

Bridge Building on The Road to Renewal



We cannot expect to be effective in proclaiming the joy of knowing Jesus as our Lord and Saviour unless the bridges between parishes and the diocese carry smooth two-way traffic.

Come to a 'Road to Renewal' session near you! God's gifts are for sharing. Bring your God-given gifts along and help this Diocese and your parish be better equipped to spread the good news.

Sessions will be as follows:

Date	Place	Time
18 th March 2017	Emerald P: 4982 1802	10.00am to 3.00pm
25 th March 2017	Rockhampton P: 4927 3188	10.00am to 3.00pm
8 th April 2017	Barcaldine M: 0427 513 439 M: 0417 513 390	10.00am to 3.00pm

(There will be breaks for lunch and refreshments. Please contact place of venue of your attendance and if you have any dietary requirements.)

Topics for discussion will include:

1. **Safe Ministry & the Royal Commission.** The world of church governance has been changed forever; there is no going back to the 'good old days'. Attendees will be briefed on some of the flow-on effects of the Royal Commission and the responses we are required to implement. Overly bureaucratic? Maybe. Do we have a choice? No! Come along and understand why.
2. **Synod:** What is it? Why do we have it? How can it be made better?
3. **Standing Orders:** Standing orders govern the management of Synod. It is proposed to amend Standing Orders to make Synod more effective. Input and comments will help us get the optimum outcome.
4. **Parish Contributions.** Various models for assessing Parish Contributions will be presented for discussion. It is hoped that this will give a good understanding of the models and their advantages and disadvantages and then feedback to Synod representatives will ensure a well-considered decision at Synod 2017.
5. **Hubs & MAPs (*Mission Action Plans*).** These initiatives are part of a new way of empowering effective ministry.
6. **Electronic Annual Returns.** Why have we made this change? Your questions will be answered and there will be a brief demonstration of how the system works.
7. **Diocesan Website update.** The web site is our portal to the world. It must be fresh and always up-to-date. Learn what has been done to try to achieve these goals and your suggestions for improvements will be valued.
8. **2017 Diocesan Budget:** A brief overview and explanation will be presented. This discussion will help illustrate the financial challenges that lie before us.
9. **Diocesan Quasquicentennial:** The 125th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese occurs on 30th November 2017. Let

us celebrate! There will be an overview of plans to date and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

10. Administration Matters: Hire Forms, Insurance Update etc.

11. Questions, Answers and Discussion

NOTE: Don't be put off by the length of the agenda and the complexity of some of the issues. The object of the exercise is to inform and seek input; not bore! Anticipate a time of good fellowship and bridge building in the name of Christ.

Presenters: Bishop David and David Rees, Registrar and Diocesan Treasurer

Parishes meeting	Venue Address
Emerald, Springsure, Clermont & Moranbah Parishes	St Luke's Hall Ruby Street, Emerald
Nth Rockhampton, Gracemere, Wandal, Cathedral & Keppel Parishes	All Saints Community (St David's Church) Simpson Street, Frenchville
Barcaldine, Barcoo, Longreach & Winton Parishes	Main Roads Training Room 74 Ash Street, Barcaldine

