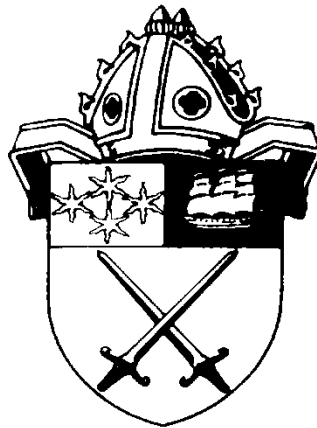


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THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
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DIOCESAN LEGISLATION PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Step 1 General principles

- i) MOVER: “I MOVE FOR LEAVE TO BRING IN A BILL FOR A STATUTE TO BE KNOWN AS” (Give TITLE AND PAGE NUMBER, in Business Paper)
- ii) SECONDER formally seconds.
- iii) MOVER: speaks on the general principles of the Bill and or reason for bringing it before Synod.
- iv) OTHERS: may speak (Clause 9, Rules of Debate in Synod apply as applicable).
- v) PRESIDENT: puts the motion (if lost the matter ends here)

Step 2 In Committee

- vi) PRESIDENT: “DOES ANY PERSON WISH TO DEBATE THE BILL IN COMMITTEE?”
 - Either: If no member answers “yes” the motion that the bill do now pass may be moved forthwith.
 - or: If any member answers “yes” then the Synod shall without motion, forthwith be deemed to have resolved itself into Committee to consider the bill in detail.
- vii) CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES takes the Chair
 - a. The Bill will then be considered clause by clause with the Preamble and title being left until last.
 - b. The Mover only needs to speak when there is a desire to amend a clause, oppose or accept an amendment, or make an explanation.
 - c. When the committee has completed its consideration of the Bill the Synod shall be deemed to be reconvened. The Chairperson shall report to the President the Bill as agreed in Committee.

Step 3 In Synod

- i) PRESIDENT: “THAT THE REPORT BE AGREED TO”
 - The Bill cannot move ahead until the Chairperson has endorsed a copy of the Bill as a true copy as agreed to by the Committee when completed at this or a subsequent sitting.
- ii) MOVER: “I MOVE THAT THIS BILL DO NOW PASS”

BILL O1: THE DIOCESAN AUDIT STATUTE 1991

FULL NAME OF MOVER: Dr Renae Barker
FULL NAME OF SECONDER: The Ven. Julie Baker

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The amendment requested to The Diocesan Audit Statute 1991 occurs in the opening two paragraph where the reference to the date 1986 is in reference to the Bishop-in-Council Statute and needs to be amended from 1986, to 1986-2018.

Similarly, the reference to The Diocesan Trustees Statute 1985, should be updated to 1985-2018

MOVER: I move for leave to bring a Bill to update The Diocesan Audit Statute 1991 to be known as “The Diocesan Audit Statute 1991-2021” on page 6 of Book Six.

The proposed amendments in the Diocesan Audit Statute 1991-1921 in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2:

Whereas by Section 11 of The Bishop-in-Council Statute 1986 [Insert: - 2018] an annual audit statement of all Diocesan monies be laid before Synod;

And whereas by Section 10 of The Diocesan Trustees Statute 1985 [Insert – 2018] an annual audited statement of all funds administered by the said Trustees be laid before Synod;

MOTION

MOVER: I move this Bill do now pass.

BILL 02: THE DIOCESAN TRUSTEES STATUTE 1985-2018

FULL NAME OF MOVER: Dr Renae Barker
FULL NAME OF SECONDER: The Hon. Kevin Prince

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Trustees currently comprise, the Bishop as Chairperson, the Administrator, the Diocesan Chancellor, the Diocesan Advocate, the Diocesan Secretary and two clerical and three lay members who shall be elected from Synod. In 2017 the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 was approved by this Diocese and the Canon required the establishment of a Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority (DSMA) with a Chairperson appointed by the Bishop. This was effected in July 2020. This body manages and has oversight of the Safe Church system, structures, policies, procedures, and the management of the risk for the people of the Diocese and the Diocesan legal entity in relation to the Safe Ministry for Children.

