

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 2nd Session of the 46th Synod Business Paper: Monday 13 October 2003

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*(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)*

1. **The Synod will assemble in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney at 2:30 pm.**
2. **Prayers will be read by the President or a person appointed by him.**
3. **Procedural motion re start time, Presidential Address and the Synod Service.**

Synod -

- (a) agrees to commence its meeting forthwith in order to deal with matters 5-13 inclusive on this business paper, and
- (b) notes that the Presidential Address will be delivered from 3:15 pm, and at 4:45 pm the Synod Service will begin, and
- (c) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

4. **The President will deliver his address.**

To be taken at 3:15 pm - see item 3.

5. **The President will table a document appointing a commissary.**

6. **Elections**

- 6.1 Under section 12 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917, the Synod declares 2 vacancies in the office of member of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for the Rev Chris Moroney and Mr Peter Rusbourne who have each come to the end of their term of office.

(Mr Mark Payne)

- 6.2 A list of the uncontested elections will be laid upon the table and the results declared.

(Archbishop Peter Jensen)

- 6.3 A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of the Synod will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

- 6.4 A Chairman of Committees will be elected.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

- 6.5 A Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen of Committees will be elected.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

- 6.6 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

- 6.7 A Committee for the Order of Business will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

6.8 A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.  
(Dr Philip Selden)

6.9 A Committee to make recommendations about matters referred to in the Presidential Address will be elected.  
(Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

**7. The minute book of the Standing Committee will be tabled.**

**8. Petitions**

**9. Notices of questions**

**10. Procedural motions**

**10.1 Arrangements for consideration of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2003**

Synod agrees the following arrangements for consideration of the bill for the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2003 -

- (a) the Synod will be taken to have approved the introduction of the bill, and
- (b) consideration of the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to start at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 14 October, and
- (c) the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to be taken as having been moved and seconded, but instead of making speeches, the mover and seconder may combine in a presentation lasting up to 40 minutes and including overhead images,

and suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

**10.2 Presentations at the session**

Synod agrees to the following presentations -

- (a) on the Diocesan Mission from 7:00 pm on Monday 13 October, and
- (b) from Anglican Youthworks concerning the Waterslea Campsite from 7:00 pm on Wednesday 15 October, and
- (c) the Mission Property Committee from 7:00 pm on Tuesday 21 October,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

**10.3 Special arrangements for the consideration of business**

Synod -

- (a) agrees in principle to deal with its business in accordance with the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business, and
- (b) requests that the Committee for the Order of Business bring to the Synod at the beginning of each day any recommendations about amending the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business in light of the progress of business, and
- (c) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements, or as would prevent the Synod from considering any recommendations from the Committee for the Order of Business.

(Mr Mark Payne)

**10.4 Consideration of motions concerning the Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992**

Synod defers until its 2004 session further consideration of the General Synod - Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992.  
(Page 23) (Mr Mark Payne)

**10.5 Withdrawal of the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2003**

Synod permits the withdrawal of the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2003.  
(Page 27) (Mr Mark Payne)

**10.6 Circulation of printed material**

Synod authorises the Secretaries to approve the distribution to members of any other report from a Diocesan body or organisation.  
(The Rev Chris Moroney)

**11. The President will invite members to give notice of other motions**

**12. Calling of motions on the business paper**

**13. Tabling and reception of accounts and reports etc**

13.1 Synod notes that the undermentioned reports etc have been tabled, receives them and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee -

*Diocesan Organisations - Annual Reports, Audited Accounts and Other Documents*

- (1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of
- (2) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney
- (3) Anglican Media Council
- (4) Anglican Youth and Education Division
- (5) Arden Anglican School Council
- (6) Arundel House Council
- (7) Barker College, The Council of
- (8) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
- (9) Continuing Education for Ministers, Council of
- (10) College of Preachers
- (11) Department of Evangelism
- (12) Georges River Regional Council
- (13) Glebe Administration Board
- (14) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of The
- (15) Macarthur Region Anglican Church School Council (The)
- (16) Moore Theological College Council
- (17) Northern Region Regional Council
- (18) St Andrew's Cathedral School Council
- (19) St Andrew's House Corporation
- (20) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (21) St John's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Parramatta
- (22) St Michael's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Wollongong
- (23) South Sydney Regional Council
- (24) Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Board of
- (25) Sydney Anglican Church Investment Trust
- (26) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council
- (27) Sydney Anglican Indigenous People's Ministry Committee
- (28) Sydney Anglican Pre-School Council
- (29) Sydney Anglican Property Fund
- (30) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- (31) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
- (32) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council
- (33) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (34) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of

