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**DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND**



**40<sup>th</sup> SYNOD**

**THIRD SESSION**

**24 – 26 May 2024**

**SALE**

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## NOTES ON SYNOD PROCEDURES

The following notes are provided for the guidance of members of the Synod:

- When any member rises to speak, she/he shall address the President only, and not the Synod, or any member thereof.
- When a member is speaking, no other member may rise to speak, nor may interrupt him/her, except through the President.
- No member should rise to speak unless he/she intends to move, support or oppose a resolution - save for the purpose of making an explanation or asking a question, and then only by the leave of Synod.
- Whenever a member enters or leaves the Synod, or crosses from one side of the House to the other, it is customary to acknowledge the Chair.
- An attendance slip is to be signed by all clerical and lay representatives at each session of the Synod and handed to the Synod Secretaries.
- When giving notice of motions, questions or moving motions or amendments, members must give copies in duplicate to the assistant secretaries.

Copies of Standing Orders of the Synod of the Diocese of Gippsland are available on the Diocesan website at [www.gippsanglican.org.au](http://www.gippsanglican.org.au)

**DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND**  
**SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTIETH SYNOD**  
**SYNOD PROGRAM 2024**

**Friday 24 May 2024**

7.30 pm                      Synod Eucharist – St Paul’s Cathedral, Sale,  
Please be seated or robed and ready to process by 7.15pm

Preacher:                  The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne  
*Archdeacons, Regional Dean, and Clerical Canons – Copes*  
*Clergy – alb and white stole*  
*Lay Readers – alb and Lay Reader scarf*

**Saturday 25 May 2024**

8.30 am                      Morning Prayer in the Garnsey Hall

9.00 am                      Synod sitting  
Commences with Prayers by the Chaplain  
Formal proceedings  
Presidential Address  
Synod Business

11.00 am                      Morning Tea

11.30 am                      Resume – Continuation of Synod Business

1.00 pm                      Lunch Recess *Lunch will be in the vicinity of Garnsey Hall*

1.50 pm                      Resume - Continuation of Synod Business

Order of the Day – Ministry and Mission

- Focus on Chaplaincy
- ‘Hope25’ – General Synod National Evangelism Project

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

4.00 pm Resume – Continuation of Synod Business

5.00 pm Close of business session

6.00 pm Evening Prayer, St Paul’s Cathedral

6.30 pm Drinks and Synod Dinner – Delbridge Hall

*Special guests: Archbishop and Mrs Joy Freier*

**Sunday 26 May 2024**

8.30 am Eucharist  
St Anne’s Chapel, Garnsey Campus, Gippsland Grammar  
*Sanctuary party only to robe and process*

9.30 am Morning Tea

10.00 am Synod sitting commences with Prayers by the Chaplain

10.05 am Order of the Day:  
Presentation from Neil Bull, CEO of AIRS (Anglican Insurance and Risk Services)

10.40 am Order of the Day:  
Presentation on ABM’s 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2025)  
Presentation on the “Covenant on the Companionship” between the Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda, and the Diocese of Gippsland

11.20 am Tea break

11.45 am Resume – Continuation of Synod business

No later than 1pm Synod concludes (no lunch will be provided)

## DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

### FORTIETH SYNOD – THIRD SESSION 2024

Last Name	Title, First Name, Initials & Qualifications	Parish/Ministry
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#### THE BISHOP

TRELOAR	The Right Rev'd Dr Richard S B.Theol., TheolM., PhD	BISHOP OF GIPPSLAND
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#### THE REGISTRAR

CONNELLY	Mr. Richard P LLB GradDipLP	REGISTRAR
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#### THE CLERGY

ANDY	The Rev'd Canon Phyllis L	ABORIGINAL MINISTRY – LAKE TYERS
ANGUS	The Rev'd Christine BAppSci PostGradDip Arts MSSc (Resrch) MTh	BUNYIP
BENTON	The Rev'd Judith A B App Theol Dip Pastoral Leadership PG Cert Health Science	CROAJINGOLONG
CAMPBELL	The Rev'd Kathleen H DipTh	SALE
DALTON	The Rev'd Kathleen D A	ABORIGINAL MINISTRY – MORWELL
FREDERICKS	The Rev'd Gradwell Mark Adolph DipPMan DipTh BA (Hons)	TRARALGON
GADEN	The Rev'd Dr Timothy BA (Hons) Melb BD (Hons) MCD PhD Monash MALT Deakin	MINISTRY WELLBEING & DEVELOPMENT; SALE
GERBERT	The Rev'd Daniel J	WARRAGUL

