

THE CATHEDRAL STATUTE 2014- 2018

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

1. This Statute shall be known as the “The Cathedral Statute 2014 - 2017”.
2. The Cathedral Statute 1992-2009 is hereby repealed.
- 3. The Parochial Statute 2017-2018**
 - a) The relevant parts of the Parochial Statute of the Diocese shall apply to the Cathedral church except in the following matters:
 - b) The Church of Saint Boniface Bunbury shall be the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Bunbury. It shall be the seat of the Bishop and the principal church of the Diocese. It shall be known as ‘The Cathedral Church of Saint Boniface Bunbury’.
 - c) The Cathedral shall also be the Parish Church of the City of Bunbury and the Parish will be known as the Cathedral Parish.
 - d) The Cathedral Parish shall have three Churchwardens; one appointed by the Priest in Charge of the Cathedral Parish and two elected by the Cathedral Parish.

4. Definitions

Within this Statute

- a) 'Cathedral' means 'The Cathedral

Church of St Boniface, Bunbury'.

- b) 'Chapter' means the Cathedral Chapter as constituted under sections 8 and 9 of this statute.

5. Role of the Cathedral

- a) The role of the Cathedral as the principal church of the Diocese shall be as:
 - i. A place for the support of the wider Church's mission both within and beyond the Diocese.
 - ii. A setting within which to promote Christian unity and ecumenical endeavour.
 - iii. A centre for Christian culture, theology and celebration of the arts.
 - iv. A spiritual centre for the life of the Diocese and its staff.
 - v. The principle venue for Diocesan worship.
- b) The role of the Cathedral as the principal Church in the City of Bunbury shall be as:
 - i. A place for reflection, prayer, private devotion and inspiration.
 - ii. A centre for ministry to the City of Bunbury and its region.
 - iii. A centre for the ministry of the wider parish, including its branch churches and chapels.

6. Dean of the Cathedral

- a) The Bishop, after consultation with the Chapter, appoints the Dean.
- b) The role and responsibility of the Dean is to enable the Cathedral Chapter and the Cathedral Parish to fulfill the roles set out in clauses 3, 5, 8 and 11.
- c) The Bishop may appoint a priest to act as Dean during any period when
 - i. the office is vacant;
 - ii. or the holder of the office is:
 - 1. absent from the Cathedral Parish; or
 - 2. otherwise unable to carry out the functions of the office.
- d) A priest appointed to act as Dean has all of the powers and functions of the Dean.
- e) The office of Dean becomes vacant if the Dean:
 - i. submits a written resignation to the Bishop; or
 - ii. ceases to hold a licence from the Bishop to perform the functions of the office; or
 - iii. becomes permanently incapacitated or dies.
- f) If the Bishop does not appoint a priest to act as Dean the Bishop otherwise has all the powers and functions of the Dean.

7. The Cathedral Parish Clergy

- a) A cleric may be appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral Parish in accordance with the provisions of the Parochial Nominations Board Statute 1987
- b) The Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral Parish is only the Dean if further appointed in accordance with clause 6 of this Statute
- c) Additional clergy may be appointed to the Cathedral by the Bishop in accordance with the provisions of the Parochial Nominations Board Statute 1987, with the agreement of the Dean (or the Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral Parish if no Dean has been appointed).

8. Functions and powers of the Chapter

- a) The Chapter is responsible for the general management and government of the Cathedral in all matters relating to its religious and ecclesiastical affairs and in all matters relating to the buildings, fabric and property of the Cathedral. The Chapter has, in addition to this function, the following functions
 - i. to be available to the Bishop for consultation and advice; and
 - ii. to develop and foster the ministry of the Cathedral to the Diocese and to the City of Bunbury; and
 - iii. to facilitate the role of the Cathedral as a place of gathering for the parishes and people of the Diocese; and
 - iv. to promote and safeguard the role and

function of the Cathedral as the parish church of the Cathedral Parish; and

- v. to consult with the Cathedral Parish Council in respect of:
 - 1. any alterations or additions to the Cathedral building or
 - 2. of other buildings ancillary to the Cathedral; or the erection of new buildings for the purposes of the Cathedral; and
 - vi. to consult with the Cathedral Parish Council concerning the development of the grounds of the Cathedral and of any land held in trust for the use and benefit of the Cathedral; and
 - vii. to advise, in conjunction with the Cathedral Parish Council, the Bishop-in-Council:
 - 1. on the state of the fabric of the Cathedral or of other buildings ancillary to the Cathedral; or
 - 2. on any proposals for altering or extending the Cathedral or ancillary buildings or for erecting new buildings for the purposes of the Cathedral.
- b) The Chapter has such powers as are required for, or are incidental to, the performance of its functions

9. Composition and Meetings of the Chapter

- a) The Chapter shall comprise of:
 - i. The Bishop (President)