- (35) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (36) Trinity Grammar School Council
- (37) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (38) William Branwhite Clarke College Council
- (39) Wollongong Regional Council

*Standing Committee Reports and Accounts etc*

- (40) 2003 Annual Report
- (41) 2003 Supplementary Report
- (42) Synod Fund Audited Accounts for 2002
- (43) Oakhurst - Reclassification as a Parish
- (44) Ordinances passed since last report
- (45) Parochial Cost Recoveries for 2004
- (46) Rooty Hill - Reclassification as a parish
- (47) Stem Cell Research (5/02)
- (48) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits (2/02)
- (49) Georges River Regional Council - Annual Report for 2003
- (50) Northern Region Regional Council - Annual Report for 2003
- (51) South Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2003
- (52) Western Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2003
- (53) West Ryde - Reclassification as a Parish
- (54) Wollongong Regional Council - Annual Report for 2003
- (55) Explanatory Statements and reports on Bills

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

- 13.2 Synod notes that the following organisations have not submitted an annual report and a copy of their audited accounts for the most recently concluded financial year, and requests that those organisations lodge those documents as soon as possible-

Anglican Provide Fund (Sydney), Board of  
 Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney  
 King's School, The Council of the  
 St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter  
 Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

**14. Motions for proposed ordinances referred from the 1st Session of the 46th Synod**

**14.1 General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2003**

That the General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2003 be approved in principle.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies)

**15. Motions by request of the Standing Committee**

**15.1 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2003: approval in principle**

That the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2003 be approved in principle.

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(Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)

**15.2 Reclassification of West Ryde as a parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of West Ryde as a parish with effect from 1 January 2004.

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(The Rev Richard Mills)

**15.3 Reclassification of Oakhurst as a parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Oakhurst as a parish with effect from 1 January 2004.  
(Page 96) (The Rev Trevor Ackman)

**15.4 Reclassification of Rooty Hill as a parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Rooty Hill as a parish with effect from 1 January 2004.  
(Page 98) (The Rev Ray Galea)

**15.5 Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2003: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2003.  
(Page 143) (Bishop Glenn Davies)

**15.6 Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2003: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2003.  
(Page 150) (Mr Robert Tong)

**15.7 Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2003: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2003.  
(Page 139) (Mr Mark Payne)

**15.8 General Synod - Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2003: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2003.  
(Page 110) (Mr Robert Tong)

**15.9 Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2003: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2003.  
(Page 102) (Mr Mark Payne)

**15.10 Reappointment of the Stipends and Allowances Committee**

Synod hereby reappoints the Stipends and Allowances Committee, with power to co-opt and directs that it report its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee for action.  
(Page 79) (Mr Philip Gerber)

**16. Motions by request of a regional council**

*There are no motions under this heading.*

**17. Motions received by the Standing Committee**

**17.1 Freemasonry**

Synod, noting the 1988 Report to Synod entitled "Freemasonry Examined" and subsequent resolution 9/88 of that Synod -

- (a) affirms that Freemasonry and Christianity are fundamentally and irreconcilably incompatible, and
- (b) affirms that Freemasonry teaches and upholds a system of false religious and spiritual beliefs that are contrary to biblical Christianity.

Synod encourages all Christians who are members of a Masonic Lodge to demonstrate their commitment to Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God and as the sole way of salvation, by withdrawing from the Lodge.

Synod encourages ministers not to participate in, nor allow in their church buildings, any religious services or activities that uphold, condone, promote or encourage adherence to Freemasonry.

Synod requests the Councils of all Anglican Schools to consider any association that their school may have with any Masonic Lodge, and to withdraw from any such association. Synod further requests that Anglican Schools neither participate in any activity that may uphold, condone, promote or encourage adherence to Freemasonry, nor give publicity to any such activity, nor allow the name of the school to be used in association with any such activity.

Synod requests Standing Committee to undertake the preparation, production and distribution of a clear and unambiguous booklet suitable for wide distribution, examining the key rites, teachings and beliefs of Freemasonry and explaining why they differ from Biblical Christianity, and explaining why it is wrong for a Christian to belong to the Lodge.

