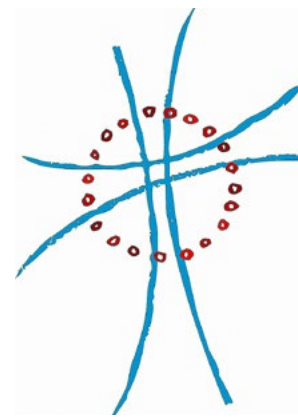


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STEAD OPEN CONVERSATIONS ON THE ISSUE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**



Bishop Stephen Pickard, Bishop Sarah Macneil and Bishop Michael Stead are pictured here at Coffs Harbour on the second of three open conversations on the issue of same-sex marriage

Arising from a resolution of the 2016 Synod, a series of three forums on the topic of same-sex marriage were

arranged and these were held in Tweed Heads, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

Bishop Pickard (Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn) and Bishop Stead (Diocese of Sydney) were invited to make presentations at each forum as they hold differing views on same-sex marriage from deep and careful

scholarship on the topic. Both visiting bishops modelled a careful and respectful approach while making their points. It is hoped that those attending will benefit from their scholarship and their example of how to approach a complex and contentious topic.

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Bishop Sarah Writes...



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Lent has been a busy time in the life of the Diocese. We hosted the National Bishops' Conference in Tweed Heads in early March, together with two smaller lead-up conferences. Much hard work went into the arrangements, particularly from Maree Collett, in the Registry, and Archdeacon Sally Miller, who was chaplain for the conference. Its success was in no small measure due to their efforts.

The seminars on same-sex marriage that have taken place in Tweed Heads, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie were well attended with a total of approximately 300 people coming to listen, reflect, and ask questions. What can be achieved in two hours is very limited but there was a genuine attempt to canvass a number of points of view and to encourage people to listen to each other with a "sympathetic imagination". Although some felt the seminars were too liberal and some felt they were too conservative in emphasis, I hope they have encouraged us to read more broadly and to seek to understand each other. I am very grateful to

Bishop Stephen Pickard and Bishop Michael Stead for their willingness to give generously of their time and expertise.

As we go to press, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is about to hold its "wrap-up" hearing into the Anglican Church of Australia. Both the Professional Standards Director and I have been called to appear before the Commission. Over the four years of the Royal Commission a number of case studies have focussed on Anglican institutions, including Case Study No. 3 into this Diocese's response to allegations of abuse in the North Coast Children's Home. The Royal Commission is due to finish its work this year and it is to be hoped that its work will lead to a much deeper understanding of abuse in institutions.

Of particular value will be the Commission's recommendations on the steps which can be taken both to respond compassionately and effectively to victims of abuse, and also to minimise the risk of abuse occurring in the future.

Meanwhile the normal day-to-day business of the Diocese has continued. At such a busy time it can be difficult to take up the invitation offered by this season of Lent to reflect, repent and to re-orient our lives. It is, however, in the midst of this busyness that we most need to lean on God and stay centred in our faith. Such times of challenge and overload remind us very forcibly that we flourish only in God's strength and supported by prayer.

Whether your Lent has been filled with busyness or has been a more peaceful time of reflection, may you enter whole-heartedly into the Easter season. We are about to enter the drama of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. After the darkness of Good Friday and the desolation of Holy Saturday, Easter brings with it the joyous promise of new life. Alleluia!

+Sarah



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St Jimmy's Kitchen

In April of 2016, the Parish of Nambucca Heads embarked on a project to connect with the Bowraville community and seek to form partnerships that would lift the spirits of many on the fringe of society. The basis was acceptance of all, not labels of financial disadvantage or elderly. This has opened up participation by families, along with culturally and spiritually diverse groups, to engage in fellowship and share a meal with no agenda other than getting to know each other and developing relationships.

The monthly evening meal has grown and developed during the last year with starting numbers of around 45, culminating in over 70 attendees for the Christmas celebration. The gatherings were in recess for January and February, recommencing in March this year with a

barbecue. 56 guests came along to share in the fun. As we enter into the colder months the menu changes to hearty feasts.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of the volunteers. The parishioners of St James Anglican Church, with support from members of St John's Nambucca and Bowraville Lion's Club, have been integral in the program's success. A big thanks to the cooks, washers, carriers, servers who give freely of their time, skills and backing in loving support.

We thank the Lord for all he is doing in our community and appreciate greatly the prayer support as we seek to bring light and love into our world.



Ballina MU Wave of Prayer Service 125 Years and Counting

By Pam Ansell

The theme for the 2017 service was *Faith, Hope and Love*. Ballina held their service in the Mariner's Chapel that was transformed to the Garden of Gethsemane for Lent.

The Wave of Prayer is held each year as an ongoing expression of our commitment in prayer to each other. It involves all countries in which Mothers Union is represented.

March was the allotted time for the Grafton Diocese and each parish has a day and a specific time of prayer.

We are able to pray for all of the beautiful gifts God has given in this part of the world to enable us to continue our Mothers Union journey.

We pray for our Mothers Union Lincs across the world. Our Lincs are Yei, South Sudan; On the Lake, Nigeria; Luweero, Uganda; South Kerala, India; and Armagh, Ireland.

Throughout the world others are praying for us in the same way.

Seven of our members attended the service early in March, with many of our elderly and faithful members following along from home at the allotted time. As we read of the extreme hardships, poverty, civil wars and oppression, we humbly pray for the Mothers Union members who make a real difference in the lives of their people through these amazing programs.



Lindisfarne Empowering Young Women To Dare To Dream

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School pledged their support for International Women's Day announcing their inaugural "Dare to Dream" event, kicking off this May.

With the core ethos behind the "Dare to Dream" event designed to encourage young women in Years 10, 11 and 12 to dream big, it seemed only fitting for Lindisfarne to make their official launch at their International Women's Day breakfast.

Principal of Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, Stuart Marquardt said catering to the academic needs of students has always been a priority at Lindisfarne.

"The day promises to be a terrific opportunity for young women to network while being mentored by some outstanding young female leaders and role models from the world beyond school," said Mr Marquardt.

"Dare to Dream" will deliver strategies to assist young women in harnessing their interests and dreams to live a fulfilled life via exposure to the stories of successful women in our community. By taking the girls out of the traditional structure of

the classroom, they are encouraged to think big.

IT STARTS WITH US founder, Kylie Wharton, has been a teacher at Lindisfarne for seven years and is proud to be powering the "Dare to Dream" event.

