



Diocese of
Willochra

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**The Friends of
The Diocese of Willochra**

***Friends of the Diocese membership continues to
grow...***

...AS WE BUILD TODAY FOR TOMORROW

THE CAPITAL OF THE SEE !

Greetings Willochran Friends.

I'm sure you all thought that the Capital of The See was Gladstone, where the Bishop and Church Office are located. And you are right.

But – the capital referred to above is of a pecuniary nature, namely – money. *The Diocese has been very thrilled to receive three bequests in recent months for the endowment of The See. By the very nature of bequests, this is (we hope and pray) a long term investment in the future of the Diocese, so it is not possible to talk accurately about the present, or even projected, level of capital balance – except to say that it is increasing.*

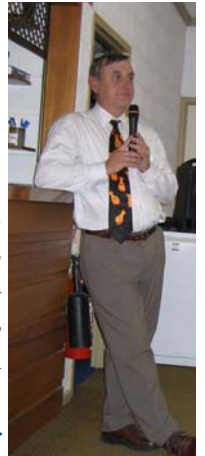
We are very thrilled that people have responded so positively to our efforts in recent years to set the Ministry of the Bishop in the Diocese on a firmer footing. There is still much to be done before we can consider the job “done” but progress is obvious.

The Committee of “The Friends” is organizing functions for 2011 and the Convener Liz Harris is referring to these elsewhere in this edition.

We have much to thank God for in his provision of Episcopal ministry over 95 years, as recent developments prove.

I wish all our readers a reflective and Holy Advent, and a happy and joyful Christmas Season.

Michael Ford – Diocesan Treasurer



*Michael Ford in
his ‘moneybags’
tie*

**Friends of the Diocese
advance notice**

Coming events in 2011

- ***Sunday 9th October 2011***

Afternoon tea followed by Evensong at Christchurch, North Adelaide.

- *Function in Port Lincoln
date to be advised*

- ***Saturday May 7th
Synod at Clare***

Wine, cheese and good fellowship hosted by the Friends of the Diocese

Where we began...in October 2007...

It seems no time since we launched the Friends of the Diocese Endowment Fund in October 2007 with that wonderful dinner and auction at Bungaree. What a night that was! In the past three years membership has grown considerably and we have held functions in Burra, Minlaton, Adelaide, Cleve, and Goyder. In 2009 and 2010, when we celebrated Evensong followed by a High Tea at Christ Church, North Adelaide, many ex-Willochrans came along to renew acquaintances and become members.

At Synod this year,, the Friends will host pre dinner drinks and nibbles on the Saturday night and for those on Eyre Peninsula, we hope that you will be able to join us in Port Lincoln.

Elizabeth Harris, Coordinator



Bishop Garry, celebrating ten years as Bishop of Willochra

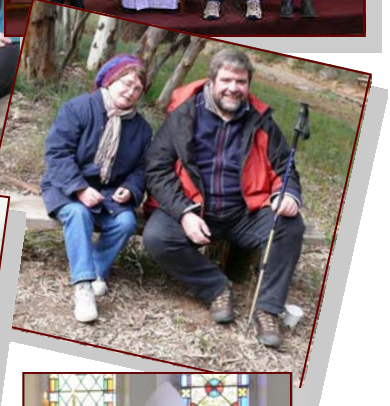
Dear Friends

It came as something of a shock when I realised recently that I was about to celebrate my tenth anniversary as the Bishop of Willochra. Of course, those of you with an historical bent will know that the bishops of Willochra have been long-serving. In our 95 years there have been only six bishops. The Diocese of Grafton in New South Wales, for example, is a few months older than us and is currently on their thirteenth bishop. There must be something good about this job that keeps bishops in place! Thank you for your support and encouragement in my work as Bishop of this wonderful Diocese. Although numbers and resources are few, the spirit is strong and there is a great sense of 'working together for the kingdom of God' in all little congregations of the Diocese. They are the most precious gift which we must never take for granted, and it has been well fostered by those who have gone before me as Bishop and most importantly by the wonderful people who make up the Church in every congregation.

I am indeed grateful to God that he called me to serve in this Diocese and to those of you who have enabled me to learn what it is to be a 'Bishop' in my ten years with you so far. I look forward to the future in this Little Tribe with a Big Vision with hope and expectation. I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas Season and a fulfilling New Year.

With all good wishes and every blessing.

The Right Rev'd Garry Weatherill
Bishop of Willochra



MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE \$25 per person

To the Registrar, Diocese of Willochra, PO Box 96, Gladstone 5473

I wish to become a Friend /renew my membership of the Diocese of Willochra See Endowment Fund.

Name.....Address.....

.....P/code.....Telephone.....Email.....

My cheque for \$25.00 is attached (or) Please debit my Visa Mastercard

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Name on card.....

Expiry date.....

Please send me information on making a bequest to the See Endowment Fund in my Will.