It is proposed the Chairperson of the DSMA be appointed ex-officio to Trustees rather than attend at the invitation of the Bishop-in-Council without any rights, which is the current practice. This additional position takes the number of Trustees as ex-officio from 5 to 6 people, and the overall number of Trustees from 10 to 11 members. This position was endorsed by Bishop-in-Council for consideration by this Synod.

MOVER: I move for leave to bring in a Bill for a Statute to be known as “The Diocesan Trustees Statute 1985-2021”.

Clause 2. The Trustees

The Trustees shall be: The Bishop (Chairperson), The Administrator, The Diocesan Chancellor, The Diocesan Advocate, The Diocesan Secretary **[Insert:] The Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority Chairperson,** plus two clerical and three lay members **[Delete:] including the above Officer. The members** who **[Delete:] are not Officers** shall be elected from Synod.

MOTION

MOVER: I move this Bill do now pass.

BILL 03: THE PAROCHIAL STATUTE 2017-2020

FULL NAME OF MOVER: Dr Renae Barker
FULL NAME OF SECONDER: The Ven. Julie Baker

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Parochial Statute 2017-2020 has had a number of variations brought to Bishop-in-Council since the Statute was updated at Synod 2020. Those variations to the Schedules are now brought to Synod for approval. The proposed amendments are underlined, in bold and in italics.

MOVER: I move for leave to bring a Bill to update The Parochial Statute 2017-2020 to be known as “The Parochial Statute 2017-2021” on page 7 of Book Six.

The proposed amendments are in Book 6 as shown here.

Page 2. Cl. 5: Definitions

Clause a) (ii) Voting Parishioner(s) – A ***[Insert:] lay*** person may be enrolled as a Voting Parishioner provided:

[Insert:] Cl. b) They have regularly attended public worship during the preceding three months in a parish within the diocese; and

Consequently, with the insertion of this additional clause, amend the numbering from a) to e); to a) to f)

This insertion aligns the wording in The Parochial Statute with current wording in The Interpretation Statute 1994-2017 p.6. Definition of a Voting Parishioner.

p. 2 Cl.5 Definitions

Clause a) (iii) Members of Other Churches

a) A ***[Insert:] lay*** parishioner who is a baptised and communicant member of another Christian denomination may become a ***[Insert:] Lay*** Voting Parishioner provided the other conditions in (ii) b) to ***[Delete:] ‘e’ [Insert:] ‘f’*** above are met; and the Bishop gives consent.

p.2 Cl.5 Definitions

a) (iii) Members of Other Churches

[Insert:] A clergy person whether retired, or with an active or limited licence from another Christian denomination cannot be a [Insert:] Lay Voting Parishioner.

MOTION

MOVER: I move this Bill do now pass.

BILL 04: THE LICENSING STATUTE 2017-2020

FULL NAME OF MOVER: Dr Renae Barker
FULL NAME OF SECONDER: The Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Licensing Statute 2017-2020 and Schedules have had a number of variations brought to Bishop-in-Council and approved since the Statute was updated at Synod 2019. Those variations to the Schedules are now brought to Synod for Synod's approval. The proposed amendments are underlined and in italics.

MOVER: I move for leave to bring in a Bill for a Statute to be known as "The Licensing Statute 2017-2021".

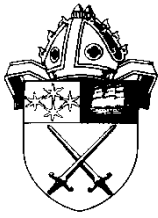
The proposed amendments for "The Licensing Statute 2017-2020" are in the Statute.

1. Schedule 4 on pages 15ff, and provide for the range of 'leaves' available to a clergy person: No. 19 Sick Leave; No. 11 Parental Leave; No. 12 Carer's Leave; No. 13 Compassionate Leave; No. 14 Long Service Leave; No. 15 Study Leave. **[Insert:]No. 16. Family and Domestic Violence Leave.**

Consequently, the clauses need to be updated from Nos. 16-25, to Nos.16-26.

