



**MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION  
OF THE  
THIRTY-THIRD SYNOD  
OF  
THE DIOCESE OF GRAFTON**

16-17 October 2010

**EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN OUR TIME**

The Third Session of the Thirty Third Synod of the Diocese of Grafton commenced at 7.30pm on Friday 15 October with the Eucharist held at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton after which Synod adjourned and resumed at 8.45am on Saturday 16 October at the South Grafton Ex Servicemens Club, Wharf Street, South Grafton.

**Morning Prayer** – led by the Bishop’s Chaplain, The Reverend Jenny Parker

**Welcome**

The Right Reverend Keith Slater, Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton, President of Synod welcomed everyone to the Third Session of the Thirty-Third Synod, with a special welcome to all those Synod representatives who were attending their first Synod.

**Procedural Motions:**

**R1/10 MOTION**

“that the Roll be called by members completing attendance slips and placing such in the attendance boxes provided and that any person from whom no attendance slip is received by 2pm Saturday be recorded as being Absent Without Leave unless a written apology has been received by The Bishop and accepted by Synod.”

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Dean

**CARRIED**

**R2/10 MOTION**

“that this Synod notes the following apologies for which Leave of Absence has been granted.”

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Dean

**CARRIED**

**Leave of Absence**

Di Jones	Maclean
Vivian Pitkin	Woolgoolga
Kevin Knott	Woolgoolga
Ivan Francis	Port Macquarie
Keith Parker	Murwillumbah
Heather Marchingo	Murwillumbah
Rev’d Lee Shirvill	Alstonville
Diana Charlesworth	Port Macquarie
Elaine Compton	Mid Richmond
Yvette Soltes	Ballina

**Partial Leave of Absence**

Mr Tim Grosser -	Saturday	Clarence Valley Anglican School
morning		
Mr Chris Duncan -	Sunday	Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School

**R3/10 MOTION**

"that the hours of meeting be as printed on the Business Paper."

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Dean

**CARRIED**

**R4/10 MOTION**

"that so much of Standing Orders as is necessary be suspended to allow The Diocesan Treasurer and The Registrar a reasonable time to present Audited Financial Statements for 2009 and the Diocesan Budget for 2011 at the appropriate time."

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon

**CARRIED**

**R5/10 MOTION**

"That so much of Standing Orders as is necessary be suspended to allow Mr Martyn Mtichell, General Synod Financial Advisory Group to address Synod on the Diocesan Finances."

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Dean

**CARRIED**

**R6/10 MOTION**

"that so much of Standing Orders as is necessary be suspended to allow Mr Greg Nelson, Manager, Grafton Diocese Investment Fund to speak to the GDIF Report."

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Dean

**CARRIED**

**R7/10 MOTION**

"That so much of Standing orders as is necessary be suspended as to allow Ms Estelle Graham, Executive Officer of Anglicare North Coast to speak in the course of the Anglicare Ordinance debate."

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ann Helmrich

**CARRIED**

**R8/10 MOTION**

"That Nominations for the following position be opened immediately and closed at 2pm Saturday 16 October 2010, with voting to be undertaken commencing on Sunday 17 October at 9am."

A Corporate Trustee

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Dean

**CARRIED**

**Committee of Elections and Qualifications**

The President will lay upon the table the names of those comprising the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, (the Lay and Clerical Secretaries, the Registrar and one additional clerical member).

**R9/10 MOTION**

"that the President lay on the table the names of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications comprising – Mrs Ann Emery, Canon Ann Skamp, the Reverend Ben Gilmour and proposes that the Very Reverend Donald Kirk replaces The Reverend Canon Dr John Barrett and Mr Anthony Newby replaces The Reverend The Hon. Pat Comben."

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Peter Richards

**CARRIED**

### **Laying Before Synod of Reports and Accounts required by Standing Orders, by Ordinance, or By Resolution of Synod.**

The Registrar sought leave to lay before Synod Reports and Accounts required by Standing Orders, by Ordinance, or by resolution of Synod.

#### **R10/10 MOTION**

"that Leave be granted."

**MOVED:** The Registrar

**SECONDED:** The Dean

**CARRIED**

The Reverend Vivian Hoskins requested that the proceedings be closed to the public for the President's Address and the Diocesan Financial Challenge information and debate. That request was supported by more than five (5) people (Standing Order 5.3).

The President determined that proceedings for the Presidential Address and the Diocesan Financial Challenge information and debate be closed to the public.

#### **The President's Address:**

The Right Reverend Keith Slater delivered his Presidential Address to Synod members and spoke on the following items:-

- The Grafton Diocese Financial Challenge  
*The following listed are the issues Bishop Keith addressed in his Presidential Address after the resumption of Synod following lunch on Saturday.*
- Life in the Anglican Church in the Grafton Diocese
- Ordination of the first Aboriginal Clergy in Grafton Diocese.
- Exploration for young indigenous Australians in schools
- Faithful committed leadership of Clergy and shared leadership of Clergy and Laity
- Faith community in Parishes
- Fresh Expressions

#### **The Diocesan Financial Challenge Information and Debate**

A Presentation on the Diocesan Financial Challenge was made by Mr Martyn Mitchell of the General Synod Financial Advisory Group and The Registrar, Mr Anthony Newby.

They addressed Synod on planning for a way forward. – Line of Credit being put in place and the Independent Oversight Committee being established.

After the presentation questions from the floor regarding the information were taken and were answered by a panel comprising :-

Bishop Slater  
Mr Martyn Mitchell  
Mr Anthony Newby (Registrar)  
Archdeacon Greg Ezzy

*After the resumption of Synod following lunch, the Panel continued to answer questions from Members of Synod on the Grafton Diocesan Financial Challenge.*

The President invited Mr Martyn Mitchell to summarise the proceedings. Debate adjourned with a number of people "to huddle" to discuss further on a suitable motion to put to Synod.

#### **Resumption of Synod Sunday 17 October - First Order of Business of the Day**

Mr Phillip Bonser sought leave of Synod to present the "Huddle" motion in an amended form. Leave was granted.

