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DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY LAUNCHES “AROUND THE BAY” PODCAST

The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched its own unique podcast, *Around the Bay*, as it strives to bring the Good News to all through a variety of digital and print mediums.

The podcast will feature interviews from people in and around the Diocese of Broken Bay, including clergy, laity and religious, talking about their journeys of faith, areas of ministry, and issues pertinent to the People of God in the Diocese.

However there will also be conversations with educational leaders, people from business, politics, charities, and volunteers.

There will be a new audio-visual podcast episode and YouTube interview every 3-4 weeks.

Along with *Around the Bay*, the Diocese is also launching a new monthly newsletter tomorrow, BBHighlights, featuring news and events in the Diocese and the wider Church.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay, said; “I am very pleased to launch this exciting new series highlighting the wonderful people of our Diocese, and I express my warm gratitude to our Media and Communications Broken Bay team both for the initiative and the expertise in bringing it about.

“May the encounters represented by the series share the story of our Diocese in a fresh and creative way.”

Around the Bay is recorded in a specially designed podcast studio within the Caroline Chisolm Centre, Pennant Hills.

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The podcast forms part of a renewed digital media strategy for the Diocese, which strives to spread the Good News in new and innovative ways, through videos, podcasts, social media, websites, newsletters and other digital offerings.

Dr Ranson will be the guest on the first episode of *Around the Bay*, discussing his role as Diocesan Administrator, his journey from Tasmania and his time as a Cistercian monk at Tarrawarra Abbey, to the Diocese of Broken Bay.

He will also talk about life as a parish priest, looking after the largest parish in the Diocese of Broken Bay at Chatswood, providing insight into parish life and what is drawing people to the Church in the 21st century, along with reflecting on some of his greatest influences, what motivates him as a priest as well as the major current issues of social media and generative AI.

Podcasts are one of the fastest growing digital mediums and represent a key way to spread the Good News, particularly to young people.

Nearly three quarters of people aged 18 to 34 consume podcasts every month, while more than half of those aged 35 to 54 also listen to podcasts.

In the Catholic world, podcasts have become a powerful way of spreading the Good News. The Bible in a Year with Fr Mike Schmitz topped the Apple Podcast charts shortly after its release in 2021 while Pints with Aquinas, hosted by Australian Matt Fradd, has receives millions of listeners each year.

Around the Bay will launch its first episode on Friday 14 August 2026, available on YouTube and video and audio on Spotify.

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