	BE Melb; DipMus Melb; MDiv Ridley; GradDip Div Ridley	
GRIMES	The Rev'd Canon Dr Frances A MBBS, GradDipTheol, AD CM&T	KORUMBURRA/POOWONG
HAYMAN	The Rev'd Rebecca BBSc BMin MA (Min)	CHURCHILL; CHAPLAIN FEDERATION UNIVERSITY
JACKA	The Ven. Sue M MEd BEd BTh DipAngOrders	MORWELL
KING	The Rev'd Damien E	LEONGATHA AND MIRBOO NORTH
KNOTT	The Ven. Graham K BA (Theology&PastoralStudies) MMin GradCertMgt DipHE	LEONGATHA
LAKE	The Rev'd Judith A Dip Soc Sc ThA Adv Dip Min	HEYFIELD
LAUERSEN	The Rev'd Tracy BTh DipTraining&Dev't DipEd DipDivinity&Mission	SALE
LIESRCH	The Rev'd Graeme J DipEvang BTh DipAngOrds	WONTHAGGI / INVERLOCH
LIERSCH	The Rev'd Susan BAppScOT AdvDip Counselling and Family Therapy (Christian) AdvDip Min & Theol BTh	WONTHAGGI / INVERLOCH
LOWE	The Rev'd Daniel A BA DipTh DipEd	St PAULS ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL
MARTIN	The Rev'd Denise	MIRBOO NORTH
NEWCOMBE	The Rev'd Susan J Dip2 Nurs Dip DD Dip Past Care Coun	LAKES / METUNG
OAKLEY	The Rev'd Colin J BMin BTheol	WESTERNPORT
PARKER	The Rev'd Kenneth BA ThL	BUNYIP
PERRYMAN	The Rev'd David J R BTh AdvDipCM&T	AVON
PHILLIPS	The Rev'd Lyndon M DipMin BTh DipAngOrds	ROSEDALE
SEABROOK	The Rev'd Belinda K Dip Min&Theol AdvDip Min & Theol Dip Health & Science BTh	MIRBOO NORTH/ LEONGATHA
SPALDING	The Rev'd Dr Dean K PhD GradDipTheol Grad.DipEd BTh BSc	TRAFALGAR
TERPSTRA	The Very Rev'd Keren C	SALE

	BMus (Hons1) Syd MMus (Hons1) AMusA BTh BCT	
TURNBULL	The Rev'd Catherine BTh UD	NAR NAR GOON
WEBSTER	The Rev'd Dennis BMus Tas; TTC; BD MCD; GCM SCD	PAYNESVILLE
WEBSTER	The Rev'd John DipComp DipBusSys DipThEd&Min	DROUIN
WICKING	The Rev'd Jennifer A BA MDivD	YARRAM
WICKING	The Rev'd Antony R DTchg DTh DipMin	YARRAM
WILLIAMS	The Rev'd Lyn F BTh BMin	SALE
WOODCOCK	The Rev'd Paul BA (Hons2-ii) Theol UGreenwich MA Theol Dip Mission/Ministry St John's Nottingham	BAIRNSDALE



**DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND**

**THIRTY-NINTH SYNOD – THIRD SESSION 2021**

**LAY MEMBERS (Parish, Ex-Officio and Youth Members)**

<p><b>Mr. R Blythman RFD LLB</b> <b>Chancellor</b></p>
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*(as at 9 May 2024 and based on parish returns for 2024)*

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Lay Members</b>	<b>Supplementary Lay Members</b>
AVON	Bev Harrap	Victor Ferguson
	Gail Wager	
	Denise Vranek	
BAIRNSDALE	Peggie Arthur	
	Gordon Goetz	
	Kathie Tisdall-Fry	
BASS/PHILLIP ISLAND	Richard Prideaux	
	Les Ridge	
	Sandy Ridge	
BUNYIP	Francesca Lamond	Raelene Carrol <b>2</b>
	Ruth Green <b>1</b>	
CHURCHILL / BOOLARRA / YINNAR	Anne Lyne	Glenda Combridge
	Ian Combridge	

