

# ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

## SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

### FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY SIXTH SYNOD

6-8 OCTOBER 2017

#### 4. PAPERS TO BE LAID UPON THE TABLE

- 4.1 List of clergy summoned to Synod
- 4.2 List of lay representatives summoned to Synod

#### 5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 6. OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND COMMITTEES OF SYNOD

##### 6.1 Officers of Synod

**Motion:** That the Synod appoint the following persons as Officers of Synod:

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mr Greg Mills                 | Chair of Committees          |
| Reverend Canon Gillian Varcoe | Deputy Chair of Committees   |
| Revd Canon Margaret Campbell  | Clerical Secretary           |
| Reverend Katherine Rainger    | Assistant Clerical Secretary |
| Mr Wayne Harris               | Lay Secretary                |
| Mr Tim McGhie                 | Assistant Lay Secretary      |
| Mr Roger Rankin               | Manager of Synod Elections   |
| Ms Gail Pinney                | Elections Assistant          |

##### 6.2 Minutes Scrutiny Committee

**Motion:** That the Synod appoint the following persons to the Minutes Scrutiny Committee:

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| Mr Matthew Stuckings | Minutes Scrutineer |
| Ms Helen Rainger     | Minutes Scrutineer |
| Revd Yvonne Gunning  | Minutes Scrutineer |

##### 6.3 Synod Administrative Staff

**Motion:** That the Synod appoint the following persons to be the staff of the Synod with approval to be on the floor of the house for administrative purposes:

Ms Emma Body  
Ms Alison Payne  
Ms Sue O'Brien  
Ms Heather Walsh  
Mr Paul Brand  
Mr Michael Stallard  
Mrs Fran Rankin  
Ms Maria Myer  
Ms Tracy Marshall  
Mr Andrew Guile  
Mr Vince Dove

## 6.4 Guests

**Motion:** That this Synod welcome the following guests and grant approval for them to be on the floor of the House with permission to speak:

- Ms Meg Brighton (Chair, Property Development Commission) for the Saturday sitting;
- Mr Andrew Edwards (Director, Synergy Youth and Children) for the Saturday sitting;
- Mr Adam Wright (AIDF Relationship Manager) for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday sittings; and
- Revd Peter Barnett (Professional Standards Director) for the Friday sitting.

## 6.5 Business Advisory Committee

That this Synod note that the President has appointed the Committee that:

- (a) advises the President as to the order in which notices of motion are to be placed on the business paper (standing order 31.3); and
- (b) considers motions received during Synod and referred to it by the President (standing order 32).

The committee comprises:

The Chancellor

The Registrar

Two members of Synod appointed by the President:

Revd Paul Cohen and Mrs Margaret Wheelwright

## 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

7.1 That this Synod agrees to suspend so much of standing orders as would enable the following orders of business to occur:

| Time    | Sitting Day | Business Item   | Presenter              |
|---------|-------------|---|------------------------|
| 3.00pm  | First Day   | Presidential Address  | Bishop Stuart Robinson |
| 4.45pm  | First Day   | Presentation: Anglican Investment and Development Fund (AIDF) | Mr Mark Brandon-Baker  |
| 9.00am  | Second Day  | Episcopal Election Ordinance                                  | The Chancellor         |
| 9.45am  | Second Day  | Presentation: Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT             | Mr Jeremy Halcrow      |
| 10.30am | Second Day  | Presentation: Property Development Commission                 | Ms Meg Brighton        |
| 2.00pm  | Second Day  | Presentation: Pelican Foundation                              | Bishop Trevor Edwards  |

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| 2.15pm  | Second Day | Presentation: St Martin's College   | Dr Bill Anscombe       |
| 2.30pm  | Second Day | Presentation: Professional Standards in light of the Royal Commission             | Bishop Matt Brain      |
| 5.00pm  | Second Day | Presentation: St Mark's National Theological Centre                               | Revd Dr Andrew Cameron |
| 5.15pm  | Second Day | Presentation: Synergy Youth & Children's Ministry                                 | Mr Andrew Edwards      |
| 10.15am | Third Day  | Presentation: Anglican Schools Commission of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn | Mr David Holmesby      |
| 10.30am | Third Day  | Presentation: Special Religious Education (SRE)                                   | Bishop Matt Brain      |
| 11.30am | Third Day  | Presentation: Public Issues Commission  | Bishop Stephen Pickard |
| 11.45am | Third Day  | Presentation: Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture                        | Bishop Stephen Pickard |

