

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

THE ST GEORGE'S HOMES CANON 1980*Preamble*

Whereas it is expedient to make provision for the management and control of family welfare work conducted under the name of St George's Homes now BE IT THEREFORE DECLARED AND ESTABLISHED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rockhampton in Synod assembled as follows:-

1. This Canon may be cited as "The St George's Homes Canon 1980".
2. The family welfare work of the church which is directed towards the provision of residential care of children shall be conducted under the name of "St George's Homes". The object of St George's Homes shall be to care for children.
3. All the property and funds of St George's Homes shall be vested in the Corporation.
4. There shall be a committee of management (hereinafter called "the committee") consisting of the Bishop, the Registrar, the Treasurer and the Chaplain for the time being of St George's Homes (all of whom shall be ex officio members) and not more than ten other members (at least two of whom shall be members of Diocesan Council) appointed annually by the Bishop-in-Council at its first ordinary meeting following Synod. At least two members of the committee other than the ex-officio members shall be clergymen.
5. The Bishop-in-Council may consider for the appointment of two of the persons comprising the membership of the committee and in filling in a vacancy in the office of either of them, a person or persons nominated by the body known as "The Friends of St George's Homes".
6. Subject to the control and direction of Synod and of the Bishop-in-Council the committee shall be charged with the control, management and direction of St George's Homes but no debt shall be incurred by it exceeding the sum of \$1,000 without the approval of the Bishop-in-Council.
7. The Bishop shall be entitled to preside at all meetings of the committee attended by him and he may at his discretion appoint a Deputy Chairman who need not be a member of the committee, and such Deputy Chairman shall in the absence or at the direction of the Bishop both preside at any meetings of the committee and also otherwise perform the duties and exercise the rights and powers of the Chairman.
8. Five members shall form a quorum at meetings of the committee.
9. The Bishop-in-Council may at any time terminate the membership of any member of the committee.
10. Any vacancy in the membership of the committee howsoever arising shall be filled by the Bishop-in-Council and any persons appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office only until the expiration of the period for which his predecessor was appointed.
11. The committee shall meet at such times and in such places as the Chairman or in his absence, the Deputy Chairman, shall think fit provided that the committee shall meet at least once in every three months.

12. The committee may, with the prior consent and approval of the Bishop appoint a person to be the manager of St George's Homes to be responsible to the committee for the day to day operation of St George's Homes. The appointment of any such manager may be terminated by the committee with the prior consent and approval of the Bishop. The committee may give to the manager the power of appointment of other members of staff subject to any policy guidelines laid down by the committee.
13. The committee shall be entitled to conduct a bank account. All cheques thereon shall be signed by the Registrar or by a person appointed by him and countersigned by the manager or by a member of the committee duly authorised by the committee for that purpose.
14. The financial year of the committee shall end on the 31st day of December in each year. Not later than the 28th day of February in each year and at such other time or times as the Bishop-in-Council shall direct the committee shall submit to the Bishop-in-Council a full and complete report of its affairs. Such report shall contain such detail and particulars as the Bishop-in-Council may from time to time direct and the said report shall be presented to Synod.