(The Rev Bill Winthrop)

## **17.2 Assistance to other dioceses**

Considering the difficult and even parlous states of some of the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia and especially in the Province of New South Wales, Synod agrees to set up a Commission under the leadership of the Archbishop which would report to the Mission Taskforce to investigate ways by which this Diocese can bring help to another Diocese that may request it. Such help could include the possibility of sending clergy and other pastoral workers along with pastoral "tools" to that Diocese for the specific furtherance of Gospel ministry and outreach.

And

That such Commission be empowered to contact selected diocesan bishops to discuss this proposal and/or possibilities of sending help.

The Commission is to consist of the Archbishop (ex officio as President/Chairman), Mr Warwick Olson, the Rev John Cornford and Bishop Glenn Davies, the Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Youthworks, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and the mover, with power to co-opt.

(The Rev Neil Flower/Canon John Cornford)

## **17.3 Extension of the retirement age of the Archbishop**

Synod welcomes the Standing Committee's decision to extend the retirement age of the Archbishop and gives thanks to Almighty God for the Archbishop's leadership of the Mission.

(Bishop Glenn Davies/Bishop Reg Piper)

#### 17.4 Protocol regarding inheritances from parishioners

Synod requests that the regional archdeacons draft a protocol regarding the propriety of clergy, employees of parishes, Diocesan officials, and employees of Diocesan organisations, receiving inheritances from parishioners.

(The Very Rev Phillip Jensen)

#### 17.5 Commitment to the Authority of Scripture (1)

Noting that the second Fundamental Declaration in the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia states -

*2. This Church receives all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as being the ultimate rule and standard of faith given by inspiration of God and containing all things necessary for salvation.*

and that the 1998 Lambeth Conference of Bishops of the Anglican Communion passed the following Resolution I.10 -

*This Conference -*

- (a) commends to the Church the subsection report on human sexuality;*
- (b) in view of the teaching of Scripture, upholds faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union, and believes that abstinence is right for those who are not called to marriage;*
- (c) recognises that there are among us persons who experience themselves as having a homosexual orientation. Many of these are members of the Church and are seeking the pastoral care, moral direction of the Church, and God's transforming power for the living of their lives and the ordering of relationships. We commit ourselves to listen to the experience of homosexual persons and we wish to assure them that they are loved by God and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ;*
- (d) while rejecting homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture, calls on all our people to minister pastorally and sensitively to all irrespective of sexual orientation and to condemn irrational fear of homosexuals, violence within marriage and any trivialisation and commercialisation of sex;*
- (e) cannot advise the legitimising or blessing of same sex unions nor ordaining those involved in same gender unions;*
- (f) requests the Primates and the ACC to establish a means of monitoring the work done on the subject of human sexuality in the Communion and to share statements and resources among us;*
- (g) notes the significance of the Kuala Lumpur Statement on Human Sexuality and the concerns expressed in resolutions IV.26, V.1, V.10, V.23 and V.35 on the authority of Scripture in matters of marriage and sexuality and asks the Primates and the ACC to include them in their monitoring process.*

Synod -

- (a) reaffirms its commitment to the authority of Scripture, and
- (b) confirms its unqualified support for and endorsement of Resolution I.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference, and
- (c) urges all Bishops of the Anglican Communion, in view of the teaching of Scripture, to neither ordain, nor propose for consecration, those involved in same gender unions.

Synod further requests the Diocesan Secretary communicate a copy of this resolution to the Archbishop of Canterbury and all other Bishops of the Anglican Communion.

(Dr Laurie Scandrett/the Rev Alan Stewart)

#### 17.6 **Commitment to the Authority of Scripture (2)**

Synod, noting both the text of the second Fundamental Declaration in the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia and the text of Resolution I.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference of Bishops of the entire Anglican Communion, requests that all other Australian Diocesan Synods -

- (a) reaffirm, by resolution, their commitment to the authority of Scripture, and
- (b) affirm, by resolution, their unqualified support for and endorsement of 1998 Lambeth Conference Resolution I.10,
- (c) communicate their response to the requests in (a) and (b) to the Diocesan Secretary by Friday 24 September 2004.