CORNER INLET	Liz Hall	
	Meg Knight	
	Rob Knight	
CROAJINGOLONG	Kim Millard	
DROUIN	Alacia (Lacy) Biggs	Ewan Stilwell 2
	Wendy Shiels	
	Ian Maxfield 1	
HEYFIELD	Nell Hewat	Jannette Stevens
	David Chambers	Joan Hall
	Debra Chambers	
KORUMBURRA & POOWONG	Christina Robinson	Janet Staben
	Annie Brown	Margaret Shaw
	Paul Robinson	Marty Shaw
LAKES ENTRANCE / METUNG	Sandra Leggatt	
	Kath Grandy	
	Janet Harris	
LEONGATHA	Heather Scott 1	Marion Dewar 2
	Maryann Ashton	

MAFFRA		Jennifer Toma		
		Lynette Teese		
		Debbie Darnell		
MIRBOO NORTH		Jill Campbell		Neil McCarthy
		Christine White		
MOE/NEWBOROUGH		Jan Misiurka		
		Beryl Brien		
		Gwyneth Jones		
MORWELL		Sandra Wagner		Sandy Johnson
		Tammy Austen		
		Hendre Roelink		
NAR NAR GOON		John Koch		David Young 2
		Genevieve Shallard		
NEERIM SOUTH		The Hon John Delzoppo, OAM		
		Elizabeth Delzoppo, OAM		
		Murray Hannah		
OMELO		Kate Commins		
		Brett Lee		
ORBOST		Barbara Lunson		
PAYNESVILLE		The Hon Robert Fordham, AM		
		Tim Gibson		

	Anne Tucker		
ROSEDALE	Susan de Cann		
	Alan Dunkley 1		
	Sandra Dunkley 1		
SALE	Jan Down	Kaye Harrington	
	Michael Down	Nicholas Nagy	
	Kevin Cameron 1		
TAMBO	Marion Bloomfield		
	Kathy Gallagher		
	Kerrie Schmidt		
TRAFALGAR	Eleanor Harrington		
TRARALGON	Cameron Herbert		
	Mark Woods		
	Caroline Mann		
WARRAGUL	Sheryl Hastings		
	Alison Buttle		
	Andrew Wood		
WESTERNPORT			
WONTHAGGI/ INVERLOCH	Robert Mesley	Wendy McBurnie	
	Jennifer Boer	Ian McBurnie	

YARRAM		David Miller	
		Tara Andrews	

**Notes:**

1. Seeking leave of Absence for this Session of Synod
2. Supplementary Members attending this session of Synod

**NON-PARISH REPRESENTATION**

Members of Bishop-in-Council not otherwise members of Synod	Ms Jaan Enden
	Mrs Val Jones
	Ms Cynthia Grove

**PERSONS TO BE ACCORDED SEATS IN THE HOUSE  
WITH PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Connelly, Dr. Cath	Abbey Director
Halliwell, Cathie	UCA Supply Minister at Churchill / Boolarra / Yinnar
Hart, Sallyanne, The Rev'd Dr	Locum Priest at Lakes Entrance / Metung
Langshaw, The Rev'd Thelma	Locum Priest at Omeo
Lunson, The Rev'd Bevil	Locum Priest at Orbost
Matthews, The Rev'd Liam	Locum Priest at Bass / Phillip Island
Muston, The Rev'd Phil	Coordinating Locum at Moe / Newborough

Norris, The Rev'd Brian	Locum Priest at Tambo
Ralte, The Rev'd Gospel	UCA Minister at Neerim South Diocesan
Sullivan, Mr James	Solicitor
Thompson, The Rev'd Neil	Locum Priest at Corner Inlet
Toms, The Rev'd Heather	Associate Priest at Sale; Locum Chaplain at Gippsland Grammar

