

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Notice to Persons seeking Election or Appointment

This is a notice for any person offering themselves for positions of Warden, Parish Councillor, Nominator, Synod Representative or member of a committee of Parish Council, whether elected or appointed.

DECLARATION

In signing a NOMINATION folder for any position, a person who is proposed or nominated for a position are declaring agreement against the statement below. Part of this declaration is having provided already, or agreeing to provide prior to the AGM, a Working with Children Check number to the church office for verification.

STATEMENT

I declare that I am a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia and have not been convicted of a disqualifying offence listed in Schedule 2 of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.

Persons who are *prohibited persons* under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act* are **not permitted to be appointed or elected** to a position as Church Warden, Parish Councillor, Nominator, Synod Representative or as a member of a Parish Council committee.

Our Mission

To be a community of grace committed to making disciples.

Our Vision

To be a faithful, adventurous and compassionate church with an expanding influence on communities, cities and nations with the hope and love of God.

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An Overview

The AGM is held in each church of a Parish. In our Parish we have 2 churches; Figtree Anglican Church (FAC) and The Soldiers' and Miners' Memorial Church, Mt Kembla.

1. Reports

The Senior Minister and the Wardens present a review of the past 12 months.

2. The financial reports are received

The AGM is a time to hear how your financial giving is supporting us as a church to achieve our vision:

To be a faithful, adventurous and compassionate church with an expanding influence on communities, cities & nations with the hope and love of God.

The Financial Reports for the past 12 mths are presented. Summary copies are available for viewing at the Information Desk, for 2 Sunday's prior to the meeting.

3. Elections *

Elections take place Parish Nominators, Church Wardens, Parish Councillors and Nominators.

See over for a description of roles.

Recommendations *

Our church ordinance allows for recommendations related to the *business* of the church to be made by *any member* of the church to the Parish Council.

Note: *These are recommendations, not directives* eg: "That this meeting recommend to the Parish Council that"

How to propose your recommendation:

- Write it out and give it to the chairperson before the meeting * (see below).
- State it before you speak about it.
- Find someone to support it (to second the recommendation) before you speak.
- Only say what is relevant.
- Recommendations need to be practical - there's no point proposing something that can't be achieved.

Whether you are a regular attendee at our AGM or have never been to one, please be encouraged to come to the meeting.

Nominating for a Position

The Nominee must sign the NOMINATION position folder, accepting the nomination and agreeing with the **Declaration**. The Nominator must also be in attendance at the AGM.

AGM folders for nominations are on the table at the Information Desk.

*** No nominations will be taken at the meeting**, as anyone standing for election must have had their WWC check number verified prior to the AGM. Recommendations received prior to the AGM also assist the meeting to run smoothly. Profile Forms for Nominees are to be received at the office **no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting** (available from nomination folders at the Info Desk)

Parish Council Roles

Parish Council (PC)

Parish Council (PC) at Figtree has comprised:

- **Wardens** (3)
 - **PC Members** elected at AGM (historically 6)
 - **PC Members** appointed by the Snr Minister (2)
 - **Mt Kembla Council Member** (1)
- PC functions under the Chairmanship of the Senior Minister as a body of elders, for the governance of the Parish. The purpose of PC is to:
- generate, review, endorse and be custodian of policies
 - provide feedback to the Snr Minister for his evaluation against vision, goals and operational plan for the church;
 - establish sub-committees to assist PC achieve its purpose, and model personal discipleship.
 - ensure the well-being of the Snr Minister and ministry team (ordained and non-ordained)

Wardens

There are 3 Wardens for each church of the Parish who are responsible for administering the financial & property affairs of the church. Two (2) qualified persons are elected at the AGM & (1) is appointed by the Senior Minister. Wardens are members of Parish Council with responsibility across three (3) distinct areas.

- Finance and the Budget
- Human Resources, including the employment of non-ordained staff
- Site, Facilities and Asset Management

Qualifications to be a Warden

- Over 18 years and a communicant member of Figtree Anglican.
- A husband and wife may not both be Wardens of a church at the same time.
- Cannot be a paid employee of the church or the spouse of a person licensed to the parish.