After discussion the following motion was put:-

**R16/10 MOTION**

That this Synod, acknowledges the financial situation of the Diocese and fully endorses both the actions to date and the plan of action proposed by Mr Martyn Mitchell, the Registrar and the Bishop following Bishop in Council's invitation to the general Synod Financial Advisory Group to provide assistance of which the key elements are:

1. The establishment of a line of credit to guarantee the liquidity available to the GDIF for the next three years;
2. To establish a General Synod and Diocesan Independent Oversight Committee that will be given the authority to prosecute the plan of action which among other things will:
  - a. Provide advice on the best practice governance for the Diocese and the GDIF
  - b. Review the governance of all Diocesan schools to identify future savings and practices that will guarantee their future
  - c. Oversee property sales identified by the parishes and the Bishop's Assets Committee's recommendations to the Bishop in Council over the next three years
  - d. Support the Bishop's Appeal to encourage the provision of both gifts and property for sale to address the identified shortfall in the capital appeal

**MOVED:** Mr Phillip Bonser  
**SECONDED:** The Revd Colin Tett

**R17/10 MOTION**

That this Synod resolves:

1. To continue the efforts of the Bishop's Appeal to encourage the provision of gifts and or property for sale
2. That upon receipt of the Independent Review of Diocesan Schools and following consultation with school councils, Bishop in Council should identify the amount required to re-capitalize the Diocese and its entities and inform members of Synod if further action is needed.
3. That Bishop in Council should identify a fixed capital component for the Bishop's Appeal that can be used henceforth in promoting the Appeal, irrespective of the magnitude of any current budget short fall

**MOVED:** Dr Gordon Burch  
**SECONDED:** Mr Phillip Bonser

**AMENDMENTS**

"that the words "at the earliest possible time" be inserted following "Bishop-in-Council" in dot point 2

**MOVED:** The Reverend Jasmine Dron  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon  
**CARRIED**

"that the third dot point be removed."

**MOVED:** Mrs Ann Emery  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Jasmine Dron  
**LOST**

"That in the third dot point after the word "component" insert the words "at the earliest possible time" and all the words after "Appeal" be removed."

**MOVED:** Mr Mark Earl  
**CARRIED**

"that the words "Irrespective of the magnitude of any current capital shortfall" at the end of dot point 3 be inserted."

**MOVED:** Mr Tim Cadman  
**LOST**

"That the word "target" replaces the words "fixed capital component."

**MOVED:** Mr Gordon Burch  
**CARRIED.**

*The mover and seconder of motion R16/10 accepted the amended forms of the motion. The Bishop announced suspension of Standing Orders in order to further discuss these motions and following the discussion the following amended motion was put.*

### **AMENDED MOTION 1**

That this Synod acknowledges the financial situation of the Diocese and both notes the remedial actions to date and endorses the plan of action proposed by Mr Martyn Mitchell, the Registrar and the Bishop following Bishop in Council's invitation to the General Synod Financial Advisory Group to provide assistance of which the key elements are:

The establishment of a line of credit to guarantee the liquidity available to the GDIF for the next three years;

To establish an Independent Oversight Committee that will have the authority to implement and enforce key aspects of the plan of action. These will include, among other things:

- i) Providing advice on the best practice governance for the Diocese and the GDIF
- ii) Reviewing the financial management and governance of all diocesan schools to determine their ongoing financial viability, identify future savings and assist them to institute best practice.
- iii) Overseeing property sales identified by the ministry units and in the Bishop's Assets Committee's recommendations to the Bishop in Council over the next three years
- iv) Monitoring the Bishop's Appeal to encourage the provision of both gifts and property for sale to address the identified capital shortfall.

**MOVED:** Mr Phillip Bonser  
**SECONDED:** The Revd Colin Tett  
**CARRIED**

### **AMENDED MOTION 2**

That this Synod resolves:

1. To continue the efforts of the Bishop's Appeal to encourage the provision of gifts and or property for sale
2. That upon receipt of the Independent Review of Diocesan Schools and following consultation with school councils, Bishop in Council, at the earliest possible time, should identify the amount required to re-capitalize the Diocese and its entities and inform members of Synod if further action is needed.
3. That Bishop in Council should identify a target for the Bishop's Appeal at the earliest possible time that can be used henceforth in promoting the Appeal.

**MOVED:** Dr Gordon Burch  
**SECONDED:** Mr Phillip Bonser  
**CARRIED**

*On Sunday afternoon a draft of a Ministry letter below was produced, discussed, some small amendments made and the final draft was agreed on to be read out and/or distributed to parishioners for their information.*

## **Ministry Unit letter**

### **Decisions at Synod**

The Diocese of Grafton Synod met on 16-17 October 2010 and was advised of measures being taken in relation to financial challenges facing the Grafton Diocese.

Synod noted the remedial actions to date and endorsed the plan of action as outlined by Mr Martyn Mitchell (General Synod Financial Advisory Group), the Registrar and The Bishop.

The action plan includes the establishment of an Independent Oversight Committee, comprising members of our Diocese and other Anglican dioceses, to provide input and insight into the financial affairs of our Diocese for the next three years. Highly skilled members are being appointed to the Committee from dioceses around Australia and from the General Synod Financial Advisory Group.

In addition, the Independent Oversight Committee will appoint a separate group of Anglican schools' specialists from the Dioceses of Brisbane and Sydney to conduct an Independent Financial Review with our Diocesan Schools. Their report to the Diocese is expected in November 2010. This report will then be considered by Bishop-in-Council, The Corporate Trustees and The Grafton Diocese Investment Fund (GDIF) and referred to each Diocesan School and their respective School Councils.

Once School Councils have finalised their consideration of all the Diocesan recommendations, a comprehensive review of loans can then be undertaken by GDIF and the Corporate Trustees.

Synod noted and accepted the signed audited accounts for the year to 31 December 2009 for GDIF, The Corporate Trustees and Bishop-in-Council. Based on detailed cash flow projections, Synod was assured that GDIF can meet all its liabilities as and when they fall due, using its own financial resources and lines of credit currently available.

### **Going forward**

At the earliest possible time following Synod, Bishop in Council will identify a target for the Bishop's Appeal that can be used in the future promotion of the Appeal. In the meantime, there will be continued efforts to encourage the provision of gifts and/or property for sale for the Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal will provide a secure and enhanced Diocesan capital base over the next three years.

Following the recommendations of the Independent Oversight Committee, early in 2011 it is expected that it will be possible to accurately quantify the extent of any further Diocesan support that will be required, either through the Bishop's Appeal or by the Corporate Trustees and Bishop-in-Council.