## 8. REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE LAID UPON THE TABLE

### 8.1 Reports required under Standing Order 28

- (a) Bishop-in-Council Report
- (b) List of Ordinances made by the Bishop-in-Council since the last ordinary session of Synod
- (c) Anglican Church Property Trust Report
- (d) Annual Accounts for 2016
- (e) 2017 Financial Forecast
- (f) 2018 Budget Paper

### 8.2 Reports required by Synod

Report on action taken on the 2016 resolutions

### 8.3 Audited Accounts – Diocesan Company Schools

The respective Constitutions of the following schools require that their annual accounts be tabled at Synod and these are now included as part of the Schools' Reports:

- (a) Canberra Girls Grammar School Ltd
- (b) Canberra Grammar School Ltd
- (c) Radford College Ltd

**4.1 to 8.3: Mover: The Registrar; PASSED ON BLOCK**

**BC/1 - BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL REPORT** (The Registrar, Bishop Matt Brain, Archdeacon Emeritus Anne Ranse)

Conference Motion

**Motion:** I hereby move, without notice, in accordance with standing order 23.2, that this Synod does now meet in conference to enable a thorough presentation of the work of Bishop-in-Council as it supports the mission of the Diocese, incorporating a final report from Archdeacon Emeritus Anne Ranse of the Episcopal Taskforce on Older People and Ministry.

**Mover:** The Registrar, **Seconder:** The Chancellor: CARRIED

Report Motions

**Motion:** That this Synod note the work of Bishop-in-Council since the last session of Synod that rose on 11 September 2016.

**Mover:** The Registrar, Bishop Matt Brain CARRIED

**Motion:** That this Synod note the work of the Episcopal Taskforce on Older People and Ministry.

**Mover:** Archdeacon (Emeritus) Anne Ranse; Bishop Matt Brain

CARRIED

**BC/2 - 2016 Accounts**

**Motion:** That this Synod note the 2016 Accounts of the Diocese tabled in accordance with Standing Order 28.1(d).

**Mover:** Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr Tim McGhie CARRIED

**BC/3 - Financial Forecast 2017, 2018 Budget and Parish Contribution Rate for 2018**

**Motion:** That this Synod:  
Receive the following reports:

- (i) The "2017 Finance Committee Synod Report" that contains the commentary on the 2016 accounts and the Financial Forecast for 2017; and
  - (ii) The 2018 budget paper required to be tabled under Standing Order 28.1(e);
- (a) Determine that the parish contribution to the work of the Diocese in 2018 will be 12% of income received by parishes in 2016 and an additional 1% of income received by parishes for youth work in the Diocese; and
  - (b) Note that the Finance Committee will continue to review the financial matters of the Diocese as per 5.4(c) of the Finance and Annual Reports Ordinance.

**Mover:** Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr Tim McGhie; Mr Trevor Ament, Registrar

CARRIED

#### **BC/4 - Anglican Church Property Trust**

**Motion:** That this Synod receives the Report of the Anglican Church Property Trust, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

**Mover:** Ms Fiona Kotvojs

CARRIED

#### **BC/5 - Reception of Reports (The Registrar)**

**Motion:** That this Synod receives the following Reports:

- All Saints College, Ainslie
- Anglican Church Property Trust
- Anglican Diocesan Services (ADS)
- Anglican Historical Society
- Anglican Investment and Development Fund (AIDF)
- Anglican Women of Australia
- Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Bishop-in-Council
  - BiC - Anglican Schools Commission CG
  - BiC - Finance Committee Report
  - BiC - Property Development Commission
  - BiC - Public Issues Commission
  - BiC - Wambiri/Manna Park
- Burgmann Anglican School
- Canberra Girls Grammar School
- Canberra Grammar School
- Diaconate
- Episcopal Election Review Committee
- Episcopal Taskforce on Older People and Ministry
- Ministry Training and Development
- Mothers' Union Australia
- Pelican Foundation
- Professional Standards
- Radford College
- South Coast Anglican Schools
  - Sapphire Coast Anglican College
  - St Peter's Anglican College
- St Mark's National Theological Centre
- St Martin's College
- Synergy Youth and Children

