

BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL

The Bishop-in-Council Statute 1986-2018 establishes the gathering of people as a Council to act as a council of advice to the Bishop concerning all questions affecting the welfare of the church.

It includes:

- The Bishop as the Chairperson
- Diocesan Secretary (ex-officio)
- Archdeacon (ex-officio)
- The Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral church (the Dean) (ex-officio)
- The Trustees
- Two lay members of the Diocese appointed by the Bishop for the period of a Triennial Synod
- Three clerical and three lay members elected at the first general session of each Triennial Synod.

Bishop-in-Council meets a minimum of four times year and at the Bishop's discretion.

Seven members form a quorum, or whom at least two shall be clerical members and two shall be lay members.

Bishop-in-Council acts as the Standing Committee of Synod within the framework of the Constitution of the church and the Statutes of the Diocese.

It is at the first session of the Synod triennium that the Clerical and Lay Members of the Council are elected. The Bishop-in-Council considers matters that include the financial arrangements for extending the kingdom of God within the Diocese; all matters relating to clergy stipends and their Living, Ministry Agreements, finances and property which are not covered by the Statute for the Trustees; and matters brought to their attention by parish councils which are signed by the priest and the secretary; preparing budget estimates and determining parish assessments; filling vacancies determined by Synod, publishing a Year Book or Directory and preparing for the business of Synod.

It can set up committees as it sees fit; and the Diocesan Secretary keeps Minutes of all the meetings. The Bishop will ensure the Synod is provided with the relevant documents relating to an annual audited statement of all Diocesan monies, a budget for the current year and a report of the Council's proceedings for the previous year.

Bishop-in-Council works with the people of the Diocese to spread the work of the kingdom of God, through enabling ministries to be established and flourish, supporting the people of God and the Clergy, and making sure the church and all those associated with it are able to live well and in community safely.

Safe Church is a significant project of the Anglican Church and our Diocese. The recent legislation passed at General Synod 2017 and in the Diocesan Synods in 2017 and 2018 now required the Diocese to progress, pursue, implement and enact the different aspects of the Safe Church framework, its system, policies and procedures. These are monitored by Bishop-in-Council.

Currently, Bishop-in-Council meets five times a year on the same day as The Trustees hold their meetings in the following months:

- February, April, June, August and November
- Meetings are held in the Diocesan Office, Bunbury

Please check the diocesan website www.bunburyanglican.org for details of the meetings in the Diocesan Calendar and deadlines for consideration of matters.

Paperwork for each meeting is sent out to Members a week before the meeting. The Finance Sub-Committee meets prior to each Bishop-in-Council meeting.

Current Members of Bishop-in-Council elected for the 40th Session of Synod 2018 – 2020

Title	Name	Dates
The Bishop	The Rt Rev'd Dr Ian Coutts	November 2018
The Diocesan Secretary	The Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris	November 2016
The Archdeacon	The Ven. Julie Baker	October 2016
The Priest in Charge of the Cathedral Church, The Dean	The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton	
The Trustees		
The Diocesan Chancellor	The Hon. Kevin Prince	
The Diocesan Advocate	Dr Renae Barker	
Two Clergy Elected by Synod		
	The Rev'd James Tabor	October 2018
	The Rev'd Lindy Rookyard	October 2018
Three Lay Elected by Synod		
	Ms Marilyn Royer	October 2018
	Ms Phyl Winchcombe	October 2018
	The Hon. Murray Montgomery	October 2018
Bishop-in-Council Three Lay Elected		
	Mr Bruce Sherborne	October 2018
	Ms Elisabeth Pellicaan	October 2018
	Mrs Susan Davies	October 2019
Bishop-in-Council Three Clerical Elected		
	Rev'd Cn Linley Matthews-Want	October 2018
	Rev'd Cn Karon Austin	October 2018
	Rev'd Ian Mabey	October 2018
Bishop-in-Council appointed by the Bishop		
	Mrs Robin Depiazzi	October 2018