(Dr Laurie Scandrett)

#### 17.7 **Church Planting Taskforce**

Synod requests that the Archbishop establish a church planting taskforce funded from the policy 2A budget with representation from each of the regions, Evangelism ministries and other suitable people with the following functions -

- (a) to encourage church planting across the regions, and
- (b) to research and develop effective models of church planting, and
- (c) to encourage and fund strategic pilot projects, and
- (d) to train and encourage church planters, and
- (e) to monitor and report progress in church planting across the diocese through Southern Cross and the Anglican Media Web site.

(Mr Andrew Mitchell/The Rev Zac Veron)

#### 17.8 **Use of the word "Priest"**

Synod -

- (a) reaffirms the terms of resolution 20/97-
  - "Synod considers -
  - (a) that the good reason for our reformers retaining the word 'Priest' in the Book of Common Prayer is its derivation from the Greek 'presbuteros', (which means a senior person, and 'elder', or a mature leader), and
  - (b) that much of this meaning has been lost, because modern English has come to use 'Priest' to mean a person who mediates between man and God, and therefore encourages all involved in liturgical revision, in place of the word 'Priest', to use words like 'elder', 'president', 'presbyter' or 'minister'." and
- (b) considers that our continued use of the word "priest" in legislation and formularies describing New Testament ministers is unhelpful, confusing and dangerous, and
- (c) asks that the Standing Committee bring to the next session a report on the action needed to replace the word "priest" with "presbyter" in all our legislation and formularies and, if possible, legislation to effect this.

(The Rev Chris Clerke/The Rev Joseph Thiem)



## 17.9 New Anglican Schools

Synod -

- (a) gives thanks to God for the establishment of two new Anglican schools in the Diocese of Sydney – Shellharbour Anglican College in the Illawarra and Wollondilly Anglican College in the Southern Highlands, and
- (b) assures the respective foundation principals of the schools, Mr Stuart Quarmby and Mr Tony Cummings, and their school councils, of its prayers and encouragement as they prepare for their opening in January 2004.

(The Rev Ian Mears)

## 17.10 College of Church Planters

Synod approves the formation of a diocesan College of Church Planters to facilitate and stimulate the growth and development of new Anglican congregations and fellowships and to specifically work on the following -

- (a) sponsoring and organising local, regional and national church planting conferences and 'schools' in concert with local leaders, parishes and dioceses, and
- (b) assisting and stimulating local and regional church planting initiatives through 'roundtables', consultations and coaching, and
- (c) researching, evaluating and reporting trends in church planting here and overseas,

and appoints the following persons under the presidency of the Archbishop -

The Rev Stuart Robinson (EM) - Chair  
The Rev Stefan Bull - Secretary

and a committee comprising the following people -

Bishop Dudley Foord	Ms Rosie Pidgeon
Ms Kara Gilbert	The Rev Peter Sholl
Mr David Green	Bishop Ray Smith
Mr Greg Middleton	Mr Tony Willis
Dr George May	

and the mover, with the power to co-opt

(The Very Rev Phillip Jensen)

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# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

*References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Monday 13 October 2003.*

<b>Monday 13 October 2003</b>	
2:30 - 4:45 pm	Formal matters (items 1-13)
4:45 - 5:45 pm	Synod Service
7:00 pm +	Mission Presentation

<b>Tuesday 14 October 2003</b>	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter - Reclassification of West Ryde as a parish: Motion 15.2 Reclassification of Oakhurst as a parish: Motion 15.3 Reclassification of Rooty Hill as a parish: Motion 15.4 Thereafter, motions submitted by Synod members: Item 17
4:30 - 5:45 pm	Synod Memberships Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2003: Motion 15.5 Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2003: Motion 15.6
7:00 pm +	Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2003: Motion 15.1

<b>Wednesday 15 October 2003</b>	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, motions submitted by Synod members: Item 17
4:30 - 5:45 pm	Ordinances Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm	Anglican Youthworks: Shoalhaven presentation
7:10 pm +	[Possible motion concerning Pastoral Ministry]

<b>Monday 20 October 2003</b>	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, motions submitted by Synod members (item 17)
4:30 - 5:45 pm	General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2003: Item 14.1 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Missionary Hour
8:00 pm +	[Possible motion about Recent Events in the Anglican Communion concerning sexuality]

**Tuesday 21 October 2003**

3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, motions submitted by Synod members: Item 17
4:00 - 5:45 pm	
7:00 pm	Mission Property Presentation
7:30 pm +	