

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **ANGLICANS WELCOME NEW ARCHBISHOP KAY GOLDSWORTHY AO**

The Right Reverend Goldsworthy AO, is today (Saturday 10 February) being installed as the eighth Archbishop of Perth, and Metropolitan of the Province of Western Australia, signaling a historic moment for the Anglican Church as the first woman in Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion, elected to the role.

Archbishop Goldsworthy's installation service at St George's Cathedral followed an extensive eight-month selection process that was announced in August last year.

Anglican Primate, Archbishop Philip Freier has warmly welcomed the new Archbishop to the role. "Bishop Kay Goldsworthy continues her pioneering series of appointments as the first woman to be appointed an Archbishop in the Anglican Communion," Archbishop Freier said. "She will bring her distinct gifts to bear upon this important role and goes to it with my support and encouragement."

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot, from the Anglican Diocese of Perth, said the installation is an exciting moment for the church. "The installation of a new Archbishop is always a memorable and historic occasion, but we are also conscious that this is the first time an Australian Archbishop has been a woman.

"Bishop Kay Goldsworthy knows Perth well but has also had experience in other Australian dioceses, has ministered for more than three decades in three dioceses and brings wisdom and an ability to communicate and collaborate with diverse members of the church community.

"Bishop Kay has a long history of service to this diocese, and is an experienced church leader, having spent a decade in episcopal ministry. We are looking forward to continuing the ministry and mission of God's Church under the new Archbishop's leadership."

Archbishop Kay was one of the first women ordained to the priesthood in St George's Cathedral in 1992 by Archbishop Peter Carnley. In 2008 she was consecrated as the first woman Bishop in The Anglican Church of Australia.

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**The Most Reverend Kay Maree Goldsworthy AO \***  
**Archbishop of Perth, and Metropolitan of the Province of Western Australia**

Archbishop Kay, born and called to ministry in the Diocese of Melbourne, gave up a career in hospitality to study at Trinity College within the University of Melbourne and the United Faculty of Theology in Parkville, before serving in the Parishes of Thomastown/Epping and Deer Park/St Albans.

She was ordained Deaconess in 1984 and Deacon in 1986, where she worked in the parishes of Thomastown and Deer Park in Melbourne. In 1988 she was appointed Chaplain to Perth College in the Diocese of Perth and was among the first women in Australia to be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Peter Carnley on 7 March 1992.

Kay has served the Diocese of Perth as Rector of St David's Applecross, and as Canon of St George's Cathedral, Archdeacon of Fremantle, Archdeacon of Perth, Diocesan Registrar and Diocesan Administrator. Kay was appointed Assistant Bishop by Archbishop Roger Herft and was the first woman ordained to the episcopate in Australia on 22 May 2008.

During her time in Perth she served as a Trustee of the Diocese of Perth and a member of the Boards of Anglicare, Amana Living, and is Chair of the Partnership in Mission Committee and GFS – An Anglican Ministry.

On the international scene Kay has been a clerical member of the Anglican Consultative Council, while contributing to the national church on the General Synod Standing Committee and various General Synod Commissions.

On 11 December 2014 Bishop Kay was elected to become the diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Gippsland and was installed on 21 March 2015.

In the Australian 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for "distinguished service to religion through the Anglican Church of Australia, as a pioneer and role model for women, to church administration, and to pastoral care and equality".

On 21 August 2017 Bishop Kay was elected as the Eight Archbishop of Perth and Metropolitan of the Province of Western Australia. On taking up her appointment on 10 February 2018 she will be the first female archbishop in the Anglican Church of Australia.

**\*The Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy's title becomes The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy once installed as Archbishop**