

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF THE DOWNS
29th – 31st July 2022
WILSONTON UNITING CHURCH**

ATTENDANCE

Rev Yvonne McRostie	Presbytery Minister	Allison Kahler	Presbytery Secretary
Rev Adam Tipple	Presbytery Chair	Jenny Noble	Treasurer
Rev Willie Liebenberg	Central Downs	Cliff Forrester	Highfields
Kath Warner	Eastern Downs	Hendrika DeNys	Cambooya
Ian Darnell	Warwick/Killarney	Ian Williams	Dalby
Lyn Kajewski	Maranoa	Barbara Kerlake	Wilsonton
Rev Rob Callow	Crows Nest	Daphne Webster OAM	Oakey
Rita Wyse	Highfields	Rev Nathan Barton	Scots PGC
Annie Baker	Middle Ridge	Warren Midgley	PRC
Sharon Baker	Middle Ridge	Barbara Betts	Blue Care
Rev Jenny Potter	Hospital Chaplain	Rev Kaye Ronalds	Granite Belt
Kerry Andrews	Lifeworks	Karen Gaskell	Chinchilla
Sarah Hamlyn Harris	Granite Belt	Sue Case	Crows Nest
Jan Waller	Goondiwindi	Les Adams	St Stephens
Bobbie Perkins	Goondiwindi	Naomi Bell	Highfields

APOLOGIES

Beryl York	Maranoa	Kaye Hacker	Chinchilla
Karen Dunmill	Goondiwindi	Rev Ansie Liebenberg	Warwick/Killarney
David Cahill	Warwick/Killarney	Rev Kate Fraser	Middle Ridge
Ben Bryce	Cambooya		

FRIDAY 29th July 2022

Opening Worship

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS

Welcome to new Members of Presbytery - Barbara Kerslake (Wilsonton), Rev Nathan Barton (Scots PGC), Sue Case (Crows Nest) Ian Darnell (Warwick/ Killarney)

Welcome to Visitors – Scott Guyatt, Peter Armstrong, Steve Drinkall,

2022.07.01 Resolved to associate Scott Guyatt, Peter Armstrong, Steve Drinkall, with Presbytery

Consensus

2022.07.02 resolved to adopt the agenda

Consensus

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2022.07.03 Resolved to adopt the minutes of the Presbytery Meeting held at Middle Ridge dated 22nd April 2022

Consensus

2022.07.04 Resolved to receive the Correspondence Register

Consensus

2022.07.05 Resolved to receive the distributed reports.

Consensus

GENERAL PROPOSAL 1 BLUE CARE

2022.07.06 Resolved to move Presbytery to a private sitting to discuss the proposal

Consensus

2022.07.07 Resolved That the Presbytery has an open and honest conversation regarding concerns about the operation and ethos of Blue Care. **Consensus**

Discussion on proposal held in confidence

2022.07.08 Resolved Presbytery issue an Expression of Concern seeking a response to Blue Care senior management and the board of Uniting Care Queensland, outlining the concerns and backed by examples. **Consensus**

2022.07.09 Resolved That the Presbytery invites representatives from Blue Care and Uniting Care Queensland to discuss these concerns at the November gathering of the Presbytery. **Consensus**

Rob Callow, Barbara Betts & Sharon Baker to draft a letter to be sent via Standing Committee for review and forwarding to Blue Care

SATURDAY 30th July 2022

In the absence of the Presbytery Chair the morning sessions of the Presbytery meeting were chaired by Rev Rob Callow

Worship

Led by Wilsonton congregation

BIBLE STUDY

Peter Armstrong
2 Corinthians 4: 8-10 13-19

SALTBUSH PRESENTATION

Rev Tim Jensen gave a presentation the Saltbush model of ministry

2022.07.10 Resolved to associate Michelle Richardson, Paul Wetzig, Alan Ward, Gordon Gilmour, Margaret Donkin, Susan Popple with Presbytery **Consensus**

Standing Committee Report Resolution

2022.07.11 That all members of the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Property Committee and the Standing Committee who are not otherwise members of Presbytery, be co-opted as Presbytery members as per regulation 3.3.4 (f) (i), until their position on these committees lapses. Currently those people are: Ian Darnell (Property Committee, Warwick-Killarney) Gordon Gillmore (Property Committee, Lifeworks) Warren Midgely (PRC, Eastern Downs) David Prestridge (PRC, Lifeworks) Cliff Forrester (PRC, Highfields)

Consensus

FIXED ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRC

That the Presbytery receive the application of Mrs Naomi Bell for Synod Selection Panel and under Reg 2.3.2.3(b) consider its commendation by written ballot.