Parish Nominators

In the event that the Rector permanently leaves the Parish, it is the role of the five (5) Nominators, with Diocesan representatives, to find a suitable replacement. Nominators are elected for the Parish rather than any one church.

Synod Representatives

Our two Synod Representatives hold their positions for 3 years. The election was held in 2017, however one position has become vacant, therefore the election for this position will take place as part of the 2018 AGM.

Criteria for Holding a Position

Candidates need to be active, regular members of Figtree Anglican Church for at least 3 months.

In writing to Timothy (1 Tim. 3), Paul emphasises the importance of appointing mature Christians who are above reproach and lists the qualities they should have.

At FAC, we seek to appoint people who are actively committed to & involved in achieving the values and goals of our church.

At FAC, Wardens, Council members, Nominators & Synod Representatives have been the first to sign our annual commitment card indicating their financial offering (tithe) to the church.

Note: Anyone who is a *prohibited person* under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act* is **not permitted to be appointed or elected to any position** (refer back page).

All persons nominating for a position must have a Working with Children Check verified prior to the AGM, therefore no nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting.

How to nominate for a position

If you believe a person meets the criteria to hold a position, ask if they are willing to be nominated. If they are:

- you **both** need to sign the *Nomination Form* in the relevant Position Folder located near the Information Desk.
- The person being nominated must complete a *Nominee Profile* form located with the folders and hand in at the Info Desk OR return it to the church office by **Wed, PRIOR** to the meeting.

Note: The person making the nomination must be present at the Annual General Meeting. Secondly, it is NOT a condition of nomination that the person standing for a position is in attendance at the AGM.

Church & Mission and Culture

In the early 90s, the church growth movement asked, 'how do we attract non-Christian people to church'. While initial gains were made in attempting to appeal to culture, there were some causalities along the way. Many churches are now asking different questions about church and seeking to recover a more relational experience of 'belonging and sharing life together'.

Ephesians describes the churches calling as *God's community modelling God's grace to the world.*

'..in order that in the coming ages he might demonstrate the incomparable riches of his grace (2:7). His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms' (3:10)

After some time of exploring this, the FAC ministry team proposed we adopt *community of grace* as a new lens through which to view our understanding of church, and as a framework or mission and ministry.

Communities of Grace is therefore both a vision of church and a vision for mission. In reality, FAC is made up of many communities of grace, and so it follows that local mission should be shaped around these.

'Mission Communities' is a network of Key Mission Communities, each made up of various local outreach ministries with a common mission story eg Manna & K-zone have different strategies but both reach out to those with economic and life challenges.

While each ministry will continue to retain independence, they are part of a coordinated mission strategy led by a Vision team.

In 2014, Key Mission Communities (KMC) was launched, with all members of FAC encouraged to identify with a KMC and to serve there (as part of the vision team or prayer, resource or frontline teams). KMC will continue to be a priority for us as a church in connecting and reaching the lost in our local community, for Jesus.

Supporting Ministry through Regular Giving

We praise God and give thanks for the rich history of faithful generosity of His people at FAC to financially supporting ministry and mission ie our regular offering or 'tithe'. Expansion of ministries and starting new ones can only happen through this generous giving.

Pick up a copy of the current *Kingdom Investment* booklet from the Info Desk, for more details about the church budget and giving information.

Options for Giving

Direct Debit or Credit Card

To put either option in place or for more information, contact Karen Shaw at the church office on 4272 1322 (Mon - Thur during business hours) or e: karen.shaw@myfac.org.au

Giving Envelopes are available from the Information Desk or you may prefer to put your cash/cheque offering directly into the offertory bags during the services.

Electronic Funds Transfer - EFT

Alternatively, you can arrange through your own financial institution to have a fixed amount transferred regularly to the church account.

WESTPAC Bank - Name: Figtree Anglican Church

BSB: 032 686

Acc #: 141209

Note: this account & Giving Envelopes are for our regular offertory (tithe), not for donations toward final payments on our loan—see below.

For more information, phone Denise Roper at the church office on 4272 1322 or email accounts@myfac.org.au