

BATHURST DIOCESE

Anglican Church of Australia

FIRST SESSION OF THE 50TH SYNOD

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TIMETABLE

Saturday 18th September 2021 - PART A BY ZOOM **Online Synod**

10:00	Opening prayer
10:20	Election of Secretaries
10:25	Formal motions
10:30	Synod business – Auditor Leanne Smith
11:00	Motions for which prior notice has been given
11:45	Closing prayer
12:00	Adjournment of Synod

MOTIONS

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - PART A

M1 Order of Business

Mover:

Seconder:

Synod notes the Bishop in Council motion approving the conduct of the 50th synod in two parts (via zoom on 18th Sept and in person on 5th Feb 2022); and moves the suspension of so much of standing orders that would prevent the same.

M2 Elections of Boards and Committees

Mover:

Seconder:

Synod agrees to conduct the ballots for the elections electronically, opening the ballot at 10:30am on Saturday 18th September 2021, and closing at 2:30pm on the same day, with the results advised by email at 6pm on Saturday 18th September 2021.

M3 Reports

Mover:

Seconder:

That the Accounts and Reports, as listed in the Synod Handbook be tabled.

M4 Finance and accounts for 2020 (a)

Mover:

Seconder:

Synod gives leave for the Auditor, Ms Leanne Smith of Intentus Accounting, to address the Synod at 10:30am, Saturday 18th September 2021, via Zoom.

Finance and accounts for 2020 (b)

Mover:

Seconder:

That this Synod receives the audited financial statements and accounts for the Synod Management Fund, the Anglican Property Trust, the Anglican Managed Investment Fund and the Endowment of the See.

MOTIONS (Cont.)

M5 Synod Management Fund Budget Estimates for 2022

Mover:

Seconder:

That this Synod adopts the 2022 Synod Management Fund Budget Estimates.

M6 Schedule of Synod Contributions for 2022

Mover:

Seconder:

That this Synod adopts the 2022 Schedule of Synod Contributions.

M7 Deferral of Business

Mover:

Seconder:

That further business be deferred to either the next session of Synod on 5th February 2022, or Bishop-in-Council.

QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

No questions received as of 5pm, 1st of September.

TIMETABLE

Saturday 5th February 2022 - PART B **All Saint's Cathedral**

8:30	Gather and registration
9:00	Welcome and Lord's Supper – The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel – Preacher
10:30	President's address
11:15	Morning tea
11:30	Election of Chair of Committees Formal motions Notices of questions Notices of motions
12:00	Motions of which notice has been given
1:00	Lunch
1:45	Presentation by James Daymond, Evangelist in Mudgee
2:00	Formal responses to reports if required
2:15	Provincial Synod Tribunal Ordinance 2020
2:45	Questions of which previous notice has been given to be answered.
3:00	Questions of which notice has been given
3:15	Prayer
3:30	Adjournment of synod

MOTIONS

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - PART B

M8 Synod Contributions

Mover: Canon Karen Trafford

Seconder: Mr John Power

Synod approves the recommendations presented by the Synod Contribution Review Committee, and endorsed by Bishop-in-Council, and recommends that this method be used from 1st January 2023.

M9 Strategic Planning

Mover: The Rev'd Canon Tim Fogo

Seconder: Canon Karen Trafford

Synod respectfully asks Bishop Calder to develop a strategic plan for the future of our diocese which addresses such issues as focusing on the gospel and making disciples of Jesus, promoting gospel opportunities in the west and recruiting clergy and other gospel workers, renewing and refreshing ministry in our parishes, the financial sustainability of the diocese, the provision of ministry in more remote parishes, and strategic partnerships with other parishes and organisations.

M10 Provincial Synod Tribunal Ordinance 2020

Mover: The Rev'd Canon Tim Fogo

Seconder: Canon Karen Trafford

Synod grants leave for the presentation of the Provincial Synod Tribunal Ordinance 2020 at 2:15pm.

M11 Review of Parish Administration Ordinance

Mover: The Rev'd Bob Cameron

Seconder: The Rev'd Phil Howes

Synod requests that Bishop-in-Council conduct a thorough review of the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst Administration Ordinance 2003-2018 and to bring recommendations and changes, or if needed a new draft ordinance, to the next ordinary session of the synod.

