



MINUTES OF CEBS THE ANGLICAN BOYS' SOCIETY  
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Stuart Mill, in the Parish of St Arnaud. Diocese of Bendigo, on the weekend of  
MAY 1st -3rd 2009.

Attendance list

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| National Officers | <b>The Rt. Rev. Bill Ray<br/>(Chairman)<br/>Rev. Warren Rumble<br/>(Treasurer)<br/>Chris Oliver<br/>(Secretary)<br/>Graeme Nicholls<br/>(Leader<br/>Development Officer)</b> | Adelaide    | <b>Ken Pidgeon</b>                                     |
| Melbourne         | <b>Bruce Anderson</b>  | Sydney      | <i>No attendance</i>                                   |
| Brisbane          | <i>No attendance</i>   | Gippsland   | <b>Gary Prosser<br/>Paul Byl</b>                       |
| Western Australia | <b>Kerry Lovejoy</b>   | Rockhampton | <i>No attendance</i>                                   |
| Newcastle         | <i>No attendance</i>   | Visitors    | <b>Kevin Clothier<br/>Garry Allen<br/>Carol Rumble</b> |
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**Session 1: Fri 1/5/2009 8:00pm to 9:35pm**

The meeting opened with the reading of "The Presentation Of CEBS in Symbol and Celebration" and in prayer, and the CEBS Rule of Life.

Rev. Warren Rumble welcomed delegates to the Bendigo diocese and gave a brief history of the Bishop James Centre (venue of the meeting).  
Bishop Andrew's apology was passed on to the meeting.

The incoming chairman invited delegates to submit other items of business.

### APOLOGIES

Ven. Conrad Paterson (outgoing chairman), Rev Barry Costello (Sydney), Ray McGahy (Melbourne), Peter Victor (Brisbane), Alan Victor (Brisbane), Andrew White (Gippsland).

**Motion: That the apologies be accepted.**

Moved G. Nicholls                      Seconded G. Prosser                      Carried

### Items to be added to Agenda:

Discussion of registration of incorporation of society.  
CEBS Shop.

### RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Report by The Ven. Conrad Paterson tabled.

It was noted that Father Conrad's Chairmanship, especially during the tough times for CEBS in South Australia was very much appreciated.

**Motion: that we express our thanks for the previous Chairman's leadership, ministry and counsel during the time of his chairmanship. A CEBS Certificate of Appreciation is to be prepared.**

**Action: Secretary**

Moved: G. Nicholls.                      Seconded: C. Oliver.                      Carried.

### ACCEPTANCE OF 2008 MINUTES

**Motion: It was moved that the circulated Minutes from the 2008 meeting be taken as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

Moved: W. Rumble                      Seconded: G. Nicholls                      Carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Email in relation to CEBS Sydney Branch registration

Email from unknown sender- (from a Sydney Diocese CEBS branch) enquiring about the purchase of CEBS badges and registration with CEBS National as a lone Sydney branch, as they do not seem to be able to register with CEBS Sydney any more.

C. Oliver has spoken to The Rev. Barry Costello regarding this issue. Barry mentioned that he was the only person keeping regular contact with the 15 Sydney CEBS branches.

There was some discussion regarding the ordering of CEBS products from people that we cannot verify are representing CEBS branches within the Sydney Diocese.

It was suggested that orders should include a signature from the Parish Priest.

**Motion: that we amend the order form to include a section for a signature from the Parish Priest. Action: W. Rumble, A. Victor (Website)**

Moved: G. Nicholls.                      Seconded P. Byl.                      Carried

The question was asked about the relationship with CEBS branches in Sydney and Youth Works. There was also other discussion regarding branches operating outside the new structure in the Sydney Diocese in respect to insurance and legal responsibility.

It was felt that we could not allow lone branches to register with Ceb Australia as the Constitution does not allow or support this. There seems to be some doubt over what the current structure within Sydney in relation to CEBS and Youth works. There needs to be some clarification on the current structure that exists within the Sydney diocese in relation to CEBS branches.