- The Anglican School Googong (TASG)
- The Riverina Anglican College (TRAC)

**Mover:** The Registrar

CARRIED with thanks (by acclamation) to all who submitted reports

**NM/1 – Motion of thanks to Mr Ian Hewitt, Principal, The Anglican School Googong**

**Motion:** That Synod,

1. Noting that Mr Hewitt, having served for three years as Foundation Principal of the Anglican School Googong, will be leaving at the end of 2017 to take up the position of Principal of Trinity Christian School in Wanniasa
2. Expresses and records its gratitude to Mr Hewitt for his service to the School since 2014, and his leadership as Principal during the formation of the School, and
3. Wishes him and his family every blessing for the future.

**Mover:** Professor John Richards (Canberra)

**Second:** Ven. Elizabeth Dyke (Ex-Officio/QDAC)

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**NM/2 – Motion of thanks to Mr Graeme Hincksman, Principal, St Peter's Anglican College, Broulee**

**Motion:** That this Synod,

- (a) Notes that Graeme Hincksman has resigned as Principal of St Peter's Anglican College at Broulee as from the end of 2017;
- (b) Thanks Graeme for his service to the College since 2011;
- (c) Particularly thanks Graeme for his leadership of the College as Principal since 2014, especially during some rather difficult times; and
- (d) Prays for Graeme and his family as they move into the next phase of their life and wishes them every blessing.

**Mover:** Mr Tim McGhie (Ex-Officio)

**Second:** David Holmesby (Ainslie)

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**NM/3 – Disability Inclusion**

**Motion:** That this Synod,

1. gives thanks for the gifts and graces that people with disability offer to the life of the church and its mission;

2. recognises that disability can prevent people from participating fully in the life of the church and its programs, especially children and youth;
3. commends and affirms the diocesan initiative *Embracing Ministries* as it works with the group *Luke 14* to help us all welcome and include children and their families who live with disability; and
4. encourages parishes and diocesan agencies to consider what practical action they can take to enhance accessibility and participation by people who live with disability.

**Mover:** Ven Dr Wayne Brighton (Ex-Officio/Basement Ministries)  
**Secunder:** Revd Canon Gill Varcoe (F5 Refresh Ministries)

CARRIED

#### **NM/4 – Relationship with First Nations People**

**Motion:** That this Synod,

1. recognises that we are on a journey of bringing Indigenous and non-Indigenous people together in new, respectful ways;
2. encourages parishes and diocesan agencies to follow the example of Anglicare to develop reconciliation action plans;
3. commends Australians Together and the work of Mr Bob Slockee in helping parishes share their stories and develop meaningful relationships with Indigenous people in their locality; and
4. requests the Public Issues Commission assist the diocese to turn good intentions into practical action that supports indigenous people in our shared mission and ministry.

**Mover:** Ven Dr Wayne Brighton (Ex-Officio/Basement Ministries)  
**Secunder:** Revd Paul Cohen (Kaleen-Giralang-Lawson)

CARRIED

#### **NM/5 – Support for Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

**Amended Motion:** That this Synod is grieved at the plight of refugees around the world and:

1. Notes the practical support the church and its agencies, especially Anglicare, provide to refugees and asylum seekers in Australia and the region;
2. Encourages the Federal Government to re-double its efforts to resettle refugees held in offshore detention centres;
3. Notes the serious psychological harm caused by long-term, and seemingly indefinite detention, and expresses deep concern that the process is exacerbated by being so indeterminate; and thereafter if re-location options are not found within a reasonable time that re-settlement in Australia be considered as an option.

4. That the government provide increased resources to provide psychiatric, psychological, medical and educational services to assist in mitigating psychological harm;
5. Notes that Australia is a leading re-settler of refugees and urges the Australian, and other regional, governments to develop a region-wide approach for processing asylum seekers so they can either return home safely or otherwise find a new home in which to flourish;
6. Commends Anglicans for participating in efforts to change public opinion and policy to better protect and support refugees and asylum seekers; and
7. Requests that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and to the Prime Minister and to their respective Departments.

