



Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

WH&S Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE MAY WH&S NEWSLETTER, INCORPORATING PROPERTY & RISK.

Welcome to the May WH&S Newsletter, incorporating Property & Risk. Thank you to everyone who has given up their time to sort out all of the insurance details arising out of the storm in April, it is much appreciated and vital in insuring that any damage is repaired quickly to prevent any further damage.

We do need to finalise all insurance claims arising out of the storm damage as soon as possible so if you can please make sure you have had a good look at all the buildings inside and out that are in your parish area and if any storm damage is present then lodge any claims as soon as possible.



DID YOU KNOW?

An AED can be an investment in a life

Sudden cardiac arrest can potentially happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

And it happens more often than you'd think. Every year, 15,000

people in Australia suffer a sudden cardiac arrest.*

Last month, a thirteen-year-old boy** was walking out of a café at the Mount Annan Botanical Gardens when he suffered from a sudden cardiac arrest.

The first few minutes following a sudden cardiac arrest can be the difference between life and death. An AED identifies a cardiac rhythm as shockable or non-shockable and may be the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest.

Every minute without defibrillation decreases the chance of survival by 10%*

In NSW, an ambulance can take up to 11 minutes to arrive (on average)***

The thirteen-year-old boy was lucky. A defibrillator supplied by St John in 2004 was used on him. His heart rhythm was restored to normal.

The AED you buy today could help save the life of somebody tomorrow.

St John Ambulance is offering members of Anglican Diocese of Newcastle the opportunity to purchase special price deals on this easy-to-use life-saving equipment together with e-learning to ensure members of your congregation are ready to act.

Take advantage of this community initiative by calling Brendon Lowndes on 02 49 263733 or Ryan Paterson at St John Ambulance (NSW) on 0455 091 831

References:

* Australian Resuscitation Council

** Name withheld for privacy reasons.

*** Ambulance NSW (response times for 2012/2013)

SLATE ROOF REPAIRERS

The only repairer of slate roofs that I am aware of is Paul Gallagher Roofing Pty Ltd who are Newcastle based roofing contractors who are experienced in slate roofing repairs.

Could those who have used any other slate roof repairers and have had a positive experience please let me know here at the Diocesan office and I will publish in next months Newsletter.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – HERE ARE 3 QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH

Q.1: - We are wanting to put Solar panels on one of our buildings – is there a Diocesan Policy or guidelines on Solar Panels?

A.1: - At present there is no official Diocesan Policy on Solar Panels other than needing approving from the PAB, but there are a number of steps that should be taken to make sure you are getting the best package to suit your needs.

- The first step would be to have the Newcastle Diocesan Environment Commission conduct a FREE OF CHARGE energy audit to determine your energy usage and possibly identify any high usage items that you have that may need looking at. You can contact Robyn Fry to organise an audit at fry.robyn@bigpond.com
- If the audit has recommended an changes or actions, it is always better to implement any effective energy efficiency changes to your buildings before you embark upon a Solar Panel project as the required number of panels can sometimes be reduced, meaning that there is a reduction in the capital cost of the project.

For more information on the Newcastle Diocesan Environment Commission see the Diocesan website:

<http://www.newcastleanglican.org.au/page16022/Social-Justice.aspx>

or contact Robyn Fry at: fry.robyn@bigpond.com

There is more information located in the WH&S Newsletter of September 2014;s "Did you Know" section on energy efficiency.

If you would like further information please contact Parish Services.

Q.2: - We have a stained glass window that needs to be installed into our church what do we have to do in order to have it installed?

A.2: - There are two answers to this question;

1. If the stained glass window is an existing window that has been removed, fixed or refurbished and needs to be re-installed you simply need to get quotes for its re-installation from 2 builders. If the quotes are less than \$25,000 which they most probably should be, then have the builder re-install the window taking care to re-install all the correct flashings and other required building items as required.
2. If the stained glass window is a new stained glass window going into the church, you will need a "Faculty Application" filled out, sent in to us here and approved by the Bishop.

You will need to fill out and issue to the DPSU, form 13.9 "Submission to the DPSU". If the new stained glass window is to be installed in an exterior wall of the church as I assume it would be, you will need a DA and CC prepared and then approved by your local council as per regular building alterations and additions.

You will need to have the DA and CC application forms signed by The Diocesan Business Manager on behalf of the Trustees of Church Property, and then follow the usual procedure for any new building works.

If you would like further information please contact Parish Services.

Q.3: - We need to have some roof repairs done on our church building, the existing roof is made from slate do you know any roofers who can repair slate roofs?

A.3: - Paul Gallagher Roofing Pty Ltd is the only roofing contractor I know of who repairs slate roofs.

If you would like further information please contact Parish Services.

As ever, if you have any queries regarding building issues, development, property, risk, WH&S, insurance or anything else that you may need advice or help with, please do not hesitate to contact me or Parish Services.

Best regards,



Brendon Lowndes
Property and Risk Officer

