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2008.097	<p>DIOCESAN COUNCIL AS SYNOD: (A)The Samaritans Foundation – Diocese of Newcastle Ordinance 2008 (47-53) Refer to Handout To be held over to the next meeting</p> <p>It was noted by Mr Cec Shevels CEO of the Samaritans Foundation, that most of the changes were to; bring the document up to date, grammatical and or of a minor nature. One significant change had been to incorporate the Board. Mr Cec Shevels also noted that due to good governance requirements, it was preferable that the Diocesan Council nominate a representative who would be able to attend the majority of Board meetings.</p>
2008.098	<p>GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTIONS–Resolutions referred to Diocese for Action (54-60) PROFESSIONA STANDARDS 52/70 Faithfulness in Service and Codes of Personal Behavior This was Received</p> <p>65/07 Professional Standards Commission – 1 This was Received As this was to be available to the general public, it was questioned if contact details included names as the provision of names could prove to be a safety issue for some chaplains. Clarification was to be sought.</p> <p>SOCIAL ISSUES 46/07 Millennium Development Goals – 2 This was Received</p> <p>47/07 Millennium Development Goals – 3 This was Received</p> <p>48/07 Joint Commitment and Affirmation of Faith and Justice This was Received This was to be circulated and or put onto the web.</p> <p>73/07 Environment This was Received It was noted that the Diocese had commenced this process.</p> <p>77/07 Environment Working Group This was Received</p> <p>MISSION 64/07 Welcoming the People This was Received It was noted that more needed to be done to accommodate people with disabilities.</p> <p>102/07 Domestic Violence Support This was Received Copies of the training CD were to be requested.</p>

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	<p>MINISTRY 85/07 Equal Representation of Women This was Received 94/07 Ministry and Climate Change This was Received</p> <p>ECUMENICAL 115/07 Inter-Religious Dialogue This was Received</p>
2008.099	<p>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS WORKING PARTY – Report (61-65) The report was received.</p> <p>The Bishop noted this Council's thanks to the Professional Standards Working Party for their Report as well as the Professional Standards Committee and Professional Standards Board for the work they had done.</p> <p>The Council discussed in length some of the issues involved with the Report. In particular members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their concern about the possibility of malicious accusations. • Acknowledgement of the broad code of conduct in the Anglican Church. • The protection of the vulnerable and the duty of care this involved. • The ramifications of suspending a worker, refer to P64, 5a; and the fact that this would have to be carefully enunciated. • The necessity to not only act but to be seen to take appropriate and timely action. • To undertake a risk assessment before acting and thereby minimizing risks to those involved. • The guidelines for the National Register and if they met legal requirements. It was noted that the guidelines were for a Statutory Authority, not a religious organization. Legal clarification was suggested. • Mr Keith Allen questioned P64 Legal Aid and if this amount was sufficient. • Clear guidelines were required.
2008.100	<p>AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANGLICARE NORTH COAST INC. AND THE SAMARITANS FOUNDATION (66-69)</p> <p>Moved The Rev'd Stephen Pullin, Second The Dean Carried "That this Diocesan Council approves that this document be executed."</p>
2008.101	<p>COCKLE BAY ANGLICAN COMMUNITY - Cyril Gundry Trusts (70-72) Moved John Cleary, Second Keith Allen Carried "That Temporary Trust T0105 and the Cyril Gundry Sundry Trust be transferred to Cockle Bay Anglican Community to establish a memorial in the name of the Late Cyril Gundry."</p>