MOTIONS (Cont.)

M12 Review of Clergy Retirement

Mover: *The Rev'd Bob Cameron*

Seconder: *The Rev'd Phil Howes*

Synod requests that Bishop-in-Council review the current rules regarding the retirement of clergy in the diocese, with reference to (but not limited to)

- i. the age of retirement of parish clergy;
- ii. options and processes for extensions of clergy appointments beyond the nominated retirement date; and
- iii. roles of the bishop, parish, and Bishop-in-Council in decisions to extend the appointments of parish clergy;

and asks Bishop-in-Council to bring a report with recommendations to the next ordinary session of the synod.

M13 Encouragement of Gospel Proclamation

Mover: *James Daymond*

Seconder: *The Rev'd Phil Howes*

Synod respectfully encourages Bishop Calder to continue to prioritise gospel proclamation among the parishes of the diocese to win people for Christ and is thankful for the great gains made so far.

M14 Lenten Studies

Mover: *Ray Haigh*

Seconder: *The Rev'd Bob Cameron*

That Synod thanks Bishop Mark Calder for the Lenten Studies he has provided in his first two years and respectfully requests that he provides clear bible teaching for our Lenten studies into the future.

M15 Authorisation of Common Prayer

Mover: *The Rev'd Wally Cox*

Seconder: *Sue Lane*

That Synod requests Bishop Calder to authorise the liturgical resources produced by the Sydney Diocese - in both 'Sunday Services' and 'Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings' - for regular use in church services, alongside BCP, AAPB, and APBA.

MOTIONS (Cont.)

M16 Bishop-in-Council Report to Parishes

Mover: Janet Price

Seconder: Heather Riches

That Synod respectfully requests that consideration be given by the Bishop-in-Council to providing a brief report of their deliberations to parish councils following each meeting.

M17 Property Sale Guidelines

Mover: Janet Price

Seconder: Heather Riches

That Synod respectfully requests that the Anglican Property Trust establish regulated processes of consultation with parishes regarding the sale of parish properties.

QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

No questions received as of 5pm, 1st of September.

BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL REPORT TO SYNOD

Bishop in Council reports on its work since the September 2020 sitting of the Synod and of the exercise in that period of delegated powers conferred on it.

1. MEETINGS

Bishop-in-Council met on 5 occasions since the Third Ordinary Session of the 49th Synod:

21st October 2020	(via zoom due to COVID19)
3rd February 2021	(via zoom due to COVID19)
24th March 2021	(via zoom due to COVID19)
26th May 2021	(via zoom due to COVID19)
28th July 2021	(via zoom due to COVID19)

2. MEMBERS AT 31ST AUGUST 2021

Ex Officio under clause 403 of the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst Administration Ordinance 2003-2018

The Bishop	The Right Reverend Mark Calder
Diocesan Archdeacon	The Venerable Brett Watterson (resigned 27th May 2021)
The Dean	The Very Reverend James Hodson

The Regional Archdeacons –

Eastern Region	The Venerable Jono Williams
North West Region	The Venerable Grahame Yager
Western Region	The Venerable Joy Harris

Election & Appointment of Members under paragraph 403 of the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst Administration Ordinance 2003-2018

The Reverend Canon Tim Fogo
The Reverend Phil Howes

Mrs. Karen Trafford	Dr John Dearin
Ms Sue West	Mr John Power
Mr Ray Haigh	Ms Michelle Lyons

3. ORDINANCES PASSED SINCE THE LAST REPORT TO SYNOD

In 2021 to date, Bishop-in-Council has passed the following Ordinances under powers delegated by Synod and copies are included in this report at **Appendix 1 of Handbook 1**:

No.	Title
3/2020	An Ordinance for the sale of Church Trust Properties Land Sale Ordinance 2020
1/2021	An Ordinance for the sale of Dubbo Parish (Emmagool) Land Sale Ordinance 2021
2/2021	An Ordinance for the sale of Coonamble Parish (Rectory) Land Sale Ordinance 2021
3/2021	An Ordinance for the sale of Kelso Parish (Raglan) Land Sale Ordinance 2021
4/2021	An Ordinance for the sale of Coonamble Parish (Gulargambone) Land Sale Ordinance 2021
5/2021	An Ordinance for the repeal of the Anglicare Council Ordinance 2021

4. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY OF BISHOP IN COUNCIL

21st October 2020:

- Ordinance for the sale of Church Trust Properties in the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst 2020 was promoted.
- This was the final meeting for the Venerable Grahame Yager and a resolution of thanks was carried with acclamation;

3rd February 2021:

- Retirements of the Rev'd Graham McLeod, the Rev'd John Croudace and the Rev'd Ross Craven were confirmed as of the 15th January 2021;
- The Bishop in Council agreed to extend the waiver period for the North-West Parishes from the full impost of the Synod Contributions for a further (1) year and invoice 10% of the charge;
- The Bishop in Council agreed to review the basis of the Synod contributions;
- The amalgamation of the parishes of Rylstone-Kandos and Gulgong with that of Mudgee was agreed, with retrospective effect from the 1st January 2021. The newly formed amalgamated parish is to be known as the Cudgegong Valley Parish;
- Professional standards update shows the Diocese has paid to date \$4.7m in claims of redress;
- Ordinances for the sale of the church in Emmagool and the Coonamble Rectory was promoted at Bishop in Council;

24th March 2021:

- The Registrar advised that the Jobkeeper program comes to an end on the 28th March 2021;
- The Retirement Villages of Orange and Dubbo will be discussed with the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn with a view of Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT taking on the management of these villages;
- Ordinance for the sale of the church in Raglan was promoted at Bishop in Council;

26th May 2021:

- The Registrar advised that a receivable will be booked in the accounts year ended 31 December 2020, of the Anglican Managed Investment Fund of \$158k from Holy Trinity Orange;
- A meeting of the Bishop in Council was agreed to be held on the 28th July 2021 to discuss Redress and sale of properties, given claims paid to date is now \$5.2m;
- The audited financial accounts of the Synod Management Fund and the Endowment of the See, year ended 31 December 2021 were received and signed;

28th July 2021:

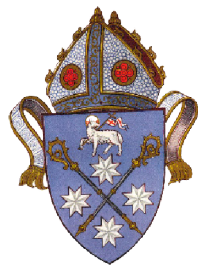
- Due to COVID-19, the meeting in person of the Bishop in Council to discuss Redress and sale of properties was deferred until we are able to meet in person;
- The calculation of the revised Synod contributions was presented to Bishop in Council. The paper will be brought to Synod for discussion with a view to implementation in 2023;
- Ordinance for the sale of the church in Gulargambone was promoted at Bishop in Council;



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ARCHDEACON'S REPORTS

WESTERN REGION REPORT

The past year in the Western Archdeaconry has seen changes as clergy have moved or retired and new leaders have commenced work in this area. We welcomed Sally and Roger Phelps in Forbes and David Blackmore in Cudal-Molong. We still have vacancies in Cowra, Grenfell, West Wyalong, Parkes/Peak Hill and Cumnock. Condobolin and Trundle will fall vacant next year as Brian retires.

I am very grateful for the wonderful, retired clergy and faithful lay leaders who have been serving these communities.

We have all been feeling the effects of constantly changing restrictions and expectations and I am encouraged by the way clergy and people have adapted, especially in their willingness to learn new technology.

Bishop Mark and the appointment teams are working diligently to fill vacancies and to ensure that people are cared for.

Blessings as we move into a new time of seeking and finding our wonderful Jesus.

The Venerable Joy Harris
Archdeacon Western Region

NORTH-WEST REGION REPORT

The North West Archdeaconry stretches roughly from Wellington to Wanaaring and Coonabarabran to Cobar. In the west it covers the CGS Ministry Region and in the east, includes the regional city of Dubbo.

While we currently face a significant shortage of clergy in the west (Nil), we are grateful for continuing answer to prayer in the priesting of Andrew Thornhill, now parish priest in Coonabarabran. Both the long interregnum in Coonabarabran and the current shortage of clergy in the west, emphasise the importance of the ministry of our faithful, local lay leadership who continue to serve while we wait on further answer to prayer in the provision of resource ministers.