Amended proposed by:

**Mover:** Mr Wiles (Basement Ministries)

**Seconded:** Helen Rainger (Cathedral)

That this amendment can be brought to Synod: CARRIED

*As this is to be brought to the attention of Government a Synod count was required (refer to Synod Standing Order 98)*

Tally results:

TOTAL PRESENT 233

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| IN FAVOUR: | 193 | AGAINST | 26 | ABSTAIN | 14 |
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CARRIED

## **NM/6 – Modern Slavery**

**Motion:** That this Synod:

- 1 recognises that modern slavery is a problem that affects Australian life by virtue of the goods, services, food and clothing that we use every day;
- 2 request the Commonwealth Government, via letter to the Attorney General, to develop legislation for a robust Modern Slavery Act to abolish slave like practices in Australia and assist Australian businesses develop transparency in their supply chains by:
  - i requiring businesses to examine and be transparent about slavery, slave like practices and human trafficking when their supply chains involve partners in high risk areas;
  - ii forming a statutory anti-slavery commission to assist businesses to remove modern slavery from their supply chains;
  - iii requiring businesses to provide compensation; and
  - iv immigration protection to victims of modern slavery within Australia.



- 3 encourages parishes to learn more about modern slavery by participating in events and activities organised by Stop the Traffik, the Walk Free Foundation and the Australian Freedom Network; and
- 4 asks our Anglican Schools to consider how they might educate students to become ethical leaders in the Australian community committed to the eradication of slavery in all its forms and source their uniforms from ethical sources; and
- 5 asks St Mark's National Theological Centre to consider making available theological resources to help us understand the damage to humanity and our faith through the objectification of the human person.

**Mover:** Rt Revd Dr Matt Brain (Ex-Officio)

**Secunder:** Ven Dr Wayne Brighton (Ex-Officio/Basement Ministries)

*Synod paused for prayer.*

*As this is to be brought to the attention of Government a Synod count was required (refer to Synod Standing Order 98)*

Tally results:

TOTAL PRESENT 213

IN FAVOUR: 212                      AGAINST      0                      ABSTAIN      1

CARRIED

## **NM/7 – Family Violence**

**Motion:** That this Synod:

1. acknowledges that all people are created in God's image with value and dignity which commands respect and protection, recalls Scripture's teaching against abuse (e.g. Ex. 21:10–11; Prov. 21:19; Col. 3:19), and God's call for faithful and loving kindness (e.g. Prov. 5:18–19; Eph. 5:25, 33);
2. considers that all people have a right to live safely within their own homes and that any effort to control, manipulate, isolate, exploit or humiliate a family member through violent action or language is abusive and unacceptable;
3. grieves the damage that family violence causes children and vulnerable adults;
4. recognises that as a church we have not always protected vulnerable people by mistakenly pressuring some to forgive, submit to or restore a relationship with an abusive partner while failing to call that partner to account;
5. calls on parishes and diocesan agencies to consider ways in which they can offer safety, refuge and protection to those experiencing or enduring abuse by a family member;

6. encourages the diocese to explore ways to recognise, understand and respond to family violence.

**Mover:** Revd Dr Andrew Cameron (St Mark's National Theological Centre)

**Second:** Dr Beth Heyde (Jamison)

CARRIED

#### **NM/8 – Retirement of Robert Arthur from ACPT**

**Motion:** That this Synod:

- (a) Notes that Robert Arthur has retired from the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn after many years of faithful service;
- (b) Thanks God for the loyal, thoughtful and wise contribution that Bob Arthur has made to the protection, beneficial use and development of the physical assets of the Diocese;
- (c) Thanks Bob for his exceptional service, thoughtful advice and willing assistance to the Diocese and the Property Trust which has helped secure, protect and enhance the Diocese in its mission; and
- (d) Requests the Registrar to convey Synod's thanks to Bob.

**Mover:** Richard Refshauge (Chancellor)

**Second:** Trevor Ament (Registrar)

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

#### **NM/9 – 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation (Amended)**

**Motion:** That this Synod:

- (a) Notes that 2017 marks 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses of Protest to the University of Wittenberg's chapel door on 31 October 1517;
- (b) Recognises that this action was a significant catalyst in fomenting what has become known as the Protestant Reformation;
- (c) Affirms the enduring validity and import of Luther's historic protest against the doctrinal distortions which were emblematic of the Roman Church in the sixteenth century;
- (d) Continues to 'guard the good deposit': the great Evangel, that has been entrusted to us by our protestant and reformed forebears – as epitomised in the five 'solas' of the Protestant Reformation (that is, salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, revealed through scripture alone for God's glory)
- (e) Gives thanks for the ecumenical conversations of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century that have helped the churches to a greater understanding. In particular the Joint Declaration of the Doctrine of Justification between the Roman Catholic and the World Lutheran Church; which was subsequently endorsed by the World Methodist, Reformed Churches and the Anglican Communion at the Anglican Consultative Council Lusaka 2017.