**Some issues for action and consideration:**

1. Ken Harkness to be contacted to seek clarification about the transfer of CEBS to Youth works and whether Youth Works is the governing body of CEBS Sydney. We will attempt to call Ken during the meeting on Saturday.
2. We need to consider our response to the email enquiry in relation to our constitution.

**Letter from the current CEBS Australia Web Master:**

Letter from Alan Victor stating that he is happy to continue in the position of CEBS Australia web master.

**Motion: That Alan Victor continues in the position of CEBS Australia web master.**

**Moved: C. Oliver.                      Seconded: G. Prosser                      Carried**

Session 1 closed in prayer at 9:30pm

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**Session 2: Meeting Resumed Sat 2/5/2009 at 9:30**

**Commissioning of incoming National Chairman, National Secretary, and Treasurer.**  
The incoming Chairman, National Secretary and National Treasurer were commissioned in the church building at the Bishop James Centre.

**The National Training Officer was elected on the motion of K. Pidgeon**  
**Seconded: K. Lovejoy                      Carried.**

**Commissioning of the Members of the Council by the Chairman.**

**Clarification of the current CEBS Sydney situation:**

We were able make contact with the former chairman of CEBS Sydney.

- The council of CEBS Sydney voted to amend the Constitution of the NSW Society to change the method of electing officers of the Society. The change allowed the CEO of Youth Works to make all appointments of the Society. Practical control of the Society transferred to the CEO of Youth works in July 2007. Undertakings that CEBS branches would to continue to operate as CEBS branches, as well as new CEBS branches could start up. Prior to the transfer CEBS and youth Works had been working closely together. (4:15 recording reference)

- Youth Works undertook to maintain a representative group for "boys' ministry".
- Prior to the transfer to Youth Works branch registrations were not actively followed up by the NSW Executive.
- Ken advised that the national shop could enquire through Youth Works if there was any question as to whether a branch was a registered/active branch.
- Ken clarified that the branches were covered under the parish insurance.
- Ken confirmed that the addition of the signature of the Parish Priest on any national order form was sufficient and appropriate.

There was some further discussion regarding branches and registrations. Registration of branches with the national body is not appropriate or supported under the Constitution and it was felt that we should encourage a National Register of leaders and lone members.

**Motion: That a National Register of leaders be established.**

**Moved: W. Rumble                      Seconded: C. Oliver                      Carried.**

**Action: C. Oliver**

**That lists of leaders and lone leaders from each diocese be forwarded to the National Secretary. Action: All**

There was some discussion regarding the publication of a newsletter. This can be used to keep people up to date with activities in branches and dioceses.

**Motion: That a newsletter be published at least twice yearly to the national list of leaders, lone members and friends of CEBS.**

**Moved: B. Anderson                      Seconded: W. Rumble                      Carried.**

It was suggested that the newsletter be published at a national level and distributed at a national level to lone members and at a diocesan/state level.

Garry Allen offered to be the National Editor. The meeting accepted his offer.

Garry will think about some timelines for the first and future editions. The newsletter will be called "AUS. CEBS"

**Action: Garry Allen**

The secretary asked Ken about an up to date National Awards list. Ken said that he would forward a copy to the Secretary.

**C. Oliver to email Ken so that he can reply with this information.**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

A letter was sent to Archbishop Freier thanking him for his attendance at the 2008 National Council and interest in our Society.

**Mackay Branch:**

Query regarding a branch at West Mackay. The chairman clarified that the branch had been running well until around February 2007. Currently no branch is operating. However a weekly kids group is running in the parish.

**Action: The Chairman will follow up with the Secretary.**

**14<sup>th</sup> National Camp:**

Thanks were sent to Victorian National Camp Committee in relation to the 2008 National Camp.

Thanks were sent to Sydney National Camp Committee in relation to their efforts in preparation and attempts to organize the 2008 National Camp.