"When women work together to support each other we become powerful," said Mrs Wharton.

"Through building resilience and connections we become unstoppable. It's this philosophy that has made me passionate about delivering this quality event for our girls."

The event, supported by The Gold Coast Airport, has been met with great anticipation with tickets already flying out the door.

Year 10 student, Grace Matthews said she has booked her ticket and she is "so excited" about the event.

"I'm so glad I get to be a part of it," she said. "[I] have been feeling as though I'm lacking some direction at the moment – it will be great hearing the stories of the speakers. It's going to be so fun!"

"Dare to Dream" goes live on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 9am at Warehouse



Principal Stuart Marquardt, Year 10 student Grace Matthews and Dare to Dream Coordinator Kylie Wharton

No. 5, Burleigh Heads and features keynote speakers Courtney Hancock (Ironwoman), Victoria Beattie (Founder, The Beach People), Kirsty Ashe (Director, Kirsty Ashe Style) and Career and Lifestyle Coach, Suzanne Williams (Director, Grace and Grind).

There are only 120 tickets available (\$99 plus booking fee). Tickets include a gift bag plus a delicious Mexican lunch sponsored by local business Goodness Gracias. Purchase tickets via www.itstartswithus.com.au

Sharing opens up over a coffee or tea

By Jan Fryer

"Coffee and Chat" has proven to be an effective way to reach out to the community within and without the church in Ballina.

The idea was to create a friendly, non-churchy way to bring the community together and to foster friendships in a simple environment and what better way than over a cup of coffee or tea.

For those who attend on a regular basis it has become a valuable time to share with friends and learn more about them and their interests. We have shared laughter, joy and also tears and grief. As a result a bond of friendship and trust has developed.

We meet every Thursday in the Church hall. Coffee and food is provided by a group of the church women and around eight to 12 people attend. The ages range from over 90 to under 50 at present.

We share general conversation and then participate in other planned

activities such as conversation starter cards, photos, sayings, good news stories and even poetry. Sometimes the conversation may revolve around a theme such as Christmas and Australia Day. Each week offers something interesting, different and enjoyable.

A small yellow duck collects donations and any excess funds are used to provide vouchers for the children in "Hope Haven", which is a safe house providing emergency shelter and support for women and children escaping domestic violence.

In Ballina, the group began in July 2014, with the vision of the Rev'd Jane Trigg. Parishioner and parish councillor Kerry Johnston took on the role of organiser.

Now we have also added a new dimension with a walking group that walks prior to the morning coffee for about an hour around the area and ends back at the church hall in time for "Coffee and Chat".

If you do not have something like this in



your parish perhaps this year is the time to start a group and see where it leads.

"Coffee and Conversation" began at Lennox Head in a similar vein to "Coffee and Chat".

It differs in that we meet only once a month and that it is held in different coffee shops in the Lennox Head CBD and it is not a structured conversation.

Those who attend buy their own coffee and food and support local business.

We have become a visible link to the Anglican Church in the town.

Numbers have varied from 2-20 people but it has continued to be popular, as we get to know more about those we worship with of a Sunday.

Australia Day Gold and Green

By Stephen Hall

Lismore parish usually has one combined parish service whenever there is a fifth Sunday in a month.

January 29 was no exception. Parishioners arriving at church were surprised to see that Australia Day celebrations were not yet over as the church had been decorated and resplendent with all things Australian. Flags, aboriginal art, classic books, and iconic items, were all reminders of how blessed we are to live in country where freedom to worship is ours to enjoy and protect.

Following the Acknowledgement of Country, a subdued sound of mirth rippled throughout the nave as our Rector Christian and priest Alan processed wearing green and gold hair.

Familiar Australian folk music underscored the hymns. The normally spoken prayer before The Great Thanksgiving was changed to a thanksgiving song, sung to the tune *Click Go The Shears*.

The entire liturgy had an Australian theme progressing through the Dreamtime, the arrival of the First Fleet, reconciliation, immigration and refugees. Several stories were told culminating in appropriate prayers. One story was capably sung by the Rev'd Alan Shaw, the congregation cheerfully joining him in the chorus of *From Little things Big things Grow*. That story had nothing to do with growing a superannuation nest egg.

Following the service the congregation adjourned to the parish centre for a truly Australian morning.



Northern Beaches Anglican Alive!



By Rev'd David Hanger

Up to 40 parishioners and friends gathered for a cooked breakfast prepared and served by the "blokes brekkie" kitchen team at Northern Beaches Anglican.

Alongside fruitful general conversation those present were asked to discover something that no one else might know about one other person present.

Among some of those revealing facts was the past life of the rector selling toilet deodorants door-to-door, and delivering free newspapers in the dead of the night in a funeral vehicle.

Later in the morning a short, funny yet provocative DVD presentation encouraged those present to consider

those things that might capture their heart, damage relationships and divert them from enjoying freedom in Christ.

The combined breakfast is just one component of making disciples of Christ for Northern Beaches Anglicans.

In 2017 the parish will see the launch of the Vine Project. Although still a work in progress, the project involves a journey of Biblical exploration, asking tough questions of ourselves and our church.

The Vine Project helps us to live an "examined life" in the light of the Bible, and encourages us to be open to allowing God's word to reshape, renovate, repair and reform our discipleship and renew our personal and corporate culture.

Ballina Presentations to Community Groups



At the Annual General Meeting of Ballina parishioners in February, \$6000 was distributed evenly to the following community groups:

- Hope Haven Women's Refuge
- Sheraton House Men's Refuge
- Ballina Christian Education Committee - supporting two SRE teachers in the state high school

- Heartfelt House - Support for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
- Ballina Animal Welfare Service - looking after abandoned dogs and cats.

The presentations were made to representatives from each group by the Rev'd Matthew Jones from funds generated by the Op Shop.

Royal Commission Into Anglican Church authorities in Australia

During March 17-22 the Royal Commission held a four-day inquiry examining the Anglican Church's approach to child protection. The inquiry focused on the current policies and procedures of Anglican Church authorities in Australia in relation to child protection and child-safe standards, including responding to allegations of child sexual abuse.

On April 12 2013, the Royal Commission issued its first notice to produce documents in relation to matters concerning the Anglican Church in Australia. Over the last four years, the Royal Commission has conducted public hearings in relation to 116 institutions, at least 156 notices have been issued to Anglican Church institutions, approximately 1,500,000 documents have been produced, and 169 witnesses have given evidence to the Royal Commission.