**Mover:** Tim McGhie (Ex-Officio)

**Seconded:** Bishop Matt Brain

CARRIED

### **NM/10 – Retirement of Phil Davies**

**Motion:** That this Synod:

- (a) Notes that Philip Davies has retired from formal positions within the Diocese after long and dedicated service;
- (b) Thanks God for the committed, conscientious and Christian contribution that Phil Davies has made to the Diocese as a member of Synod, member of Bishop-in-Council, Lay Secretary of Synod, contract supervisor for the Jamieson Apartments development and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee;
- (c) Thanks Phil Davies for his long and invaluable service to the Diocese in these roles and his wise counsel both of which have significantly assisted the Diocese to flourish and for its members to be safe and secure;
- (d) Thanks Phil's wife, Sheena for her loyal support to Phil and to the Diocese over this time;
- (e) Wishes Phil and Sheena every blessing in this second retirement and a long and happy future; and
- (f) Requests the Registrar to convey Synod's thanks to Phil and Sheena.

**Mover:** Richard Refshaug (Chancellor)

**Seconded:** David Holmesby (All Saints Ainslie)

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

### **NM/11 – Responding to the Royal Commission**

**Amended Motion:** That this Synod:

- Recognises the Diocesan team, under the Christ-like leadership of Bishop Stuart, and asks them to accept our profound and humble gratitude for their decisive nature of calling to account all who have failed to protect children, and for supporting and healing the people who have been damaged and broken hearted by that failure, also for the inclusive management of information sharing to all parishes and parishioners, throughout the many years of the Royal Commission for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.
- We celebrate that the great and healing love of Christ has been at the forefront of all matters associated with the Commission dealings and acknowledge the great personal and professional pain that this team is enduring.

Amended by:

**Mover:** Keryn Foley (Wagga Wagga)

**Seconded:** Sandy Wells (Anglican Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont)

CARRIED BY STANDING ACCLAIM

## **NM/12 – Australian Federal Police Chaplaincy**

**Motion:** That this Synod:

- (a) Notes that through the Chaplaincy to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) 1000 Bibles provided by the Bible Society in Australia have been distributed through the 6500 AFP members within 3 months with requests for more;
- (b) Thanks God for this encouraging development and opportunity to spread the Gospel and transform the lives of people who deliver important protection to the community under challenging circumstances; and
- (c) Celebrates and commends the AFP Chaplaincy and the important work it does and has done with such success.

**Mover:** Richard Refshauge (Chancellor)

**Secunder:** Bishop Matt Brain

CARRIED BY ACCLAIM

## **NM/13 – Answer to Same Sex Marriage, Civil Unions and Employment Question**

That this Synod note the answer given to Question 1 on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

**Mover:** Brian McKinlay (O'Connor)

**Secunder:** Revd Katherine Rainger (Jamison)

CARRIED. *Prayer was offered for wisdom*

## **NM/14 – Assisted Suicide**

*It was brought to the President's notice that, as the original motion was not received more than 28 days before Synod, the motion was out of order, and therefore could not be debated.*

*However, given the importance of the whole issue, leave was sought of Synod for the Chancellor to rework the motion into an acceptable form. Leave was granted.*

*The new motion was presented to Synod, and leave granted to consider the new motion.*

### **Revised Motion (changes as marked):**

The Synod, recognising the continued push for laws concerning 'assisted dying' in a number of Australian States:

- (a) affirms the sanctity of life; that life is God's gift and that our task is to protect, nurture and sustain life to the best of our ability;
- (b) opposes the legislation of assisted dying or euthanasia;
- (c) ~~urges all Australian State and Territory governments to~~ recognises the urgent need to better resource palliative care services, including in regional and remote communities, Aboriginal communities and nursing homes, and to provide better training in palliative care for all health professionals; and

