saturday of Synod.

Mover: Rev'd Cathie Broome. **Seconder:** Rev'd Cn Mavis Tyler.

Archdeacon Geoff Chadwick: Asked for opportunities for other questions and motions?

None raised at this time.

2.15pm How Synod Works. Dr Renae Barker - Advocate: Two types of business. Motions and legislation and how we conduct ourselves as an organisations and bills to be adopted by General Synod. Bills to amend our own statutes in our own Diocese and can go into committee - should debate be required for amendments by members.

Motions - directions to Diocesan body for changes in this Synod. Mover to speak for 10 min. With other members speaking for 5 min. Two in favour or against may speak before vote is carried out.

Amended motions to be received asap and given to secretaries and committee.

2.20pm Bishop: Green Book 4 - Motions from last Synod: page 4 - no further action required. Regarding M2023/03 Pacific Islanders - see update bottom of page 7.

2.23pm - Green Book 4 page 8 2024/1 HOPE 25

Mover: Rev'd Cn Karen Cave - Albany / Ministry to Seafarers

Motion: Hope 25 proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in unity. Motion has gone before each Diocesan Synod - and has been passed. Karen and Paul gathered in Melbourne with representatives from each diocese. Launched at Pentecost 24. To give a reason why we believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Every parish has a launch event - the beginning. Build our confidence to build the good news. Revd. Karen and Paul, happy to visit parishes for guidance.

2.28pm: Seconder: Rev'd Paul Watson - Secret Harbour: People all different, but all had a heart for the good news and hope in an uncertain world. Get people excited about the message and Book 8 Proceedings of 2024

provide people with the facilities to make it happen. Hope 25 a good catalyst to do amazing things in our Diocese.

2.30pm: Sylvia Spicer - Katanning: Noted that Tom Spicer organises lectionaries, including Bookmarks for Hope 25 placed into each lectionary.

Bishop noted that Rev'd Cn Karen Cave prepared the motion for all Diocese in Australia to vote on.

2.34pm: Rev'd Nick Freeland - Registrar: Undertook a "How to vote" demonstration on electronic device & Test Vote. Synod delegates were very eager to press voting button, before voting commenced on several motions.

2.40 Rev'd Shane Marques - Oyster Harbour: Questioned how many voting devices there were?

Rev'd. Nick Freeland said that 88 people allocated devices less apologies to give us the total number of voters.

VOTE: Hope 25 Motion: That the Synod wholeheartedly support Hope 25.

FOR: 68 AGAINST: 1. - Carried

2.45pm Motions continued...Diocesan Legislation.

Bishop: Book 6 - pg 4 - Diocesan Legislation process for consideration of Bills: General Synod Canons - to be adopted.

Bill 01: Safe Ministry Legislation amendments Canon. 2022

Mover: Dr. Renae Barker - Advocate: Recommended that this Diocese ADOPT Canon 11 as set out in the schedule Bill 01

Seconder – Very Rev'd Daryl Cotton. - did not speak.

No Questions.

Move to accept the bill - Carried.

Motion to adopt the Canon & be passed

FOR: 64 AGAINST: 0

Bill 02: Interpretation statue amendment (Church Worker) 2024 Bill.

Mover: Dr Renae Barker - Advocate: The interpretation Statue 1994 - 2021 be amended - to make clearer.

Seconder: Rev'd Nick Freeland – Registrar/Busselton. - did not speak.

No Questions.

Move to accept the bill - Carried.

Motion to adopt the Legislation.

FOR: 66 **AGAINST:** 0, Carried.

Bill 03: Parochial Statute 2017 - 2021 Amendment (Parish finances and Reporting) Bill 2024.

Mover: Dr Renae Barker - Did not speak.

Seconder: Rev'd Nick Freeland - Registrar: 2nd part - to use a suitably qualified accountant. 3rd part - replacing the title from 2021 to 2024.

Discussion:

Alison Kenworthy - Denmark / Walpole parish: Suggested Parish finances should be audited whether the finances are viable or not. Where the problem lies is if the treasurer does not know the right procedures, especially if they lack an accounting background.