As a result, it was plain that hearings were needed to examine the responses of faith-based institutions, given that, as at the end of 2016, 60 per cent of survivors attending a private session reported abuse in those institutions. Of those survivors, 15 per cent reported abuse in institutions associated with the Anglican Church.

The issues considered and the witnesses who gave evidence have been the subject of consultation with the Royal Commission Working Group of the General Synod of the Anglican Church.

Evidence throughout the hearing was given in the form of panels. On day one the Commissioners heard evidence from a panel regarding the structural, governance and cultural factors that may have contributed to the occurrence of child sexual abuse at Anglican Church institutions in Australia. This panel consisted of Professor Patrick Parkinson AM, Professor of Law, University of Sydney; Reverend Dr Bruce Kaye AM, Adjunct Research Professor, Centre for Public and Contextual Theology, Charles Sturt University; Dr Muriel Porter OAM, Member of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia; Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop of the Diocese of Brisbane; Bishop David Robinson, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockhampton; and Bishop Greg Thompson, Bishop of the Diocese of Newcastle.

Three panels gave evidence on Monday. The first focused on evidence about the screening and training of clergy and church workers. The second panel considered issues arising in the context of the Anglican Church's community services organisations such as Anglicare, and the third panel considered issues arising in the context of the Anglican Church's related education bodies.

During the third day of this hearing, the Commissioners heard evidence from two panels of witnesses in relation to professional standards in the Anglican Church of Australia. The second panel



Anne Hywood, General Secretary of the General Synod of the Anglican Church

comprised of the Diocese of Grafton's Professional Standards Director Mr Michael Elliott.

The final day of hearings consisted of a panel of witnesses who gave evidence on the position of various entities in the Anglican Church going forward in relation to the institutional response to child sexual abuse. Topics included a national redress scheme and policies and procedures in place in the Anglican Church regarding redress and civil litigation.

The witnesses on this panel included the current Primate of the Anglican Church and Archbishop of Melbourne, Philip Freier, Archbishop Glenn Davies of the Diocese of Sydney, Bishop Geoffrey Smith who will shortly become the Archbishop of Adelaide, Bishop Dr Sarah Macneil, Ms Anne Hywood, General Secretary of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, and Mr Garth Blake SC, Chair of the Professional Standards Commission and Chair of the Royal Commission Working Group.

Macksville Parish welcome the Commissioning of new Rector

On January 20, Bishop Sarah commissioned the Rev'd Clyde Appleby as Rector of Macksville Anglican Parish.

Attending this special service were present and retired clergy, family, friends and Nambucca Shire Mayor, Ronda Hobin, to support Rev'd Clyde as he accepted the licence read out by Mr Chris Nelson, the Diocesan Registrar.

Representatives from the Parish of Port Macquarie acknowledged Rev'd Clyde's ministry in the parish and said the people of Port Macquarie are grateful for his ministry and commended him to the people of Macksville. The wardens of the Macksville Parish welcomed the Rev'd Clyde on behalf of the parish and gave thanks for the gifts he will share with us and his presence amongst us.

The Venerable Gail Hagon and the Rector's Warden Pamela Langford gave speeches of welcome to which Rev'd

Clyde replied, "What a wonderful thing it is to feel that you have come home! Today I again have that feeling thanks to the wonderful welcome that you have accorded to Linda and myself.

"Even six months ago, I would never have dreamed that I would be standing here today. I can assure you that I was thoroughly enjoying early retirement at Port Macquarie, but evidently God has some even greater blessings for me! So I can very much relate to Jesus' statement in *John 6:38*, when he said, "I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do God's will".

"This makes it all the more exciting as I look forward to what God is going to do in our lives as together we do God's work of proclaiming the gospel and providing care to the people in this community.

"I trust that it will be a time of blessing for you and that together we will bring

glory to God. The challenge for us is recognising that it is a different world and that young people are different to us, how can we effectively carry God's light into their world? We need to be rethinking some new strategies and means in the light of this new age of the internet and electronic communication - some form of connecting that young people might embrace, and if we can discover ways to connect with those people out there then perhaps we can introduce them to Jesus so that they might discover the free gift that God holds out to them in terms of forgiveness, salvation, purpose in life and ultimately eternal life."

Following the service refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all in the Ministry Centre.



Commissioning of The Rev'd Leslie Fotakis

A wonderful evening was held on March 14 at St James Anglican Church, Kyogle for the Commissioning Service for The Rev'd Leslie Fotakis, with approximately 90 people attending.

Thanks to so many clergy and people coming from afar, including two parishioners from Wellington to support The Rev'd Leslie and her husband Peter.

The service commenced with a warm welcome from Bishop Sarah. Many thanks to Bruce Robinson (organist) and three gentlemen who accompanied him on the trumpet and singing, providing beautiful music for the occasion. Thanks also to The Rev'd Leslie for choosing great hymns for us to sing.

The Rev'd Leslie and Peter were welcomed to Kyogle on behalf of all Churches by The Rev'd Peter Overton and to the community by Mayor Danielle Mulholland.

The Rev'd Bruce Sligo assisted with the initial preparations for the service and thanks to the Rev'd Matthew Jones for his encouraging assistance throughout the procedure.

Congratulations and thanks to the people who cooked, served, cleaned in providing a lovely supper in the church hall, your efforts were very much appreciated.



Rachael Beck Joins Cast of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School is delighted to announce that well known Australian performer Rachael Beck will be joining the cast of this year's musical spectacular, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Beck is a "powerhouse whose talents span across stage and screen, as both an acclaimed vocal artist actress". Her stage credits include productions of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Les Miserables*, *Cats*, *Singing in the Rain*, *The Sound of Music* and *Beauty and the Beast* (opposite Hugh Jackman).

The Lindisfarne students also have the wonderful opportunity to be led by world-class Director Darren Yap

(*Mamma Mia*, *Miss Saigon*) and Musical Director Max Lambert (*Strictly Ballroom*, *Hairspray*). Rachael Beck describes Yap and Lambert as "two of the most inspirational and talented men in the country... You don't realise how many people in [the] industry would give their right arm to be in a room with those two artists."

Stuart Marquardt, Principal of Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School says, "the Lindisfarne community is thrilled to be able to welcome such high-calibre artists to the school to work with our very talented and enthusiastic student ensemble. Of course, it is

not only a wonderful opportunity for the students to work with industry professionals, but the wider Tweed and Gold Coast communities will be able to enjoy a high-end musical production right here in Terranora."

