

Press Release for Classis South West, convened by FRC Albany on 2nd May 2025 at the FRC Albany

On behalf of the convening church of Albany, Rev J Baijal welcomed all present. He read Psalm 115, led in prayer and invited all to sing from Psalm 115: 1, 5. He remembered the call extended to Rev K Dekker by FRC Melville, and the arson attack on the church building of FRC Bunbury.

The delegates from the FRC Albany examined the credentials and found them to be in good order. All delegates stood to express their agreement with the Three Forms of Unity. According to the rotation of ministers, the meeting appointed Rev C Kleyn (chairman), Rev A Hagg (vice chairman), and Rev J Baijal (clerk) as officers. The chairman then declared the Classis constituted, and the agenda was adopted.

The chairman asked the delegates the related questions from Article 41 (C.O.), and the delegates responded affirmatively to the first two questions. Regarding the third question, no church requested the judgment and help of the classis for the proper government of their church.

The classis received correspondence from the Classis archivist, Br P Jongeling. This included a revised procedure for archiving Classis documents and a request to be released as archivist. An amended copy of the procedure document was adopted. FRC Bunbury sent a letter regarding the current archivist's request to be released from his task. This was granted, and Br Jongeling was thanked for his 13 years of service. Br D Veldkamp (FRC Comet Bay) was nominated as the new archivist. Classis also received the archive inspection report from the FRC Bunbury.

The classis appointed Rev R Pot to arrange examiners for preparatory and peremptory examinations and colloquia, Br D Veldkamp as new Classis archivist, FRC Comet Bay to inspect the classical archives, Rev A Hagg as deputy to arrange pulpit supply for vacant churches and the FRC Baldivis as convening church for the next regular classis meeting on Friday, Oct 24th, 2025, DV. The suggested officers for this Classis meeting are Rev R Pot (chairman), Rev C Kleyn (vice-chairman), and FRC Baldivis to supply the clerk.

The Classis reappointed Br Charlie Brearley (FRC Albany), Br Jack VanDuyn (FRC West Albany), and convener Br Russell 't Hart (FRC Albany) as deputies for Needy Churches, and Rev R Pot (convenor), Rev A Hagg, Rev A Witten as Church Visitors.

Several brothers used the personal question period, and censure according to Article 47 of the Church Order was not deemed necessary. The Acts of Classis were adopted, and the Press Release was approved. The chairman requested the singing of Hymn 53:2, and the Classis meeting was closed with prayer.

For Classis South West, Rev A Hagg (vice-chairman at that time)