Rev'd Paul Bartley - Williams parish: Question: For those parishes finding it difficult to find an auditor but need one if you have an auditor. Is the Diocese amendment about the Caveat requiring qualified accountant for those parishes with an income over \$250,000 or less than \$500,000?

Rev'd Nick - Registrar: correction to \$250,000 not \$500,000.

Rev'd Cn Ian Mabey - Mandurah: Where you are dealing with money you need to be accountable including Op- shops and emergency relief. Trustees believe this should be appropriately dealt with and reported adequately. Parishes have a problem if this is not done correctly.

Dr Renae Barker: As a Trustee there was considerable discussion of smaller parishes and the burden on them in needing an auditor, due to evidence of parish accounting errors due to age, or misdirection of funds.

Bishop: Any other questions?

Rev'd Cathie Broome – Donnybrook/Harvey: Against the motion and questioning the need for an auditor for small parishes and those receiving small funding amounts for emergency relief as the burden to find an auditor is great.

Sylvia Spicer - Katanning: Noted that the parish had recently opened the Op Shop, another person counts the money, which is then banked by a separate person and careful procedures are being followed.

Susanne Saunders - Australind: For the motion: Emergency relief and Op Shop - just below \$250,000 threshold charged \$1600 for auditing. Suggested there be a separate motion for education of treasurers or Diocese brokering for an accounting firm. She endorsed the legislation of books being correctly audited - with the caveats placed. So many people can make mistakes, not through intentional.

Rev'd Nick Freeland - Registrar: Responded by saying that the Diocese have tried to find auditors but cannot cover the geographical area of the Diocese. Wanese audited one parish accounts for parish unable to find one - but this is a rarity.

3.13am Break for afternoon tea - nominations close at the end of afternoon tea.

3:48pm Dr Renae Barker - Advocate: Changes to be made - to go into committee. Rev'd Cn Karen Cave to chair committee for discussion and Bishop stepped out of chair.

3:49pm Rev'd Cn Karen Cave. 2nd line of the bill to be read out, then discussed, then voted - Parochial statue reporting statue.

Dr Renae Barker - Advocate: - The amendment is on page 39 Book 6 by striking out 4b. During the (afternoon tea) break conversation was had and it was felt the amendment should be brought back to trustees rather than be brought to synod at this time. People with questions can approach trustees.

Rev'd Nick Freeland - Registrar: In favour of amended bill.

Rev'd Cn Karen Cave - Chairman: Re-read the bill. To change point number to 3, to 1. Change point 4 to become point 2. After clause A - work health B. Report from Safe church and workers. C. Financial reports. Clause to be removed. Clause 'C: 'replacing the title "Parochial Statute 2017-2021" with "Parochial Statute 2017 - 2024" to become new 'B.' Vote required for changes.

Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton - Dean, Bunbury Cathedral: Speaking to the motion. Question: Are we Synodically governed, or Trustee governed? - Trustees making the decision of Synod does not seem right.

Rev'd Cn Ian Mabey - Mandurah / Trustee: - Not taking out of Synod hands but there is a need to slow the process down so that their responsibilities are followed through. The trustees are legally and financially responsible for the finances of the Diocese and having the opportunity to discuss this further then bring it back to Synod would result in a more clarified amendment to the bill.

3:57pm Dr Renae Baker - Advocate: Discussion as to the number of things being asked thus potentially confusing the statute or making it unworkable. This will be a change to the Schedule of the Parochial Statue which can be amended by Bishop-in-council and then to Synod, for confirmation. Important we do this slowly and carefully - expressed across the (afternoon tea) break.

Rev'd Paul Watson - Secret Harbour: Raised a question about the language asking, could the word "meet" - be changed to read "meeting"?

Rev'd Jamie Murray - Australind: Supports the amendment, but felt it required clarification that this forms part of the Parochial statue - this was not immediately clear. Revd. Nick - interjected saying it does say so at point two.

Rev'd Paul Bartley - Williams: supports the motion but questions the benefits of this change as it would constitute now having to wait another 12 months if this is not passed now. Is the delay worth the cost to the parishes with low income?

