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*Working Parties Membership – Women Bishop Protocols and Environmental Policy*

The May meetings of Synod requested Diocesan Council to address two matters as follows:

1. to review the Australian Anglican Bishops Protocol 2008 regarding women bishops and Episcopal ministry and report to the next Synod as to how the principles contained therein can be applied in the Diocese of Tasmania.
2. to develop and implement an environmental policy which expresses principles of good environmental stewardship and care to all Anglicans, Anglican parishes and agencies, including modelling of sustainable water and energy use.

Diocesan Council will consider both these tasks at a forthcoming meeting, and can be expected to establish sub-committees or working parties to undertake them. If you or someone you know would like to join either or both of these working parties, please let me know as soon as possible so that possible names can be taken to Council.

### *The Leprosy Mission Australia*

The Leprosy Mission has appointed a new Tasmanian representative, Brian Stedman. Brian would greatly welcome opportunities to make the work of the Mission known through our churches, and may be contacted on 0413 439 555 or at PO Box 680 Kingston 7051.

### *National Home Mission Fund (Anglican Outback Fund)*

With the hard copy of this issue of *Church Matters* sent to parishes, you will find copies of a brochure relating to this Fund. Bishop Ron Stone, who chairs the Fund, has reminded us that General Synod in 2007 resolved,

*“That this Synod, recognising the large financial needs required to provide ministry in remote Australia and “The Bush” and the needs amongst Indigenous Communities, recognizes the work of the NHMF and calls upon all Diocese, Parishes and church members to support this Fund.’*

I commend this matter to your prayerful attention.

### *Anglican Health & Welfare Ltd Projects*

Please see the brochure included with the hard copy of this issue of *Church Matters* describing this opportunity.

If your parish has, or proposes to commence, a program or programs to assist people in need, you may be able to offer tax-deductibility for donations to your project by seeking the approval of Anglican Health & Welfare Ltd for the project.

If this is of interest and you would like further information, please contact my office.

### *Funding Applications*

The Tasmanian Community Fund's (TCF) grant round 17 will open on Saturday 19 July and close on Thursday 28 August. See <http://www.tascomfund.org/> for full details.

Applications from parishes for grants, whether through the TCF or other bodies, are to be forwarded to this office for endorsement by the Diocese/Trustees. We will ensure they reach the granting authority on time, provided we receive them in good time.

If you are making application for a grant in excess of \$40,000 then it will need to be received in time to be considered by Diocesan Council on Friday 8 August.

### *Diocesan Office Staffing*

Early in June we farewelled Erin Wilson who made a most useful contribution as personal assistant to Paul Cavanaugh. Erin has left for the USA where she will be working for the next few months and at the time a writing a replacement was being sought. In the meantime, telephone enquiries which would normally be directed to Paul's PA should be directed to Sandra Fagan on 03 62202015.

### *ABM-Australia Tasmanian Committee – Amendments to Prayer Diary and Diocesan Directory*

Please note that Tim Swifte is the Chair of the Diocesan Committee, not Lesley Hingston (page 26 of the Prayer Diary).

On page 5 of the Diocesan Directory, the address for the ABM Diocesan Committee is listed as PO Box 6671; it should be PO Box 671.

We appreciate receiving information about changes to committees, addresses, telephone numbers etc for these publications as we strive to keep them up-to-date and accurate.

### *Annual Financial Returns, etc*

Supporting paperwork for the annual financial return and related matters such as the statistical return will be sent out next week, and will also be available on the web ([www.anglicantas.org.au/resources](http://www.anglicantas.org.au/resources)) .

Kind regards

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*REGISTRAR*  
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