



Anglican Diocese of Grafton Registry Update

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For distribution to any office bearer within the Anglican Diocese of Grafton including its parishes and organisations.

Registry Updates are not only important for reading at the time of receiving but also worthwhile for putting aside for future reference. If you are looking for any of the previous copies, you can find them on the Diocese's website at

<https://www.graftondiocese.org.au/documents/registry-update/>

This Registry Update has been widely distributed by email but if you believe that someone has been missed who should also be receiving the Registry Update, please feel free to share your copy with them and advise admin@graftondiocese.org.au of the update to the distribution list.

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PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

You may remember from the December 2019 Registry Update that the Bishop-in-Council asked Parishes to not hold their Anglican General Meeting prior to 8 February. This was to give the Bishop-in-Council a chance to deal with some issues in the Diocesan Governance Ordinance.

Bishop-in-Council has now amended the Diocesan Governance Ordinance and the updated version can be found on the Diocese of Grafton website at

<https://www.graftondiocese.org.au/documents/ordinances/>

Many of the changes were to clarify the term of the Synod and clarify when elected representatives to the Synod start their term and when they finish their term.

Here are some important points to consider at the Parish AGM:

- The term of the Synod is from the first day of the first session of Synod to just prior to the start of the first session of the next Synod term, approximately 3 years later;
- This means that those who are currently a Synod representative for a Parish (i.e. before the AGM) will be summoned to the 'Special Synod' on 27 June and their term will finish just prior to the Synod starting on 4 September;
- Those elected as Synod representatives for a Parish in the February 2020 Parish AGM will start their term on 4 September and finish their term just prior to the 2023 Synod.
- If prior to the AGM, a Parish has a vacancy in its Synod representation, it will need to fill that vacancy either with someone who was previously elected as an alternate representative or a newly elected or appointed person. This may mean an extra election at the AGM.

Those interested in the details of the recent amendments can find the amending ordinance as Ordinance 3 of 2020 in the Ordinance History area of the Diocesan website

<https://www.graftondiocese.org.au/documents/ordinances/ordinance-history/>

PROPERTY INSURANCE

As a reminder, the excess on property insurance for properties in the Diocese has changed.

Previously schools, parishes and other organisations of the Diocese had to pay the first \$500 of a property claim. That figure is now \$5,000.

Risk management has always been important and now with the first \$5,000 of each claim needing to be paid locally, the financial importance of risk management has increased.

NORTH COAST ANGLICAN

The first monthly digital edition of the North Coast Anglican will be sent out today. This is an exciting development that will be accompanied by a quarterly magazine.

Feel free to share the North Coast Anglican (NCA) by email or on social media. It is great to have our news read by more people.

Please consider sending us your email distribution list from your school, parish or organisation so that we can add these people to the NCA circulation list. Most people will appreciate getting this news in their Inbox. Those who don't want the NCA can simply click "unsubscribe".

Updates and additions to the NCA distribution list can be sent to admin@graftondiocese.org.au

IMPORTANT DATES

Bishop-in-Council

26 March 2020	16 July 2020	26 November 2020
21 May 2020	24 September 2020	

Corporate Trustees

27 February 2020	18 June 2020	22 October 2020
23 April 2020	6 August 2020	17 December 2020

Buildings and Property Committee

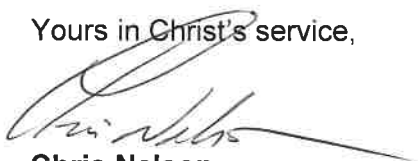
4 March 2020	1 July 2020	18 November 2020
22 April 2020	16 September 2020	

If you have any submission to a meeting of Bishop-in-Council, the Corporate Trustees or the Buildings and Property Committee, please provide these to the Registrar at least **10 days prior** to a meeting so that your submission can be included in the business of that meeting.

Synod

The 2020 Synod of the Diocese of Grafton will be held on **4, 5 and 6 September** in Grafton. There will also be a special session of Synod in Grafton on **27 June 2020** to consider the proposals for restructuring after consideration of the feedback received.

Yours in Christ's service,



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