LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA | NSW and ACT DISTRICT



LCA NSW and ACT District

41st Convention of Synod

7-9 August 2026

Warrambui

Minutes

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Daily Program

Friday

6:00pm	Registration / *Dinner*
7:00	Opening Worship
7:45	Welcome to Synod; Introductions; Roll Call; Minute Takers; Membership; Nominations 1st Reading
8:00	LCA Bishop LCA EDCO
9:00pm	Closing Prayer

Saturday

7:00am	Prayer
8:30	Morning Devotion
9:00	District Bishop Mission and Ministry Team Strategic Facilitators
10:30	*Morning tea*
11:00	LLL
11.15	Warrambui
11.45	DCC Report Treasurer Administrator Report District Budget
12:15pm	Nominations 2nd Reading NSW District Budget 1st Reading
12:30	*Lunch*
1:30pm	Welcome into Membership: Jalal Evangelical Lutheran Church
1.45	Frontier School of Mission
2.00	LEVNT St Paul's College
2.30	Lutheran Media
2:45	Nominations and Elections
3:00	*Afternoon tea*
3:30	Lutheran Aged Care
4.00	ALWS
4.15	Lutheran Women NSW & ACT
4:45	NSW District Budget 2nd Reading and discussion
5:00	Closing Devotion – In Memoriam
5:30	*Pre-dinner break*
6:30	*Dinner*
9:00pm	Closing Prayer

Sunday

7:00am	Prayer
8:30	Morning Devotion
8:45	LCA International Mission
9:00	District Bishop Going Forward in Mission
9:45	Closing formalities
10:15	*Morning tea*
11:00am	Closing Service and Close of Convention
12:30pm	*Lunch*

Minutes – Friday 7 August 2026

Opening Worship

Pr Darren Jaensch, Pr Richard Schwedes

Texts: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Matt 28:16-20
Songs: Freely Freely (AT31),
We are All One in Mission

Formal Constitution of Convention

Opening Formalities

Welcome to Synod

NSW Bishop Richard Schwedes welcomed all.

Apologies

See page 12 for list of apologies

Conduct of Business

Voting

Resolved that decisions be reached by consensus or by vote in the manner decided by the Chairperson.

Appointments

Synod Chairperson: Pr Richard Schwedes
Minute Secretaries: Veronica Schwedes, Kaye Simpfendorfer, Nikki Spaans
Committee for Verification of Minutes:
Leigh Caldwell, Tony von Brandenstein
Tellers: Peter Weber, Kaye Simpfendorfer
Reporter for 'Contact': Nikki Spaans

Resolved that the above named persons be appointed to serve this Synodical Convention.

Roll Call

Quorum: 40 Synod attendees
Number of delegates registered for Synod: 53
Actual delegate attendance on Friday evening: 48

Adoption of Minutes

The NSW and ACT DCC has vetted the 40th Regular Synodical Convention Minutes as circulated to the 2024 delegates and congregation secretaries and recommends their adoption.

Resolved that the minutes of the 40th Regular Synodical Convention, 2024, be adopted.

Reading of Reports and Statements

Resolved that reports be taken as read and received unless otherwise indicated.

Adoption of Reports and Statements

Resolved that at the close of Convention reports and statements tabled during Convention be adopted.

Proposals

Resolved that agenda proposals be taken as moved and seconded.

Resolved that all tabled reports and proposals in the report book and late proposals and reports be accepted and debated at the appropriate time.

Convention Minutes

Resolved that the appointed Committee for the verification of minutes, vet Synodical Convention minutes, correct where necessary and recommend distribution of the minutes to the Secretary.

Membership

Welcome:
Jalal Evangelical Lutheran Church (Pakistani)

Resolved that Convention welcomes the Jalal Evangelical Lutheran Church (Pakistani) into membership.

Nominations, First Reading

Regional Pastors nominations:

Canberra:	Pr Tim Muller
Coastal:	Pr Nich Kitchen
North-West:	Pr Darren Kupke
Riverina:	Pr John Borchert

LCA Bishop

Bishop Paul Smith *(Book of Reports p 51)*

Reading from 2 Corinthians 9:10-15, God will enriched those in the ministry. Bishop Paul gave thanks and prayers for Bishop Richard Schwedes and his wife Veronica.