**15<sup>th</sup> National Camp:**

The Bishop of Tasmania was contacted regarding the possibility of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Camp being held in Tasmania. The Bishop responded that he supported the idea in the future, but not at this time, due to sensitive issues in the Diocese.

**Action: The Chairman will continue to monitor this situation.**

**Thanks to National Training Officer:**

A letter of thanks was sent to Alan for his years of work as the National Training Officer.

**Session 2 Ended at 10:20 AM**

**Session 3: Meeting Resumed Sat 2/5/2009 at 11:00 am**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Secretary proposed that the Council members workshop ideas for taking the Society forward in the future, especially in relation to our image and name.

How do we take the image of our mission forward in the Anglican Church in Australia and each Diocese.

There was some discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of an image and name change for the Society.

In WA the focus of CEBS WA mission is "outreach to all parishes in Perth".

WA is working with a number of Anglican schools to help start after school "boys groups". WA CEBS are sponsoring the marketing name, "Boys Ministry Australia (WA)".

G. Nicholls reflected on the Kids Plus experience in Gippsland. It is overall working very well, however it is still hard to bring groups together for Diocesan events.

B. Anderson gave a summary of the experience in Melbourne. Branch numbers are up and the program of financial assistance to children's ministry groups has been of benefit to

those groups as well as providing a positive image of CEBS within Melbourne. CEBS Melbourne is also working to strengthen their relationship with the Diocese.

G. Nichols asked the questions of how can we get back to a position where the church is receptive to "start up" boys ministry groups.

The Chairman commented that there are a lot of members of the Church that are prepared to financially support children's ministry, if a proposal and idea is put forward. However leadership is a harder challenge.

Does the damage of recent child abuse cases makes the use of the name "CEBS" a liability?

K. Pigeon commented that he felt that, in South Australia, it would be difficult to approach a parish with the suggestion of starting up a boys group, due to the continuing publicity recently about old child abuse cases. Ken also mentioned that there would only be a handful of parishes in South Australia that could start any children's ministry.

W. Rumble related the current Bendigo Diocese parish status in relation to children's ministry groups. There are around 15 parishes with different forms of children's groups running. There seems to be a positive base of children's ministry within the parishes of the Diocese.

The meeting asked Warren to consider what the Society could do to support the Diocesan children's ministry programs.

The Chairman commented that as a child he was involved in church activities wider than his parish, which helped him understand that the Church was bigger than "the farm".

C. Oliver commented on how he feels that CEBS is slowly becoming accepted as a part of the Church structure, as opposed to operating as a separate organization.

There was some discussion on how can we reach out to the community to encourage kids to come to CEBS (outreach). Can we look at the fact that some parent send their kids along so that they could have some time without the child/children in a positive way. There is a desperate need in the community for low cost/no cost child minding.

G. Nicholls commented on a radio show he had heard, saying that children and teenage still regard parents/family as the most important influence on them, closely followed by their friendship groups.

The Chairman summarized;

- CEBS and the building up of the Body of Christ
- Relationships with clergy.
- Diocesan ownership and structures
- Reaching out and connections.
- The names we give to ministry.
- Leader burn out .

- CEBS as a background facilitator or up front .
- Clause 2 of the constitution - CEBS came into existence to meet a need.
- We must realize that it will take time to make change. "No doesn't mean forever".

### Session 3 Closed at 12:30 AM

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### Session 4: Meeting Resumed Sat 2/5/2009 at 1:40 am

#### Consideration of an apology in relation to any paedophile activity:

The previous chairman, after much prayer and consideration, decided that the issue of any form of apology may attract any unnecessary publicity, or draw attention to the actions of a very small minority of offenders. Any apologies should be handled by the formal Diocesan authorities.

The meeting agreed with this decision.

#### Proposed Boys' Ministry Conference:

Brad Young was to aim for a submission to follow this item up by October 2008. However, no paper was produced. The Chairman asked whether the meeting wanted to continue discussion on this point. The meeting agreed.

