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## Registry Reflections April 2006

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### Diocesan Office Closure

The office will be closed from 5pm on Thursday 13 April to 9am on Wednesday 19 April. Urgent matters during the interval can be raised with the Registrar on 0407 535 080.

### Parish Rolls

It turns out our earlier advice that Parish Rolls are all declared void with effect from 1 April was wrong! The Ordinance states that this occurs only on 1 April **PRIOR TO AN ELECTORAL SYNOD**. 2007 will see the Electoral Synod, so parishes will need to start new rolls in a little under a year. Existing rolls are valid at present.

### Remuneration Commission

I have been advised by the Chairman of the Diocesan Remuneration Commission that the Commission wishes to foreshadow the following increases in minimum stipends and allowances for 2006-7:

- Stipend increase of the order of 6%
- Fixed Travel increase of the order of 2.9%
- Variable Travel increase of the order of 2 cents per kilometre

The Commission plans to meet on **Monday 15 May** to finalise the decision, and invites input from clergy who wish to make a submission. Any such submission should be sent to the Registry for forwarding to the Commission, and should be received no later than **Monday 8 May**.

### Faculties

Just a reminder in response to recent questions that although the procedure is somewhat less formal, the Bishop's permission is still required for items to be installed in or removed from churches. The Registrar has carriage of such matters and refers them to the Bishop as needed. A letter to the Registrar requesting the change and signed by the Wardens and Incumbent is all that is required.

Memorials to faithful individuals are best the subject of a Memorial Garden or placed in a Memorial Book kept in a suitable place. In general, such plaques do not receive approval to be located in a church. Wording on items such as stained glass windows

should be a clear affirmation of faith, whether a verse of Scripture or otherwise giving glory to God.

### **Offerings during Bishop's Visit**

A reminder that the 'loose plate' portion of the offerings taken during a service when the Bishop is in the parish are to be forwarded to the Diocesan Office where the money is placed in a fund from which such expenses as the Clergy Christmas Party and Confirmation books are met.

### **Pre-Synod Meetings**

Meetings in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart early in May will give Synod Representatives opportunity to examine the principal matters to be dealt with at Synod, namely the proposed new Code of Conduct, 2006-7 Estimates and Assessment Authorisation Ordinance. New Synod Representatives will be given an overview of what to expect and how Synod operates.

These meetings are open, and not confined to Synod Representatives and Clergy.

Details are:

7.00pm	Monday	1 May St David's Cooe
7.00pm	Tuesday	2 May St John's Launceston
7.00pm	Thursday	4 May Holy Trinity North Hobart

### **Diocesan Council member John Davis writes...**

*Some funeral directors offer what they term 'a complete service', including the person to conduct the funeral.*

*Recently a funeral director phoned a parish and said that a family wished to have a member interred in that parish's cemetery, and that the family had chosen a civil person to conduct the funeral who was known to them. The priest arranged to meet the family at the cemetery to choose the site. In discussion with the family the priest said he understood that they wanted a particular civil person known to them to conduct the funeral. Their reply was that they did not know the person at all but that he had been recommended by the funeral director who undertook to arrange this as part of the 'complete package'.*

*The priest explained that it was the Bishop's requirement that a recognised clergyperson conduct funerals. However, a recognised member of another denomination's clergy would in most cases be acceptable if the family had a close association with that clergyperson.*

Thanks, John, for alerting us to this, which does raise issues with the expectations in our diocese.

### **Dr Edward Hall Environment Awards**

We have received information about this year's Award, an initiative of Hobart City Council. The Award encourages projects which protect and enhance the Hobart environment and prizes of up to \$1000 are available. To be eligible you need to have a telephone number commencing 62... and have conducted the project between 1 January

and 29 September 2006, when entries close. For further information contact The Marketing Unit of Hobart City Council, telephone 6238 2988, email [marketing@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:marketing@hobartcity.com.au) or visit the website at [www.hobartcity.com.au](http://www.hobartcity.com.au).

### **Safe Ministry**

Helen Phillips, our Diocesan Safe Ministry Officer, has asked that all parishes send her any applications forms/paperwork, including paperwork for people who do not proceed to full accreditation.

### **Corporate Cards**

Following an error by the bank regarding issue of a Corporate Card which was due to expire, the bank has asked us to remind cardholders what to expect when their card is due to expire. In the month of expiry, you should receive a letter from the bank on about the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, that the new card is on its way. The new one should arrive around the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you do not receive any communication from the bank by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, please contact this office so we can follow it up with the bank. This will ensure you have continuity in the use of your Corporate Card.

### **Registering to perform marriages when moving interstate**

Please note that if you have moved from another State in Australia, you will need to register in Tasmania to be able to perform marriages. Please contact this office if you need to do this.

### **How are those Building Inspections coming along?**

If your parish has not yet engaged a qualified person to carry out the inspections required under the Building Act 2000 in regard to the maintenance of essential safety and health features and measures, please note that the deadline to have the current annual maintenance statement displayed is **14 July 2006**.

We have previously provided details of qualified people in the South and the North, available to carry out these inspections.

Lee Tyers, a Warden of the Parish of Franklin/Esperance, is qualified to carry out the required inspections. Lee is willing to do the remaining inspections in all areas of the state. If parishes which have not yet commissioned this work can advise the Registry by **Friday 21 April**, we will negotiate with Lee to seek a bulk price for the outstanding buildings.

If you want to call Lee direct, his number is 6266 4373 or 0408053744.

Blessings

Russell Morton  
11 April 2006