

Senior Minister (Rector), Anglican Parish of King Island

Rector

Anglican Parish of King Island, Tasmania

Location: King Island

(approximately 120km – 45 minutes flying time – from the shores of Tasmania and Victoria)

Job Type: Full-time (in partnership with Bush Church Aid)

Closing Date: seeking expressions of interest

About King Island

Do you love cheese, wine, windswept vistas and Jesus? Don't hesitate, your dream job as Rector of the Anglican Parish of King Island awaits! In partnership with Bush Church Aid, we are seeking expressions of interest for this exciting role.

King Island is in Bass Strait, around 120 km from the shores of Tasmania and Victoria and can be accessed by plane from Hobart, Launceston, Burnie and Melbourne. It is 64km long and 26km wide and has a population of around 1600. The main industries are beef, dairy, fishing and a scheelite mine employing approximately 100. Tourism continues to grow now the pandemic has stabilised.

The King Island District High School in Currie provides education from pre-school to year 12. There are approximately 203 students and 23 teachers. The school is within easy walking distance from the rectory. The hospital is modern and employs 4 doctors, nursing staff and a mental health professional. An aged care facility is attached to the hospital. There is a dentist, veterinary clinic and a flying doctor service on the island. Currie, the largest town on King Island, has all the facilities provided by small towns on the mainland.

About the Parish

The Anglican Parish of King Island has one weekly service on Sunday mornings. The vibrant congregation has some young families, as well as a substantial youth and children's ministry. They parish has done some youth mentoring in the local school.

There has been a weekly community radio segment instigated by the outgoing Rector, and it may be possible to continue this. The parish is well embedded in the close-knit community of the island, and there are always opportunities to draw alongside them. They occasionally join in with an ecumenical service with our Uniting and Catholic brothers and sisters.

The church was rebuilt in 2004 and seats 130 people. There is a modern, well equipped meeting room, kitchen and toilet block. The church is designed in modern brick and glass construction.

The rectory is situated on the same parcel of land as the church. The rectory has four bedrooms, two ensuites, two living areas, a study and a large kitchen. There is a spacious garden. The parish vehicle is a 2018 Kia Sportage (50,000km).

The Parish is debt free. We have \$315,000 invested in interest bearing accounts administered by the Diocese and a working capital of \$20,000. Our weekly offerings are commensurate with the size of our parish. However, with the support from Bush Church Aid we can provide a stipend for a full time Rector.

About You

You love island life, and you have a vision for taking the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. We are seeking a person who can support the ongoing work of the congregation on King Island to reach out to their neighbours and see them become disciples of Jesus.

Essential Criteria:

- 3 or 4 year degree from a theological college
- Ordained in the Anglican Church (or willing to be)
- Willing to partner with Bush Church Aid
- Good communication skills, good listener, good speaker, approachable
- Strong faith, true communicator of the Gospel, biblically based preaching
- Able to preach and teach from the Bible
- Able to lead people in making disciples of Jesus
- Experience leading volunteers in a church context
- Creative, innovative and flexible
- Work with others to build outreach to children, families and young people
- Enthusiastic and self-motivated
- Team player
- Able to work with technology
- Full time presence in the parish

About the Diocese

Bishop Richard Condie, the current Bishop, wants [making disciples of Jesus](#) to be at the core of everything we do. He also highly values training and support for church leaders – this includes each ministry leader in the Diocese having a Professional Supervisor, being in a cohort with others at the same life/ministry stage, and money and time given from the parish for professional development each year.

The current group of clergy/ministry leaders (about 80 in total) meet together twice a year and are highly supportive of each other in gospel partnership.

Find out more at the [Anglican Diocese of Tasmania website](#).

About BCA

Bush Church Aid (BCA) is a missionary organisation with a heart for people living in rural, remote, and regional Australia. Established in 1919, the Society has been going the distance to reach Australia for Christ for over one hundred years.

In partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania, BCA has been committed to the ministry on King Island since 1998. This partnership includes financial support, prayer support, and pastoral support for the Field Staff (the clergy person and their family).

To serve as Field Staff with BCA, both the candidate for the role and their spouse will need to undertake a selection process which includes interviews, psychological assessments, and referee checks.

More information on BCA, including all the ministries supported, is available at www.bushchurchoaid.com.au

Conditions

- Information about stipends and allowances in the Diocese is found [here](#)
- Housing or a housing allowance will be provided
- Appointment will be subject to fulfilling [Safe Church Communities requirements](#), including a Tasmanian Working with Vulnerable People Card and completion of a satisfactory Safe Ministry Screening Check.

How to express interest

Please direct expressions of interest to the Diocesan Registrar at personnel@anglicantas.org.au.

For further information, please contact Mr James Oakley, the Diocesan Registrar by email at registrar@anglicantas.org.au or by phone on (03) 6220 2019.