The Independent Oversight Committee will also advise the Diocese on the current best practice operating procedures to be adopted for an Anglican managed Investment Fund, and in addition the committee will work with the Grafton Diocesan Asset Committee to maximise the realisation of property gifts to the Bishop's Appeal.

It is with this plan that Synod believes we can move confidently forward in addressing the challenge facing us today in prayerful dependence and action.

### **R35/10 MOTION**

"that the Synod agrees to the Statement from this Synod."

**MOVED:** The Reverend Sally Miller

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Jenny Parker

**CARRIED**

### **Petitions**

The President called for Petitions

No petitions

### **Notices of Questions**

The President called for Questions

The Reverend David Hanger indicated that he had the following questions to be addressed:-

**Question 1****Columba Cottage Early Learning Centre**

Given the anticipated income from Columba Cottage Early Learning Centre is a key factor in the provision of funding of the Ministry Development Officer:

- i) what was the income provided to the Diocese in 2010 from the CCELC for funding the MDO
- ii) what is the anticipated income to the Diocese in 2011 for ongoing funding for the MDO

**Answer:**

*A decision was made during 2009 that the Ministry Development position would not be funded from the surplus of the CCELC, but would be funded from the Diocesan budget - consequently the CCELC income and the MDO position are independent of each other.  
The answer to the question for points i) and ii) is therefore 0*

**Question 2****Elisabeth Morley Court**

Who are the legal owners of Elizabeth Morely Court and St Cuthbert's Court?

**Answer**

*The legal owner of Elizabeth Morely Court and St Cuthbert's Court is the Board of Management of St Cuthbert's Retirement Living Complexes.*

**Question 3****Gunundi Sale**

With regard to the proposed sale of Gunundi:

- i) what offers, or expressions of interest, for purchase have been received up to this date
- ii) were there any offers or expressions of interest from buyers willing to continue its present usage
- iii) what was the purchase price set by the Diocese in relation to such offers or expressions of interest
- iv) what was the outcome of any offers or expressions of interest
- v) what reserve price has been set by the Diocese at the proposed public auction

**Answer:**

- i) *There has been an expression of interest but the offer was too low.*
- ii) *the offer did include the continuation of current use of Gunundi.*
- iii) *Expressions of interest did not involve a price.*
- iv) *Any expression of interest was referred to the auction.*
- v) *As yet a reserve price has not been disclosed prior to auction.*

*A valuation of 1.3m - \$1.5m has been obtained.*

The Reverend Kevin Bourke placed the following questions before Synod

**Question 4**

Given that almost \$3m of Diocesan funds have been channelled into the CVAS debt reduction package, and further that at the 2009 Synod, the Corporate Trustees reported a \$2m loss on the development at Port Macquarie:

- a) has any formal written report ever been received by the Bishop-in-Council into the loss of \$2m by the Corporate Trustees in 2007/2008, which was completely borne by the Diocesan Accounts?
- b) Who conducted the report and what were the findings and recommendations of that report?
- c) Has any effort been made to try and recoup the losses from professional firms who supplied the Corporate Trustees with advice and/or were involved with the development? (e.g: Quantity Surveyors/Architects/Real Estate Agents) if not why not?
- d) What impact has the \$2m loss had upon Diocesan Accounts within the current year (2010)?

- e) Which Diocesan Accounts were debited with the loss, and what impact will the reduced capital in those accounts have upon future budgets?
- f) How is it anticipated that the Diocese will endeavour to re-capitalise those funds to continue operating and to meet the budget in 2011?

Answer:

- (a) *No formal report was received , but updates were given to Corporate Trustees, and Bishop-in-Council was kept informed on the situation during 2007/2008.*
- (b) *no formal report was received.*
- (c) *losses cannot be recouped through poor investments - lower than normal sale prices on property and higher holding costs cannot be recouped.*
- (d) *The \$2m loss was borne by the Bishopric and Ministry Development Fund - both of which had benefited from previous surpluses from property development.*
- (e) *the impact on diocesan accounts was \$100k.*
- (f) *re-capitalisation of the losses is part of our moving forward with the proposal from Mr Martyn Mitchell.*

### **Question 5**

The diocesan Properties of Bishopsholme, McWilliam Lodge and Gunundi are not vested with the Corporate Trustees, whilst such property as the Registry Office and Cathedral and all other Diocesan church property and buildings are deemed to be under "bare" trust?

- a) what is the criteria/requirement that allows for certain buildings and properties to be vested in persons or bodies other than the Corporate Trustees, as indicated in Ordinance#176?
- b) Can a Parish apply to Synod, to have their property vested in the Office of the Bishop (Ordinance #178), rather than with the Corporate Trustees?
- c) If the answer is NO, why does such an Ordinance exist, and what legislative changes are required to allow a Parish or Ministry Unit to vest the property in their custody, with the Office of the Bishop?

### **Question 6**

What has been the amount of contribution made so far, by each individual School of the Diocese, to the current Financial Challenge?

### **Question 7**

Given that GDIF currently holds depositor funds of approx \$39m, and is the primary source of funding for mission and ministry within the Diocese;

- a) what is the current "net" assets of the GDIF? (as at 30 September 2010)
- b) what percentage of loans provided by the GDIF relate to Schools and what is that amount in monetary terms?
- c) What percentage of loans provided by the GDIF relate to Parishes or other private persons or entities, and what is that amount in monetary terms?
- d) What has been the total amount of money loaned; or provided to. Parishes, by the GDIF over the past 5 years for the establishment of new ministries and new mission initiatives?
- e) What impact has the reduction in interest rates on the CVAS loans of 5.5% expected to have on the future viability of the GDIF, given that it is currently offering 6.5% for 3 year IBD's?
- f) How long is the reduced interest rate anticipated to remain on these loans?
- g) Have any other schools asked for a reduction on their interest rate?

### **Question 8**

Reports received by Bishop-in-Council would suggest that CVAS is unable on its own, to service any debt with an enrolment of less than 280 students.