The production will be an engaging, fun filled family-friendly show.

Performances: Thursday March 30 7pm, Friday March 31 7pm, Saturday April 1 2pm, Saturday April 1 7pm.

Tickets on sale from February 27: www.trybooking.com/249914



Cursillo Happenings

Secretariat has commenced the year full of enthusiasm with another busy meeting. Our Cursillo weekends will be held on August 3-6 (men), and August 17-20 (women). Both weekends will be held at Evans Head.

Cursillo is a three-day "live in" course in Christian Living. Following the weekend, there is ongoing support and encouragement for growing in faith. It is just not a weekend experience, the Cursillo journey just starts there, and we are encouraged to live an active Christian life wherever we find ourselves.

Application forms are now available, and anyone who is interested in knowing more about Cursillo, is invited to speak to their Rector, or Parish Care Person.

Cursillo Secretariat is the committee which organises what is happening in Cursillo, and they meet each month or two for these discussions. Several gatherings are held throughout the year to which everyone is invited.

Photo: Cursillo Secretariat. L-R top: Jenny Cox; Des Fitzpatrick; Kevin Hill; Myrle Siwicki; Ann Helmrich; Barbara Fewtrell; Don Grant; Julie Whittaker; Heather Grant; Jenny Hallett.



Not A Usual Life

By Yvonne Turner

"Outreach" is certainly working at breakfast time in Tweed Heads.

On March 4 the first of four ladies breakfast for 2017 was enjoyed by 100 ladies from the local community and beyond. Ladies came not only from other parishes and denominations, but from retirement communities and clubs.

If the noise level was any indication, the morning was a great success. The chatter and laughter was overwhelming.

The guest speaker on this occasion was Judie Bonser who was born to deaf parents and is the only hearing child of seven. Her mother and father both carried a gene that passes on deafness

and as a result all of Judie's siblings were born deaf – but not Judie.

Judie tells an amazing story of her most unusual life. She grew up in a home where the first language was "sign". When she started school she needed to repeat her first year as she didn't have the same language as others – she had to be taught to make a sentence as we know it.

This background has opened doors as a sign language interpreter at the very highest level. The areas she works in are endless, interpreting and signing in courts, at the Olympic Games, in maternity delivery rooms, where a different language is combined with deafness, and areas of government to name just a few.

Judie continues to work in this very specialised field. She is constantly on-call and her life is very diverse. During question time following her address we were given a few handy signing tips and left the morning feeling inspired and with knowledge we did not previously have.

We now are aware that "sign" is a language of its own and there are many in our community who only have that language, it is indeed the preferred language.

St Cuthbert's was privileged to have such a dynamic person pass her experience to us. Next brekkie will be on June 10.



Guest Speaker Judie Bonser

Pencil Case Blessing

An invitation went out for parishioners to attend a Pencil Case Blessing at the Parish of Lismore on February 5. The blessing was well timed to coincide with back-to-school and designed to encourage the younger members of the congregation to give their best effort for the school year ahead.

The service reinforced the idea that as we get older we do not stop learning and particularly learning about our Christian faith. To demonstrate this, the congregation was invited to do a little gardening. Grass seeds were planted in little pots which were then brought back into the church where everyone agreed

that to ensure growth it was necessary to have good soil, water, sunshine and oxygen.

These four conditions were then applied to our faith walk. The good soil represents how receptive we are to learning, the water represents the bible as the source of our learning, the sunshine our effort, and the oxygen our church family environment.

Little pots of grass in our homes are a great reminder of the sermon that day and an encouragement to continue growing in our faith.



Meet the Ordinands

Paul Hodge - Parish of Port Macquarie

Which Parish are you in? I serve at St Columba Anglican School and in the Port Macquarie Parish.

Where were you born? Port Macquarie.

Where did you grow up? The Blue Mountains for the first ten years and then Port Macquarie.

Where did you go to school? Gateway Christian School and then Heritage Christian School.

What's the most important thing you learned from your parents? I learnt to love and follow Jesus, and I also learnt the importance of prayer, my parents were very faithful in praying for me and my sister.

What gets you out of bed in the morning? It's more a case of who, it would most days be one of my three children, who have liked to rise early, every day since their birth.

Are you an introvert or an extrovert? Definitely an extrovert. I'm energised by people, however I do need a bit of nothingness recovery time, that's why I convinced my wife to let me get a motorbike.

Which traits do you most value in people? I like people being real, and not "bunging it on". I really value honesty, a sense of humour goes a long way, and I like it when people don't take themselves too seriously.

What are you reading at the moment? I finished a bunch of novels over the school holidays that I really enjoyed, but haven't picked up a new one yet. As far as more Christian-y ones go, I've most recently been reading *A Praying Life*, by Paul Miller which has been really helpful.

Did you have a career before considering joining the Diaconate? I did a trade as an architectural draftsman straight out of school, which I loved. I had a lot of time to listen to the Bible and Bible Talks on cassette in this job and began to get convicted that maybe my skillset could be better used. I think that this was the beginning of my calling to full-time vocational ministry. I finished my apprenticeship and went straight to Bible college.

How did you come to realise your vocation as a Deacon? I think that God probably had the most to do with that. I went to Bible college not really wanting to be a "minister", but ended up serving



eight years as a minister and loving it. I never wanted to be a teacher either, but I really enjoyed working amongst young people and felt that was where my strengths were. So I retrained as a teacher to work amongst young people and got a job at this great School called St Columba Anglican School. God moved the assistant to the chaplain on, so I took over his spot, and then, a year later, the chaplain was keen to move on as well. It's like God had spent all of this time setting up the perfect path, and I just walked in it. I talked to some godly people around me including Rev'd Gail and Bishop Sarah and to be honest it just made perfect sense to become ordained as a Deacon to serve as chaplain at the school. As I said, I think God had a fair bit to do with it.

What are you looking forward to most about being an Ordained Deacon?

Pretty much just getting on with the awesome job that God has given me to do! It is such a privilege to serve the school community. There are around 1100 students, 150 staff and countless family members who I get to talk to about Jesus. I get to introduce people to Jesus, I get to disciple young people, I get to teach students and staff, I get to contend for the gospel, I get to share in people's lives and be part of an excellent community. Bring it on!

What advice would you give someone who finds themselves called to the Diaconate? I'd advise you to listen to God... He can be quite insistent when he wants you to do something.

