



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH  
51 Neil St Toowoomba

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Presbytery Property Committee

### Points of prayer

- Thanks for good progress in property sales and purchases.
- Wisdom and diligence for those overseeing the expenditure of MDF monies.
- Sustaining energy for those pursuing complex projects.

### Report

The Presbytery Property Committee (PPC) comprises Jenny Noble, Gordon Gillmore, Ian Darnell and Rev Rob Callow. The committee continues to meet monthly overseeing matters associated with presbytery owned properties and supporting congregations and church councils in property issues.

In August, the Presbytery purchased a residence in Charleville to be the home for bush chaplain of the Cunnamulla Burke and Wills Remote Area Ministry. Two work parties have visited the property to help fix up different items. The Presbytery is grateful for these volunteers who have helped save money on maintenance and communicated a unique welcome to Jennie entering her new role (and new home).

The Wandoan manse has sold. (Settlement will be in the week after the Presbytery gathering.) The money gained from selling both Cunnamulla and Wandoan properties will cover the purchase cost of the Charleville manse and some of the maintenance. MDF money will be used to cover any additional costs associated with the establishment of this new residence.

The Ravensbourne church property continues to wait for the Synod office “green light” for sale.

Warwick, Killarney and St Stephen's congregations are pursuing low cost housing projects. They are receiving support through the Synod offices.

The PPC and the Presbytery Standing Committee (PSC) have worked with all congregations with “old” MDF accounts to meet the requirements of the new policy from Synod. Where specific plans were unavailable, the PSC has made arrangements to extend planning times.

It is great news for our presbytery that we now have a presbytery minister and two bush chaplains. However this means we have more presbytery-based assets including three leased vehicles and a residence. (And we have a presbytery-owned trailer.) It is important for the Presbytery to establish clear expectations around these properties. The PPC is working on draft policy/guidelines for the use of these physical assets.

## Recommendations

1. That the report be received.

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**If you have questions, please email before the meeting.**