



“WHY DO WE NEED A PARISH COUNCIL?”

This was the question posed in our parish magazine called “*The Scribble*” in 1970 of which a copy exists to this day in our archives. The **South Yarra Parish Pastoral Council** was one of the first established in the Archdiocese following the Second Vatican Council.

The first meeting of a Steering Committee was held on 21st June 1970 and was attended by parish clergy, a religious sister and four parishioners. The first Annual General Meeting of the parish was convened on 11th October the same year where some misgivings were expressed. However, when nominations were called for the twelve positions on the Council a total of 31 were received. The initial Council membership included people aged from 19 to 50 representing a complete cross-section of age, opinion and geographical location.

As the article in the magazine explained, “*the Council exists to advise and assist the parish priest and to be a liaison between the parishioners and the priests*”. That remains our purpose and goal to this day.

Your Parish Council exists to represent you and to be your voice. Please think carefully about nominating someone for the new council to be appointed and installed at our Parish Annual General Meeting on March 31st. Nominations close next Sunday March 24th.