4:03pm Rev'd Cn Karen Cave - Chairman of Committee's: Suggested Bill 03 put to Synod - for voting to support the changes to the amendment.

FOR: 64 **AGAINST:** 3.

4:04pm President to take the chair - to vote for the amendment.

Rev'd Nick Freeland - moved to pass the bill.

FOR: 68 **AGAINST:** 0 - Motion Carried.

**Bill 04: Parochial Statute 2017 - 2021 Amendment (Oversight Committees and Safe Church)
Bill 2024. page 41 - Book C, Book 6**

4:07pm Ven. Geoff Chadwick - Archdeacon: 1. Changes to Parochial statue regarding safe church. Some things are in schedules, statutes, or parish handbook - and is not consistent. One source is recommended. Aspiration statements to be removed and put in a preamble to the statement. 2. Oversight committees: Some angst over what these committees should be doing and their role. - Parish priest to be responsible for church workers not committee. Additionally, role of the safe Church contact person and what they are meant to do. If committee does need to be in place - to be sub - committee of parish council. Schedule 4A - alerting to requirements for church workers and different roles.

Motion is commended to Synod.

4:14pm Rev'd Nick Freeland - Registrar: Seconder and supporter of the motion. Clear that the data is in multiple places creating confusion rather than clarity - Making the parochial statue the main source / principal document for information.

4:16pm Rev'd Kerry Robbins - Narrogin: Referring to page 41 in the place of a priest in charge during interregnum - who is in charge. Answer: The priest in charge is the bishop or his delegate.

4:17pm Rev'd Jamie Murray – Australind: Thanks to Nick and Geoff for this valuable work in navigating through the maze. Vote of thanks.

4:18pm Dr Renae Barker: Advocate: For the motion. 1. Numbering problem will be dealt with. 2. Statue amends the main text - amended only by Synod. and schedule clause 3. Schedule 1 - deals with the procedures of parish council. Schedule 4 to be replaced with new Schedule 4 in its entirety. Insert section 8 schedule 4A. Section 9 - replacing the whole of schedule 5 with a entirely new schedule reworded 5.

4.20pm Matthew O'Brien - Cathedral Grammar School: Schedule 4a regarding a teacher as a church worker? Is there the ability to acknowledge prior learning / training of our teachers so that staff, don't have to double up on qualifications and can have an active place within the working place in the church?

4.23pm Bishop: Moved the bill be passed?

FOR: 62 **AGAINST:** 1. Motion Carried.

4:25PM: REPORTS - BOOK B

Rev'd Nick Freeland Registrar - Listed all of the tabled reports.

- Bishop in Council
- Bunbury Diocesan Trustees
- Boniface Care
- Bunbury Diocesan Campsite
- Bunbury Diocesan Education council
- Catalyst for Mission
- Diocesan Prison Chaplaincy
- Diocesan Reconciliation Working party
- Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority
- Sustainable Living Working Committee

- Cursillo
- Blackwood Deanery
- Goldsmith Deanery
- Northen Harvest Deanery
- Stirling Deanery
- Bunbury and Kapsabet partnership

No Objections raised.

BOOK 3A - REPORTS CONTINUED.

Mission to seafarers - objection raised & qualified.

4:32pm Very Rev'd. Daryl Cotton - Dean, Chaplain Mission to Seafarers: Acknowledged with deepest Gratitude to all the parishes to Mission to seafarers. So many contributing financially to Albany and Bunbury. Vote of thanks. Bishop acknowledged the many Donations from parishes of woollen hats, scarves etc.

Mothers Union

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School

Fredrick Irwin

Georgina Molloy

Amana Living

Church Missionary society

Ven. Geoff Chadwick - Moved that all reports formally be accepted. ALL IN FAVOR.

4.37pm Revd. Nick Freeland - Nominations for all committees were read out.

BOOK C - PAGE 10.

4:39pm M2024/02 - FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE

Mover: Rev'd Shane Marques - Oyster Harbour: Faithfulness in Service section 7 - sexual conduct of clergy and church workers - Lengthy speech in favour of the motion put to synod. Noted that this code of conduct is only for clergy and church workers not those from the outside.