- a) is this true?
- b) Why then is CVAS developing a budget for 2011 based on an enrolment of 300 students, when the average enrolment as at July 2010 was 287?
- c) As at October 2010, what has been the total actual contribution of Diocesan Support paid to CVAS in the financial years 2008 and 2009 and YTD 2010, as reported in the accounts of CVAS?
- d) What is anticipated will be the total contribution required from the Diocese before CVAS is considered financially viable? (i.e requiring no further diocesan support)
- e) When is it anticipated this point will be reached in the future?
- f) What will be the recommended actions of the Board of Management of the GDIF in relation to any future loans requested by CVAS?
- g) What period of notice is legally required in relation to staff awards and remunerations, if it is determined to wind up the School, or parts of the School at the end of 2010?

### **Question 9**

What studies currently exist which show the effectiveness or otherwise, of Anglican Schools as evangelistic tools in the creation, development and nurture of students as long term Anglican Christians committed to the consistent and persistent voluntary Parish system of worship and ministry service?

If such studies do not currently exist, what actions might we have to take as a Diocese to initiate such a study within the Anglican Church of Australia – Standing Committee, for them to investigate and determine the value and worth of a Private Anglican School’s programme to the future life of the Anglican Church consistent with the current Parish model?

### **Question 10**

Did the Board of Management of GDIF, or the Corporate Trustees, at any point consider the appointment of an Administrator when it first became apparent that CVAS might default on its loan repayments?

- a) what justification was given for the decision not to?
- b) Is this still the current policy of the Board of Management of GDIF in the event, any other school or institution, were to get into financial difficulty, or threaten default on their loans? Why?

### **Question 11**

With the increased understanding that our current Financial Challenge is placing serious pressure upon the Diocesan ability to service its debts;

- a) what impact study, if any, has been undertaken to determine whether Parishes are financially capable of making up any shortfall in the 2011 Diocesan Budget by increasing Parish contributions to clergy costs and pledges?
- b) What are the findings, if any, of that study?

## **Notice of Motions**

### **NM1/10 MOTION**

That this Synod pursuant to the change in Corporate Trustee management charge;

1. Instruct the Diocesan Office to make an immediate claim upon the Corporate Trustees for a minimum management fee of 1%, in addition to the current management fee, for each of the next 5 years.
2. Instruct the Diocesan Treasurer to deposit funds from the additional 1% surcharge into the Bishopric Endowment Fund for the next 5 years as described in Diocesan Governance Ordinance - Clause 15.
3. Conclude or review this arrangement at the sitting session of Synod, in 2016.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ray Coles

**NM2/10 Motion.**

That this Synod;  
Instruct the Bishop-in-Council at its first meeting after the 2010 session of Synod, to take whatever steps necessary to amend the Property Board – Powers, Functions and Responsibilities to remove any reference to executive authority, and to limit its delegation (in an appropriate manner) and to have it report any of its actions to both the Corporate Trustees and Bishop-in-Council co-jointly.

or;

To otherwise disband the Property Board, and hand all such responsibilities to Bishop-in-Council.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ray Coles

**NM3/10 Motion**

That this Synod;

- a) Acknowledge the generosity of the Board of St Cuthbert's Retirement Living Complexes Inc for its contribution towards the Grafton Financial Challenge by Deed of Gift,
- b) And continue to encourage other Diocesan entities to show similar generosity,
- c) Forward a letter of thanks to the Board expressing such sentiments.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Mr David Miller

**NM4/10 Motion.**

That this Synod;

Instruct Bishop-in-Council, at its first meeting following this Synod, to form an Executive under Diocesan Governance Ordinance - Clause 64, involving the following:

1. Membership:  
The Bishop,  
The Chancellor,  
The Archdeacon,  
The Diocesan Treasurer  
One Representative from the Board of Corporate Trustees,  
One Representative from the Board of GDIF,  
and 3 others co-opted from the wider community (not necessarily Anglicans) with particular skills in banking, commercial business, and human relations.

The Registrar and Diocesan Accountant are to be given a seat and a voice, but no vote. The Registrar is to act as Secretary.

2. The Executive to meet monthly (or more often if necessary), for the purpose of considering the financial arrangements of all the commercial entities of the Diocese, and to construct a clear and concise financial business plan for the Diocese for the next 5 years.

The first meeting of the Executive to be in December, 2010.

3. 5 members of the Executive must be present to denote a quorum.
4. The Executive is to have all the authority and powers of Bishop-in-Council related to finances and property, for the period of 12 months except for those as outlined in Diocesan Governance Ordinance - Clause 64.

5. The Executive is to have authority to request any information it requires from any Diocesan Organisation to assist it with providing appropriate advice to the Bishop and members of the Diocesan Registry Staff, and in the formation of the 5 year plan.
  6. The Executive is to further act as a body of advice to the Bishop and Registrar on decisions relating to current financial and commercial matters, as they arise.
  7. The Executive is to report to Bishop-in-Council at each of its meetings, any of its recommendations, concerning the commercial activities of the Diocese, for their actioning; including those already acted upon by the Bishop or Registrar in the intervening period.
  8. Consider what, if any, additional powers or prerogatives that should be given to the Executive at the first meeting of the Bishop-in-Council following this Synod.
  9. Request the above proposed business plan be presented to Synod at its next sitting session in 2011.
  10. Review these arrangements at the next sitting session of Synod in 2011.
- MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Mr Chris Duncan

#### **NM5/10 Motion.**

That this Synod;  
 Request Bishop-in-Council and/or Diocesan Executive, to provide to the next sitting session of Synod, a professionally produced, concise structural diagram/flow-chart representation of the current governance structure of the Diocese based upon our current Diocesan Governance Ordinances and relevant Statutory Acts, in particular;  
 The inter-relationship of information and communication (ie; reporting lines) between all the various Boards and Committees of the Diocese including, but not exclusively;  
 The Office of the Bishop, Bishop-in-Council and Committees, Corporate Trustees, GDIF and the Diocesan Property Board.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Rev'd Sally Miller

#### **NM6/10 Motion.**

That this Synod;  
 Request the Bishop-in-Council to ensure a complete set of fully signed off Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, including Profit and Loss Statement together with a fully signed off Auditors Report, for all accounts of the Corporate Trustees, GDIF and Diocese be made available to all Synod Representatives by the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, for their consideration.