The original purpose of any such conference was to bring experts in boys' ministry together so as to provide a forum to discuss this ministry focus.

Action: The Chairman has offered to investigate this issue further and report back to the next meeting, as well as investigate possible experts who may be appropriate to speak at such a conference.

#### CNET/YNET REPORT

C. Oliver reported on the Cnet/Ynet conference in August 2008, in Sydney (Port Hacking Conference Centre). Delegates attended from Perth, Sydney, Newcastle, Bathurst Melbourne and Rockhampton.

The conference was primarily focused on worship, prayer, leader training and publications; including speakers and workshops.

The conference delegates attended Sydney Entertainment Centre to hear a visiting evangelist, along with 9000 others, mainly young adults.

The delegates sat in on some of the running lectures at the Youthworks Wannawong College to observe students in training.

The meeting was happy for C. Oliver to attend the 2009 CNet/Ynet meeting in August at Newcastle.

#### WEB SITE REPORT.

A. Victor tabled a report (via email) which includes extensive statistics on web site usage statistics.

Action: K. Pidgeon to send photos and videos from their closing service to A. Victor for publication on the web site.

**Motion: That the annual cost for hosting the web site as detailed in the report be approved.**

**Moved: K. Lovejoy                      Seconded: P. Byl                      Carried**

**A motion expressed thanks to Alan Victor for his work on the web site.**

**Moved : Chairman                      Seconded: G. Prosser.                      Carried**

A new National Chairman's page is required. Action: Chairman to follow up with A. Victor

#### **NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Report tabled.

C. Oliver spoke to his report.

**C. Oliver moved that the report be received.**

**Seconded: G. Nicholls.                      Carried**

#### **STATE REPORTS**

##### **Western Australia:**

K. Lovejoy spoke to the report. He presented the incoming Chairman with a CEBS WA cap.

**Session 4 Closed at 2:30 AM**

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**Session 5: Meeting Resumed Sat 2/5/2009 at 8:10 pm**

**Thanks were expressed by the Chairman to W. Rumble for the effort he put into the great trip around St Arnaud, as well as the "Cinema 2" experience.**

##### **South Australia:**

Ken Pidgeon spoke to the report.

Chris Martin sends his well wishes to the Council.

Ken has produced a DVD of the closing service. A copy will be distributed within South Australia. **A copy was given to the Secretary by K. Pidgeon.**

##### **Melbourne:**

B. Anderson spoke to the report.

##### **Gippsland:**

G. Nicholls spoke to the report.



**Sydney:** No report tabled. It was felt that as the structure of CEBS still exists in the Sydney Diocese, under Youth Works, that we should still receive a report from them.  
**Action:** C. Oliver to follow this up.

**Brisbane:**

Report tabled.

**Motion:** That the Secretary contacts Peter and Alan Victor to thank them for the report.

**Moved:** G. Prosser                      **Seconded** KJ. Pidgeon                      **Carried**

**Action:** C. Oliver contacts P & A Victor as above.

**Rockhampton:** No report tabled.

**GFS:** No report tabled. G. Nicholls gave a verbal report on behalf of GFS.  
 G. Nicholls reported that Kate Brewer (GFS) could not attend due to travel clashes.  
 The Townsend Group are still an integral and important part of the GFS movement in Ballarat.  
 GFS have been focusing on the future of the Society and have stressed that the time to act is now as there is an aging leadership, and low new leader numbers.

**Motion:** That the reports as tabled be received.

**Moved:** G. Prosser                      **Seconded** K. Lovejoy                      **Carried**

**15<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CAMP**

As previously reported the idea of a touring camp of Tasmania will not happen in the near future, but may be considered at a later date.

G. Nicholls table a discussion paper with a number of possible options to consider.  
 We need to consider that our camps are more likely to be smaller than past camps (around 40-50 attendees). Travel costs need to be kept as low as possible, possibly assisted by the date/time of the year of the camp.

It has been previously discussed that we try to run a camp every 2 years.

