

# Property Matters

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## Building for the Future Seminar

It's never too early to start thinking about property development if a parish project is on the horizon. The podcast of ACPT's September 2018 *Building for the Future* Seminar is a great place to start – two hours of discussion and advice from people who have been directly involved in large parish building projects. You can find the recording of this event on the SDS website at [www.sds.asn.au/property](http://www.sds.asn.au/property).

## New Property Webpage

The new Parish Property Services (PPS) webpage was launched during Synod last year. It is at [www.sds.asn.au/property](http://www.sds.asn.au/property), or find it from the SDS homepage by clicking on the *Parish Administration* heading and then the *Property* sub heading. The new page brings all things property together in one place, so you can easily find out about leasing and licensing, making additions to your hall or promoting an ordinance by selecting the section relevant to your needs.

What aspect of Parish Property are you interested in? Choose below...

The screenshot shows a webpage with a blue header and a list of topics. The first two topics are highlighted with a blue background and a white plus sign icon:

- Introduction to parish property
- Leasing and licensing of parish property

Below these are four more topics, each with a white plus sign icon:

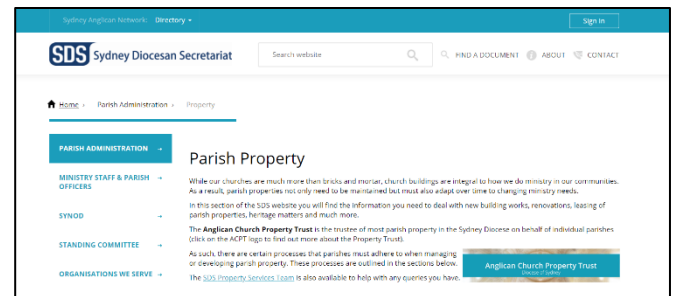
- Building works
- The ordinance process
- Property insurance
- Standard forms and checklists

Text on the page includes: "As well as using property for their own purposes, parishes often allow others to make use of them... For example, a local community group may hire the church hall for a one-off event or for its weekly meetings. Some parishes will license space to a childcare provider, ballet school or chess club, while others may even have unoccupied residential properties they want to rent out. To enable such activities, parishes need to enter into formal leasing or licensing arrangements and the Property Trust has prepared a set of guidelines to assist. Leasing and licensing guide. Other useful resources: ACPT Leasing & Licensing Policy. A number of useful template documents such as standard licence agreements are also available in the "Standard Forms and Checklists" section at the bottom of this page."

Click on the + to open the section you need.

The PPS team add news items to the page as they occur. Right now you can read about the positive gains by parishes which have installed solar panels and find our top 10 tips for parish property management. We will also add information about ACPT policy updates and new procedures as they are developed.

If you have any questions that are not answered on the webpage, please contact your regional manager – details in this newsletter – or find our contact information on the Parish Property webpage.



## Watch out for these Grant Opportunities

During 2018 parishes received over \$1.5m in grant funding for building projects from the state and federal governments.

Here are grants to watch out for in 2019:

- Community Building Partnership – NSW State Govt.
- Stronger Communities Programme – Federal Govt.

We will send out further information about these grants when application dates become available. Grants to successful applicants rely on recommendations from your local member of parliament, so please make sure you take any opportunity to introduce them to the life of your parish.

## Talk to us about your plans!

Your PPS regional manager, bishop and the assistants to each bishop are all here to talk to you about the approval pathways for any building project the parish is planning. To prepare for this conversation, please take a look at the outline under the Building Works section on the Property webpage. It is critical that you are clear on the ACPT process before committing significant people and financial resources to a project.