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Further arrangements and election information: Third Session of the 52nd Synod

2nd circular to Synod Members

Key Points

- The third session of the 52nd Synod is scheduled to commence on Saturday 10 September 2022 at Oran Park Anglican College, with the remainder of the session (12-14 and 19-20 September 2022) to be held at the Wesley Theatre on Pitt Street. Sessions will start at 3:15 pm each sitting day (doors open at 2:15 pm)
- Synod in the Greenfields: Synod members are recommended to register and arrive at 10am on Saturday 10 September for tours of Oran Park and other Greenfields sites before lunch together at Oran Park Anglican College. The Synod Service will commence at 1:30 pm, followed by the Synod session including the Presidential Address (from 3:15 pm). For more information see the ['Synod in the Greenfields'](#) website.
- Documents for the Synod session are available with this circular online on the [Synod this year](#) page of SDS's website (www.sds.asn.au).
- Daily Papers for each day of the session will be available for members on tables near the entrance to the Wesley Theatre (and will also be available earlier in the day [online](#)).
- There are no contested elections at this year's Synod session. Accordingly no ballots will be conducted at the session. The Notice of Uncontested Elections is posted on the [Synod this year](#) page of the SDS website (www.sds.asn.au).
- Discounted parking is available at 4 car parks in the vicinity of the Synod venue (requiring prior online booking).
- Anyone displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 or who for any reason is required to self-isolate, should not attend Synod. All members are requested to administer a Rapid Antigen Test on the first day of their attendance at Synod each week; and are expected to wear a mask while in a Synod venue, unless addressing the Synod.

The material in this circular supplements the material in the [1st circular](#) of 14 July 2022.

1. More on arrangements

Synod communications

- 1.1 This is the second communication to Synod members for this session. It is accompanied by links to the following documents on the [Synod this year](#) page of the Sydney Diocesan Services (**SDS**) website (www.sds.asn.au) –
- This (2nd) circular
 - [Business Paper for 10 and 12 September 2022](#) (combined)
 - [Synod Book 1](#) (including the Standing Committee's report to Synod and other reports published in December 2021)
 - [Synod Book 2](#) (reports available following the July Standing Committee meeting that have substantive recommendations)
 - [Synod Book 3](#) (including bills for ordinances, accompanying reports and principal legislation)
 - [Synod Book 4](#) (any reports that do not have recommendations beyond receiving the report, approved by the Standing Committee by the time of its July meeting)
 - [Synod Book 5](#) (further reports approved at the August Standing Committee meeting)
 - [Notice of Uncontested Elections](#)
- 1.2 Synod members will shortly receive by email a “print-it-yourself” name tag for the session (see items 1.8 to 1.10 below).

COVID-19 restrictions and Health requirements

- 1.3 Anyone displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who for any reason is required to self-isolate, should not attend Synod.
- 1.4 All members are requested to administer a Rapid Antigen Test on the first day of their attendance at Synod each week.
- 1.5 All members are expected to wear masks while in the Synod venue, unless addressing the Synod.

Daily Papers

- 1.6 The [Business Paper for 10 and 12 September 2022](#) is available on the [SDS website](#).
- 1.7 Daily Papers for each day of the session will be available in printed form on tables situated near the entrance of the Wesley Theatre. Daily Papers will also be posted on the [SDS website](#) as soon as they are finalised each morning. Members are encouraged, where possible, to download and use the Daily Papers from the website.

Name tags

- 1.8 Your printable form of name tag (without the plastic holder) will be sent to you by **separate** email by Wednesday 31 August as part of this 2nd communication. Please print (in black and white) the sheet on which your name tag appears, cut your tag out of the sheet and bring it to the session. Plastic name tag holders will be available at the Synod venues.
- 1.9 If you have no capacity to print your name tag, please contact Nerida at nkp@sydney.anglican.asn.au **by Thursday 1 September** so that suitable alternative arrangements can be made.
- 1.10 Please wear your name tag while at Oran Park Anglican College and in the Wesley Theatre.

Hearing loop and wheelchair access

- 1.11 If you wish to utilise the hearing loop in the Wesley Theatre or require wheelchair access, you should contact the Conference Centre Reception inside the Pitt Street entrance of the Synod venue for assistance.

2. Synod procedures: What you must know

- 2.1 The business rules are set out in the Schedule to the [Synod Standing Orders Ordinance 2019](#).
- 2.2 Refer to the [1st circular](#), paragraphs 2.17 to 2.27 for information regarding giving notices of motions and asking questions.
- 2.3 “A Brief Guide to Synod Rules” provides a summary of the key business rules, and is intended to be used as an easy guide to Synod procedures. The Guide is available on the [Synod this year](#) page of the SDS website, in [A5 Booklet format](#) and in [A4 format \(larger print\)](#).
- 2.4 A video briefing is [available online](#), aimed at introducing new Synod members to the Synod (recorded 21 April 2021).
- 2.5 Further information about Synod procedures is contained in the paper entitled [Synod Procedures](#). The paper has information regarding Synod procedures, order of business, rules for tabling and circulating printed material, rules of debate, and information on motions and amendments, questions and ordinance procedures.

3. Synod in the Greenfields: Saturday 10 September 2022

- 3.1 Synod will commence on Saturday 10 September, having tours of Oran Park and other greenfields sites, a Synod lunch, and a service at 1.30 pm at Oran Park Anglican College followed by the opening session of Synod and the Presidential Address from 3.15 pm.

Arrival and tours

- 3.2 Information about the tours of Oran Park and other greenfields sites and lunch on 10 September 2022, is available on the [‘Synod in the Greenfields’](#) website. Your registration is required in advance for transport and catering purposes.
- 3.3 The tours will depart at 10.00 am sharp.