- ii. The Dean, or the Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral parish where no Dean has been appointed. (The Dean or Priest-in-Charge presides in the Bishop's absence)
 - iii. In addition to the Dean or Priest-in-Charge, the senior cleric
 - iv. The Diocesan Archdeacon
 - v. The Diocesan Secretary
 - vi. Four Canons of the Cathedral appointed by the Bishop
 - vii. A lay Trustee appointed by the Diocesan Trustees, and
 - viii. The three Churchwardens of the Cathedral, who shall be known as Senior Lay Canons.
- b) The Chapter shall meet four times each year, in addition it shall meet
- i. at the request of the Bishop;
 - ii. at the request of the Dean or Priest-in-Charge
 - iii. At the request of the Cathedral parish Council; or
 - iv. At the request of five members of the Chapter
- c) A quorum for a meeting of the Chapter is 7 members, of which not less than 3 be lay members and 3 be clerical members.

10. Relationship between the Chapter and the Cathedral Parish Council

- a) The Chapter may, in writing, delegate to

the Cathedral Parish Council any or all of its functions.

- b) In the event of any question arising whether a particular matter is within the functions of the Chapter or of the Cathedral Parish Council, the Dean (or Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral Parish where no Dean has been appointed) must refer the issue to the Bishop.
- c) The decision of the Bishop on the issue is final and binding on the Chapter and the Cathedral Parish Council.

11. The Cathedral Parish Council

- a) The Cathedral Parish Council is elected in accordance with the provisions of the Parochial Statute 2017-2018
- b) The Cathedral Parish Council is responsible for the general management of the financial affairs of the Cathedral and of the Cathedral Parish.
- c) Subject to the responsibility and functions of the Chapter referred to in section 8, the Cathedral Parish Council has, in relation to the Cathedral, buildings ancillary to the Cathedral and the Cathedral grounds, all of the functions and duties of a Parish Council under the Parochial Statute of the Statutes, where those provisions are not inconsistent with this Statute.

12. Diocese to meet share of Cathedral costs

- a) The Diocese must meet a proportionate part of the running costs of the Cathedral.
- b) The Diocese must meet the proportionate part of the costs of the ministry of the Dean

which relates to Diocesan ministry which is in excess of that normally undertaken by other senior clergy of the Diocese.

- c) The annual budget of the Diocese must provide for the diocesan share of the running costs of the Cathedral and the costs of the ministry of the Dean as determined in accordance with this section.
- d) For the purposes of this section, the running costs of the Cathedral are the costs of:
 - i. lighting and heating of the Cathedral and ancillary buildings; and
 - ii. premiums of insurance relating to the Cathedral and ancillary buildings;
 - iii. the maintenance and repair of the Cathedral, ancillary buildings and the Cathedral grounds;
 - iv. and rates and taxes (if any) payable in respect of land occupied by the Cathedral, ancillary buildings and the Cathedral grounds.
- e) The proportionate part of the running costs to be paid by the Diocese is determined by Bishop-in-Council after consultation with the Cathedral Parish Council, having regard to:
 - i. the amount that would be reasonably attributable to the cost of operating a similar parish, including the maintenance of church buildings, ancillary buildings and grounds.; and

- ii. the revenues of the Cathedral, including the income of any trusts for the purposes of the Cathedral: and
- f) the revenue generated by the use of the Cathedral for diocesan purposes. For the purposes of this section, the costs of ministry of the Dean shall include:
 - i. Travel and accommodation costs for the Dean's conference
 - ii. A proportion of the stipend and associated costs
- g) The proportionate part of the cost of ministry of the Dean to be paid by the Diocese is determined by Bishop-in-Council after consultation with the Cathedral Parish Council, having regard to the amount of Diocesan ministry which is in excess of that normally undertaken by a Senior member of the Diocesan clergy.

13. Honorary Lay Canons

The Bishop may appoint Honorary Lay Canons who must be resident in the Diocese. Such Honorary Lay Canons shall not be entitled to a seat on the Chapter.

14. Cathedral Stalls

- a) Stalls in the Cathedral shall be assigned to:
 - i. The Dean
 - ii. Any Assistant Bishop
 - iii. Any Archdeacon
 - iv. The Canons of the Cathedral

- v. The Diocesan Chancellor
- vi. The Diocesan Registrar
- vii. The Diocesan Secretary
- b) The Bishop shall install the Dean, any Assistant Bishop, any Archdeacon, the Diocesan Chancellor, the Diocesan Registrar and the Diocesan Secretary.
- c) The Dean shall install the Canons.

15. Bishop's Prerogative

- a) Nothing in this Statute shall be construed as interfering with the rights and powers of the Bishop.
- b) No change of a substantial nature in the ceremonies, or services in the Cathedral shall be made without the consent of the Bishop.
- c) The Bishop shall reserve the specific right to use the Cathedral on notice to the Dean but otherwise as of right for services of a national or diocesan nature including Ordinations, Confirmations and Visitations.