Fashion Parade held in Kingscliff Parish

Local parishioners showed off their modelling skills as women from across the Tweed Coast came together to enjoy a social afternoon of fashion, conversation and afternoon tea. The fashion parade was organised by one

of our parishioners Marcia Miller who did an amazing job of facilitating this successful event. It was a great way of connecting with the wider community and provided opportunity for many locals to enjoy the church in a new way.



Ordination of Paul Hodge

On February 21 many came from near and far to witness the ordination of Paul Hodge into ministry. Paul is chaplain to the St Columba Anglican School community. Choral items were presented by the St Columba Anglican School Choir. The Rev'd Gail Hagon led the congregation on a journey of

Paul's life, leading up to his ordination. Members of the St Columba School Board were present along with dignitaries, families and friends. Bishop Sarah Macneil lead and shared in Holy Communion with one and all, following Paul's vows. It was a very special occasion for all.



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Grafton Diocese has established formal procedures to deal with **sexual misconduct**. Persons aggrieved by the sexual misconduct of a church worker - whether they are an ordained or lay person - should report it. If you wish to speak to someone about sexual abuse by a church worker

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New Performing Arts Centre at St Columba Anglican School

By Blaine Fitzgerald
Manager, AFGD

On March 2-3 I was visiting the Port Macquarie area and had the pleasure of being invited to attend a walk through of the construction site for the new Performing Arts Centre at St Columba Anglican School.

The visit was arranged to coincide with Westpac's NSW Commercial leadership team and AFGD to showcase our regional capability at a state and national level. Highlighting what can be achieved when, with the consent of St Columba Anglican School, the three organisations worked together to develop a joint funding solution that allowed the Performing Arts Centre to be constructed.

The end result is a fantastic facility not only for the school but also the Port Macquarie and wider North Coast community. It is envisaged that the centre will become a local hub for performing arts and will be available for use seven days a week, 51 weeks a year. It is proposed to be accessible to the community all year round venue not just school terms.

During the visit I caught up with Mark Brown who is the schools Managing Director of the Performing Arts Centre at St Columba Anglican School. He has waited patiently around ten years for the centre to be built on the school grounds and is very excited at seeing the vision become a reality.

When I asked Mark just what do you get for \$8.5million? He provided me with this insight that sums it up perfectly.

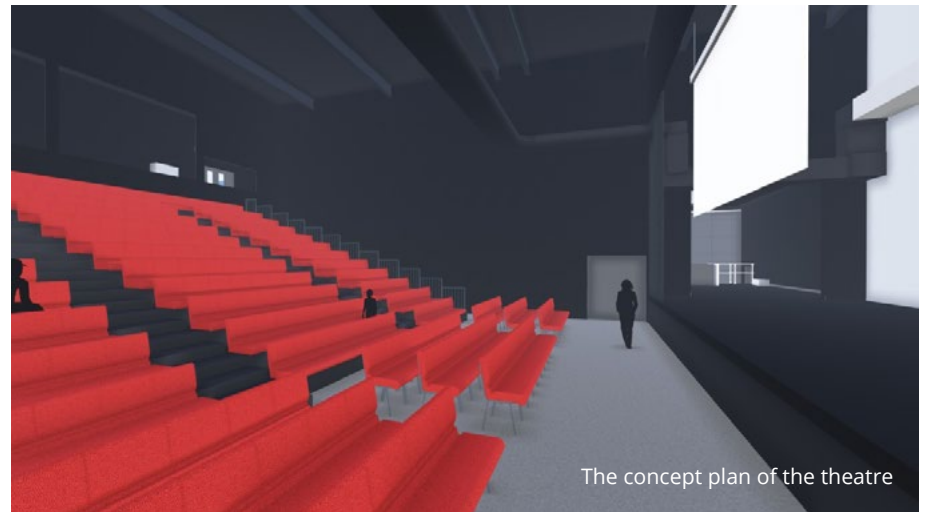
"2017 will see the opening of our highly anticipated Performing Arts Centre (The Iona). This centre will house all co-curricular activities, PACE ensembles and also provide opportunities for community engagement and commercial use. The facilities of the new centre are outstanding and will provide a wealth of possibilities for students within the program."

The new centre will provide the following facilities

- The 320 seat Black Box theatre
- The Libby Baker Orchestral Rehearsal Room
- Vocal rehearsal studio
- Drama studio
- Dance studio
- 12 practice studios
- Purpose-built instrument lockers
- Three state-of-the-art music classrooms
- Entertainment industry and technology training spaces
- Offices, staff room and kitchen facilities.

This is a credit to school council and the leadership group of the school whose tenacity has paid off seeing their vision transferred to reality.

AFGD has worked with St Columba Anglican School since its inception 13 years ago and is looking forward to strengthening the relationship into the future. It has been a privilege to be involved.



The concept plan of the theatre



Looking at the work in progress at The Libby Baker Orchestral Rehearsal Room. L-R: Les Murray (Westpac), Andrew Davis (Westpac), Jacqui Logan Powell (Westpac), Terry Muldoon (Principal SCAS), Bill Amy (Project Manager), Garry Clifton (Business Manager SCAS), Mark Brown (SCAS).



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All Saints Baptism

All Saints Anglican Church Murwillumbah had their first Baptism service for 2017. The Rev'd Lyndon Mulholland baptised

Oliver and Logan Grennan into the Anglican Church in front of their family and friends and the All Saints congregation on February 26.



Cafe Church at Mylestom

By Al Green

The Bellinger Anglicans have revived Cafe Church at the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club, Mylestom.

"We gather on the first Saturday of each month at 5pm in a place where people already meet - being the church gathered in a different place" said local Allan Green.

"We sing, pray and study the gospels plus real life events using videos of the Holy Land. Bowlers on the green or in the smoker's lounge (veranda) can join us whenever they like. Some eaves drop and some enjoy a good chat with us at the bar. Afterwards we enjoy fellowship over a Chinese banquet. Sometimes it feels like Youth Group for the oldies!"



Central Regional Cursillo Gathering

On February 11 approximately 30 Cursillistas from Maclean, Grafton, South Grafton and Coffs Harbour braved the heat to come together at St Matthews, South Grafton.

The Central Region were happy to welcome our two Lay Directors, Ann Helmrich and Kevin Hill, and two Cursillistas from Casino, who had travelled some distance to join us.

After fellowship and lots of chatting over lunch, we joined in a time of celebration as we shared the theme for the day, *How God Shows His love to us*.

