

Press Release for Classis South-West, convened at FRC Busselton on 23rd October 2026

On behalf of the convening church of Busselton, Rev A Hagg welcomed all present. He read Revelation 1, led in prayer and invited all to sing from Psalm 110:1,2.

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

The chairman asked the delegates the questions from Article 41 (C.O.), and the delegates responded affirmatively to the first two questions. Regarding the third question, the Classis gave concurring advice on two matters presented.

The classis received 4 proposals:

1. Bunbury presented a proposal for Classis about meeting electronically instead of in person and that a previous decision clashes with CO article 41 on the need of meeting 'in person'. The proposal from Bunbury was adopted.
2. Busselton proposes that Classis request Synod 2027 to investigate the possibility of a relationship with the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA) as requested by the CRCA. The Proposal was adopted with some changes to be passed on to Synod Mundijong.
3. Bunbury presented a proposal for Synod for them to decide: (a) whether women voting is a matter of the local church or the churches in common and (b) whether this would include voting for ministers. The document was amended to be passed on to Synod Mundijong.
4. A similar proposal from Busselton was adopted within the Bunbury proposal above.

The classis received correspondence from Rev R Pot and, during his sabbatical, Rev A Hagg will step in to help West Albany as counsellor. Church Visitation reports were received with thanksgiving.

The classis reappointed Rev R Pot to arrange examiners for preparatory and peremptory examinations and colloquia, Br D Veldkamp as 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 Comet Bay as convening church for the next regular classis meeting to be held DV on Friday, March 19th, 2027. The suggested officers for this Classis meeting are Rev A Hagg (chairman), Rev J Baijal (vice-chairman), and FRC Comet Bay to supply the clerk.

The Classis reappointed Br C Brearley (FRC Albany), Br J 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 C Kleyn and 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 Classis adopted the Acts, and the Press Release was approved. The chairman requested the singing of Psalm 135:1-2, and the Classis meeting was closed with prayer.

For Classis South-West, Rev C Kleyn (vice-chairman at that time)