- (d) recognising the vital contribution made by people of faith to public debate, urges Australian Anglicans to contact MPs to express their views, particularly in NSW and Victoria where legislation will be debated this year.
- (e) ~~Forwards this resolution to all Australian Premiers and Chief Ministers.~~

**Mover:** Tim McGhie  
**Second:** Bishop Matt Brain

*Debate continued and no agreement was reached. Given the important, yet sensitive nature, of this debate, the President suspended Standing Orders to introduce a new motion without notice. Synod agreed.*

#### **NM/16**

**Motion:** That this Synod:  
Adjourn the debate on the motion NM14 to the session of synod in September 2018, refer the motion to the Public Issues Commission and request it to consult with the Diocese and report to that session.

**Mover:** Chancellor  
**Second:** Greg Mills

CARRIED. *Prayer was offered.*

#### **NM/15 – Rupert Hammond**

**Motion:** That this Synod:

- a. Notes that Rupert Hammond has not re-nominated for membership of the Anglican Church Property Trust, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn after long and distinguished service;
- b. Thanks God for the loyal, skilled, thoughtful and common sense contribution he has made in so many ways to the Diocese but particularly to the Property Trust;
- c. Thanks Rupert for the dedicated and impressive service he so generously given to the Diocese; and
- d. Requests the Registrar to convey Synod's thanks to Rupert.

**Mover:** Richard Refshauge (Chancellor)  
**Second:** Bishop Trevor Edwards (Assistant Bishop)

CARRIED

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTION – BALLOT PAPERS**

**Motion:** That this the ballot papers for the Synod elections be placed in the custody of the Chancellor and disposed of after 30 days

**Mover:** Richard Refshauge (Chancellor)

CARRIED

## MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

### **Motion of thanks and appreciation following the Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT Presentation**

**Motion:** *That this Synod:*

1. *Recognises with joy the significant support that Anglicare's network provides for people in need;*
2. *Thanks Jeremy Halcrow (CEO) and all of the Anglicare staff and volunteer team for their dedicated work; and*
3. *Commends new strategic endeavours to join Anglicare's expertise with local ministry unit heart and action.*

**Mover:** Bishop Matt Brain (ex-officio)

**Secunder:** Bishop Trevor Edwards (ex-officio)

CARRIED WITH ACCLAIM

### **NM/17 – Trevor Ament**

**Motion:** That Synod, recalling that the Registrar, Mr Trevor Ament, was absent from the last session of Synod and, in welcoming his return to good health and to this Synod, thanks for his tireless, efficient and successful organisation of this session of Synod and wishes him continuously good health.

**Mover:** Richard Refshauge (Chancellor)

**Secunder:** Bishop Matt Brain

## **MOTIONS OF APPRECIATION (The Registrar)**

Mr President, I would like to take this opportunity to move a motion of thanks to all those involved with the preparation of this year's Synod:

### **The Goulburn Workers Club:**

To Keisha Northey, the Functions Manager and the staff at the GWC for their assistance with the arrangements for our Synod; and

To the President and Board of the Goulburn Workers' Club for their generosity in providing the venue.

Those who assisted with the **Audio Visual, Sound and IT setup:**

David Greig and his staff from Greig's Electronics;

Vince Dove and the ADS Information and Communication Technology (ICT) staff; and

Paul and Andrew on the IT and sound desk and Alison – our official photographer.

**The Sub Dean (Revd Canon Anne Wenzel) and the Cathedral Staff:** For their work in co-ordinating the Synod services; and

**The Cathedral Choir** for its participation at the Friday evening service at the Cathedral.

**The Chancellor, Richard Refshauge and the Legal Committee** - Rupert Hammond, Tony Beal, Anne McNaughton and Darryn Jensen – for their work not only over the weekend, but throughout this year and particularly leading up to Synod.

**To the Synod Secretaries**, Wayne, Tim, Canon Margaret and Revd Katherine for all your work both in the lead up to Synod and over the weekend.  
Particular thanks to Wayne for agreeing to take on the role of Lay Secretary, and who, with Canon Margaret, has been instrumental in initiating the new processes for generating the Synod minutes electronically.