As I reflect from lockdown in Gilgandra, I am reminded again that our future is in the provision of dynamic responses to changing physical restrictions and circumstances while reflecting God's peace which passes all understanding. At a time when we are forcibly prevented from gathering as community, in community is exactly where we are called to be. Our challenge is to work innovatively, using technology as a tool which, when implemented pastorally, has been life sustaining for the people we serve.

With every Blessing,

The Venerable Grahame Yager
Archdeacon North West.

EASTERN REGION REPORT

It is my pleasure to present this report to Synod. 2020/21 has been an interesting year, as it has been for the rest of the diocese. The primary issue that has been on our minds has been COVID-19 and the protocols that we have had to follow. We are thankful to those in the registry office who have communicated with clarity as the protocols have changed. All of the parishes across the archdeaconry have endeavoured to provide worship in our churches following the COVID-19 protocols. This has not been without difficulty. We have appreciated the sermons that Bp Mark has continued to provide throughout this year.

As of 1 January 2021, the parishes of Rylstone-Kandos, Mudgee and Gulgong amalgamated to become the Parish of Cudgegong Valley. Bp Mark helped us mark this historical event with a service of Holy Communion on Palm Sunday. We also welcomed the Rev'd Matthew Brooks-Lloyd to the new parish as Locum Assistant Priest to Cudgegong Valley Parish with special responsibility for Rylstone and Kandos, Matthew has since been appointed as Assistant Priest from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2022.

The Archdeaconry has also welcomed Rev'd Wally Cox and Rebecca Choi to the Parish of Blayney and Rev'd Steven Klouth to the Parish of Kelso. Wally commenced in Blayney as Deacon in Charge and has recently been ordained priest and has been appointed as Priest in Charge. Rebecca Choi has offered to serve Blayney and Millthorpe as a lay minister and this ministry has been generously supported financially by various churches and individuals. Steven has been appointed Deacon Assistant to Kelso.

2021 saw the start of two new services in Bathurst and Mudgee. Rev'd Phil Howes has commenced a contemporary service in All Saints' Cathedral and Evangelist James Daymond has commenced ARVO Church at St John's Mudgee.

The parishes of Oberon and Coolah-Dunedoo have been ably served by lay leadership and visiting clergy in worship and pastoral care. These parishes are investigating ways that they can continue to proclaim the gospel effectively in their communities into the future.

All of the parishes are developing ways of sharing the message of salvation that Jesus offers through activities including; youth groups, play groups, SRE, AWA, Men's ministry, Op-shops, Anglicare partnerships, outreach visiting and Bible Studies. We give thanks to God that despite COVID restrictions worship, pastoral care and outreach has been able to continue and grow.

Yours in Christ,
The Venerable Jono Williams, Archdeacon

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

1. ORDINATIONS

Since the last synod three ordinations have been held in the diocese:

12th December 2020 - Andrew Thornhill, Wally Cox, and Steven Klouth were made deacons. Andrew was appointed to Coonabarabran, Wally was appointed to Blayney and Steven was appointed to Kelso. Steven's role is funded, in part, by BCA

24th April 2021 - Kevin Simington was made deacon and ordained priest in the same service. Kevin is a minister of considerable experience and brings many gifts including wisdom and teaching to our diocese. Kevin is currently the Ministry Consultant.

10th July 2021 – Andrew Thornhill and Wally Cox were ordained priest and continue in their current placements.

Thankyou to the Rev'd Bob Cameron, Dr Sho Howes, Mrs Lisa Milton, and the Rev'd Brett Watterson for their assistance as members of the Ordination Panel.

2. RETREAT

The retreat this year for clergy and lay ministers in parish leadership was held at the St Clements Retreat Centre in Galong and was led by the Rev'd Kevin Simington. The theme of the retreat was **Reconnecting with God** and Kevin's sessions over two full days were under the broad headings of **Reconnecting in Prayer** for day 1 and **Transformed by the Gospel** for day 2. These in turn were divided into **Why is praying so difficult?, Praying in faith, and Praying with persistence** for the first day and **Know the Gospel, Live the Gospel, and Preach the Gospel** for the second day. Some feedback from those sessions was "Kevin is an awesome presenter", "Kevin was a great choice of speaker" The retreat also included an evening session of fireside chats where the topics were controlled by the attendees. This time was at once challenging, thought provoking, and useful as various voices were heard and opinions shared.