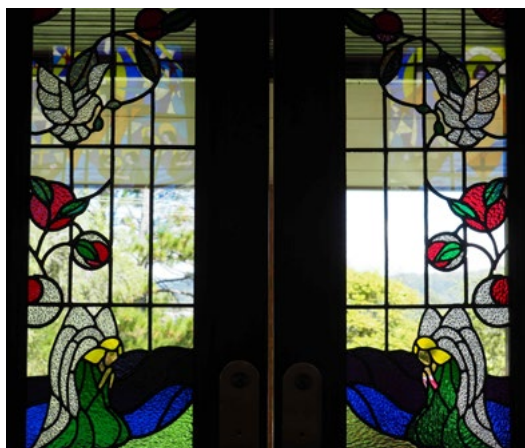
Despite the heat, the singing was hearty, and our testimony talks on God's love were inspirational. Thanks to everyone who attended in such uncomfortable conditions.

Hang in there



The Rev'd Christian Ford, Rector of Lismore, volunteered to be an "injured bellringer" in the workplace safety exercise conducted by officers of Lismore Police Rescue team. The exercise went according to plan and no rector was harmed.

New stained glass windows



By Rev'd David Hanger

Beginning with a desire to contribute to a local church that personally means much to herself and her family, Judith Essex-Clarke designed and created a beautiful stained glass window replacing two panels of clear glass in the internal entry doors to St Augustine's Church at Woolgoolga.

Depicting a dove, vine and angel in a simple, open design, the window speaks deeply of a people of God seeking to live a spirit-filled life, connected to Jesus, the true vine relying on the protection and care of our heavenly father.

This generous gift is a blessing to the giver and the recipients, a weekly reminder of who we are in Christ and an invitation to all who walk through the doors to taste and see that the Lord is good.

In Brief

APPOINTMENTS

The Rev'd Leslie Fotakis was commissioned as Rector of the Parish of Kyogle on 14 March 2017 in Kyogle.

The Rev'd Paul Hodge has been appointed as Chaplain of St Columba Anglican School.

Miss Claire Davies has been appointed as a Children's & Families' Minister in the Parish of Coffs Harbour.

Mr David Mulvaney has been appointed as Chair of the Clarence Valley Anglican School Council.

The Rev'd Canon David Hanger and **Ms Anne Morris Bannerman** have been appointed to fill vacancies in the Diocese of Grafton's representation to the General Synod in September 2017.

RESIGNATIONS

Mr Alan Ball, the Principal of Bishop Druitt College, has resigned and will be leaving in the second half of the year. He will be Head of the Senior School at the new campus of Rugby School in Thailand.

Canon Ann Skamp has left the Diocese and moved to Canberra. Ann has served the Diocese, the national church and the international Anglican Communion with commitment and distinction over many years.

DEATHS

The Rev'd Clyde Appleby and Linda Appleby's eldest son, Ken, died accidentally in Melbourne on 11 February.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 April: Blessing of the Oils - Cathedral Church of Christ the King, Grafton

9 April: Palm Sunday

13 April: Maundy Thursday

14 April: Good Friday

15 April: Easter Saturday

16 April: Easter Sunday

17 April: Easter Monday

29 April: Men's breakfast, St Matthew's South Grafton

15-18 May: Diocesan Clergy Retreat

25 May: Ascension Thursday

Anglican Diocese of Grafton

Do you have an up-to-date will?

Please consider giving to the work of the Church in your will.

Our diocese has been blessed by the generosity of benefactors in times past. As we seek to expand Christ's Mission in the 21st century, please consider how you might contribute?

You should get legal advice before making your will. You may wish to consider the activities of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton as the recipient of either a specific gift or the residue of your estate.

The following wording may be useful for you and your legal advisor when making your will:

"I bequeath to the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton in the State of New South Wales the sum of to be used for the general purposes of the Diocese of Grafton in such manner as the said Trustees may approve."



REFLECTIONS

VENERABLE SALLY MILLER ARCHDEACON

For years I have been hearing about the lost art of listening as if somehow it is an issue created by the younger generation. I don't believe this to be the case, but I do think that as we have become more and more visual in our communication we have become less and less able to really listen.

When we read we create the nuance and emphasis ourselves, we create the imagery, the sounds of people's voices, the colours of the surroundings. Any of us who have had a favourite book turned into a movie know the difficulty in accepting someone else's vision, we can also know the delight when we feel they have got it just right.

In a world that is increasingly visual in communication, we tend to watch the daily news rather than read or listen; we have little by little stopped listening. As the scene unfolds in front of us we can switch off and simply look at the pictures. Sadly, I suspect that we have developed a tendency to do this in our everyday lives as well.

I remember when my children were young I was so keen to be the best mum; as a young mum I felt the pressure to get it right (or perhaps more truthfully, to prove my critics wrong!). So I watched other parents, I read books and tried all the latest techniques. In truth I listened to a lot of garbage, but one tip I picked up and continue to live by is to learn to actually HEAR my children, to listen to their voices, learn who they were and respond before the niggles became a full pitch, all in brawl.

To my chagrin, I will confess I have not always listened well, and the ramifications were upsets and heated conversations that frequently ended with the realisation that actually we were on the same side, but because we hadn't listened, so the argument had continued.

To my even greater sadness I can see that this describes the church too, a family that is too busy to listen, perhaps too stubborn to listen.

Have we as God's people forgotten the importance of listening; to each other, to God and to all God's creation?

Oh we hear, but unless we have problems with our hearing, it simply happens... but listening is something that we can all do, and is a conscious decision to concentrate and ask our brain to stir over what has been spoken. This is where we seem to be falling down.



"Let's begin our meeting... everybody talk, nobody listen."

We sit not really listening but waiting for our turn to speak, to argue, to win the round. We often choose not to listen for fear it will challenge us, ask us to change, to think more broadly, more generously, to live more carefully.

The scriptures are full of admonitions to listen, listen carefully, to hear before we speak, indeed to be slow to speak. And when we do speak we are encouraged to speak with wisdom, with words seasoned with encouragement, with kindness, in truth and with integrity.

I wonder how well we listen, both to God and each other?

I wonder how often we sit in church, in bible study, in prayer, even just in conversation, preparing to hear what we think we already know?

I wonder what would happen to our speaking and living if we listened expectantly, waiting for something new from the living word of God?

PEANUTS CLASSICS By Charles M. Schulz



THREADS LAID BARE

Mary, attributes and symbols

REV'D CAMELLIA FLANAGAN GRAFTON

As we journey through Lent with Christ in our church liturgy, we find that the Blessed Virgin Mary is also on the journey. In word, stained glass and song, with the exception of Christ, no other figure is so frequently portrayed as Christ's earthly mother. She is the personification of grace and purity and the merciful mother. In religious art, especially in church windows, her outstanding characteristics are easily recognised.

