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Synod and Synod Elections

Warm thanks to all those who worked hard to organize the 24-hour first session of the 50th Synod, especially the team of Lesley, Sandra and Arianne from the Diocesan office, and to delegates for their involvement and contributions. Particular thanks go to:

- Stephen Atkins whose contribution through music and management of the sound system was much appreciated. Stephen has a music ministry and is available on 0427 370 768;
- the St John's Launceston youth group for the great catering for meals and tea breaks;
- Keiron Cornwell for ensuring the computers and data projector did their jobs;
- the team from Riverlinks for leading worship, Revd Shelagh Shaw for a moving sermon and Revd Jill McCoy for her closing prayers;
- breakout group convenors;
- Ray Phillips and Max Andrews for the financials;
- Grammar staff for attending to our needs, including use of the boarding house.

Votes have been counted in the elections, but some positions on the various committees, boards, panels and councils remained to be filled on invitation of Diocesan Council. This Council met last Wednesday and a number of folk have been invited to take up these vacancies. Once replies have been received, a complete listing of all committees, etc, will be distributed for fastening in the back of the 2007-8 Directories. It will also be uploaded to our website. Please contact Lesley (6220 2019) if you need to know a specific election result before the complete list can be published.

Diocesan Directories and Prayer Diaries 2007-8

Two of each of these publications per parish were distributed at Synod. If you would like further copies at \$4 each including postage, please contact the Diocesan Office. A large print version of the Prayer Diary can be produced for anyone who would find that useful.

Annual Leave Loading

Please note that the Annual Leave Loading accrued by stipendiary clergy, lay ministers or administrative staff who enjoy this entitlement is being paid with the fortnightly stipend/salary payments on Tuesday 19 June.

Consideration is being given to distributing the **Leave Loading** across all 26 fortnightly payments in the forthcoming year rather than leaving it until the end of the financial year as has been done up until and including this year. I will advise further in due course.

Stipends and Allowances 2007-8

Attached to this edition of *Church Matters* is a one-page document setting out the new determination of the Diocesan Remuneration Commission as adopted by Diocesan Council this week. The new rates will apply from the first full pay period in July, and casual ministry payments made from and including the first Sunday in July.

Ministry Fund Casual Payments - Form MF8

A new form reflecting the 2007-8 payment figures will be available to be downloaded from our internet site in the next few days. Please destroy any unused copies of the old form.

Quarterly Statements 30 June 2007

Instead of end of May statements for deposits held with the Trustees, the Finance Office will send out statements as of 30 June 2007, which will cover four months since the last statements were issued and meet the year-end requirements of parish/agency auditors.

Bank details

The Diocese is moving to a more streamlined on-line banking system shortly. We are increasingly using internet banking to make transfers to parishes, rather than writing cheques with the delay and cost that necessarily entails. However, we are concerned to have bank details from ALL parishes and to check existing details for accuracy. Accordingly, we will shortly send to all parishes with the Annual Return package a form for bank details to be provided afresh, and would appreciate its prompt return.

Superannuation Co-Contribution

If as a stipendiary minister you intend to take advantage of the government's co-contribution by making an after-tax payment to your super fund in the year 2007-8, and would like to spread the payment over the full year, please contact me urgently so the arrangements can be put in place from the first full pay period in July. You should seek advice from a qualified financial advisor on the advisability of this strategy for your personal situation.

Intention to Marry Forms

If you are looking for this form, the (rather extensive) link is as follows:

[http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/WWW/rwpattach.nsf/viewasattachmentpersonal/\(C99C9C662AE008709B6A1B06BCF8E5CF\)-marriageform.pdf/\\$file/marriageform.pdf](http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/WWW/rwpattach.nsf/viewasattachmentpersonal/(C99C9C662AE008709B6A1B06BCF8E5CF)-marriageform.pdf/$file/marriageform.pdf)

State Library of New South Wales

Religion, Church & Missions: A Fellowship at the State Library of New South Wales

The State Library of New South Wales is seeking a suitably qualified person with a demonstrated record of research for a Fellowship generously supported by the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation. The Fellowship is to undertake research and the compilation of an annotated bibliography of the Library's religion, church and missions holdings suitable for addition as web content and access to these holdings, including identification of selected materials for digitisation. It is anticipated that the Fellowship will extend over a 12-month period, with the successful applicant being located at the State Library for at least some of that time. Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the Fellowship which is valued at \$40,000. Closing date is 31 July 2007. Visit www.sl.nsw.gov.au/awards/ for further details. Enquiries to Margaret Bjork (02) 9273 1467 ormbjork@sl.nsw.gov.au

Amendments to information in Diocesan Directory (with apologies)

1. Under parish information for Bellerive on page 9 of your new 2007 Directory, would you please note that Stephen Carnaby's mobile number is incorrect. It should read 0417 343 710.
2. Please note a change to Revd Chris Thiele's information on page 25. Chris' address is 39 Porter Road, Kayena 7270 and his home telephone number is 6394 7576. His email address is ct@dsvd.com. Also, Chris' home telephone number needs to be changed on page 14, West Tamar parish entry.
3. Revd Jill Martin's email address is incorrect (page 21). It should be jill@baywest.org.au.
4. The email address for Mission Afloat is missionafloat@netspace.net.au (page 5).

5. The Director of Professional Standards, Les Whittle, can be contacted via les.whittle@anglicantas.org.au or by leaving a message on **1800 017 286** and Les will return the call (page 2).

We fully expect the new database, accessible on the Web, to be commissioned shortly after a lengthy gestation period. This, rather than hard copy, will then be the definitive data and everyone will be able to check that theirs is correct.

Celebrant Assist

We have been contacted by this organisation in relation to software which is available which is claimed to make marriage ceremony administration easy, including preparation of documents. The website is www.celebrantassist.com.au.

Freebies

The Diocesan Office has a number of CMS/ABM calendars - the kind which open out to be fastened on a wall for forward planning - free to the first people who ask (plus postage).

Anglican Development Fund (ADF)

The Board of the ADF is about to release a new brochure setting out the opportunities and services which the Fund offers. The existing gold and blue brochure is out of date and does not comply with current requirements of APRA. Please destroy any remaining copies of the old brochure. The new brochure is expected to be available in parishes very shortly.

Blessings

Russell Morton
REGISTRAR
18 June 2007