Retreat was and should be a time of refreshment. The free time enabled private conversations among colleagues which is not often possible in a geographically broad diocese. I would encourage those who were unable to come to the diocesan retreat to intentionally set aside the time next year to join in.

3. CONFERENCE

The diocesan conference was due to be held on 31st July at Orange Anglican Grammar School with a theme of Ministry is for Everyone. Unfortunately, the conference was unable to proceed in the format that we had originally planned as COVID conspired against us and more particularly the lockdown of the LGAs of Orange, along with Cabonne and Blayney, made it difficult to use the venue as planned.

Thankfully the presenters agreed to conduct their sessions via zoom and the conference could proceed in a different format. It enabled more people to be able to join in the sessions.

I am grateful to the Rev'd Kevin Simington for his keynote address and his session on **Developing a contemporary service**, James Daymond for the session on **How to start**

evangelising your town, Bec Choi on **Preparing intercessions that resonate**, Mark for his session on **Pastoral Visiting**, Joy Harris on **Welcoming and integrating new people**, and Phil Howes on **Developing a small group ministry**. Using zoom is not ideal and I thank those people for their wisdom.

I am also grateful for the Rev'd Louis Stringer and the staff at Orange Anglican Grammar School for their willingness to host the event even though it could not proceed there. We hope to be able to use the school in the future for more events.

4. COVID

As I write this report Greater Sydney remains in lockdown and cases of COVID are reaching levels not seen before in NSW, and areas in regional NSW are also being placed in lockdown. Karen Trafford and I engage daily with the press conferences to stay informed of events that surround our life now.

Please continue the processes that have been put in place so that we can worship in our churches. The cleaning regimes, hand sanitisation, and mask wearing, we know are inconvenient, but they are essential for the protection of our entire community.

We do not know when the restrictions will ease but we continue to worship placing our trust in our sovereign Lord

The Rev'd Canon Tim Fogo
Ministry Development Officer

EVANGELIST'S REPORT

Over the last year the Cudgegong Valley Anglican Outreach Team have visited the St John's, Mudgee church fringe (those who identify as church members but whom we seldom, if ever, see at church). This was a great opportunity for us to be able to connect with people and encourage them to draw closer to Jesus as well as provide a great opportunity for team members to gain experience in evangelism.

We then shifted to visiting shop keepers and other members of the commercial community at Mudgee. We found that there were lots of people who were prepared to talk about Jesus and were in some cases, quite happy to supply us with prayer points in response to our offer to pray for them. There were some very encouraging conversations for team members.

The next step was to commence visiting people living in Mudgee. However, shortly after commencing we put this ministry on hold as we took a cautious approach to escalating Coronavirus conditions.

Combined with all of this has been encouragement to the Outreach Team and the wider church to share the gospel with their family, friends, and acquaintances. It was great to hear, in at least one case, of the profound appreciation by a recipient of this outreach.

Shortly before Easter, we began thinking more extensively about how we could engage further with the 600 SRE students at Mudgee. One idea was to invite students attending our SRE Easter Services to a Pop-Up Event in the Park called, The Kombi Games, run by Scripture Union NSW. We are presently working with local churches to think about what next?

On Anzac Day, we commenced a new church service called, Arvo Church. This is a weekly service, modern in style, and designed to be integrated with our Outreach Visiting ministry. We are presently working our way through Mark's Gospel in Bible Talks and seeking to engage further with the community so that people are invited to join us.

James Daymond
Evangelist



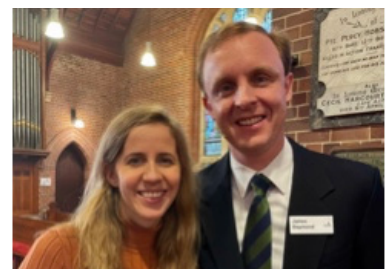
This lady, unable to get to church, was delighted to receive Bishop Mark Calder's YouTube services.