The LCANZ is a Southern Hemisphere church with European heritage. The Lutheran Church has significant membership in many other countries.

Ecumenical collaborations – We seek to maintain our Lutheran identity while serving alongside Christian partners, with respect and grace. We grieve the loss of members from LCA to other synods, but they continue as our sisters and brothers in Christ, and we seek to recognise common ground.

We express our Lutheran identity through our worship in creative ways, building up online worship resources.

Currently ALC has 36 students studying Pastoral Ministry units, from every district of LCANZ, with five from NSW and ACT.

LCA meets next week in a Symposium to begin a process for the review of LCANZ structure, how we operate as God's people in mission. Since the 2024 General convention decision on ordination, three women have been ordained in the LCANZ, we have also welcomed two from overseas.

Bishop Paul announced the theme of 2027 General Convention based on 2 Corinthians 9:8 'Open Arms: Receiving Abundantly. Sharing Generously.'

Many of our pastors and principals are retiring, after having gone through the struggles of leadership during the COVID years. Encourage them with your prayers.

LCA Executive Director of Church Operations (EDCO)

Brett Hausler *(Book of Reports p 53)*

Staff of LCA are settling into the new open plan offices of Church House, in Frome St Adelaide, a 5-level building, with meeting spaces, exhibition space to showcase our history and mission stories from across Australia.

Setting up an Investment Fund for a better return, thanks to assistance of Stephen Fogerty and Karen Pienaar. LLL provides significant grants to fund church activities and mission, including this synod and General Synod. Through the Local Mission Funds the LCANZ is investing in projects that equip people for mission, grow missional culture and respond to local community needs.

The Congregational Life Hub provides resources on the LCA website where you can download bible studies, including 'Presence' and 'Gospel Fluency' video series.

LCA have compensated more than 250 applications through the Redress scheme, expecting to pay out approx. $22M in total, leaving a deficit of $5M-$10M. Participation in online Safe Church Training has been high, with positive feedback received. LCA Insurance has gained bulk discounts on premiums which should reflect at congregation level.

Lutheran schools are growing, but church attendance is diminishing. The average age of pastors is now 64. How do we design for the mission of the future church? The Symposium next week will begin to address some of these questions. Attendees were asked to pray for the Symposium.

Minutes – Saturday 8 August 2026

Morning Devotion

Pr John Borchert

Psalm 133, John 20:19-23; Songs: Apostles' Creed (Emu Music), Yet not I but through Christ in me

District Bishop's Report

Bishop Richard Schwedes *(Book of Reports p 9)*

Bishop Richard began with our Synod theme verses Matthew 28:19-20, and 'Come, Holy Spirit, come'. He gave thanks for all who are part of the body of Christ in the LCA NSW and ACT District. We are all invited to be part of God's mission, connecting people with Jesus. This should influence everything we do. Be open to the Holy Spirit working through us. Use what God gives – Jesus, His Word, His Sacraments, and His community.

Practical mission involves letting people know Jesus really loves them, through all activities. Engaging with the scriptures, looking for and sharing God's promises and actions. Every time we worship, ask: What is God saying to me today? What is God giving me and others? What is God calling me to share with others?

Blessings include our diversity of congregations, changing environments and migrant populations, using our properties as a resource to serve the community. The church continues to have a pastor shortage. While congregations are aging, we are asking how can we serve and connect better?

Licensing of lay people for Word and Sacrament is a blessing to local churches, especially those in pastoral vacancy. How this will work in the future will change.

Bishop Richard reminded us to keep noticeboards, websites newsletters and social media up to date. Nikki Spaans, Communications Officer, is always on the lookout for stories to share online through eNews. Nikki can help with updating congregation websites.

Peter Reed spoke about the Jindera School Church Plant he leads, where children help run the Friday night services and activities. It is drawing in families from outside the church, building up connections in the community.

It is good to gather as Synod, to listen and be heard. We collaborate as we work together.

The following pastors have been installed in the NSW and ACT District since last Synodical Convention:

Pr Nich Kitchen
Pr Bruce Flanagan
Pr Jacob Traeger

The following pastors have accepted calls within the NSW and ACT District since last Synodical Convention:

Pr Richard Schwedes (Bishop)
Pr Mat von Stanke (re called)
Pr Mark Worthing (re called)
Pr Mark Simpfendorfer

Resolved that Convention welcome with joy these pastors and their families and pray that these co-workers will be richly blessed personally and bring many blessings both to their parishioners and to the NSW and ACT District.

