

**GRAFTON DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008
AMENDING ORDINANCE (PARISH ADMINISTRATION - VARIOUS) 2015
Ordinance No. 14 of 2015**

An Ordinance to amend the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 with regard to parish administration.

PREAMBLE

Whereas the provisions for parish administration in the Diocese of Grafton are contained within Chapter 10 of the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008; and

Whereas it is desirable to have the Ordinance amended;

Therefore, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton, assembled as the Synod, decree and enact as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Eligibility to vote in parish meetings

1. Amend title of clause 75 by replacing "The Community of Believers" with "Right to Vote".
2. Delete clause 75.1
3. Amend clause 75.2 by replacing the words "Parish members" with "Parishioners".

Centre Meetings

4. Amend subclause 98.1(a) by replacing the words "not later than the last day in February in each year but always prior to the Annual General Meeting" with "following the Annual General Meeting".

Parish Nominators

5. Amend clause 79.7(i) by replacing the current wording with the following.

If the Bishop's Mandate has been received, election of two Parish Nominators as required by clause 111;

6. Amend clause 111.1 by replacing the current wording with the following.

Parish members of the Presentation Board, known as Parish Nominators, are lay Parishioners elected every three years at an Annual General Meeting of the Parish.

7. Delete clause 111.2.
8. Amend clause 111.3 by deleting the words "shall be members of the Parish Council and".

Chair of Parish Meeting

9. Amend clause 79.5 by replacing the current wording with the following.

A meeting of the Parish may be chaired by:

- (a) the Bishop, if present; or
- (b) if the Bishop is not present or declines to chair, the Incumbent; or
- (c) a person appointed by the Bishop, if there is no Incumbent; or
- (d) a person appointed by the Incumbent if the Bishop is not present and the Incumbent is unable to or declines to chair; or
- (e) a person elected from the members present, if none of (a) to (d) above apply.

Furnishings for Churches and Places of Worship

10. Amend subclause 104.1(f) by deleting the words “and suitable seating for the worshippers”.

11. Insert a new subclause immediately following the current subclause 104.1(f) with the following words.

suitable seating for the worshippers.

12. Delete subclause 104.1(g).

13. Amend subclause 104.2 (e) by replacing the current words with the following.

suitably secure storage for the vessels

Other amendments

14. Amend 96.5.1 by replacing the words “Bishop will certify the decision of Bishop-in-Council to grant the loan in writing” with “The Bishop’s written certification of the decision of Bishop-in-Council to grant the loan will specify” and by renumbering the clause as 96.5.

COMMENCEMENT

This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

The Ordinance coming into effect shall not cause disqualification of any parish office holder serving their current term of appointment.

The first three year election of Parish Nominators shall be in 2017. Parish Nominators election at Parish Annual General Meetings in 2016 shall serve for a term of one year.

SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance may be cited as the Parish Administration (Various) Amending Ordinance 2015.

ASSENT

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 14th day of June, 2015 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.



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Chairman of Committees

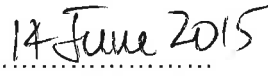


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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.



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Bishop



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Date