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A Shared Commitment to Safeguarding Across the Diocese of Lismore

The Diocese of Lismore has recently undertaken a safeguarding audit that has demonstrated a thoughtful approach to the care of their communities.

The audit was conducted by Demetrius Consulting, one of the approved auditors on the ACSL panel of NCSS auditors, who reported a safeguarding approach led by Bishop Greg Homeming OCD that considered children and others at risk of abuse in very disrupted family, parish and community settings.

The Diocese undertook a self-assessment which was followed by a review, site visits and discussions with the Diocesan leaders, clergy, parishioners and staff.

“This audit report demonstrates how well embedded safeguarding is in the work of the Diocese. Parishes, and community services worked together and responded magnificently to ensure that the most vulnerable in their communities are cared for and respected during difficult times.” ACSL CEO, Dr Ursula Stephens said.

“Bishop Greg has helped ensure that the Diocese meets all its safeguarding obligations under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.”

ACSL acknowledges the Diocese of Lismore has successfully embedded safeguarding within its culture, demonstrating a high level of commitment and understanding of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, and an approach that is underpinned by Catholic social teaching.

All recommendations have been accepted by the Diocese and will be implemented in the next 12 months, along with continued vigilance and awareness of emerging risks.

View the Lismore Diocese audit report on ACSL’s website.

ACSL works with Catholic entities to promote and oversee a nationally consistent, comprehensive and sustainable framework for the protection of children and adults at risk within the Church in Australia.

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