## **DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND**

### **THIRD SESSION OF THE FORTIETH SYNOD**

**SATURDAY 25 May 2024 - SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024**

#### **BUSINESS PAPER**

1. Prayers by the Bishop's Chaplain, the Rev'd David Perryman.
2. The President will announce the appointment of the two assistant Secretaries, one clerical and one lay person (The Rev'd Kate Campbell and Mrs Marion Dewar).
3. The President will call for nominations for the election of a Chairman of Committees to continue in office until the end of this Synod
4. The President will announce the appointment of one clerical and one lay person to peruse the minutes of the Synod and certify to the President within 30 days after the end of the Session whether the minutes are a true record of proceedings (The Rev'd Lyndon Phillips and Mr Tim Gibson).
5. The President will call for nominations and the election of a Timekeeper. (The Registrar will move that The Revd Daniel Gerbert be appointed.)
6. The Assistant Secretary (Lay) will move "the suspension of so much of Standing Orders as will allow the business of the House to proceed in the order and at the times indicated in the Synod program circulated to Members and the time of sitting".
7. The President will advise that members will indicate their attendance at Synod by completing an attendance slip and handing it to the Synod Secretaries. The Secretaries will also call over the names of Synod members on Saturday only.
8. The President will announce the Elections that are required to take place during the Session, his own appointments (if made already) and the results of any uncontested elections.
9. The Assistant Secretary (Lay) to inform the house that the elections, if necessary, will be held from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Saturday. (Standing Order 20)
10. The appointment of scrutineers, if required.
11. The Assistant Secretary (Lay) to move "that the following persons be accorded seats in the House and that they be permitted to speak but not to vote:

Connelly, Dr. Cath	Abbey Director
Halliwell, Cathie	UCA Supply Minister at Churchill / Boolarra /
Langshaw, The Rev'd Thelma	Yinnar Locum Priest at Omeo
Lunson, The Rev'd Bevil	Locum Priest at Orbost
Matthews, The Rev'd Liam	Locum Priest at Bass / Phillip Island
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12. The President will deliver his address to the Synod.

13. Bishop's Presidential Address – Response

(To be taken after the lunch break on Saturday afternoon)

(Dr Sandra Leggat will move that the Bishop be thanked for his Presidential Address to Synod.)

14. The Registrar will table the Minute Book of the Bishop-in-Council and a report of the Parish and Diocesan Trusts.

15. The President will ask for -

- a) Petitions
- b) The Assistant Secretaries to advise the Synod of those nominated for election to positions.
- c) Notices of Questions
- d) Notices of Motions
- e) Answers to Questions (Questions submitted on Saturday will be answered on Sunday morning).

(Two copies of Questions and Motions are to be handed to the Secretaries as soon as they have been read. A form is provided for this purpose)



## **16. Formal Motions – Standing Order 14**

Before the Orders of the day or Motions are proceeded with the President, at each sitting, shall read over the Motions on the Business Paper and any Motion may be taken as a Formal Motion, unless objection be made by the word "Object" being called by a person other than the mover or the seconder and such motion on being determined formal shall forthwith be put without debate.

## **17. Motions recommended by Bishop-in-Council under Standing Order 11(10)**

### **17.1 Motion on Procedure**

The Registrar will move that this Synod agrees to suspend so much of standing orders as would prevent members of Synod responding to the presentations on Ministry and Mission after the lunch break on Saturday at 2.00pm (with the associated motion at NM/6, below).

The Registrar will move that this Synod agrees to suspend so much of standing orders as would prevent members of Synod responding to a presentation from Anglican Insurance Risk Services (AIRS) on Sunday morning at 10.05am.

The Registrar will move that this Synod agrees to suspend so much of standing orders as would prevent members of Synod responding to presentations on the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Anglican Board of Mission and the ‘Covenant of Companionship’ between the Diocese of Gippsland and the Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda on Sunday morning at 10.40am.

### **17.2 Bishop-in-Council Motions**

#### **BIC/1 Bishop-in-Council Report**

*(See Section 2)*

That this Synod receives the report of the Bishop-in-Council covering the work of the Council since the last ordinary session of Synod.

Moved: The Registrar

Seconded: The Very Rev'd Keren Terpstra

**BIC/2 2022/23 Annual Accounts of the Diocese**

*(See Section 2 [BIC Report] and Section 4)*

That this Synod adopts the audited Diocesan Accounts for 2022/23.

Moved: Mr Robert Fordham AM

Seconded: The Registrar

**BIC/3 2023/2024 Diocesan Budget**

*(See Section 2)*

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

Moved: The Registrar

Seconded: Mrs Jaan Enden

**18 Bills for consideration**

Nil

**19. Reports**

*(See Section 3 of the Synod papers)*

Each person listed, if they are a Synod member, will move that the report be received. If they are not a Synod member then a Synod member will move the motion on their behalf. Reports marked 'F' will be received formally this year.