In Christ Church Cathedral, Mary is featured in many of the windows and in the panels above the High Altar. The Annunciation (*Luke 1:28*) the north panel, when the angel Gabriel appeared to tell her she had been favoured by God and would fall pregnant with the Son of God. The Nativity (*Luke 2:11*) the birth of Jesus, when an angel of the Lord appeared and said, "Today in the town of David, a saviour has been born to you". The centre panel is the Crucifixion of Jesus (*John 19:25*) at the cross stood his mother Mary, the apostle John and Mary Magdalene. The next panel shows

Taking Jesus down from the cross (*John 19:33*) and the panel on the south side shows the Ascension (*Acts 1:11*). In these windows Mary is dressed in blue, the colour of the sky, heaven, and a symbol of truth.

The attributes of Mary are in the symbols. The Madonna adoring the Christ Child. Mary kneeling before the infant Christ in worship and adoration. Mother, worthy of love. Mary holds the divine child. The Madonna of humility, Mary is seated on the ground. The virgin in glory. The Madonna is standing

in the sky, surrounded by a radiance and heads of cherubs. The majesty of the Madonna which shows Mary amid a retinue of angels. Mother of Mercy, Mary is gathering under her mantle, the faithful whom she is protecting. Mother of Sorrows, sorrowing for the Passion of her Son with hands clasped, tears running down her face, and sometimes wearing the crown of thorns with her veil. Can we journey with Mary following the life of Christ and reflect with her heart; what would it be like to be the Mother of Jesus?

NATIONAL NEWS

Bishop Thompson announces resignation

Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Greg Thompson announced on March 16 he is resigning from his role as Bishop of Newcastle.

Bishop Thompson served the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle as Bishop for three years and has been a strong advocate for survivors of child abuse during his tenure.

"Since the end of the Royal Commission's Case Study 42 on the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle I've been reflecting on the important work of the Royal Commission

and the change underway in the Diocese of Newcastle and its impact on my health," Bishop Thompson said.

"It has been widely documented in both the media and the Royal Commission how the culture and conduct from some sections of the church has had an impact on survivors, families, and communities across the Diocese of Newcastle.

"I have witnessed this culture first hand, both as victim of abuse and in my work as Bishop to address the Diocese's abuse legacy.

"When I started this journey to right the wrongs of child abuse in the Diocese I didn't expect to be in this position, nor did I expect to uncover systemic practices that have enabled the horrendous crimes against children.

"The decision to resign was not an easy one, it weighed heavily on my heart. However, I must place the wellbeing of my family and my health above my job." Bishop Thompson said.

You can read the Bishop's full statement on the Diocese of Newcastle's website: www.newcastleanglican.org.au



What do you value?

REV'D ERON A. PERRY
DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

What do you care about? Like many of you my little faith community has been engaged with a Lenten study in the lead up to Easter. This year we chose to study Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby's 2017 Lenten book *Dethroning Mammon: Making money serve grace*. It is a challenging book, asking some deep and probing questions about what we hold as important in our lives, especially the place of material wealth, money, commerce and all it affords; which Archbishop Welby refers to as Mammon. "The problem with materialism - this prioritising of the tangible - is not that it exists, but that it dominates. It shouts so loudly that it overrides our caring about other things of greater value," said Archbishop Welby.

Welby argues that we do not value the things that are not easily measured. Our society is caught up with tangibles that are quantifiable. We seem to place a disproportionate value upon those things that we can measure such as money, time and consumer goods. We undervalue such things as love, volunteer service, community spirit and other elements like the environment. As you can probably guess this struck a chord with me. The environment is measurable. I still remember sitting through hours of lectures listening to professors on various ways one can quantify ecosystems and various environmental interactions. Nevertheless, the one thing that has

always been difficult to adequately measure is the intrinsic value of the environment. We can measure how much a tonne of coal will cost (at least in the short term), but how do you measure a glorious vista overlooking the Kimberley Ranges or the experience of snorkelling in the multi-coloured world of the Great Barrier Reef? Does our society truly value the environment? We have pretty much used the environment as our very own "all you can eat buffet" and rubbish tip all at the same time. The period of our unbridled use and misuse of the environment is coming to a close, whether we like it or not. I wrote about heat waves in the last edition of the *North Coast Anglican*, scientists now tell us this past summer we experienced three heatwaves, which saw the highest monthly mean temperatures on record for Sydney and Brisbane, and the highest daytime temperatures on record for Canberra. Moree had 54 consecutive days of 35°C or above. The frequency of such intense large-scale heatwaves has increased over the last 20 years.

Severity of storms have increased across the globe, sea levels have already started to rise, and food and water security is now becoming a real threat to many governments. With this in mind and the words of Archbishop Welby echoing in my mind, there are two significant concerns that seem to slap me in the face.

Firstly, those who are already feeling the effects of human induced climate change are the poor and vulnerable. Many of these vulnerable people already



cut out a very tenuous living with fishing and small crop farming, and significant changes to the climate have already started to cause many problems. Anglican Board of Mission's partners have already been dealing with the impacts of climate change for some time. *1 John 3:17-18* calls us who have much to help those who are in need.

Secondly, as Archbishop Welby points out in his Lenten book, our current culture and society ignore the impacts on generations to come. Welby argues that intergenerational ethics is the key element in reflecting the nature of God. We need to care about what we are giving or not giving to future generations. King David had a sense that

he was to be a blessing to generations to come.

As we reflect this lent and prepare to meet Jesus again in the sombre and wonderful celebration of Easter, do we consider that our actions, directly or indirectly, contribute to the welfare of the poor and vulnerable in this time in history as well as generations to come? Do we value those things that are difficult or impossible to measure? May God's immeasurable love continue to bless you this Easter.

Visit us on our new Diocesan Environment Commission - Anglican Diocese of Grafton facebook page - 'AnglicanDEC'.

PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS WITH THE REV'D CAMELLIA FLANAGAN

GEORGIANA MOLLOY, PIONEER CHURCH LEADER AND BOTANIST WESTERN AUSTRALIA. D. 1843.

Born on May 23 1805 Georgiana was an early settler in Western Australia, remembered as one of the first collectors of botanical specimens and seeds in the colony.