**MOVED:** Rev'd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Mr Laurie Ganter

#### **NM7/10 Motion.**

That this Synod;  
 Acknowledging that we:

- live in rapidly changing times for the Church and society in general, and ;
- currently operate in a period of considerable market fluctuation, economic uncertainty and financial challenge;

request Bishop-in-Council to consider, two (2) week-end meetings, in 2011, for the purpose of its normal business, and for considering workshop sessions on mission and ministry policy, and strategy, for the future management of human and property resources in the Diocese during the next 5 - 10 years.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Revd Ben Gilmour

### **NM8/10 Motion**

That this Synod

In the light of the closure and imminent sale of Gunundi

- a) gives thanks to God for the vision and godly labour of those known and unknown who have enabled ministry to take place at, and flow from, Gunundi.
- b) Publicly acknowledges their labours by asking each member of this Synod to personally communicate the intent of this motion in their ministry units
- c) Requests the Bishop to use the means of communication at his disposal to publicly acknowledge and thank on behalf of the Diocesan family those who have contributed to Gunundi's ministry.
- d) Urges the Bishop to oversee a public service of thanksgiving and grieving at Gunundi as a means of assisting the healing process in our Diocese.

**MOVED:** The Reverend David Hanger  
**SECONDED:** Mrs Ann Emery

### **NM9/10 Motion**

That this Synod in light of the challenges facing our Diocese and the biblical exhortation to "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful"

- a) gives thanks to God for the faithful ministry of prayer entered into by many throughout our Diocese
- b) sets aside at the commencement of each future session of Synod a set time for corporate prayer in small groups
- c) reaffirms its commitment to the Diocesan Prayer Chain
- d) encourages all Synod representatives to join the prayer chain and promote it in their ministry units

**MOVED:** The Reverend David Hanger  
**SECONDED:** Mrs Diana Eagles

### **NM10/10 Motion**

That this Synod:

- a) pledges itself afresh to the church's core business of going and making disciples
- b) acknowledges the urgency of growing numerically and spiritually people of all ages committed to worshipping the Lord Jesus in Anglican congregations throughout our Diocese.
- c) Urges the Regional Ministry Councils, with the assistance of the Ministry Development Officer, to offer training courses that will equip parishioners to know and understand their faith and to share it with others.

**MOVED:** The Reverend David Hanger  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon

### **NM11/10 Motion**

That this Synod pause to discern what the Lord is saying to us at this time in the life of our Diocese

**MOVED:** The Reverend David Hanger  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Gill Jones

### **NM12/10 Motion**

That this Synod, in response to the growing pressure on the annual budgets of ministry units urges our Diocesan leadership to:

- a) replace the existing two day annual Clergy Conference at Yamba with a one day Clergy Conference in Grafton
- b) cancel the annual Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Yamba and replace it with two (2) compulsory one day retreats in the north and south of the Diocese led by the Bishop.

- c) Pursue every available avenue to decrease the cost of the annual Ministry School

**MOVED:** The Reverend David Hanger

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Gill Jones

### **NM13/10 Motion**

That this Synod:

Instruct the Bishop-in-Council to design an annex to all reports to Synod that is mandated to be included by all entities who owe monies to GDIF and who are required to submit an annual report to Synod; with this annex stating the details of the total debt, its history of repayments and a signed statement by the Chairman/President and Secretary of the entity that confirms they believe all future payments for the next twelve (12) months will be met.

**MOVED:** Mr Laurie Ganter

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ray Coles

### **NM14/10 Motion**

That this Synod:

Acknowledges the work already undertaken to develop Diocesan Policies and Guidelines in relation to clergy training and commends the Ministry Development Officer, The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon, for her leadership and initiatives in facilitating this process. This Synod recognises the provision of training for clergy is a matter for ongoing reflection and development and therefore authorises the Working Committee to continue its work.

**MOVED:** Mrs Ann Emery

**SECONDED:** Mr John Bryen

### **NM15/10 Motion**

That this Synod determines

1. to celebrate in 2014 the ministry of our God and God's people in the Diocese of Grafton over the past century:
2. To respond to our Bishop's Vision in his Presidential Address to Synod for such a celebration with a proposed framework of:
  - a) living into being God's gathered people 2011
  - b) living into being transformed by God's Word 2012
  - c) Living into being dynamic prayerful Eucharistic communities 2013
  - d) Celebrating with thanksgiving the mission of God in our midst, past, present and future 2014
  - e) Celebrating with thanksgiving the mission of God in our midst, past, present and future 2014
  - f) Being sent forth to minister in a new place 2015.
3. to request the Bishop, Archdeacon, Ministry Development Officer and Regional Ministry Co-Ordinators to give flesh to the framework of this journey, after inviting and encouraging every Ministry Unit to furnish them with creative proposals for the journey which would encourage the commitment of all Ministry Units to work together towards the Celebration in 2014.
4. To request the latter Group to co-ordinate the process in such a way that we the Diocese will be able to enthusiastically commit to the roadmap to 2014.

**MOVED:** The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**SECONDED:** Ms Diana Eagles

**Synod adjourned for Lunch on Saturday at 12.30pm**

**Synod resumed at 1.30pm**

The Panel continued to answer questions from Members of Synod on the Grafton Diocesan Financial Challenge.

(see page 3 of the Synod minutes)

The President continued with his Presidential Address

(See page 3 of the Synod minutes)

### **R11/10 MOTION**

That the motions regarding the Diocesan Financial Challenge be made Order of the Day as first item of business on Sunday 17 October 2010.

**MOVED:** Mr Phillip Bonser

**SECONDED:** Mr Gordon Burch

**CARRIED**

### **Nomination for Corporate Trustees**

One nomination was received:-

Mr David Miller

Mr Miller was unanimously re-appointed to the Corporate Trustees.

### **Reports**

#### **R12/10 MOTION**

" that all reports laid before Synod be accepted as a whole."