The following pastors have accepted calls to positions outside the NSW and ACT District since last Synodical Convention:

Pr Mark Schultz
Pr James Leach
Pr Sahat Simanullang

The following pastor has concluded ministry and is without a call:

Pr Allan Taruste

The following pastor has retired from pastoral ministry:

Pr Ian Rentsch

The following pastor has resigned from the LCA Roll of Pastors:

Pr Christian Fandrich

The following pastor has passed away:

Pr Samuel Simpfendorfer

Resolved that Convention place on record its sincere thanks to the above named pastors for their faithful ministries while serving the NSW and ACT District.

Mission and Ministry Team

Bishop Richard Schwedes *(Book of Reports p 13)*

As an advisory to DCC, the Mission and Ministry Team considers grant applications, and the future of congregations. They are looking for new members to add to the team.

Comment: Would like this team, as it adds new members, to consider ministry and mission of applications, not just the financial side.

Bishop Richard agreed.

Strategic Directions Implementer

Michael Dobie *(Book or Reports p 14)*

Michael thanked Ian Rentsch for his work as the previous Facilitator. Michael is currently working 2 days/week in the role. He has training in Discipleship and Evangelism. He suggested we pray for God to help us witness to five people we are close to. Lutherans love to share God's love with others, but we are not so good at sharing *why* we share that love. We are encouraged to practise listening and building connections, and then we are better placed to share about Jesus.

LLL Australia

Karen Pienaar CEO *(Book of Reports p 56)*

LLL transition to RCDF has meant lower income in 2025, this year is looking better. In the past 2 years LLL has supported Port Macquarie with a Mission Grant and LACA with a loan. LLL supports schools and Districts with grants, sponsorship and loans. A new online donations platform is coming soon.

2026 Mission Outreach Grant was presented to Redeemer Narraweena for electronic signage, accepted by their delegate Rene van den Tol.

Warrambui

Neal Mason & Garry Watson *(Book of Reports p 35)*

Warrambui's mission isn't just a statement on a wall – its lived out in everyday hospitality. Warrambui is making progress towards breakeven, made possible by the District's continued partnership and financial support. They are entering a season of recovery, with encouraging booking trends. Growth will come from

stronger catering and guest service offers, increasing length of stay, return visits and referrals. The PNG Internship program is in its fourth year. They are rebuilding youth and young adults camping ministry. After more than ten years' service Dean Salzke concluded his time as Centre Director, we welcome Bernd Hahnert into the role.

Q Is the retreat hut still available? A Yes it is basically booked out all year.

Q The business plan of Warrambui has changed over the past 30 years, what is the value to congregations in keeping Warrambui? Recognises the Warrambui Board has a heart for mission.

A It is a balance of finance vs mission. Warrambui want to encourage Lutheran groups, don't be put off by minimum number requirements, ask to speak with the manager.

Comment: It is a blessing to be able to stay at Warrambui even as a smaller group. Consider combining with other congregations to come at the same time.

Q Managing the tension between commercial solvency and loving others as Jesus. A The core ministry is to provide a safe place to stay with good quality accommodation and food.

DCC

Bishop Richard Schwedes *(Book of Reports p 30)*

Apology to Jarmo Roenneberg whose name was missing from DCC report. DCC meet four times through the year in different regions of the District. We have been blessed by our Administrators - Russell Veerhuis who concluded early in 2026, and Stephen Fogerty who took over from Russell, and has had to learn a lot in a short time.

Resolved that Convention place on record its vote of thanks to Russell Veerhuis.

Thanks also to Ward Westphal who has served for many years on DCC and Warrambui Board.

Resolved that Convention place on record its vote of thanks to Ward Westphal.

Note that Warrambui is part of our District, it is the responsibility of the District. We need to carefully consider the financial future of Warrambui. A new financial reporting structure will help assess sustainability, aiming to reduce debt and reliance on District for financial support.