The Chairman suggested that we think about the 100<sup>th</sup> year of CEBS in 2013, and that we may want to run something special then. In that respect do we want to run the camp prior to this, 2010 or 2011?

WA feel that they do not have the resources to apply to organizing the next National Camp.

It was thought that there should be a Centenary Camp in 2013, and it was felt that as CEBS started in Melbourne in 1913, then that would be an appropriate location/venue.

The Chairman suggested that we should defer the discussion until the Sunday morning session to allow time for delegates to consider the options.

There was a suggestion of a touring "Houseboat" camp down the Murray River.

**Motion: That Melbourne, Gippsland and Bendigo Diocese explore the possibility of jointly running a National Camp in January 2010 and report back to each Diocese by July 2009. Action: G. Nichols. B. Anderson.**

**If this option is not possible, then options will be developed for a camp in 2011.**

**Moved: Chairman                      Seconded: B. Anderson                      Carried.**

#### NATIONAL TRADING OFFICER (CEBS Shop) REPORT

##### **NATIONAL TRADING ACCOUNTS**

Report tabled. W. Rumble spoke to the report.

**Motion: That the account be received as tabled.**

**Moved: W. Rumble                      Seconded: C. Oliver**

It was raised that there is no point holding a CEBS Australia National Trading Account and CEBS Australia General Account.

**Motion: That we amalgamate the CEBS Australia National Trading Account and CEBS Australia General Account into one account.**

**Moved: W. Rumble                      Seconded: K. Lovejoy                      Carried**

**Action: W. Rumble to organize the amalgamation of the accounts.**

There was some discussion regarding the current National Affiliation Fees and whether we need to increase these fees.

As the state structure virtually does not exist any more, it was decided to move the state registration to each Diocese.

**Motion: that the new registration fee structure be:**

**\$50 per Diocese.**

**\$3 per member or lone member associated with a Diocese.**

**\$10 per lone leader.**

**Moved: B. Anderson                      Seconded: C. Oliver                      Carried.**

**Motion: That the Treasurer investigates fixed term deposits to maximize our interest return.**

**Moved: C. Oliver.                      Seconded: K. Lovejoy                      Carried.**

**Action: W. Rumble investigates the above.**

##### **CEBS Shop Business Registration:**

**Motion: That the Treasurer contact Alan Thomas to sign appropriate paperwork to cancel the "NSW Office of Fair Trading Certificate of Registration of a Business Name" for the "CEBS SHOP" J2931704.**

**Moved: W. Rumble                      Seconded: G. Prosser                      Carried.**

**Action: W. Rumble to action the above motion.**

**Motion:** That the Treasurer explore whether we need to register the "CEBS SHOP" name in the State of Victoria, and if necessary that the Treasurer contact the Office of Consumer Affairs in Victoria to register the "CEBS SHOP" as a business name.

**Moved:** W. Rumble                      **Seconded:** G. Nicholls                      **Carried**

**Action:** W. Rumble to action the above motion.

**Session 5 Ended at 10:00 AM**

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**Session 6: Meeting Resumed Sun 3/5/2009 at 8:45 am**

### NATIONAL AWARDS

#### **Recommendations for the Revocation of National Awards:**

In the case of Andrew Dawson-Ryan- convicted of paedophile activity and currently in jail.

In the case of Rev. Barry Greaves - convicted of paedophile activity and currently in jail.

In the case of John Simons- he was before the courts and guilt of paedophile activity established before his death (during the court proceedings).

In the case of John Elliot - convicted of paedophile activity and currently in jail.

**Motion:** That any National Awards made to Andrew Dawson-Ryan, John Simons, Rev Barry Greaves and John Elliot be revoked.

**Moved:** Chairman,                      **Seconded:** K. Pidgeon                      **Carried.**

**Action:** that the Secretary search previous minutes and make amendments to the register of honours.

It was moved that a formal certificate of thanks be prepared and forwarded to the previous Chairman, The Ven. Conrad Paterson.

