

Parish AGM: 16 March 2025

Property Committee Report

Recommendation:

That the Property Committee Report is received.

The Property Committee has continued to maintain the Cathedral, Ormond Chapel and Deanery properties over the past year.

Cathedral

In May of 2024, some of the foyer tiles lifted outside the entrance to the two toilets. Temporary repairs were made quickly to enable the Cathedral to be re-opened. These repairs are continuing to hold, and we are continuing to keep watch on this. Our tree surgeon has now reported that roots extending under the building are highly likely to have caused this problem. We are now checking whether insurance will cover the additional costs of addressing these tree roots.

Unfortunately, a range of metal trims to doors and part of the flashings to roofing at the rear of the cathedral have been stolen on a number of separate occasions. While insurance has covered repair costs, it has taken time to make good this damage. With agreement of the Diocesan office, the remaining metal trims will be removed, stored and replaced with wooden trims.

Essential carpet repairs have been completed using insurance money for previous flooding damage.

A range of smaller fitting and fixture repairs have been made, thanks to people who quietly get things done in the background.

The asset inventory for the cathedral has now been completed.

We continue to repay the 10-year loan taken out to fix the leaking roof and improve roof safety.

Ormond Chapel

A large gum tree was removed from the grounds of the chapel, at the request of a neighbour, who also paid for this work to be undertaken.

Builders have repaired some areas of rotting wood on the chapel exterior. This is due to be painted in the near future.

Deanery

This week, work has finally commenced to repair leaks to the Deanery roof. It has taken well over a year to arrange for assessment of the problem, have plans prepared and gain building consent.

General

Non-urgent maintenance matters remain on hold.

Two working bees have been held at the Cathedral and Ormond Chapel in November and December, with good support from parishioners.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and all those who have helped keep these buildings in good working order.

Dale Meredith
Property Committee Chairperson
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