2. Schedule 8, p.29 No. 4The Parish Handbook and Safe Church Handbook are **[Delete:] No. 5** available on the Diocesan website and when updated a notice will be sent out to all clergy persons, wardens and parishes.
3. In addition, Schedule 9, pages 29 and 30 to be replaced, with the categories of Licensed Lay Ministers being clarified as 'tick boxes' for those seeking appointment and licensing by the Bishop of the Diocese. The existing nomination and acceptance form are on pages 10 -11 of this Book; with the proposed, amended nomination and acceptance form on pages 12-13 of this Book.

SCHEDULE 9



**THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
LAY MINISTER NOMINATION FORM**

To the Right Reverend, The Bishop of Bunbury

I,

Priest of the Parish of

Nominate this person:

Name.....

Address.....

Occupation.....

Of whose Christian life and witness I am satisfied, and request this person to be licenced as a Licenced Lay Minister to exercise the following ministries:

.....

having had this application read out on the last three Sundays at all Services of Public Worship in this parish, on these dates:; and; and, having brought this nomination to the attention of the parish council on day of 20.....; and having sought feedback and comment to be provided to the Bishop of the Diocese of Bunbury directly, or through the wardens; and, having ensured all comments received are attached to this nomination.

Date of Nomination:

Signed:

Printed:

Priest of the Parish of.....

Signed:..... **Name:**

DECLARATION

I, nominated to the Office of Licensed Lay Minister in the parish of in the Diocese of Bunbury promise I will conform to the order of service laid down in the Book of Common Prayer, or in A Prayer Book for Australia.

I confirm I am a confirmed communicant member of the Anglican Church and I comply with the requirements of a Voting Parishioner.

I accept the order and discipline of the Anglican Church of Australia and will comply with the regulations and instructions of the Bishop and of the Priest of the Parish.

I will conform and comply with all directions and requirements of Safe Church and as they are updated by the Bishop and its obligations in the community of the people of God and will conform to the Diocese of Bunbury's Code of Conduct as an example of my Christian life in this community.

I will return my licence to the Bishop when called upon to do so.

This licence is to be renewed every three years on the anniversary of each new triennium of Synod.

As witness my hand thisday of.....

Signed by the Nominee:.....

Full Name Printed:

In the presence of Priest



SCHEDULE 9

THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY LAY MINISTER NOMINATION FORM

To the Right Reverend, The Bishop of Bunbury

I, [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Priest of the Parish of [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Nominate this person:

Name [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Address [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Occupation [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Of whose Christian life and witness I am satisfied, and request this person to be licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister to exercise the following ministries (Tick each one which applies):

Preaching

Liturgical

Pastoral

Administrative

Children and Youth

having had this application read out on the last three Sundays at all Services of Public Worship in this parish, on these dates: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#); [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) and [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) and, having brought this nomination to the attention of the parish council on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) and having sought feedback and comment to be provided to the Bishop of the Diocese of Bunbury directly, or through the wardens; and, having ensured all comments received are attached to this nomination.

Date of Nomination: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Signed: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **Printed:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Priest of the Parish of [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Signed: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **Name:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

DECLARATION

I, [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) nominated to the Office of Licensed Lay Minister in the parish of [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) in the Diocese of Bunbury promise I will conform to the order of service laid down in the Book of Common Prayer, or in A Prayer Book for Australia.

I confirm I am a confirmed communicant member of the Anglican Church and I comply with the requirements of a Voting Parishioner.

I accept the order and discipline of the Anglican Church of Australia and will comply with the regulations and instructions of the Bishop and of the Priest of the Parish.

I will conform and comply with all directions and requirements of Safe Church and as they are updated by the Bishop and its obligations in the community of the people of God and will conform to the Diocese of Bunbury's Code of Conduct as an example of my Christian life in this community.

I will return my licence to the Bishop when called upon to do so.

This licence is to be renewed every three years on the anniversary of each new triennium of Synod.

As witness my hand this [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Signed by the Nominee: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Full Name Printed: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

In the presence of [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Priest

MOTION

MOVER: I move this Bill do now pass.