Administrator

Stephen Fogerty *(Book of Reports p 34)*

Stephen has a background in finance. He thanked Bishop Richard, Assistant Bishop John Borchert, and Kaye Simpfendorfer for their support in getting started in the role earlier this year. He has learned a lot, building good relationships with personnel in LCA and LLL, gained a better lending rate from LLL. He is re-examining how our money is spent, and looking into better options for investing. Stephen will be asking for congregations to estimate their contributions.

Treasurer

Bruce Arnold *(Book of Reports p 32)*

Ten years ago we were in fear of the District being shut down due to financial unviability. Having sold Concord House we made a lot of money. We have given a lot away, within the District, to other Districts and to the LCA. Some initiatives were more successful than others, now we want to measure the success and make some hard choices, eg is Warrambui providing what we need? We will continue to support new projects, but consider them as investments in future ministry. We need to move to a place of trust, for example, District could take over the role of congregation treasurers, where this is needed.

Still awaiting LCA approval of our District Constitution passed at 2022 Synod.

Q Income deficit of $280K in 2025, is this a loss?

A Yes, District expenses have increased, not being met by congregation contributions. Investment more than covers the difference, with extra for mission expenditure. We will need to be more strategic.

Q regarding the money given to Warrambui, is the District treating Warrambui differently to other entities it supports?

A Important not to consider the support given as a 'loan' to Warrambui, it's a subsidiary and we are increasing equity in it. District is ultimately responsible for Warrambui, if they fail we will have to pick up the debts.

Stephen Fogerty is working to make our cash work harder, looking to preserve the assets of the district.

NSW and ACT District Budget first reading

Bruce Arnold

Nominations second reading

Tony von Brandenstein

Welcome into Membership

Jalal Evangelical Lutheran Church (Pakistani)

Boaz Gill, leader of the newly welcomed Jalal Fellowship gave some history of his work and ministry. With a background in the Brethren Church in Pakistan, Jalal supports very poor children in Pakistan with food, schooling, shoes, clothing and Bibles. Also supports students and pastors there with transport, computers, medical camps and disaster relief.

Jalal Fellowship meet at Campbelltown Lutheran church for worship. The Good Shepherd congregation at Campbelltown have welcomed them warmly. Boaz and several Jalal members attended the Frontier course at Port Macquarie. They appreciate the welcome they have received.

Bishop Richard led the Rite of Welcome into Membership. Boaz and Jalal representatives were welcomed by convention with standing applause.

Frontier School of Mission

Pr Mark Worthing *(Book of Reports p 15)*

Frontier continues to work with the Warrambui PNG interns, supporting their visa agreements. The interns attend intensives at Port Macquarie twice each year, as well as workshops at Warrambui.

Frontier workshops have provided training for lay people licensed for Word and Sacrament ministry. These workshops have been well received, and benefit congregations, especially those in pastoral vacancy. Pastoral Care workshops will be offered in 2027. The workshop 'Surviving and Thriving as a Small Congregation' is available to run in your location.

LEVNT

Colin Minke *(Book of Reports p 42)*

Two new principals have been appointed in NSW Lutheran schools in the past 2 years. Jonathan Schmidt will commence at Henty in 2027.

It is a challenge to maintain Lutheran ideology while more than half of our schools' families don't have a religious background, let alone Lutheran. It is a challenge to attract and retain good teachers. So LEVNT spends much of its time embedding a Lutheran identity into the school system.

Our schools are teaching the 'Free to Flourish' principles - being adventurous, purposeful, relational, compassionate, caring for our neighbour, and giving back to the community.

St Paul's College

Anthony Schultz *(Book of Reports p 39)*

St Paul's College enrolment of 330 students this year is at its highest ever. The college is also a working farm of 150 acres with beef, merino, grape vines and olive trees. It is a thriving community, seeking to imitate Christ in the way they treat others. The challenge of teaching children who have grown up with tech exists now, more than ever before.

Comment: regarding LEVNT supporting secondary students exploring their faith, with no access to a Lutheran Secondary school.

A LEVNT are always open to new opportunities for more schools.

Lutheran Media

Liam Hensel

Lutheran Media is separate from LCA operations, not to be confused with LCA IT or Communications.

Most people don't search out Jesus without being prompted. How do we reach them and invite them into the fellowship? Lutheran Media brings the Gospel to where people gather, via podcasts, radio and on social media.

