

Anglican Diocese of Bendigo

Bishopric Election Board



**Open Meeting
Information Slides
27th May 2017**



Electoral Process



- The election process for the next Bishop of Bendigo is governed by the Bishopric Act 2013
- This is the first Bishop of Bendigo to be elected under this legislation

Electoral Process

Electoral Board



- 12 members were selected at Synod 3 years ago (2014)
- Any replacements to the Board membership are made from the supplementary members elected at the aforementioned Synod

Electoral Board

Board Membership



Clerical Members

Rev'd Canon Dale Barclay

Rev'd Canon Heather Blackman

Archdeacon Greg Harris

Archdeacon Michael Hopkins

Rev'd Canon Ian Howarth

Rev'd Simon Robinson

Lay Members

David Bruce

Ian Dallas

Jenny Dawson (chair)

Julia Nutting

Jenny Rainsford

Derek Shepherd

Electoral Board

We are not starting from scratch



- The Board is not starting ‘from scratch’ – they have the following available resources
 - Bishopric Act 2013
 - The Ordinal - APBA (*‘A Prayer Book for Australia’ ~ pages 798-809*)
 - Diocesan Strategic Plan
 - A strong and visionary diocese with a lot to offer

The Beginning of the Process

Minimum Requirements of a Bishop



- Baptised
- A priest
- 30 years old or over

Minimum Requirements

Independent Consultant



- The Board is required to appoint an independent consultant
- The Consultant may assist the Board and to review its progress from time to time

Explanation of the Process



Consultations with the Diocese

- The Board will consult as widely as possible across the diocese through both
 - group consultations
 - and individual consultations
- Consultations to occur during June 2017

Explanation of the Process



Method – Group Consultations

- Group consultations will include:
 - Parish congregations
 - Clergy
 - Registry
- Group Consultation
 - Consultation will entail using guided questions for discussion and feedback
 - Discussion to be guided by a local facilitator (eg. Parish clergy)

Consultations

Method – Individual Consultations



- Individual Contributions will be sought using the same questions used in the group consultations
 - An online questionnaire will be available on the Diocesan website www.bendigoanglican.org.au
 - Printed copies of this survey are available on request

Consultations

Diocesan Profile Pack



- The consultations and online surveys will contribute to a 'Qualities and Requirements' document produced by the Board
- A 'Profile Pack' will be released containing
 - The 'Qualities and Requirements' document
 - And various other documents and information

Profile Pack

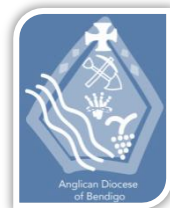
Diocesan Profile Pack



- The 'Profile Pack,' including nomination forms, will be available from
 - the website
 - or through the Registry
- The 'Profile Pack' should be available by the end of July 2017

Profile Pack

Nomination of candidates



- Nominations will be called for after the release of the 'Profile Pack'
- It is expected that nominations will be called for in August 2017
- The closing date for nominations will be on the nomination form

Nominations



Nomination Process

- Prayerfully consider a nominee in light of the 'Qualities and Requirements' and other documents in the 'Profile Pack'
- Check a nominee meets the minimum requirements as outlined on the nomination form
- Nomination forms require 2 people to nominate /sign
- Explain why you think the nominee is suitable

Nominations

Selection Process



- The Board must develop a short list of no more than 6 candidates
- These short listed candidates are to provide
 - written consent,
 - CV,
 - and professional standards check form

Selection Process

Selection Process



- If a member of the Electoral Board is shortlisted and they give written consent
 - They must resign from the Board
 - And be replaced by a member from the supplementary list elected at the 2014 Synod

Selection Process



Interviews

- Short listed candidates will be interviewed

Election

- A majority of at least three quarters (9 of 12) is required

Selection Process

Time Frame



- The Board has 12 months to make a decision
- The 12 months begins from the date of the Bishop's notice of resignation (3rd April 2017)
- This time expires 2nd April 2018

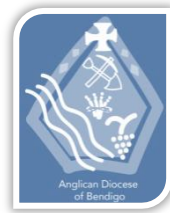
Time Frame

Failure to Elect



- If the Board fails to elect a Bishop within 12 months an Election Synod must be called no later than 18 months from the Bishop's notice of resignation
- At the Electoral Synod the Board shall present at least two, but no more than three nominations
- No other nominations will be considered

Time Frame



How to stay updated

- Regular updates emailed to parishes and available on a dedicated page on the Diocesan Website
<http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au>
- Updates in the diocesan 'Spirit Magazine'

Updates & Information

Contact Details



- Any comments can be forwarded to the Bishopric Electoral Board via email

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Updates & Information