**BILL 05: THE BUNBURY DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL
STATUTE 1999-2018**

FULL NAME OF MOVER: The Rev'd Cn Linley Matthews-Want
FULL NAME OF SECONDER: Dr Renae Barker

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bunbury Diocesan Mission Council Statute 1999-2018 has been in place since 1999. Bishop-in-Council has been considering over the last year the need for the Mission Council for the Diocese to continuing to be established through the mechanism of a Statute or, as an alternative process, for the Council to be established as a Standing Committee of Bishop-in-Council with the approved Terms of Reference set by Bishop-in-Council and the Chairperson appointed by the Bishop. This Standing Committee will report regularly to Bishop-in-Council. Bishop-in-Council has approved this change being proposed to Synod for its consideration. It is proposed The Bunbury Diocesan Mission Council Statute 1999-2018 be repealed and the work of the Bunbury Diocesan Mission Council be continued through the establishment of the Catalyst For Mission Council.

MOTION

MOVER: I move this Bill do now pass.

BILL 06: THE INTERPRETATION STATUTE 1994-2017

FULL NAME OF MOVER: Dr Renae Barker
FULL NAME OF SECONDER: The Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Interpretation Statute provides for definitions of terms and words used in the Statutes of the Diocese of Bunbury which needs to be updated from time to time. This year, the proposed amendments are **underlined, in bold and italics** and include:

The updating of the reference to Lay Voting Parishioner (See Bill O2: page 7 and 8); and in relation to Other Churches;

Insertion of the definition of Electoral Roll, introduced in The Licensing Statute 2017-2020

Insertion of the definition of the Area Dean, Area Deanery, Deanery Chapter; and

Insertion of the Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority Chairperson

MOVER: I move for leave to bring in a Bill for a Statute to be known as "The Interpretations Statute 1994-2021".

p. 4 [Insert:] Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll comprises current Lay Voting Parishioners. The Roll is reviewed annually or more frequently as required to ensure currency of membership of the Parish or Anglican Community. Only those on the Electoral Roll may vote for individuals standing for election at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Retired Clergy, Licensed Clergy, Clergy with PTO Licences, and Clergy from other denominations who are members of the Parish or Anglican Community may not vote for the lay persons standing for election, and may not be on the Electoral Roll.

p. 5 Member of Other Churches

A parishioner who is a baptized and communicant member of another Christian denomination may become a **[Insert:] Lay** Voting Parishioner provided the other conditions in being a **[Insert:] Lay** Voting Parishioner are met; and, the Bishop gives consent.

p.6 **[Insert:] Lay** Voting Parishioner(s): A person may be enrolled as a **[Insert:] Lay** Voting Parishioner provided:

p.2 [Insert:] Area Dean. The Bishop appoints and licences Area Deans on such terms of licence as the Bishop considers appropriate. The appointment is for three years, coinciding with the Synod triennium. The clergy of the Deanery may be invited to make recommendation to the Bishop regarding the appointment of an Area Dean. The duties and responsibilities of the Area Dean include: being responsible to the Archdeacon, and on occasion, to the Bishop for the activities, contribution and governance of the Deanery, in relation to the Clergy and Deanery life and for its broader contribution to the work of the Diocese. The Area Dean is responsible for ensuring mentoring, supervision and support for priests is in place in the Deanery. The Area Dean may be asked to take on particular Diocesan portfolios as part of their contribution to life and equipping of the Saints into the future.

Area Deanery. The Diocese of Bunbury is divided into ministry areas, called Deaneries.

Deanery Chapter. The Area Dean chairs Deanery Chapter (meetings of the Clergy of the Deanery), which will meet at least four times a year or if unable to participate, will nominate another clergy person to chair the meeting/s in discussion with the Bishop.

**p.4 [Insert:] Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority Chairperson
A person appointed by the Bishop-in-Council and Trustees and approved by the Bishop and licenced in this role. The Chairperson shall be a baptised, confirmed and communicant Anglican either lay or ordained, and the role is an ex-officio member of Trustees. The person will have skills, experience and qualifications as determined from time to time by the Bishop in consultation with the Trustees and Bishop-in-Council.**

MOTION

MOVER: I move this Bill do now pass.