

## Registry Reflections August 2006

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### Superannuation

Clergy, you may have received a letter reminding you about the transfer of Anglican Super Australia into Anglican Retirement Fund with effect from 1 July 2006. You do not need to do anything. Your super payments are automatically being paid to the ARF.

### Annual Leave

Clergy and paid church workers, please let us have your response to the recent letter setting out the record of your Annual Leave entitlement. Thank you to those who have already replied confirming or correcting their entitlement.

The new Annual Leave forms are on the website. Please note that they require countersigning by Wardens (for Incumbents) or Incumbents for Associates, Curates and other staff.

### Annual Returns

Would you please ensure you do a print preview before printing out the annual return documents which were emailed last month, particularly the financial return spreadsheet, to ensure you have all the margins in the correct places and all the columns on the correct pages. If it won't print correctly, check that your computer hasn't reset the paper size from 'A4' to something alien like 'Letter'.

The wonderfully cheerful St Helens Parish Council are all entitled to visit the Registry when in Hobart and claim Mars Bars for being the first parish to lodge the annual return!

Most parishes are holding Annual Meetings in the next two to three weeks and we look forward to receiving, shortly thereafter:

1. The Annual Financial Return from which Assessment is calculated
2. The Consolidated Financial Statements for the parish and groups within the parish
3. The Statistical Return for the parish
4. The list of elected and appointed office holders, with contact details, including Wardens, Parish Council members and office bearers, Synod Representation Panel, etc
5. Certificate A or B of Form 2, indicating whether the parish has vested the right of appointment of the Incumbent in a Nomination Committee or in the Bishop

## Synod 2007

The dates for Synod 2007 will be confirmed shortly. Synod will be held again at Launceston Church Grammar School and inexpensive accommodation will again be available at the school.

## Thanks to our Volunteers

There are many people around our Diocese who give many hours of their time in a voluntary capacity. I would like to acknowledge their work and thank them. The needs of many people would be unmet were it not for their contribution.

## Community Water Grants

A grant of \$50,000 is available under the Community Water Grants system for an on-ground project that will play a positive role in tackling Australia's water challenges. For further information including the application form, phone 1800 780 730, visit [www.australia.gov.au/communitywatergrants](http://www.australia.gov.au/communitywatergrants), or email [cwg@deh.gov.au](mailto:cwg@deh.gov.au). Applications close 25 August 2006.

## Fire Service Levy - Southern Parishes

One of our parishioners in the North has been negotiating with their local Council regarding rates and has reminded us that church halls/parish centres are not subject to the State Government's Fire Service Levy. It has been suggested that some Councils in the south of the State may have been charging parishes this levy for quite some time. Might be worth following up at a Parish level?

## Copyright

There is an interesting article regarding copyright and what we need to know about it available at the following link <http://www.feva.org/pdf/copyright.pdf>. I would encourage you to read it. Also, the government is introducing important reforms to Australia's copyright regime. A press release is available at [http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/WWW/MinisterRuddockHome.nsf/Page/Media\\_Releases\\_2006\\_Second\\_Quarter\\_14\\_May\\_2006\\_-\\_Major\\_Copyright\\_Reforms\\_Strike\\_Balace\\_-\\_0882006](http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/WWW/MinisterRuddockHome.nsf/Page/Media_Releases_2006_Second_Quarter_14_May_2006_-_Major_Copyright_Reforms_Strike_Balace_-_0882006).

## Risk Management Manual - Protecting People Protecting Property

Included with the hard copy mailout of this Registry Reflections is the update 1.3 of the Risk Management Manual Protecting People, Protecting Property. **Please insert this in the parish manual and discard the replaced pages.** A gentle reminder that this manual is a 'must read' for Wardens and new members of Parish Council.

We have received the appendices of the Risk Management Manual - Protecting People Protecting Property in electronic format. If you would like a copy, please contact my Assistant, Lesley Metcalfe. Please note that the document is a 2MB file. Having the electronic version enables you to modify such forms as the Hire of Facilities form for local use.

## Food Handling Seminars

Jeanne Wherrett, our hard-working DC member, has conducted the first of the three Food Handling Seminars, together with the additional program for Camp Cooks. The remaining seminars are on

Launceston Saturday 26 August

Burnie Sunday 27 August

If your parish hasn't yet nominated a person or persons for this training, provided as part of our risk management program, please do so through Lesley Metcalfe at the Registry, on 62238811.

Blessings

Russell Morton

*Registrar*

Thursday, 10 August 2006