

Diocesan Update

Anglican Diocese of Bendigo



New National Director for BCA

Dear Friends

I am writing to share with you the news that Archdeacon Greg Harris has been appointed the National Director of Bush Church Aid (BCA). BCA care for more than 80 people (paid staff and their spouses) across 42 locations including capital cities and regional, rural and remote communities. As you know 2019 marks BCA's centenary, celebrating valuable support to country ministry. As National Director, Greg will have overall responsibility for BCA. His role includes fostering new and emerging opportunities with Bishops and other senior leaders across Australia. The experience Greg has gained with us in recruiting and developing ministers, in setting and implementing strategic direction, and in working with people across the breadth of the Anglican Church has given him a fantastic base from which to serve.

Greg and Karen came to us in 2007 from the Diocese of Armidale as the Rector of South East Bendigo. He has passionately supported lay ministry across the Parish and faithfully led an energetic Ministry Team. It was his vision that motivated the major building project that has rejuvenated the church facilities and established a strong basis for the future multi-generational ministry of this Parish. As Archdeacon of Bendigo, Greg has ably and willingly contributed to the leadership of this Diocese including the development and implementation of 2 strategic plans. I was pleased to appoint him as Vicar General and I know Greg has served his colleagues in ministry, the Registry staff and the wider diocesan family beautifully. During his time in the Diocese, Greg has been the Chaplain of Girton Grammar School where he has been significant in the continued healing between the Diocese and the School. He is valued greatly by us all and will be missed.

Greg recently told me that 'it has been his joy and privilege to serve wherever he could to see people grow in their faith and walk with Jesus.' Greg believes this new role will provide further opportunities to encourage the same hope in numerous regional, rural and remote parts of Australia including this Diocese.

Although born a 'city boy,' Greg's strategic vision and heart for country ministry will serve him well in this new role. I know that I will miss his unwavering support and friendship keenly. I ask that you might join with me in giving thanks for Greg and Karen's generous ministry to us and pray for them as they relocate to Sydney. Greg will finish on Sunday 30th June before taking accumulated leave to prepare for his new role and complete the move from Bendigo.

Your servant in Christ,

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