**MOVED:** The Reverend Hilary Singleton

**SECONDED:** Mrs Kay Ware

**CARRIED**

- Bishop-in-Council
- Bishop-in-Council Responses to resolutions passed to Bishop-in-Council by 2008 and 2009 Synods.-
- Corporate Trustees
- Diocesan Property Board
- Grafton Diocese Investment Fund
- Household of Deacons
- Anglicare North Coast
- Correction Centre Chaplains - Grafton, Kempsey
- Hospital Chaplains
- Southern Cross University Chaplains
- Bishop Druitt College
- Clarence Valley Anglican School
- Emmanuel Anglican College
- Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School
- St Columba Anglican School
- Columba Cottage Early Learning Centre
- MU Australia - Diocese of Grafton
- Licensed Lay Ministers
- Philosophy Science and Theology Festival
- Anglican Diocese of Grafton Records Centre
- RMC - Byron/Tweed
- RMC - Bellinger/Nambucca
- RMC - Clarence Valley
- RMC - Hastings/Macleay
- RMC - Richmond
- St Cuthberts Retirement Living Complexes Inc
- The Cathedral Chapter
- Diocesan Professional Standards Committee
- Anglican Cursillo Movement
- Anglican Board of Mission Auxillary

Mr Terry Muldoon presented a visual and verbal report on behalf of the Diocesan School's Commission.

**R13/10 Audited Financial Accounts – Diocese of Grafton**

The Diocesan Treasurer presented the Audited Financial Accounts of the Diocese of Grafton.

**MOTION**

“that the Report and the Audited Financial Statements of the Diocese of Grafton for the year ended 31 December 2009 be adopted.”

**MOVED:** Mr David Miller

**SECONDED:** Canon Terry Shorten

**CARRIED**

**R14/10 Audited Financial Accounts – Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton**

The Diocesan Treasurer presented the Audited Financial Accounts of the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton.

**MOTION**

That the Report and the Audited Financial Statements of the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton be adopted.”

**MOVED:** Mr David Miller

**SECONDED:** Canon Terry Shorten

**CARRIED**

**R15/10 Audited Financial Accounts – Grafton Diocese Investment Fund**

The Fund Manager, Mr Greg Nelson spoke to his report. Mr David Miller, Diocesan Treasurer presented the Financial Accounts to Synod.

Mr David Miller sought leave to move the motion to accept the GDIF Financial statements in an amended form. Leave was so granted.

**MOTION**

“that the Report and the Audited Financial Statements of the Grafton Diocese Investment Fund for the year ended 31 December 2009 be received.”

**MOVED:** Mr David Miller

**SECONDED:** Canon Terry Shorten

**CARRIED**

**The Buttery**

The Registrar sought leave of Synod to add The Buttery Constitution Ordinance 1989 (Amendment) Ordinance 1995 Repeal Ordinance 2010 be added to the Business Paper. Leave was so granted.

**Meeting adjourned at 5.11pm for Evening Prayer****Synod resumed on Sunday 17 October at 9.30AM****Petitions**

The President called for Petitions

There were no Petitions

**Notices of Motions**

The President called for Motions

**NM16/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

Give thanks to Bishop Keith for his Presidential Address and requests the Regional Ministry Co-Ordinators, Ministry Development Officer and Archdeacon to co-opt the appropriate people to explore and action ways to celebrate with thanksgiving the centenary of the Diocese in 2014.

**MOVED:** The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**SECONDED:** Ms Diana Eagles

**NM17/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

Acknowledges the Role of EFM (Education for Ministry) Course within the life of this Diocese and encourages Clergy and Laity to explore this theological programme as a form of mature Christian development.

**MOVED:** The Reverend Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Hilary Singleton

**NM18/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

Request that Bishop-in-Council in partnership with the Schools Commission prepare a statement reflecting our commitment to Diocesan Schools and an understanding of their role in the mission and vision of the Diocese.

**MOVED:** The Reverend Rachel Rynehart

**SECONDED:** The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**NM19/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

Requests Bishop-in-Council to establish a small taskforce to assist and support the Bishop and the Registry staff in planning for Synod 2011 to ensure more creative approaches to all aspects of Synod and to allow more time for forward thinking and renewed focus on Ministry.

**MOVED:** The Reverend Nicole Hagon

**SECONDED:** Mr Phillip Bonser

**NM20/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

Requests Bishop-in-Council to establish a means by which members of Synod can be regularly and individually updated about actions taken and progress made in meeting the Diocese Financial Challenge.

**MOVED:** Mr Phillip Bonser

**SECONDED:** Mr John Bryen

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Grafton Diocese Financial Challenge discussion and debate continued - see page 3 of the minutes

**CALL OVER FORMAL MOTIONS****R18/10 MOTION**

That this Synod;

- d) Acknowledge the generosity of the Board of St Cuthbert's Retirement Living Complexes Inc for its contribution towards the Grafton Financial Challenge by Deed of Gift,
- e) And continue to encourage other Diocesan entities to show similar generosity,
- f) Forward a letter of thanks to the Board expressing such sentiments.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Mr David Miller

**CARRIED WITH GRATEFUL THANKS**

**R19/10 MOTION**

That this Synod:

- d) pledges itself afresh to the church's core business of going and making disciples
- e) acknowledges the urgency of growing numerically and spiritually people of all ages committed to worshipping the Lord Jesus in Anglican congregations throughout our Diocese.
- f) Urges the Regional Ministry Councils, with the assistance of the Ministry Development Officer, to offer training courses that will equip

parishioners to know and understand their faith and to share it with others.

**MOVED:** The Reverend David Hanger  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon  
**CARRIED**

#### **R20/10 Motion.**

That this Synod;  
 Request the Bishop-in-Council to ensure a complete set of fully signed off Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, including Profit and Loss Statement together with a fully signed off Auditors Report, for all accounts of the Corporate Trustees, GDIF and Diocese be made available to all Synod Representatives by the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, for their consideration.

**MOVED:** Rev'd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Mr Laurie Ganter

The Reverend Kevin Bourke sought leave of Synod to withdraw the motion. Leave was so granted.

**WITHDRAWN**

#### **R21/10 MOTION**

That this Synod determines

5. to celebrate in 2014 the ministry of our God and God's people in the Diocese of Grafton over the past century:
6. To respond to our Bishop's Vision in his Presidential Address to Synod for such a celebration with a proposed framework of:
  - a) living into being God's gathered people 2011
  - b) living into being transformed by God's Word 2012
  - c) Living into being dynamic prayerful Eucharistic communities 2013
  - d) Celebrating with thanksgiving the mission of God in our midst, past, present and future 2014
  - e) Celebrating with thanksgiving the mission of God in our midst, past, present and future 2014
  - f) Being sent forth to minister in a new place 2015.
7. to request the Bishop, Archdeacon, Ministry Development Officer and Regional Ministry Co-Ordinators to give flesh to the framework of this journey, after inviting and encouraging every Ministry Unit to furnish them with creative proposals for the journey which would encourage the commitment of all Ministry Units to work together towards the Celebration in 2014.
8. To request the latter Group to co-ordinate the process in such a way that we the Diocese will be able to enthusiastically commit to the roadmap to 2014.