She was caught up in a Christian revival in the Presbyterian church in her youth, and encouraged by the preacher Edward Irving, was further educated in faith by Rev'd Story of Rosneath, husband of her best friend Helen Dunlop. She became deeply religious and distant from her family when she went to stay in Scotland with the Dunlop family at Keppoch House, near Helensburgh. She accepted a marriage proposal from Captain John Molloy, and they were married on

August 6 1829. The couple sailed for the Swan River Colony in Western Australia on board the *Warrior* and arrived five months later expecting her first child. They then decided to join with other settlers in forming a new sub colony at Augusta.

Until 1836, Georgiana Molloy's life was one of great hardship. She birthed her first and most of her subsequent babies without medical assistance. She lost her first child shortly after birth and later her only son drowned in a well. She was vigorous in body, mind and soul and applied herself to the subsistence life. In December 1836, she received a letter from Captain James Mangles, asking her to collect botanical specimens for him. This letter was to fire in Georgiana a great passion for botany. Thereafter, together with her husband John, she spent nearly all of her leisure time in collecting, collating and documenting

botanical specimens of the South West of Western Australia. This area is considered one of the 25 hotspots for biodiversity in the world.

Her collections were "full of pressed plants mounted and set out with delicacy and precision, and carefully numbered... showing great evidence of care and cleanliness in the sorting". A number of horticulturists had great success growing from Molloy's seeds, and many new species were described. She taught herself the rudiments of botany from books sent to her by Mangles.

Georgiana suffered bouts of ill health after each of her pregnancies. Following the birth of her seventh child, she fell ill and failed to recover. On April 8 1843, three months after the birth, she died. On hearing of her death, George Hailes, a horticulturist who had been most successful in growing from Molloy's seeds, wrote to Mangles,

"Not one in ten thousand who go out into distant lands has done what she did for the Gardens of her Native Country, and we have indeed as regards her specially to lament, that "From Life's rosy Chaplet, the Gems drop away". She epitomises the spirit and strength of the early pioneers and the shrub *Boronia molloyae* was named in her honour. Reflecting on her life and the inner strength she must have drawn from her faith in Christ Pierpoint's well known hymn comes to mind:

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies For the love which from our birth over and around us lies, For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Christ, our God, to you we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

Biographical information from Wikipedia.

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WaucHOPE in action

By Chris Cormack, Marketing and Community Engagement Officer

On February 12 I was a guest speaker at St Matthews in Wauchope. Imagine if you will the scene, 44 degree heat, bush fire smoke meandering its way into town and I was staying at the Timbertown Resort! On meeting the Rev'd Judy Taylor's congregation, I knew there would be no better place to be stranded if assistance or indeed rescue of any kind were needed. They truly are champions of their community.

I am very lucky in my job I get to meet good people doing good things in their communities every day of the week. Then there are Anglican parishes such as Wauchope who are filled with great people doing great things.

Wauchope through its parish pantry offers frozen meals, runs (may I say) the most organised Op Shop I have ever seen (which I was told was very successful despite being almost in a back lane and having five competitors).

All Anglican parishes in the Diocese of Grafton offer some form of help to local community members or groups be it allowing AA or NA to use a hall or a room or running parish pantries for those people suffering with food insecurity. At Anglicare North Coast we call this HOPE IN ACTION.

At Anglicare North Coast we work with an organisation who are vital to many disadvantaged people and quite frankly we see them as local hero's. They are a South Grafton based community group who deliver what they do all over the North Coast of NSW. And boy do they deliver. They are called Mend & Make Do. Through donations and volunteers Mend & Make Do make, fill and deliver toiletry bags for men, women, children and families. Each bag is handmade and stitched with a beautiful label and message on each.

They also make two other very important packs; the first being new baby packs. The pack includes, change mats and wipes and other essential items. The second pack is what they label "fur packs". Fur packs are for people of disadvantage that have a cat or dog. For many people, especially people struggling with mental health issues a pet such as a cat or a dog is their best friend. The team at Mend & Make Do have not left them out, a fur pack includes, food, collars and drinking bowls. If you run a community group or a parish pantry and would like some of these items please contact Ursula Tunks 0402 024 209. Wauchope parish have.



Inspiring man seeks out new calling

Jim Hodge, Director Client Services, started working for Anglicare North Coast (ANC) as the Coordinator of Clarence Accommodation Support Service 12 years ago. We were quite small back in those days with one office under the Anglican Diocese in Grafton, and another in River St, Maclean, and only four paid staff, including Jim. Jim has been instrumental in building

the organisation into what it is today, a 40 strong team, and five office social justice organisation. Jim has witnessed the positive changes ANC makes in people's lives, as a result of the work that it carries out.

Jim considers it a privilege to create solutions to help people get a leg up in life. We have always consider it a privilege to have Jim as part of ANC.

Jim has been completing tertiary studies in chaplaincy and intends to pursue a career as a chaplain in the near future. We thank Jim for his dedication to ANC and are pleased to hear Jim and his wife Judy intend to travel for some months prior to his chaplaincy career.

Your service to Anglicare North Coast has been inspirational Jim, thank you.



Increasing demand on our services

Last financial year we reported an increase on our services of 12%. That is a huge rise. But what does that mean in reality for an organisation like ours? Put simply it means we have to refer some people who contact us to other providers such as the Salvation Army or St Vincent de Paul who then may have to refer them on. This leaves those who approach us feeling abandoned and vulnerable. Government funding alone is not going to meet demand - maybe you can help us.

We are funded to provide emergency relief such as food vouchers and utility vouchers through the Department of Social Services. We also provide emergency food packs. In recent weeks

we have been stocking and re-stocking our pantry sometimes on a daily basis. Individuals and families are struggling with high rents and job shortages on the North Coast. Many of them are families who have simply fallen through the cracks.

Another one of our funded services is Financial Counselling. Having some financial awareness and creating a budget can put people back on a good financial foothold. The problem is, we have a one month waiting list as do other providers. Once somebody reaches out to seek help they do not want to hear that it's a month until they can see somebody.

We would like to invest further funds into these key services and we are asking you when considering which charities you would like to support in the days weeks and months to consider Anglicare North Coast. We deliver services in your own backyard from Port Macquarie through to the Queensland border. You may want to have your own fundraiser. You can donate to us directly to assist with all our services or donate to our Affordable Housing Foundation which has been established assist families who are finding it hard to access affordable rental properties. Simply call us on (02) 66 43 4844 or visit us online at www.anglicarenorthcoast.com.au

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