**Moved:** C. Oliver                      **Seconded:** K. Pidgeon                      **Carried**

**Action:** C. Oliver.

### NEW INITIATIVES

Any new initiatives in the different Dioceses have been discussed previously in this meeting.

The major new initiative is the **Ministry to Boys' conference**. ( See previous discussion)

The Chairman mentioned a US study/ program which is focussing on "Bringing the lapsed" back to church. This study states that it takes 21 meaningful contacts before a lapsed member would "come back".

### THE FUTURE OF CEBS

The Secretary circulated the "Towards 2010" paper that was prepared at previous National Council meetings for our re-consideration.

A suggestion of a possible name could include "CEBS - An Anglican Ministry to Children" or "CEBS - An Anglican Ministry to Boys and Men".

There was some discussion about how parishes can attract new leaders and what we can do as a national body to help parishes/branches identify and attract new leaders.

**The Chairman suggested that we could publish a "What is required of a Ceps leader" document.**

Action: The Secretary to explore

**The chairman suggested that the Towards 2010 paper could be developed as a strategy template which should be reviewed each time we meet.**

Action: Secretary

G. Nicholls suggested that we take the discussion paper back to our individual dioceses for serious discussion and consideration and report back to the next meeting. Action: All

#### **Online Leader Development:**

G. Nicholls commented about some leader training initiatives, particularly some form of web based, online professional development. This will continue to be investigated and will be reported to the next meeting.

#### **IN MEMORIUM**

Rev. Geoff Browne - (March 2009). Ceps National Life President (1982) and Ceps National Award recipient (1973).

Rev. Dick Pidgeon. (September 2008).

Jack Snell.

**Motion: That the National Council write to the families of Geoff Browne and Dick Pidgeon giving thanks for their ministry to the Church, and specifically CEBS.**

Moved: G. Nicholls                      Seconded: Chairman                      Carried.

Action: C. Oliver to action the above

**Motion: That we go away from this meeting to reflect on how we can celebrate our Centenary in 2013, and report back to the next meeting**

Moved: G. Nicholls.      Seconded: K. Clothier                      Carried

Action: All

#### **INCORPORATION OF CEBS AUSTRALIA:**

The Treasurer reported that he has followed up the renewal of the Incorporation of CEBS Australia Y1041610.

**Motion: That W. Rumble is elected as the new Public Officer of CEBS Australia and that we authorise W.Rumble to continue negotiation of incorporation and registration of CEBS Australia.**

**Moved: C. Oliver.                      Seconded: P. Byl                      Carried.**  
**Action: W. Rumble.**

**2010 MEETING VENUE**

There was a suggestion that we may consider holding the next meeting in a diocese that is not currently active, which could have positive PR for CEBS in their Diocese, such as Newcastle.

Action: The Chairman will contact the Newcastle Diocese to seek their acceptance of the idea and enquire about a possible venue.

Proposed date 30/4/2010 - 2/5/2010

**Settling of Meeting costs:**

The cost per delegate is calculated at \$150.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

C. Oliver to publish a summary of actions within one week of the meeting.

**EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

Thanks to be expressed to the former Brisbane delegates.

Moved: W. Rumble                      Seconded: K. Lovejoy                      Carried

The Chairman moved an expression of thanks to W. Rumble. Thanks also expressed to Carol Rumble and Garry Allen for their catering.

Seconded: C. Oliver                      Carried

G. Nicholls moved an expression of thanks to C. Oliver for his organisation of the meeting and B. Anderson for minute taking during the meeting.

Seconded: The Chairman                      Carried

He also moved an expression of thanks to our new Chairman, The Rt. Rev. Bill Ray, for accepting the position of National Chairman and his leadership of the meeting.

Seconded: C. Oliver                      Carried

**Session 6 Ended at 10:20 AM**

The meeting closed at 10:20 am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009.

Delegates attended a closing Eucharist in the camp chapel.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ :

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ :  
 National Chairman