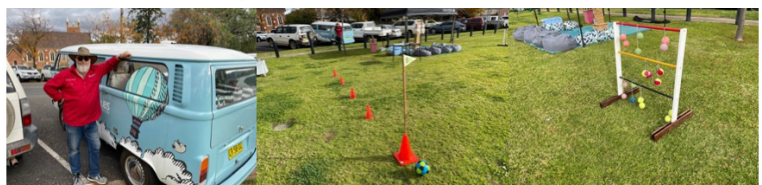
Phillipa Adams and Rochelle Sutherland, Cudgegong Valley Anglican Outreach Team Members returning from visiting the shop keepers at Mudgee



An invitation to Arvo Church, St John's, Mudgee



Brittany and James Daymond visiting St Clement's, Mosman, to update them on ministry at Mudgee.



RIGHT: Mudgee Public School attending an SRE Easter Service at St John's, Mudgee
The Revd Andrew Parkinson, Scripture Union NSW, and his Kombi for the Kombi Games!

CHURCH IN THE SCHOOLYARD REPORT

NORTHSIDE CHAPEL MINISTRIES - FORBES

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

Greetings to everyone from Northside Chapel. We hope and pray that our Lord's ministries in your area have sprung up afresh after the restrictions of 2020, as they have here in Forbes.

As with many churches, our start-up was a careful and gradual process. We didn't run our bus for the remainder of 2020 because of the continued covid restrictions applying to its use. This resulted in a smaller attendance rate to our kid's church and Family Funday Sunday services. We always wondered what difference the bus made, and it was obvious how many more youth can be reached by bussing them in!

A core group of faithful and enthusiastic children were being dropped off in August to December though and they appreciated being able to come to church again.

Our monster garage sale went very well last October and proceeds from that will fund our next two annual camps once we can run them again. We gratefully thank everyone who donated goods to that. We had a team of students from Capernwray Bible College help us with the sale. They also used the Chapel as their base and helped in Northside Ministries and other local churches efforts all over town.

This year saw our bus in action again and the ministry on full steam ahead. The community supported the Chapel enough to give it second place in Bernardis Supermarket community funding scheme which resulted in us receiving a \$1500 cheque this year. This money went towards the purchase of a new ride-on mower, to keep our Chapel yard tidy and other mowing in the community when someone has the need.

It was a pleasure to host a couple of Sunday services for St. John's earlier this year on the second Sundays in February and March. Everyone is always welcome to our Family Funday Sundays. The children always appreciate having older Christian people join them for church.

Our monthly Family Funday Sundays are our opportunity to engage with young and old by making church an all-inclusive, visual, tactile and interactive experience. This year we have had fun with the following in our services:

February – Built a house and removed the roof to heal a paralysed man.

March – Andrew Parkinson from Scripture Union presented songs, games and message.

April – Cooked up a recipe for salvation, with our resurrected Lord by the sea of Galilee.

May – Constructed a 2.7m giant and bowled him over just like David did.

June – Made Lego models of different aspects of Psalm 23.

August – Ate locust and honey sandwiches and saw a dove swoop down out of the rafters while reenacting Jesus's baptism.

(We would be happy to provide service outlines for any of these on request, and even lend out our roofless house, 2.7m giant and swooping dove to anyone)

God in His gracious love and infinite wisdom has shown us new ways to do church. Now, more than ever we need to embrace these ways to reach a community that is overall happy to ignore God and His love. We at Northside Chapel would encourage the whole diocese to "BE NEW" in the spirit of Isaiah 43:19, where God declares "See, I am doing a new thing!"

"Lord, Let your voice be heard, your love felt and your life known! In the name of Jesus, Amen."

Rex Taylor

Lay Chaplain, Northside Chapel Ministries

THE CHURCH AND INDIGENOUS CULTURE

Aim: The aim of the working group is to research, produce and make information available to the Bishop in Council, Synod, diocese and beyond to assist in the better understanding and incorporation of Indigenous Culture within the life of the church.

The working group: The working group comprises interested persons from across the diocese: the Venerable Brett Watterson (Dubbo), the Venerable Joy Harris (Canowindra-Eugowra), the Reverend Gloria Shipp (Nyngan), Mrs Michelle Lyons (Dubbo), Angus McDonald and Eleanor Lawson (both from Molong). Other interest has been received from other parishes within the diocese.

With the on-going restrictions with Covid-19 no meeting took place of the working committee this year.

