

# Anglican Church of Australia Missionary Diocese of Tasmania

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## Church Matters July 2007

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### Annual Meetings and Annual Returns

Enclosed is your annual return documentation. Please complete and return to the Registry by **30 September 2007**. Please contact me to seek the approval of the Bishop if your Annual Meeting is not able to be held before 31 August 2007 (Parish Administration Ordinance (PAO) Clause 16b). I draw your attention to Clause 48 (3) and (4) of the PAO for consideration. This relates to vesting the nomination of an Incumbent in the Bishop or the nomination process using the Nomination Committee. Please record your parish's decision on page 8 of the *Essential Parish Information* return.

### Voting at Parish Annual Meetings

In response to questions from parishes, I have taken advice from the Advocate on the question of voting by proxy at Annual and/or Special General Meetings of a parish. This advice confirms that there can be no proxies and that only electors present at these meetings are entitled to vote.

### Membership of Diocesan Councils, Boards, Committees and Panels

There are still loose ends to be tidied up in this complex matter as some Boards have not yet had opportunity to appoint following Synod. Rather than wait until all names are in, I am attaching a draft list showing membership of these various committees as of today's date. Please let me have any questions of clarification as soon as possible, so I can complete the listing after the 17 August meeting of the new Diocesan Council.

If any member of a Board, Council, Committee or Panel would like further information about their duties and responsibilities, by all means contact me and I will put you in touch with the best person to provide that information. New Diocesan Council members can expect to receive an orientation pack with the 17 August meeting papers.

### Housing Advocacy Day - 16 October 2007

Synod in June this year recognized that many Tasmanians are living in housing stress, and requested that Bishop John write to the Premier seeking the Government's commitment to further investment into affordable housing options.

TasCOSS, Shelter and Anglicare are seeking support for initiatives in this area of serious concern to Christians, and have asked for our involvement in Housing Advocacy Day, Tuesday 16 October. If there are individuals or groups within your parish interested in being involved, they should contact Kathleen Flanagan at Anglicare on 6213 3566 or [k.flanagan@anglicare-tas.org.au](mailto:k.flanagan@anglicare-tas.org.au).

## More improvements to the Diocesan Directory

Thank you to those who have advised changes to data in the printed Directory. If you would like a full printout of these changes to keep with your directory, please contact Lesley and she will send one out to you (Tel: 6220 2019).

## State-Wide Consultation into suicide prevention

Multi-faceted consultation on this issue by the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Steering Committee is currently underway. If members of your parish are able to make a contribution to this consultation, information about how to do that can be obtained from Janette Papps at DHHS, telephone 6230 7784 or email [janette.papps@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:janette.papps@dhhs.tas.gov.au).

## The Colin Bisdee Trust

You will find enclosed a form to be used if your parish wishes to seek financial assistance for someone in unfortunate circumstances from the Colin Bisdee Trust. This form will also be on the website [www.anglicantas.org.au](http://www.anglicantas.org.au), in the *Resources* section.

Blessings

Russell Morton  
**REGISTRAR**  
26 July 2007