Naomi gave a presentation to the Presbytery. This followed by ballot

Ballot

2022.07.12 Resolved to appoint Daphne Webster, Scott Guyatt Scrutineers **Consensus**

IIM Crows Nest

Members of the IIM transition team gave an update on the progress of the IIM in the Crows Nest district

Results of Ballot

As per Reg 2.3.2.3(b) the requirement of a two thirds majority was met.

2022.07.13 Resolved to destroy the ballot papers **Consensus**

REPORTS

Recommendations from Standing Committee

2022.07.14 That Rev Marius Kruger be appointed as the Presbytery Representative to the Synod Mission Collaboration and Coordination Committee (MC3). **Consensus**

2022.07.15 That the Presbytery Property Committee that has been appointed by the Standing Committee, take up responsibility for property matters from 31st July 2022. **Consensus**

2022.07.16 That Presbytery approves the sale of the properties at Cunnamulla and Wandoan and requests the Presbytery Property Committee investigate the Purchase of a property in Charleville to house the bush chaplain, Cunnamulla Burke & Wills Remote Area Ministry. **Consensus**

Presentation for Treasurers Report

Jenny Noble gave a presentation regarding the recent Presbytery Treasurers meeting. For noting it is strongly recommended the Congregations consider moving to fiscal year reporting as opposed to calendar year reporting.

Recommendations from Presbytery Minister Report

Annie Baker noted a conflict of Interest regarding the recommendation and did not participate in the voting process

2022.07.17 Presbytery support the further development of a 'Saltbush' model of ministry (gathering the scattered communities) as a way of resourcing and encouraging discipleship and faith development in regional, rural and remote areas by:

- a. Providing up to \$40000 of funds for staffing, travel, equipment and consultation;
- b. Engaging with NewLife Digital Pastor and other expertise;
- c. Form a network of people across the Presbytery, and even beyond the Presbytery to engage and experiment;
- d. Designing a platform that includes digital, face to face engagement, distribution through a mailing system, a network of people and resources and training facilities.
- e. Presenting the platform design to the November Presbytery including a funding proposal for the next 3 years. **Consensus**

Recommendations from the Pastoral Relations Committee Report

2022.07.17 That the Presbytery: a. approves the New Placement - Bottle Tree Remote Area Ministry.
 b. approve the Placement Description for Bottle Tree Remote Area Ministry. **Consensus**

2022.07.18 Develop an MOU in consultation with the Maranoa Parish and the communities of the Bottle Tree Remote Area Ministry. **Consensus**

2022.07.19 That the Presbytery approves the Placement Description for Cunnamulla Burke and Wills Remote Area Ministry. **Consensus**

2022.07.20 That the Presbytery endorse the exploration and formation of a Remote Area Ministry Council. **Consensus**

2022.07.21 That the Presbytery advise the Chinchilla Uniting Church Congregation that:
 a. the Presbytery will accept the powers and responsibilities of the Church Council as per Constitution 70 (g) only for a period of 3 months; b. it will encourage the congregation to prayerfully discern a way forward by providing practical training, support, and pastoral care; and c. receive an update at the November Presbytery meeting on the Life and Witness of the Chinchilla Congregation. **Consensus**

Discipleship Working Group

Paul Wetzig gave an update of the progress of the Synod working group and what they have discovered and what they have been working on

Connect 100/ Uniting Care Report

Michelle Richardson gave a presentation of some of the training that is available via Uniting Care

Mission Moments

Sharing from the Presbytery one what has been happening in their congregations.

Next Meeting

Pittsworth Uniting Church - 4th- 6th November

SUNDAY 31st July 2022

Worship with the Wilsonton Congregation

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