Seconder: Did not speak at this time but later in discussion.

Questions from:

4.46pm Peter Unwin - Mission to Seafarers Bunbury: We don't have a right to be condemning people. The cathedral parish says everyone is welcome - is this what this motion is commending?

4:49pm Rev'd Sue Kemp Bridgetown - Against. Suggesting the 2022 - wording was changed, 2023 - wording was kept, 2024 - Why do we need to change? Answer: Renae Barker. - our standing orders to not prevent motions being raised on multiple times for consideration.

4:54pm Bill Evans - Secret Harbour: These Changes previously voted on have weakened rather than strengthened faithfulness in service and are contrary to scripture. Compromise the sexual integrity of the church / Diocese and is ruinous to the teachings of scripture.

Rachel Anne Sambell - Synod Secretary - Against. Old faithfulness of service - disgraceful matters occurring across Australia and that the Diocese is still paying for.

4:56pm Rev'd Justine Richmond - Dunsborough: Previously amended wording inclusive of church workers who have had sexual relationships before or after being a church worker - and may not be a marital relationship. "Disgraceful conduct" is not clarified. Grey areas - Gender Identity. Scourge of domestic violence - changes to faithfulness of service would then be a threat to these situations. Adultery is not the same now as the biblical definition and have altered. Time was up.

5:01pm Vern Sattler - Williams: Favour of this motion. Leaving aside the OT. Seems to be this is a debate between Christianity and the Western world. We need to take Paul's message seriously - and was not ashamed of the gospel. We are all welcome to God's church and open to the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

5:06pm Rev'd Cn Ian Mabey: Seconder of the motion: For the motion two years ago and against last year. This is a motion about faithfulness in service not our interpretation of the bible. We should value sexuality - in context. With faithfulness and integrity. Jesus came to uphold the law structured around 10 commandments. Love your God and love your neighbour. This change is taking a different positive approach of how we should behave as clergy in church workers instead of do this and do that. Characterised by faithfulness and integrity.

5:11pm Rev'd Paul Bartley - Williams: In favour - We need to provide a well-defined public standard that assures that church leaders can be trusted. But the 2022 changes highlight the growing fracture of Diocese / Synod. The teachings of Jesus are clear and don't diminish singleness. 1 Cor 6: Flee from sexual immorality. Leaders need to model this standard. Still worth debating and passing this motion will give our youth the integrity and clarity from our institutions they need. This motion provides this clarity. Vagueness creates confusion. We need clear boundaries. Not about exclusion but setting an example, unity. Command the motion to uphold the tradition while caring for those we serve.

5:17pm Seconder Rev'd Paul Watson - Secret Harbour: This motion is about faithfulness in service but has to be governed by scripture. Twelve Diocese are still maintaining the wording of General Synod. Some of the wording is not clear at all. Some are changing the wording to get to a point where we are blessing same sex unions and not in a covenant relationship - but involved in sexual immorality. We might be a diocese that agrees to disagree or go back to the original unity. Agree to support the motion.

5:21pm Rev'd Shane Marques - Oyster Harbour: 1. Acknowledges the sensitivity of this issue or to become a heated debate. Raised because the current working is untenable. 2. We are better than rules. Gave an example of a man in his parish 6 years ago who committed adultery but did not believe he did the wrong thing - but is still a leader in the church. Not designed to hurt anybody. Let the code of conduct do its job.

5:25pm Bishop Ian: Matters of discipline come to the Bishop. It is important that we respect and care for each other and the views we have. Important we discuss this issue and get to the bottom of why we feel so strongly. The NT and Paul wanted to reverse the places where people were at odds with one another. Jesus Christ died so that we could go on and love one another.

5:26pm Rev'd Jamie Murray - Australind: To the Bishop. On what basis would you make a discernment of a CLERGY member? Answer: Bishop: The discussion we've had alludes to the challenge which cannot be further clarified

5.28pm: M2024/02 Vote to restore the original FIS wording of sections 7.2 and 7.4.

FOR: 28 **AGAINST** 37. Motion Denied.

BOOK C BOOK 4

5.30PM MOTION M2024/03 Synod Representative appointment on the Bunbury Grammar School Board.

