

## Farewell Beth and Edwin Lang

**THE MELBOURNE** Diocese farewelled Beth Lang, Locum Tenens Co-ordinator and former PA to the Director of Diocesan Services, last month. Beth is moving to Tasmania to join her husband Archdeacon Edwin Lang, who has been appointed Registrar and Director of Business Services for the Diocese of Tasmania.

Ken Spackman, Registrar and Business Manager of the Melbourne Diocese, told *TMA*: "Beth has treated the role of Locum Tenens Co-ordinator very much as a ministry, her approach has been one of carefully matching clergy to parishes and ensure that 'her flock' of locum clergy receive the very best care and attention that she has to offer.

"A testament to her manner and her work has been the very strong personal relationships that she has developed with many over the years and a lasting legacy will be for the Diocese to appoint her replacement as a clerical position in acknowledgment of the impact her ministry has had.



"Another side of Beth that has more recently come to the fore in her subsidiary role as special projects officer, has been her research and analytical abilities, particularly in respect to the growth of Melbourne and the National Church Life Survey (NCLS).

"The Diocese of Tasmania is extremely fortunate to have a 'two for one offer' with the appointment of Edwin to his new role. We wish Edwin and Beth well in their new adventure and in particular acknowledge Beth for her very considerable contribution to the ministry of God's Word in this Diocese."

In announcing the appointment of Archdeacon Lang, the Bishop of Tasmania, John Harrower, said: "[Archdeacon] Edwin Lang... with his wife, Beth, has served the Anglican Church in Adelaide, then as incumbent of three Melbourne parishes and Archdeacon of Dandenong. Intertwined with these grassroots ministries was his leadership of CMS in Victoria, and as Diocesan General Manager (Registrar) for the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland. It was there that he made a significant contribution to the corporate recovery of the Diocese from the brink of insolvency. The Synod appreciated Edwin for 'introducing a more spiritual aspect into the administrative field and for emphasizing and affirming the ministry role of the Diocese in its support of the Parishes and Parish Clergy'.

"An experienced senior accountant, a Fellow of CPA Australia, Edwin is recognised as a Fellow by the Australian Institute of Management and as a Certified Professional by the Australian Human Resources Institute. His passion for people and the effective and strategic deployment of organisational resources led to a Master's degree in Human Resource Management (Melb)."