Meals etc

- 3.4 Coffee will be available for Synod members at NewLife Anglican Church, Oran Park from 9.30 am.
- 3.5 Lunch will be provided on the Saturday for those who have [registered](#). Any dietary requirements to be advised through the registration process.
- 3.6 We encourage you to bring a bottle of water.

Parking

- 3.7 Parking in Oran Park is limited, particularly due to nearby Saturday sport, so you may wish to carpool with others from your church or local area.
- 3.8 If you are attending the tours, please park at or near NewLife Anglican Church on the corner of Central Ave & Marcus Loane Way, Oran Park.
- 3.9 Members who are only attending the Synod service or Synod session may park at Oran Park Anglican College. Please use car park 2 (entry from South Circuit) and car park 3 (entry from Redman Grange) and follow the signs to the Multi Purpose Hall.

Synod Service

- 3.10 An opening service for this Synod will be held at Oran Park Anglican College at 1.30 pm with the Rev Stuart Starr preaching.
- 3.11 The service will include administration of the Lord’s Supper. In order to address COVID risk, individually packed cups and wafers will be distributed upon entry to the venue.
- 3.12 Members who require accessible parking or seating at Oran Park are encouraged to make themselves known to synodbusiness@sydney.anglican.asn.au in advance to discuss options.

Synod Session

- 3.13 The Synod session will commence at 3.15 pm at Oran Park Anglican College. There will be a public gallery at the rear of the Theatre. Synod members are not to sit in the public gallery.

4. Synod session at the Wesley Theatre (from Monday 12 September 2022)

4.1 The session will continue Monday 12, Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14, Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September 2022 at the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney. The meeting times are as follows –

For the first Monday –

3:15 pm to 5:30 pm – afternoon session

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm – Meal Break

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm – evening session

For the subsequent days –

3:15 pm to 5:45 pm – afternoon session

5:45 pm to 7:00 pm – Meal Break

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm – evening session

4.2 The doors of the Theatre will be open to Synod members from 2.15 pm on each day.

4.3 There will be a public gallery at the rear of the Theatre. Synod members are not to sit in the public gallery.

Meals etc

3.4 Drinking water dispensers are located in the Wesley Theatre Foyer.

3.1 There are a number of small restaurants and cafes in the vicinity of the Wesley Centre where a quick cup of coffee or a meal can be obtained for a reasonable range of prices.

Parking rates and times

4.4 The parking arrangements for this year are similar to previous years, although there is no discounted rate for Piccadilly Carpark (Underneath Wesley Theatre). To receive a discount at any of the car parks, you must pre-book a space online.

Online booking

4.5 The following table lists the car parks which have provided discounted flat rates for Synod members. The evening rates provided are the standard online booking rates available to the public. The discounted flat rates are also booked online, but require a specific promotional code.

Carpark facility	Discounted flat rate (booked online with promotional code) 12.00 noon – 11.30 pm	Evening public rate (booked online) 5.00 pm – 11.30 pm
St Andrew's House 464 Kent Street <i>WILSON PARKING</i>	\$31.00	\$12
Citipark 431 Kent Street <i>WILSON PARKING</i>	\$31.00	\$15
383 Kent Street Car park (Extra height for taller vehicles: 2.1m) <i>WILSON PARKING</i>	\$31.00	\$16
Darling Park 201 Sussex Street <i>WILSON PARKING</i>	\$31.00	\$15
Queen Victoria Building <i>WILSON PARKING</i>	N/A	\$12

- 4.6 We cannot guarantee parking in any of these car parks. Overnight parking costs extra.
- 4.7 Please note the closing time of the car park you select. St Andrew's House car park closes at midnight each night during Synod.

Carpark booking procedure

- 4.8 For each carpark facility in the above table, you need to follow the specific procedure outlined below to book a spot online at the listed rates. This should be completed at least one hour before entering the carpark facility.

Wilson car parks – St Andrew's House, Citipark, 383 Kent Street and Darling Park car parks

- 4.9 Go to <https://www.wilsonparking.com.au/book-a-bay>, and select "NSW".
- 4.10 Select your chosen car park (*St Andrew's House, Citipark, 383 Kent Street or Darling Park*) and your entry (and exit) date, and the following recommended times to allow the greatest flexibility –
- (a) If you require parking prior to 5.00 pm –
Entry Time: **12.30 pm** | Exit Time: **11.30 pm** | Promo code: **SYNOD**
- (b) If you require parking after 5.00 pm –
Entry Time: **17.00 pm** | Exit Time: **11.30 pm** | (do not enter a promo code)
- 4.11 Parking prior to 5.00 pm and using the promo code will attract the discounted flat rate of \$31. **If parking after 5.00 pm, it is cheaper not to use the promo code – simply select the "Book a Bay" evening rate for that car park and leave the promo code blank.** There is a one hour grace period prior to your entry time and following your exit time (pending car park operating hours) to allow for unforeseen circumstances.
- 4.12 Complete the payment process being careful to use a Credit Card that you will have with you while parking (your credit card is used as your pass to enter and exit the parking facility).

5. Elections for this Synod Session

Uncontested elections

- 5.1 All elections to be conducted at this Synod session are uncontested since, in each case, the number of nominations as at the deadline for withdrawing nominations on 20 August 2022 did not exceed the number of persons to be elected. Accordingly there will be no ballots conducted at this session.
- 5.2 The Notice of Uncontested Elections is posted on [SDS's website](#) and will also be tabled in the Synod on Monday 12 September 2022.