Mover: Mr Matthew O'Brien: Motion to appoint Mrs Jane Whiddon as Synod Representative on the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Board from April 2025. Discussed

Seconder: The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton - did not speak.

No Questions.

FOR: 65 **AGAINST:** 0. Motion Carried.

5:34pm Break for Evening Prayer.

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2

SATURDAY, 28 September 2024 SECOND SITTING

9.00am Morning Prayer. - Led by the students.

Emergency procedures given.

Bishop Ian: Any Questions?

1. Rev'd Noel Oakley - Coodanup: It is possible for the Synod to encourage Bishop-in-Council to consider, in consultation with local indigenous leaders, to "dual name" our deaneries, incorporating both our present historical naming with an indigenous name that reflects the geographical location?

Answer: Bishop Ian: the matter would be raised in Bishop-in-Council.

9.17am Rev'd Nick Freeland - Registrar: Explained how to vote for both houses.

9.20am Voting commenced but ceased promptly due to clerical error. Voting forms were retracted.

9.37am Megan Schwartz - Anglican Board of Mission presentation "God's Mission Jigsaw Puzzle".

Synod appreciated the presentation with applause.

9.56am Bishop's Awards - to Jim Lane - Dunsborough, Thelma Richards - Boyanup, Coleen Brooks - Albany, Sally Prickett - Denmark / Walpole.

10.02am: Rev'd Nick Freeland – Registrar: presented the 2023-24 Finance Report for Bunbury Diocese Trustees.

10.52am: Break for morning tea.

11.30am Questions on the financial report - to Revd. Nick Freeland - Registrar.

Questions from: Rev'd Cn James Tabor - Fredrick Irwin School, Rev'd Paul Bartley Williams.

Endorsement and thanks for Financial Report from: Pat Steig - Bridgetown, Rev'd Shane Marques - Oyster Harbour, Peter Unwin - Mission to Seafarers.

VOTE: to Accept Financial report: **Unanimous** vote.

11.43am: Archdeacon Ven. Geoff Chadwick - Vote of Thanks to all who have contributed to Synod. Presentations to Kat Peace & Jodi Sturrock.

11:55am: Close of Synod in prayer - & Grace.

**Synod Minutes Reviewed by Archdeacon Geoff Chadwick & The Revd. Canon James Tabor
28.09.24 12:05pm.**

ELECTION RESULTS 2024

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTYSECOND SYNOD

Bunbury Diocesan Trustees

2 Clerical

Rev'd Cn Ian Mabey

Rev'd Cn Karen Cave

2 Lay

Brian Seale

Marilyn Royer

Bishop-in-Council

3 Clerical

Rev'd Neale Sommersby

Rev'd Cn Karen Cave

Rev'd Justine Richmond

3 Lay

Suzanne Saunders

Richard Charles

Bishopric Nomination Committee

5 Clerical

Rev'd Justine Richmond

Rev'd Cn Karen Cave

Rev'd Cn James Tabor

Rev'd Cathie Broome

Rev'd Neale Sommersby

6 Lay

The Hon Kevin Prince

Dr Renae Barker

Marilyn Royer

Richard Charles

Dough McDowell

Bronwyn Jones

Reserve

3 Clerical

Rev'd Esther Leach

Rev'd Shane Marques

Rev'd Cn Ian Mabey

Reserve

3 Lay

Brian Seale

Wendy Mabey

Matthew Cabala

Diocesan Tribunal

2 Clerical

The Ven Geoff Chadwick

Rev'd Esther Leach

1 Lay

Nil

Parochial Nominations Board

3 Clerical

Rev'd Cn Mavis Tyler

Rev'd Cn Karen Cave

Rev'd Cathie Broome

3 Lay

Nil

Boniface Care

Rev'd Cn Karen Cave

Provincial Council

2 Clerical

The Ven Geoff Chadwick

Rev'd Cn Karen Cave

2 Lay

The Hon Kevin Prince

Marilyn Royer

General Synod

2 Clerical

The Ven Geoff Chadwick

The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

2 Lay

Dr Renae Barker

Marilyn Royer