



CATHEDRAL STATUTE 1968

The Cathedral Statute 1968, as amended by the Cathedral Statute Amendment Statute 2000, as amended by the Cathedral Statute Amendment Statute 2010.

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LONG TITLE

A Statute to regulate the Constitution of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Geraldton

The Synod of the Diocese of North West Australia resolves as follows.

Chapter 1 – Preliminary

NAME

This is the *Cathedral Statute 1968*.

Chapter 2 – Scope of the Statute

1. That the Cathedral Statute 2000 be amended; provided that such repeal shall not affect or invalidate any act done or commenced and all persons elected or appointed there under and holding office at the date of the passing of this Statute shall unless other provision is made in this Statute remain in office as if this Statute had been in effect at the time they were elected or appointed and this Statute shall apply to them accordingly.
2. That the Statute set out in the following Schedule be enacted in its place.

Chapter 3 – Regulations & Related Legislation

REGULATIONS

Regulation making power

The Diocesan Council may from time to time make, amend or repeal regulations (e.g. policies and procedures) not inconsistent with the provisions of this Statute providing for records arising out of or incidental to the operation of this Statute and for all or any of the purposes, whether general or to meet particular cases, which may be convenient for the administration of this Ordinance or which may be necessary or expedient to carry out the overriding purposes of this Statute.

Chapter 4 – General

RESPONSIBILITIES

Review

The Diocesan Council will review the operation of this Statute on or before six years after its commencement.

Records management

The Registry maintains all records relevant to administering this Statute using its recordkeeping system.

CERTIFICATIONS

I Certify that the Statute as printed is in accordance with the Statute as reported.

P GRICE
Chair of Committees

I Certify that this Statute was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of North West Australia on 16/09/1968

K HARRIS
Registrar

THE SCHEDULE

The Cathedral Church

1. The Church of the Holy Cross Geraldton is and shall be the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of North West Australia and shall be known as "The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Geraldton". It shall also be the Parish Church of the Parish of Geraldton.

The Bishop

2. In addition to his rights as Ordinary, the Bishop shall have chief place among his sisters and brothers in the Cathedral, and shall take such part in Divine Service and shall preach and may likewise appoint preachers at such times as he shall think fit, upon giving due notice to the Dean of his wish to do so.
3. The Bishop shall be in charge and have complete authority to order all such services as are connected with Episcopal and Diocesan functions and all matters pertaining thereto.

The Dean

4. The Dean of the Cathedral shall also be the Rector of the Parish of Geraldton and shall be known as the "Dean of Geraldton". On his ceasing to be the Dean of the Cathedral he shall also cease to be the Rector of the Parish of Geraldton.
5. The Cathedral Presentation Board shall consist of the Bishop, the Synod Nominators, and the Cathedral Churchwardens; and the Archdeacon of the Mid West as the representative of the Archdeacons of the Diocese.
6. The Bishop on the nomination of the said Board may appoint the nominated priest to be Dean.
7. The Dean may at any time resign his office upon giving the Bishop in writing three months' notice.
8. If, within six months from the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Dean, the said Board shall not have nominated a priest, or if the Board shall advise the Bishop that it is not prepared to make a nomination, the right to fill the vacancy shall vest in and be exercised by the Bishop.
9. If the Bishop shall refuse a nomination made by the Board, or if the priest nominated shall express his unwillingness to accept it within such time as the Bishop may deem reasonable, the Bishop shall, with as little delay as possible, inform each member of the Presentation Board which shall then be entitled to make a further nomination as above.
10. The Dean shall have next place after the Bishop in the Cathedral and subject to the rights of the Bishop provided heretofore he shall have the ordering of Divine Service in the Cathedral and have all the rights privileges duties and responsibilities of Rectors in the Diocese of North West Australia.
11. The Dean may subject to the approval of the Bishop nominate associate or assistant clergy or lay workers who shall act under the direction of the Dean.

Administration of the Cathedral Parish

12. Unless otherwise provided by this Statute, the affairs of the Parish of Geraldton shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Parochial Statute 1961* as amended except that the Vestry shall be known as the Parish Council.
13. The Parish Council appointed as per the *Parochial Statute* in addition to the functions stipulated there shall have the following functions:
 - a) to develop and foster the ministry of the Cathedral in the Diocese;
 - b) to develop and foster the Cathedral as a workshop and resource centre for the parishes of the Diocese;
 - c) in co-operation with the Diocesan Trustees, share responsibility for the care and upkeep of the fabric of the Cathedral;

- d) to launch from time to time appeals for contributions for the care and upkeep of the fabric of the Cathedral;
14. To further the above aspects of fostering the ministry of the Cathedral of the Diocese, the parish council shall meet with the Bishop; and Archdeacon of the Mid West as the representative of the Archdeacons of the Diocese at least annually with an agenda based on items 1-4 above and any other appropriate matters pertaining to the ministry of the Cathedral with respect to the Diocese. This meeting may be in place of a regular parish council meeting, an extension of a regular parish council meeting, or an additional meeting.
15. The Cathedral shall be open during the day time for such as may desire to use it for personal prayer and meditation, due provision being made for the safety of property and appointments thereof. The Cathedral may be closed during periods of increased risk of vandalism or theft.