



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF GRAFTON

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL – COPMANHURST – LAWRENCE - BARYULGIL

Parish Council Report – Written by David Atherton

Meeting 15/03/2017

Prayer

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev Camellia.

Fans for cooling the Cathedral

We are awaiting the heritage architect to approve the plans to install large fans for cooling in the Cathedral, parish council is hoping to have this completed by September 2017 in time for summer.

Heritage Grant

The parish council has applied for a heritage funding grant and are still awaiting a response from its submission.

Security

Security camera's will be installed around the opp shop, book shop and parish centre soon. The administrator is working out final locations to get the best coverage with the company.

Financial

The treasurer reported the Parish can pay its debts when they fall due. The Cathedral insurers have increased the insurance premium by 40% for 2017, council has requested the Diocese financially assist in way of reviewing their current contribution to this cost. Council would like to acknowledge and inform the parishioners the Diocese does currently provide the parish with a grant to assist in insurance costs of the Cathedral building.

Opp Shop & Book Shop

The opp shop continues to trade well and opp shop sales income is up on comparable years.

The book shop is enjoying having been back in their original space to trade since the fire. Council together with the bookshop team are having conversation about changes that could be made to increase trade and income from the bookshop.

The Deanery

The wardens will be completing a full inspection of the Deanery to understand more about the condition of the building and reviewing its maintenance into the future. Council has employed a pre-purchase building and pest inspector to complete a thermal imaging and visual inspection of the property looking for structural wear and tear and pests. Ensuring an adequate Deanery for the next incumbent of the parish is important and by doing these things council is taking the first steps in a major review of the Deanery's longevity into the future.

The Website

The website has been re-built and designed to have functionality for the future and better connect with people's visual senses and sound. One additional feature is the communication section of the website, in

which parish communication will be uploaded. This morning's parish council report can be found on the website now.

Concert in the Cathedral

Council received a request for sponsorship to hold an upcoming concert in the Cathedral. Council discussed this in detail and will provide an outcome of this conversation to the parish soon.

Synod Appointment

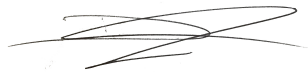
David Atherton has accepted appointment as the 2nd parish representative for Synod for the next 3 years.

Vacancy Consultation

Thank you to all those who attended the vacancy consultation and to those who provided thoughts via writing as well. The first meeting of the presentation board has been called by the Bishop. If you have any enquiries about the vacancy process, please speak to David Atherton or Robbie Coulton.

Communication

This report can be found on the back of the Cathedral on the noticeboard also in the communication page of the website at www.graftoncathedral.org.au



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