By way of encouragement two significant events took place during the year in the parish of Dubbo. Firstly, the ministry of the Reverend Gloria Shipp, who moved early in the year with her husband Eddie to Nyngan, was recognized. A dinner was held in the Dubbo Parish Hall and the main hall room was named in honour of Gloria's many years of ministry in Dubbo and across Australia. The photos and accompanying acknowledgement are attached at the end of this report.



The second project at Dubbo is one that any parish can probably implement. With the assistance of a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs the original flagpole was replaced with a yardarm flagpole so that the National, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands flags (or others) can be flown. Flying these flags together sends a signal of inclusiveness to First Nations people.

As we head into the year 2022, we will seek to bring the working group together to explore how we can encourage and enable a better understanding and incorporation of Indigenous Culture into the life of the church.

"I pray that they may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you". John 17. 21

The Reverend Brett Watterson



The Reverend Gloria Shipp

The main hall is named in honour of the Reverend Gloria Shipp, of the Gamilaroi nation, she was born at Nyngan NSW. Gloria was the first Aboriginal lady ordained a priest in the Anglican Church of Australia (1996 here at Dubbo). Locally, Gloria supported by husband Eddie and the Anglican Board of Mission, has lead church services and overseen "Walkabout Ministries" - running women's camps, the Elder's Outreach Group, women's dinners, 'Women of the Bible' days, the annual Christian rally and Reconciliation lunch, and the weekly bread run. For many years she was chaplain to the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre. Gloria has served and is a life member of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

COMPANY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Due to ministry relocation, retirements, and serious illness there are currently no Companions residing in the Company of the Good Shepherd (CGS) ministry area. This is the first time since the inception on the CGS 20 years ago that this has been the case. Current companions continue to give sacrificially by travelling into the ministry area, liaising with link parishes and providing collegial support.

I continue to be grateful to the Parish of Gilgandra who fund from their weekly offering my full stipend and also release me to do what I can in the west through the CGS. Thank you to the team at St Ambrose who with Deacon Anne Younghusband, Associate Priest Brenda Yager and the dynamic lay leadership make it possible for me to travel to other communities when needed, while continuing to gather for vibrant worship, faithfully grounded in the Gospel.

Over Holy Week an offer by Companion Linda Boss was an answer to prayer as she travelled from her new home in Blayney to minister in the communities of Nyngan, Cobar, Warren and Tottenham. This made it possible for me to cover Bourke, Brewarrina and Gilgandra. The Reverend Robert Bowman has been a welcome support to Coonamble from his home in Coonabarabran. All this augmented by the ministry of our faithful local lay leaders.

In June, the Companions were blessed to have the opportunity to physically meet in Dubbo. Following a time of worship and catching up, we joined with the parish community of Holy Trinity for the ringing of the church chimes followed by a recital by our own Michael Deasey, (pictured with his wife Antonia).

The Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd Council and donations made through the Synod of the Diocese of Bathurst continue to be our greatest financial support for this ministry in places where local funds are not sufficient. Although this has necessarily decreased in recent years, the encouragement and prayer support has not.

Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support. As never before please include prayer for faithful ministers to answer the call to serve in our most isolated situations.

With every Blessing,

The Venerable Grahame Yager
Principal CGS



LIST OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST ORDINARY SESSION 50th SYNOD - 18th SEPTEMBER 2021

CLERICAL AND LAY REPRESENTATIVES SUMMONED BY THE BISHOP TO THE FIRST
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE 50TH SYNOD UNDER THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF
BATHURST ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE

PARISH PRIESTS – Clause 300(1)

BATHURST
The Very Reverend James Hodson

BLAYNEY
The Reverend Wally Cox

BOURKE-BREWARRINA
Vacant

CANOWINDRA
The Venerable Joy Harris

COBAR
Vacant

CONDOBOLIN
The Reverend Brian Schmalkuche

COOLAH-DUNEDOO
Vacant

COONABARABRAN
The Reverend Andrew Thornhill

COONAMBLE
Vacant

COWRA
Vacant

CUDAL - MOLONG
The Reverend David Blackmore

CUDGEGONG VALLEY
The Venerable Jonathan Williams

CUMNOCK
Vacant

DUBBO
The Reverend Brett Watterson

FORBES
Lay Representatives see Cl 319

GILGANDRA
Vacant

GRENFELL
Vacant

KELSO
The Reverend Canon Tim Fogo

NARROMINE
Vacant

NYNGAN
Vacant

OBERON
Vacant

ORANGE
The Reverend Mal Dunnett

ORANGE EAST
The Reverend Bob Cameron

PARKES
The Reverend Natalie Quince (Locum)