'Messages of Hope' is heard on 91 radio stations across Australia. Booklet ministry builds on the foundation laid by digital media, all available for free. Meeting people in their struggles and challenges, offering hope and reassurance when people need it most, through Jesus.

Lutheran Media relies on your donations for funding, all donations are tax deductible.

Comment: Lutheran Media could well be the true face of the LCA, given the amount of exposure it has. We should be pouring money into them.

Declaration of Elections

DCC Lay members elected:

Jeannie Kenney
Jarmo Roenneberg
Garth Schultz
Tony von Brandenstein

Resolved that Convention note the results of the 2026 elections and the District Church Council appointments.

Lutheran Aged Care Albury

Wendy Rocks CEO *(Book of Reports p 46)*

Lutheran Aged Care Albury is the only Lutheran aged care facility in NSW. It began over 70 years ago, initiated by Lutheran Women of NSW. It receives government funding, and has a diverse ethnic workforce. Under a labour/migration agreement 26 Filipino staff have been recruited, supported in their training, and are a positive influence in the community.

LACA is well known for its high quality of care. After 15 year's service Wendy will retire at the end of 2027, new CEO Prince Koshy George has been appointed.

Resolved that Convention place on record its vote of thanks to Wendy Rocks.

Comment: International recruitment could look at PNG for recruitment of Lutherans to work at LACA.

ALWS

Paul Meyer *(Book of Reports p 58)*

Walk My Way fundraisers planned for Canberra on September 19, and Sydney on 7 November 2026. Thanks for your ongoing generous support of ALWS, bringing hope to those who need it most. For example the 'Precious' campaign supported 3000 girls, protecting them from early marriage, improving their education opportunities. There are 120 million displaced persons worldwide. Your support for the action of ALWS is needed now more than ever.

LW NSW ACT

Tanna Mackenzie *(Book of Reports p 45)*

With the farewell of the LW Executive committee at its convention in May, LW NSWACT will move into recess. The focus of Lutheran Women is to continue meeting at local and zone levels, encouraging fellowship, witness and care within churches and communities.

Pastors are asked to support and encourage the women's groups in their congregations to continue.

District will assist in communicating women's fellowship news, and hold the remaining funds in trust, to be used for women meeting in NSW and ACT.

LW NSW ACT hope to still hold the annual Women's Retreat in March 2027 and will celebrate their 60th Anniversary with a lunch in Wagga Wagga on 22 May 2027.

District Budget second reading

Bruce Arnold

Resolved that the District Budget be received and adopted.

In Memoriam

led by Pr Tim Muller

Rev 7:9-17; Songs: Holy Holy Holy (TIS 132), For all the Saints (TIS 455)

Pr Andy Gierus
Bronwyn Strelan
Pr Sam Simpfendorfer
David Muller
Eunita Pietsch
Pr Jim Klein
Arthur Schuster
Pr Marinus Hofman
Pr Robert Erickson
Pr Howard Schilling
Ross Harding
Gillian Bahr

Dinner

Speaker: Pr Bruce Flanagan

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Devotion

Pr Melvin Salzke

Colossians 4:2-6; Matthew 9:36-38
Song: His Glory and My Good

LCA International Mission

Pr Mark Schultz

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, LCA International Mission cultivates partnerships locally and internationally, inspiring and equipping the church to generously share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Mark shared stories of hope and courage. For example, donations have helped two women attend seminary in Malaysia. A church that was built in Cambodia by a mission team where most of the congregation are under 20 years old. A young woman who grew up in 'Home of Praise' in Thailand, learned the love of Jesus through her care there, now serves full time in ministry, her grandmother has since been baptised, and her mother has begun attending church.

We can learn so much from our overseas partners. Pastor Mark is available to visit congregations and share stories, encouraging them to join the co-mission. There are monthly online prayer meetings, seasonal devotions, and your donations can be made to support the work.

Going Forward in Mission

Bishop Richard Schwedes

Bishop Richard invited all into a time of prayer. He encouraged congregations to keep their focus on Jesus, engage with the Word, worship together and enjoy time together. Invite people to meet Jesus. Create opportunities for people to make connections outside the congregation.

He encouraged all to pray regularly for those who are some distance from Jesus. Explore how you can reach out to the community. Intentionally develop closer relationships with neighbouring congregations and ministries. Embrace the differences.