Aboriginal Ministry (verbal report)	The Ven. Sue Jacka
ACTinG	Mrs Jan Down
Anglicare	Ms Vicki Levey (F)
Gippsland Grammar	Mrs Michele Wakeham
Ministry Development Program (MDP)	Ven. Graham Knott
Mothers' Union	Ms Jan Misiurka (F)
St Paul's Anglican Grammar School	Mr Cameron Herbert (F)
The Abbey	Dr Cath Connelly

## **20. Motions Submitted by Members of Synod**

### **NM/1 ABM 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

That this synod:

1. Notes with gratitude that the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 29 October 2025 and
  1. Encourages the organisations of this Diocese to both participate in events organised by ABM and to consider organising their own events in 2025 or 2026 to mark this achievement, highlighting particularly the involvement of members of this Diocese over that time.
  2. Explores with ABM where God is calling this Diocese to participate in God's ongoing mission through ABM.
  3. Asks the Bishop to write to ABM to convey the interest of this diocese in celebrating this significant anniversary with ABM.
2. Gives thanks for the almost \$18,000 donated by parishes to the work of ABM and Anglicans in Development (AID) in 2023 and more recently to the Good Friday Gift which aims to support work on the ground via local mission partners in Palestine, urging prayer for the peace of Jerusalem, Israel, Gaza and the Middle East;
3. Encourages parishes to support ABM Church to Church and Reconciliation Programs that work with First Nations peoples throughout Australia and partner churches overseas.

**Mover: The Very Reverend Keren Terpstra**  
**Seconder:**

### **NM2/ Safe Ministry**

That Bishop in Council reviews the 'Safe Ministry Check Referee's Screening Questionnaire' and makes any recommendations for amendment to the Safe Ministry Commission of General Synod given concerns that the Questionnaire in its current form:

1. Has an unintended negative effect on church attendance and people undertaking Clearance for Safe Ministry applications; and
2. Also contains questions that do not aid in the protection of children and vulnerable people.

**Mover: Hendre Roelink**  
**Seconded: Tammy Austin**

### **NM/3 Governance Training**

That this Synod encourages Bishop in Council to prepare and introduce governance training for diocesan and parish office holders.

**Mover: Marion Dewar**  
**Seconder: Lacy Biggs**

### **NM/4 Concerning a review of the legislation of the Diocese**

That this synod requests Bishop in Council to initiate a review of the legislation governing the Diocese of Gippsland with a view to:

1. Updating it,
2. Systematising it in order to create consistency and synergy across its breadth, and
3. Ensuring that legislation reflects current circumstances;

and requests a report and suggested schedule for the work to be carried out to achieve this to be delivered to the 2025 session of synod.

**Mover: The Very Reverend Keren Terpstra**  
**Seconder: The Venerable Graham Knott**

### **NM/5 McNeilly Estate Advisory Committee**

That Bishop in Council reviews the governance arrangements for the McNeilly Estate Advisory Committee and make such changes as it considers necessary giving special consideration to:

- Updating any Memorandum of Understanding regulating the role and function of the McNeilly Estate Advisory Committee;
- The appointment of Committee members; and
- Processes and policies for the distribution of funds held by the McNeilly Estate.

**Mover: The Rev'd John Webster**  
**Seconder: Wendy Shiels**

### **NM/6 Hope25 'Hope in an Uncertain World'**

That this Synod wholeheartedly supports the Anglican Church of Australia's project Hope25 – *'Hope in an Uncertain World'* – sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ, and encourages every Parish and Ministry Centre to participate.

**Mover: The Rev'd Susan Liersch**  
**Seconder: The Ven Graham Knott**

**NM/7 A Policy For The Management And Best Practice Of Locum Ministry.**

That this synod requests that the Bishop and Bishop-in-council further the findings of the Locum Ministry Review 2023-2024 by:

- creating a policy, for the management and the guidance of locum ministry within the Diocese, guided by the findings of the report; and
- implementing such of the other recommendations in the report as appropriate.

**Mover: Revd Liam Matthews  
Seconded: Revd John Webster**

**21. Motions of Appreciation**

Rev'd Lyndon Phillips to move the motions of appreciation.

<p><b>Next Synod</b> <b>41<sup>st</sup> Synod – First Session</b> <b>May 16-18, Sale.</b></p>
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