

**Anglican Diocese of Gippsland**  
**Second Session of the Fortieth Synod - 2023**

(19-21 May 2023)

**RESOLUTIONS, ACTS, ELECTION RESULTS AND QUESTIONS**

Warragul, Vic

**252/23          Bishop in Council Report**

Resolved that this synod receives the report of the bishop in council covering the work of the council since the last ordinary session of synod.

**Proposed Action:** No action required.

**253/23          Annual Accounts of the Diocese**

Resolved that this Synod adopts the audited Diocesan Accounts for 2021/22

**Proposed Action:** No action required.

**254/23          2023/24 Diocesan Budget**

Resolved that this Synod confirms the budget for October 2023 – September 2024 adopted by Bishop-in-Council on 20 April 2023.

**Proposed Action:** Bishop in Council to implement the Budget

**255/23          Bishop's Presidential Address**

Resolved that the President be thanked for his Presidential Address to Synod

**Proposed Action:** No action required.

**256/23          Ministry Development Program**

Resolved that this Synod welcomes Ministry Development Program as an initiative for training and equipping future ordained ministry and requests Bishop in Council to prepare a model for the governance of the program to be brought before the third Session of the Fortieth Synod of the Diocese of Gippsland.

**Proposed Action:** To be referred to Bishop in Council for action.

### **257/23 Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum**

That this synod urges our congregations and all Australians to engage seriously with the referendum question about constitutional recognition of our First Nations peoples.

Along with the unanimous statement from all the Australian bishops we especially encourage Anglicans to prayerfully consider this matter, and use such appropriate resources as will assist them to determine their response.

We are grateful for the ministry of our two Gippsland aboriginal clergy, Revd Canon Aunty Phyllis Andy and Revd Kathy Dalton in the life of our Diocese and for the work of NATSIAC (the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council).

**Proposed Action:** To be referred to Diocesan Staff for action.

### **258/23 Locum Ministry**

That this Synod expresses its sincere gratitude for the generous work and ongoing ministry of retired clergy as locums throughout the Diocese; and that Synod asks Bishop in Council to investigate challenges faced by locums and develop practical ways of supporting them as they carry out these ministries.

**Proposed Action:** To be referred to Diocesan Staff for action.

### **259/23 Motion of Appreciation**

Resolved that this Synod expresses its appreciation for their contribution to Synod to:

- The President
- The Synod Arrangements Committee
- Chancellor and Officers of Synod
- The Chair of Committees
- The Diocesan Solicitor
- The Assistant Secretaries, Time Keeper and Scrutineers
- Those who will certify the Minutes
- The Chaplain
- The Registry Staff
- The Revd John Webster and the parishioners of the Parish of Drouin for their hospitality
- To the Younger Anglicans in providing Evening Prayer on Saturday
- The Rev'd Tracy Lauerson and the Warragul Anglican Church parishioners for their leadership of the Sunday morning Eucharist and for cheerfully providing refreshments during Synod
- Mr Cameron Herbert and the team from St Pauls Anglican Grammar School for hosting Synod, and
- The Registrar

**Proposed Action:** Appropriate letters to be sent

**ACTS PASSED**

**397/23**

**Parish Administration (Amendment) Bill 2023**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

**Board of Electors**

Clergy

The Ven Sue Jacka  
The Ven Graham Knott  
Very Revd Keren Terpstra  
Revd Kate Campbel  
Revd David Perryman  
Revd Dean Spalding

**Supplementary**

Revd Tracy Lauesron  
Revd Lyn Williams  
Revd Tim Fletcher

Lay

Richard Connelly  
Robert Fordham  
Sheryl Hastings  
Tim Gibson  
Cameron Herbert  
Val Jones

**Supplementary**

Marion Dewar  
Maryann Ashton  
Ian Maxfield

**Trusts Corporation**

Casual Vacancy

Cameron Herbert