TRUNDLE
The Reverend Brian Schmalkuche

WARREN
Vacant

WELLINGTON
The Reverend Carl Palmer

WEST WYALONG
The Reverend Ross Craven (Locum)

**LAY PERSONS ELECTED AS PARISH
REPRESENTATIVES – Clause 300(2)**

BATHURST

Mr Graham Leatherland
Ms Sue West

BLAYNEY

Mrs Sue Lane
Mrs Elizabeth Russ

BOURKE-BREWARRINA

Mr Cec Dorrington
Vacancy

CANOWINDRA

Ms Kirstin Stevenson
Mrs Pamela Byrnes

COBAR

Vacancy

COOLAH-DUNEDOO

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COONABARABRAN

Mr Brett Dicks
Miss Merlyn Nevell

COONAMBLE

Ms Lois Cain
Mrs Val Waterford

CONDOBOLIN

Mrs Jan Lewis
Vacancy

COWRA

Ms Elizabeth Jansen
Mrs Christine Croudace

CUDAL-MOLONG

Mrs Heather Riches
Mrs Janet Price

CUDGEGONG VALLEY

Mrs Janice Keys
Mrs Coral McFarland

CUMNOCK

Mr Robert Gilmour
Mrs Pat Gilmour

DUBBO

Mrs Therese Garnsey
Ms Michelle Lyons

FORBES

Mr Graeme Klingner
Mrs Gwen Barnard

GILGANDRA

Mr Roger Whale
Vacancy

GRENFELL

Mrs Elizabeth Lotherington
Mr Ron Booth

KELSO

Mrs Diane Fraser
Ms Julie Flynn

NARROMINE

Mr Ray Haigh
Mrs Trichelle Taylor

NYNGAN

Mr Will Marr
Mr Donald Hamblin

OBERON

Mr Andrew Trafford
Dr John Dearin

ORANGE

Dr Louis Christie
Mr Glen Pearson

ORANGE EAST

Ms Anni Gallagher
Vacancy

PARKES

Mr Jay Quince
Mr Mark Olsen

TRUNDLE

Mr Cranley Gowing
Mr Ray Williams

WARREN

Mr Michael Job
Mrs Ruth Wright

WELLINGTON

Mrs Jennie Palmer
Mrs Linda Lyons

WEST WYALONG

Mrs Marie Seckold
Mrs Susan Haines

OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF SYNOD – Clause 316

The Right Reverend Mark Calder
Mrs Karen Trafford
Mr Adrian Ahern

Diocesan Bishop
Bishop's Registrar
Bishop's Chancellor

OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF SYNOD BY VIRTUE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES – Clause 317

The Reverend Robert Bowman
Mr John Power
The Reverend Gloria Shipp
Mr Andrew Boog

Trustee
Trustee
Indigenous Ministry Co-ordinator
Chair, Professional Standards Committee

APPOINTED MEMBERS

STIPENDIARY/NON-STIPENDIARY CLERGY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE – Clause 318

The Reverend Kevin Simington
The Reverend Phil Howes
The Reverend Matthew Brooks-Lloyd
The Reverend Richard Goscombe
The Reverend Steven Klouth

Ministry Consultant
Associate Priest, Family & Youth Ministry
Assistant Priest, Cudgegong Valley
Locum Priest
Assistant Priest, Kelso

LAY PERSONS SUMMONED BY THE BISHOP – Clause 319

Mr James Daymond
Mr Rex Taylor
Mr Roger Phelps
Mrs Sally Phelps
Mrs Bec Choi
Mr Doug Milton
Mrs Lisa Milton
Mr Lew Hitchick
Mrs Joy Ritchie

Bishop's Evangelist
Northside Chapel
Lay Stipendiary Worker, Forbes
Lay Stipendiary Worker, Forbes
Lay Stipendiary Worker, Blayney
Member of the Cathedral Parish
Member of the Diocesan Ordination Panel
Cursillo Secretariat
Blayney Parish