

News from the Diocesan Strategic Directions Committee

The Diocesan Strategic Directions Committee has continued to establish its parameters for work, and will commence drafting a new Diocesan Strategic Plan in August. The committee will draw on the Diocesan Vision and Mission Statement from 2000 as we develop the new plan to address the work of the Diocese in the rapidly changing world around us. Membership now encompasses leaders from Catholic Education, Centacare Catholic Country SA, Aged Care and Community, Parishes and the Diocesan office. The committee is producing a Strategic Environment Scan so that the works of the Diocesan church across our vast area can be considered readily. We will also study the returns to date of the recent surveys, "Parish Clusters" and "Future of Parish Leadership" surveys. An early focus has been to study how various diocesan agencies can work together in a cooperative and mutually encouraging way.

If any parishes have not yet completed the Parish Clusters discernment and the Future of Parish Leadership Survey, please do so as soon as possible. This important information will help us to consider views from across the diocese in the development of the plan. Fresh copies are available from Fr Jim Monaghan. In your kindness, please keep the work of the committee in your prayers.

If there is anyone, or any group, which would like to contribute insights or feedback to the Committee about the mission and future sustainability of the Diocese, your contribution would be most welcome.

Fr Jim Monaghan, Chair.