Contact Bishop or Strategic Directions Implementer for help with the next steps. Review all your means of communication and make sure they are always clear and up to date. Encourage people to serve in your congregations and in the district.

Always keep focussed on connection people with Jesus through your congregation.

Closing Formalities

Resolved that Reports and statements tabled at Convention be adopted.

Resolved that unfinished business be referred to the District Church Council for action.

Next Synod 2028

Resolved that the 2028 Synod be held in the second half of the year at a venue to be determined, with the DCC to confirm dates.

Resolved that DCC invite GCB to hold 2030 General Convention in NSW.

Vote of Thanks

led by Bruce Arnold

Closing Worship

Texts: Ps 105:1-6, 1 Kings 19:9-18, Rom 10:5-15, Matt 14:22-33
Songs: The Summons (AT 413), Facing a Task Unfinished (LH 234), Reaching Out (LHS 792), We are all one in Mission

Installation of DCC

Close of Convention

2026 Elections and Appointments

Section 1. Synod Election

ADMINISTRATION

Bishop

elected for 2 Synodical terms, currently to 2028

Pr Richard Schwedes

Assistant Bishop

Pr John Borchert

Regional Pastors

Canberra	Pr Tim Muller
Coastal North	Pr Nich Kitchen
Coastal South	Pr Nich Kitchen
North West	Pr Darren Kupke
Riverina	Pr John Borchert

Secretary

Leigh Caldwell

Treasurer

Bruce Arnold

District Church Council

9 members (skills-based structure): Bishop, Assistant Bishop, Secretary, Treasurer, 1 pastor, 4 Lay

Pastor	Pr Darren Jaensch
Layperson	Jeannie Kenney
Layperson	Jarmo Roenneberg
Layperson	Garth Schultz
Layperson	Tony von Brandenstein

Consultant:

Administrator	Stephen Fogerty

Property Trust

5 members: 3 elected by Synod, 2 appointed by DCC

Bishop	Pr Richard Schwedes
Administrator	Stephen Fogerty
Assistant Bishop	Pr John Borchert
Secretary	Leigh Caldwell
	Kaye Simpfendorfer

WELFARE

Lutheran Aged Care Albury, Board of Governance

7 members, including one pastor. 7 nominated by Board for election by Synod

Chairperson	David Smith
Executive Director	Ron Asquith
Executive Director	Wendy Rocks
Pastor	*vacant*
	Louise Ward
	Paul Vogelsang
	Christian Fandrich

AUXILIARIES

Warrambui Management Board

11 Members. DCC appoints Committee Treasurer and DCC rep. 9 elected by Synod, one being a pastor

Chairperson	Neal Mason
Vice Chairperson	Garry Watson
Secretary	Donald McLean
Treasurer	Hanne Paton
Pastor	*vacant*
DCC Rep	*vacant*
	Geoff Hartwig
	Anita Short
	Pr Dennis Obst

Ex Officio:

Bishop	Pr Richard Schwedes
District Treasurer	Bruce Arnold

Consultant:

Retreat Director	Bernd Hahnert

Section 2. DCC Appointments for Synod Endorsement

Finance Advisory Committee

Consists of at least six members: Treasurer, Administrator, a pastor and others.

Treasurer	Bruce Arnold
Administrator	Stephen Fogerty
Pastor	*vacant*
	Andrew Hoffmann
	Mark Waldron
	Hanne Patton
Ex Officio: Bishop	Pr Richard Schwedes

Nominations Committee

5 members, 2 pastors 3 lay people

Convenor	Tony von Brandenstein
Assistant Bishop	Pr John Borchert
Pastor	Pr Ian Rentsch
Secretary	Leigh Caldwell
	Kaye Simpfendorfer

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

LW NSW & ACT Spiritual Advisor

Pr Mark Simpfendorfer

EDUCATION

Lutheran Education Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania (LEVNT) *NSW Members*

2 members

Marianne Hammerton

Jodi Glading

St Paul's College Board of Management
6 members: Appointed by LEVNT endorsed by DCC

Chairperson	Anthony Schultz
Vice Chairperson	Charlotte Rose
	Jenny Zweck
	Robyn Armstrong
	Duncan Howard
	Darcy McFarland