**MOVED:** Ven. Greg Ezzy  
**SECONDED:** Ms Diana Eagles  
**WITHDRAWN**

#### **R22/10 Motion**

That this Synod:  
 Acknowledges the work already undertaken to develop Diocesan Policies and Guidelines in relation to clergy training and commends the Ministry Development Officer, The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon, for her leadership and initiatives in facilitating this process. This Synod recognises the provision of training for clergy is a matter for ongoing reflection and development and therefore authorises the Working Committee to continue its work.

**MOVED:** Mrs Ann Emery  
**SECONDED:** Mr John Bryen  
**CARRIED**

**R23/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

Give thanks to Bishop Keith for his Presidential Address and requests the Regional Ministry Co-Ordinators, Ministry Development Officer and Archdeacon to co-opt the appropriate people to explore and action ways to celebrate with thanksgiving the centenary of the Diocese in 2014.

**MOVED:** The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**SECONDED:** Ms Diana Eagles

**CARRIED**

**R24/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

Acknowledges the Role of EFM (Education for Ministry) Course within the life of this Diocese and encourage Clergy and Laity to explore this theological programme as a form of mature Christian development.

**MOVED:** The Reverend Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Hilary Singleton

**CARRIED**

**R25/10 MOTION.**

That this Synod;

Instruct Bishop-in-Council, at its first meeting following this Synod, to form an Executive under Diocesan Governance Ordinance - Clause 64, involving the following:

11. Membership:
  - The Bishop.
  - The Chancellor,
  - The Archdeacon,
  - The Diocesan Treasurer
  - One Representative from the Board of Corporate Trustees,
  - One Representative from the Board of GDIF,
  - and 3 others co-opted from the wider community (not necessarily Anglicans) with particular skills in banking, commercial business, and human relations.

The Registrar and Diocesan Accountant are to be given a seat and a voice, but no vote. The Registrar is to act as Secretary.

12. The Executive to meet monthly (or more often if necessary), for the purpose of considering the financial arrangements of all the commercial entities of the Diocese, and to construct a clear and concise financial business plan for the Diocese for the next 5 years.

The first meeting of the Executive to be in December, 2010.

13. 5 members of the Executive must be present to denote a quorum.
14. The Executive is to have all the authority and powers of Bishop-in-Council related to finances and property, for the period of 12 months except for those as outlined in Diocesan Governance Ordinance - Clause 64.
15. The Executive is to have authority to request any information it requires from any Diocesan Organisation to assist it with providing appropriate advice to the Bishop and members of the Diocesan Registry Staff, and in the formation of the 5 year plan.
16. The Executive is to further act as a body of advice to the Bishop and Registrar on decisions relating to current financial and commercial matters, as they arise.

17. The Executive is to report to Bishop-in-Council at each of its meetings, any of its recommendations, concerning the commercial activities of the Diocese, for their actioning; including those already acted upon by the Bishop or Registrar in the intervening period.
18. Consider what, if any, additional powers or prerogatives that should be given to the Executive at the first meeting of the Bishop-in-Council following this Synod.
19. Request the above proposed business plan be presented to Synod at its next sitting session in 2011.
20. Review these arrangements at the next sitting session of Synod in 2011.  
**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Mr Chris Duncan  
*The Reverend Kevin Bourke said that he had taken legal advice from the Chancellor and sought leave from Synod to withdraw the motion. Leave Granted.*  
**WITHDRAWN**

#### **R26/10 MOTION.**

- That this Synod;  
 Request Bishop-in-Council and/or Diocesan Executive, to provide to the next sitting session of Synod, a professionally produced, concise structural diagram/flow-chart representation of the current governance structure of the Diocese based upon our current Diocesan Governance Ordinances and relevant Statutory Acts, in particular;  
 The inter-relationship of information and communication (ie; reporting lines) between all the various Boards and Committees of the Diocese including, but not exclusively;  
 The Office of the Bishop, Bishop-in-Council and Committees, Corporate Trustees, GDIF and the Diocesan Property Board.  
**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Rev'd Sally Miller  
**CARRIED**

#### **R27/10 MOTION**

- That this Synod pursuant to the change in Corporate Trustee management charge;
4. Instruct the Diocesan Office to make an immediate claim upon the Corporate Trustees for a minimum management fee of 1%, in addition to the current management fee, for each of the next 5 years.
  5. Instruct the Diocesan Treasurer to deposit funds from the additional 1% surcharge into the Bishopric Endowment Fund for the next 5 years as described in Diocesan Governance Ordinance - Clause 15.
  6. Conclude or review this arrangement at the sitting session of Synod, in 2016.  
**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke  
**SECONDED:** Mr Chris Duncan

The Reverend Kevin Bourke sought leave of synod to present the motion in an amended form. Leave was so granted.

#### **AMENDED MOTION**

- That this Synod
1. Instruct the Diocesan Office to make an immediate claim upon the Corporate Trustees for a minimum management fee of 1%, in addition to the current management fee, for each of the next 5 years.

2. Instruct the Diocesan Treasurer to deposit funds from the additional 1% surcharge into the Bishopric Endowment Fund for the next 5 years as described in Diocesan Governance Ordinance - Clause 15.
3. Conclude or review this arrangement at the sitting session of Synod, in 2016.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Mr Laurie Ganter

**LOST**

**NOTE:** Canon Terry Shorten left the Synod chamber for the extent of this debate.

**R28/10 Motion.**

That this Synod;

Instruct the Bishop-in-Council at its first meeting after the 2010 session of Synod, to take whatever steps necessary to amend the Property Board – Powers, Functions and Responsibilities to remove any reference to executive authority, and to limit its delegation (in an appropriate manner) and to have it report any of its actions to both the Corporate Trustees and Bishop-in-Council co-jointly.

or;

To otherwise disband the Property Board, and hand all such responsibilities to Bishop-in-Council.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ray Coles

**AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION**

“that the word “or” and all words following be deleted.”