**The Chair and Deputy Chair of Committees** – Mr Greg Mills and Canon Gill Varcoe for their work particularly during consideration of the Ordinances.  
The Minutes Scrutineers who checked the Synod minutes each evening.

**The Manager of Synod Elections** – Mr Roger Rankin, assisted by Gail Pinney, Fran Rankin, Heather Walsh, Bev Forbes and Sue O'Brien.

**The Chaplains**, Archdeacon Caroline Campbell and Revd Peter Rose for leading us in prayer each day.

**Revd Judy Douglas and Revd Emma Street** for leading the Bible Studies on Saturday and Sunday morning.

**To the ADS Team** for all their hard work in the lead up to Synod and over this weekend – Particularly Emma, my EA; Sue, Alison, Paul, Heather and Andrew.  
Thank you also to the other Synod staff members who have assisted over the weekend – Fran, Maria and Tracy.

**The Assistant Bishops (Trevor, Matt and Stephen); the Archdeacons and Ms Bev Forbes, the Bishop's Executive Officer** for all their work.

**The President, Bishop Stuart;**

Finally I thank **all Synod members** called to debate, consider and decide on issues which will direct the course of the Diocese over the next year.

**Mover:** The Registrar

**ORDINANCES** (The Chancellor)

**EPISCOPAL ELECTION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017**

**Motion:** That the EPISCOPAL ELECTION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017 as amended be approved in principle

**Mover:** *The Chancellor*

**Seconder:** *The Reverend Patrick Cole*

CARRIED.

*Synod moved into committee to debate the Episcopal Election Amendment Ordinance 2017*

*On the report of the Committee:*

***Motion:*** *That the Synod agrees to the Ordinance with amendments.*

***Mover:*** *The Chancellor*

CARRIED. *The Bishop assented to the Bill on receipt of a certified copy.*

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017**

***Motion:*** *That the ANGLICAN CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017 be approved in principle*

***Mover:*** *The Chancellor*

***Secunder:*** *Tony Beal*

CARRIED.

No amendments were proposed.

***Motion:*** *That the Synod agrees to the Ordinance without amendment.*

***Mover:*** *The Chancellor*

CARRIED. *The Bishop assented to the Bill*

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017**

***Motion:*** *That the PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017 be approved in principle.*

***Mover:*** *The Chancellor*

***Secunder:*** *Rt Revd Dr Matt Brain*

CARRIED.

No amendments were proposed.

***Motion:*** *That the Synod agrees to the Ordinance without amendment.*

***Mover:*** *The Chancellor*

CARRIED. *The Bishop assented to the Bill*

## **FINANCE AND ANNUAL REPORTS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017**

***Motion:*** *That the FINANCE AND ANNUAL REPORTS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017 be approved in principle.*



**Mover:** The Chancellor  
**Second:** The Chair of the Finance Committee

CARRIED.

Synod moved into Committee to consider a number of proposed amendments as follows:

*Amendments 3.2(a): (ii) amendment that 'Institute of Chartered Accountants' be changed to 'Chartered Accountants ANZ'  
Add to 3.2 (a) (iii) 'or'  
And to add 3.2(a) (iv) 'a member of Institute of Public Accountants (IPA)'*

*The amendments were passed. On the report of the Committee:*

**Motion:** *That the Synod agrees to the Ordinance with amendments.*

**Mover:** *The Chancellor*

CARRIED. *The Bishop assented to the Bill*

#### **GOVERNANCE OF THE DIOCESE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017**

**Motion:** *That the GOVERNANCE OF THE DIOCESE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2017 be approved in principle.*

**Mover:** The Chancellor

**Second:** The Registrar

CARRIED.

No amendments were proposed.

**Motion:** *That the Synod agrees to the Ordinance without amendment.*

**Mover:** *The Chancellor*

CARRIED. *The Bishop assented to the Bill*

#### **PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CANBERRA TRUSTS VARIATION ORDINANCE 2017**

**Motion:** *That the PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CANBERRA TRUSTS VARIATION ORDINANCE 2017 be approved in principle.*

**Mover:** The Chancellor

**Second:** Rev'd Canon Paul Black

CARRIED

No amendments were proposed.

**Motion:** *That the Synod agrees to the Ordinance without amendment.*

**Mover:** *The Chancellor*

CARRIED. *The Bishop assented to the Bill*