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES
NSW Ecumenical Council
Alison Short

Council for Christians and Jews
Johann Lorenzsonn

Section 3. NSW/ACT Representatives in LCA Roles
LLL Board of Directors
From NSW & ACT
David Kalisch

LCA Judicial Tribunal NSW Rep
Nominated by DCC for GCB appointment
Jim Ironside

2026 Attendees and Apologies

Albury

Caldwell, Leigh	DCC Secretary
McClelland, John	Delegate

Bass Hill Finnish

Kavasto, Hanna	Delegate

Belconnen

Hartwig, Geoff	Delegate
Heinemann, John	Delegate
Jaensch, Darren	Pastor
Jaensch, Julie	Visitor
Siba, Florence	Visitor
von Brandenstein, Tony	DCC Member

Campbelltown

Weber, Barbara	Delegate
Weber, Peter	Visitor

Canberra

Piper, Jed	Delegate

Canberra Finnish

Pekkarinen, Janne	Pastor

Central Coast

Waterson, Alan	Delegate

Cooma

Salzke, Melvin	Pastor
Salzke, Ruth	Delegate

Culcairn

Kenney, Jeannie	Delegate
Kenney, Gary	Pastor Emeritus

Gilgandra

Cheal, Janet	Delegate
Cheal, Michael	Visitor

Jalal

Gill, Boaz	Delegate
Gill, Shaffaf	Visitor
Gill, Sulman	Visitor

Jindera

Gabriel, Helen	Delegate
Reed, Peter	Church Planter

LifeWay

Kitchen, Nicholas	Pastor
Lane, Greg	Delegate
Njau, Andrew	Delegate
von Stanke, Mathew	Pastor

Liverpool

Steicke, Harrison	Delegate,
Patterson, Kevin	Visitor

Molonglo

Traeger, Jacob	Pastor, Molonglo

Narraweena

Fogerty, Stephen	District Administrator
Roenneberg, Jarmo	DCC Member
van den Tol, Rene	Delegate

Parkes

Sander, Timothy	Delegate

Port Macquarie

Smith, Sue	Delegate
Worthing, Mark	Pastor

Springwood

Fellbaum Korpi, Marie	Delegate

St Marys & Springwood

Simpfendorfer, Mark	Pastor

THE GREAT CO-MISSION MATT 28:19-20

Sutherland

Short, Alison	Delegate

Sutherland & Liverpool

Flanagan, Bruce	Pastor

Sydney

Arnold, Bruce	DCC Treasurer

Temora

Kupke, Darren	Pastor
Mawbey, John	Delegate

Tuggeranong

Turek, Cheryl	Delegate

Wagga Wagga

Cherry, David	Pastor
Lieschke, Michael	Delegate

Walla Walla

Borchert, John	Pastor
Wenke, Gloria	Visitor
Wenke, Neil	Delegate

Woden

Muller, Tim	Pastor
Obst, Dennis	Pastor Emeritus
Salzke, Dean	Delegate
Traeger, Kate	Delegate
Westphal, Ward	DCC Member

LCA NSW and ACT District Office

Dobie, Michael	Strategic Directions Facilitator
Schwedes, Richard	District Bishop
Schwedes, Veronica	Visitor
Simpfendorfer, Kaye	District Office
Spaans, Nikki	Communications

Warrambui

Mason, Neal	Warrambui Board Chair
McLean, Donald	Warrambui Board Member
Short, Anita	Warrambui Board Member
Watson, Garry	Warrambui Board Member

LCA Guests and Presenters

Hausler, Brett	LCA EDCO
Hensel, Liam	Lutheran Media
Kalisch, David	LLL
Mackenzie, Tanna	LW NSW & ACT
Meyer, Paul	ALWS
Minke, Colin	Director LEVNT
Pienaar, Karen	CEO LLL Australia
Rocks, Wendy	LAC Albury
Schulz, Anthony	St Paul's College Chair
Schultz, Mark	LCA International Mission
Smith, Paul	LCANZ Bishop

Apologies:

Bahr, Colin	Delegate, Milbrulong
Caldwell, Terry	Delegate, Albury
Doecke, Jan	Delegate, West Wyalong
Doering, Carolyn	Delegate, Dubbo
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