**MOVED:** The Reverend Peter Richards

**CARRIED**

**AMENDED MOTION**

That this Synod;

Recommend that Bishop-in-Council at its first meeting after the 2010 session of Synod, to take whatever steps necessary to amend the Property Board – Powers, Functions and Responsibilities to remove any reference to executive authority, and to limit its delegation (in an appropriate manner) and to have it report any of its actions to both the Corporate Trustees and Bishop-in-Council co-jointly.

**MOVED:** The Reverend Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ray Coles

**CARRIED**

**R29/10 MOTION.**

That this Synod;

Acknowledging that we:

- live in rapidly changing times for the Church and society in general, and ;
- currently operate in a period of considerable market fluctuation, economic uncertainty and financial challenge;

request Bishop-in-Council to consider, two (2) week-end meetings, in 2011, for the purpose of its normal business, and for considering workshop sessions on mission and ministry policy, and strategy, for the future management of human and property resources in the Diocese during the next 5 - 10 years.

**MOVED:** Revd Kevin Bourke

**SECONDED:** Revd Ben Gilmour

**CARRIED**

**R30/10 MOTION**

That this Synod

In the light of the closure and imminent sale of Gunundi

- e) gives thanks to God for the vision and godly labour of those known and unknown who have enabled ministry to take place at, and flow from, Gunundi.
- f) Publicly acknowledges their labours by asking each member of this Synod to personally communicate the intent of this motion in their ministry units
- g) Requests the Bishop to use the means of communication at his disposal to publicly acknowledge and thank on behalf of the Diocesan family those who have contributed to Gunundi's ministry.
- h) Urges the Bishop to oversee a public service of thanksgiving and grieving at Gunundi as a means of assisting the healing process in our Diocese.

**MOVED:** The Reverend David Hanger

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ann Emery

**CARRIED**

Archdeacon Greg Ezzy sought leave of Synod to introduce a motion without notice. Leave was so granted.

**R31/10 MOTION**

That the remaining Notices of Motion be referred to Bishop-in-Council for consideration, and the Bills be referred to the Diocesan Ordinance Review Group and reported at the First Session of the 34th Synod in 2011.

**MOVED:** The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Kevin Bourke

**CARRIED**

**Bills****R32/10 Anglicare Northcoast Ordinance 2010****MOTION**

"that the Bill be considered."

**MOVED:** Mrs Ann Helmrich

**SECONDED:** The Reverend Thea Archinal

Synod moved into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill  
The Chair of the Committee reported that the Bill had been considered and further debate is required.

Following the debate, Synod moved into Committee to resume consideration of the Bill.

The Chair of Committees reported that the Bill had been agreed to with amendments.

"That the Bill do now pass."

**MOVED:** Ms Ann Helmrich

**SECONDED:** Rev'd Thea Archinal

**CARRIED**

**R33/10 GDIF Governance Ordinance 2010**

The Reverend Peter Richards sought leave of Synod to withdraw the bill. Leave was so granted.

**The Buttery Constitution Ordinance 1989 (Amendment) Ordinance 1995, Repeal Ordinance 2010****R34/10 MOTION**

"that the Bill be considered."

**MOVED:** The Reverend Vivian Hoskins

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ann Helmrich

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Chair of Committee reported that the Bill had been agreed to with amendment.

**MOTION**

“that the Bill do now pass.”

**MOVED:** The Reverend Vivian Hoskins

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ann Helmrich

**CARRIED**

**Synod Statement**

The President presented a statement regarding the financial challenge to be distributed to members of Synod. After further amendments Synod agreed to the Statement.

*(see page 6 of the minutes)*

**R36/10 Diocesan Budget 2011**

The Diocesan Treasurer Mr David Miller presented the Diocesan Budget for 2011.

**MOTION**

“that the Diocesan Budget for the year ending 31 December 2011 be adopted.”

**MOVED:** Mr David Miller

**SECONDED:** Canon Terry Shorten

**CARRIED**

**RESPONSES TO 2008 SYNOD MATTERS REFERRED TO BISHOP IN COUNCIL**

**Clergy Training Motion**

The report was given by The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon

**RESPONSES TO 2009 SYNOD MATTERS REFERRED TO BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL**

**Diocesan Governance Ordinance Amendment motion (RMC)**

A report was given by The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**Diocesan Governance Ordinance Amendment motion (Language use relating to partners and children of Ordained persons)**

A report was given by The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**Bishops Election Ordinance**

A report was given by The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**Report on the Schools Commission**

A report was given by The Venerable Greg Ezzy

**MOTIONS OF APPRECIATION**

**Officers of Synod**

**R37/10 MOTION**

“that a vote of thanks be given to Mr David Miller.”

**MOVED:** Mr Laurie Ganter

**SECONDED:** Mrs Ray Coles

**CARRIED**

**R38/10 MOTION**

“that this Synod express its appreciation to the Officers of Synod

The Bishop

The Chancellor

The Advocate

The Chair of Committees

The Clerk of Committees

The Clerical Secretary

The Lay Secretary

The Media Officer

**MOVED:** The Registrar  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Peter Richards  
**CARRIED**

**R39/10 MOTION**

"that the work of the following people be highly commended"

The Registrar  
 Ms Deborah Coleman  
 Ms Sue McLachlan  
 Mrs Mary Elliott  
 Ms Rosie Catt  
 Mr Greg Nelson (GDIF)  
 Ms Jo Chad (GDIF)

**MOVED:** Canon Ann Skamp  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Peter Richards  
**CARRIED**

**R40/10 MOTION**

"that appreciation be expressed to Bishop Keith for his leadership."

**MOVED:** The Registrar  
**SECONDED:** The Reverend Canon Gail Hagon  
**CARRIED**

**R41/10 MOTION**

**The 2011 Synod**

"that the venue for the First Session of the Thirty Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Grafton in 2011 be Grafton."

**MOVED:** The Registrar  
**SECONDED:** the Reverend Canon Gail Hagon  
**CARRIED**

**R42/10 MOTION**

"that Synod now adjourn sine die."

**MOVED:** The Registrar  
**SECONDED:** The Dean  
**CARRIED**

**There being no further business the Third Session of the Thirty-Third Synod closed at 5.10pm Sunday 17 October 2010 with prayer.**