



**Pastoral
Discernment**
Central Coast

**Listening to
one another
guided by the
Holy Spirit**





Acknowledgement of Country

The Diocese of Broken Bay acknowledges the Darkinjung and Awabakal peoples as the Traditional Owners of this ancient land.

We acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

We pray and give thanks for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land that we call home.

The Road to Emmaus by Marilyn Fraser



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo

Bishop of Broken Bay

As part of the 35th anniversary of our Diocese of Broken Bay, I invite the community of the church on the Central Coast to journey forward together as pilgrims and missionaries. I have identified the Central Coast as a particular context for a renewed proclamation of the Gospel, for evangelisation and catechesis, and for innovative pastoral creativity.

Patti Beattie

Pastoral Discernment Central Coast – Project Facilitator

As project facilitator, I am delighted to be able to collaborate with and hear from the people of the Central Coast as we journey the “pastoral discernment” pathway together. The project involves both listening and dialogue, and will provide for opportunities to share our wisdom, experiences, and insights so we understand better how to ensure a sustainable and thriving community. The actions borne from our discernment will bear fruit for generations to come.



Speak with your Parish Priest or community leader about engaging in this exciting new initiative.



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Pastoral Discernment Means



Walking together

Guided by the Holy Spirit helping us discover and share the variety of gifts, charisms and ministries of our communities.



Listening

Having an open heart and mind to hear what others are saying.



Sharing the story

Allowing all to express themselves, to be heard, and to speak with authentic courage.



Participation in mission

An invitation to participate and journey together as pilgrims and missionary people of God.



Dialogue with others

Dialogue requires perseverance and patience to enable mutual understanding.



Moving forward

Allows for participation in mission, formation for all, and opportunities to engage in dialogue.



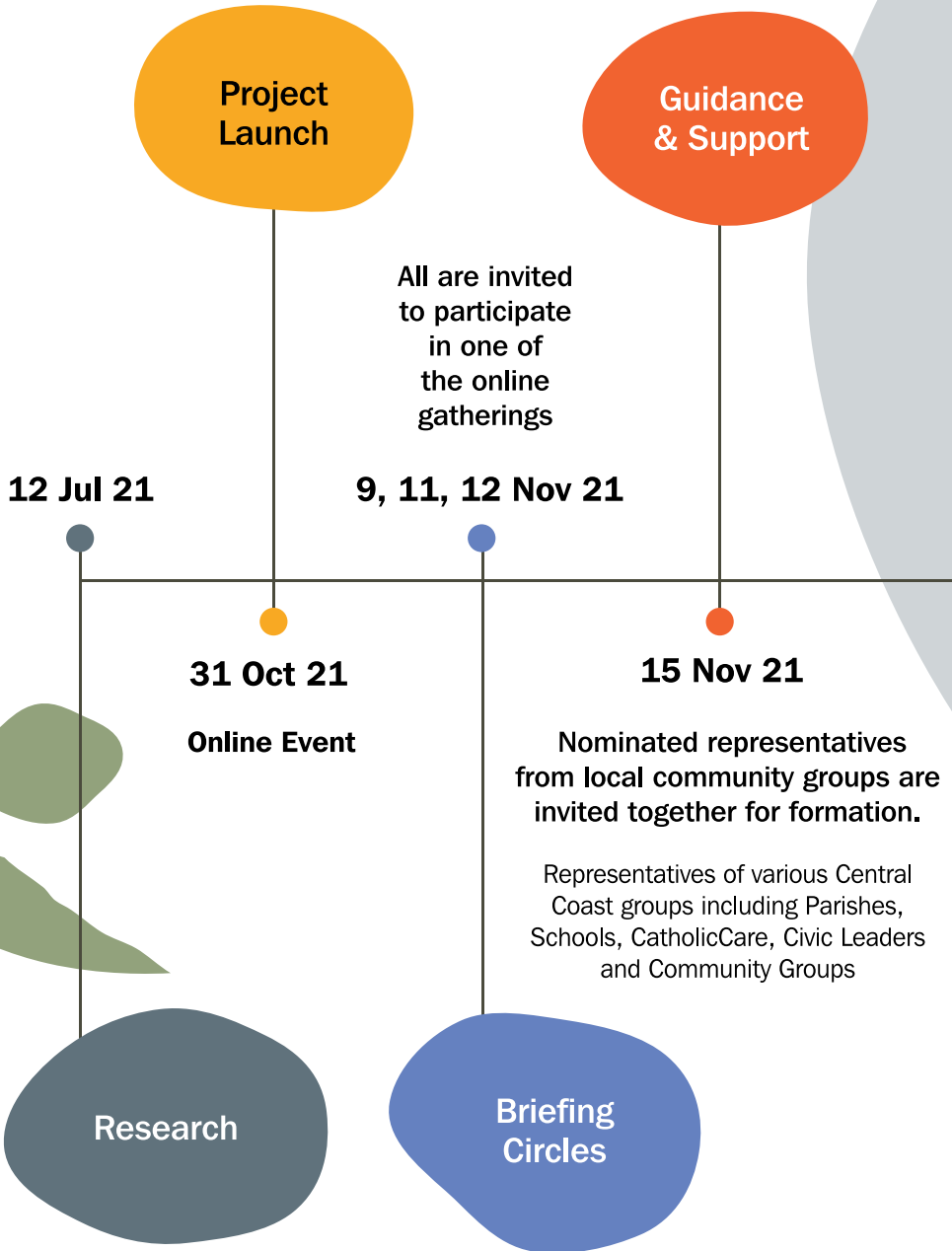


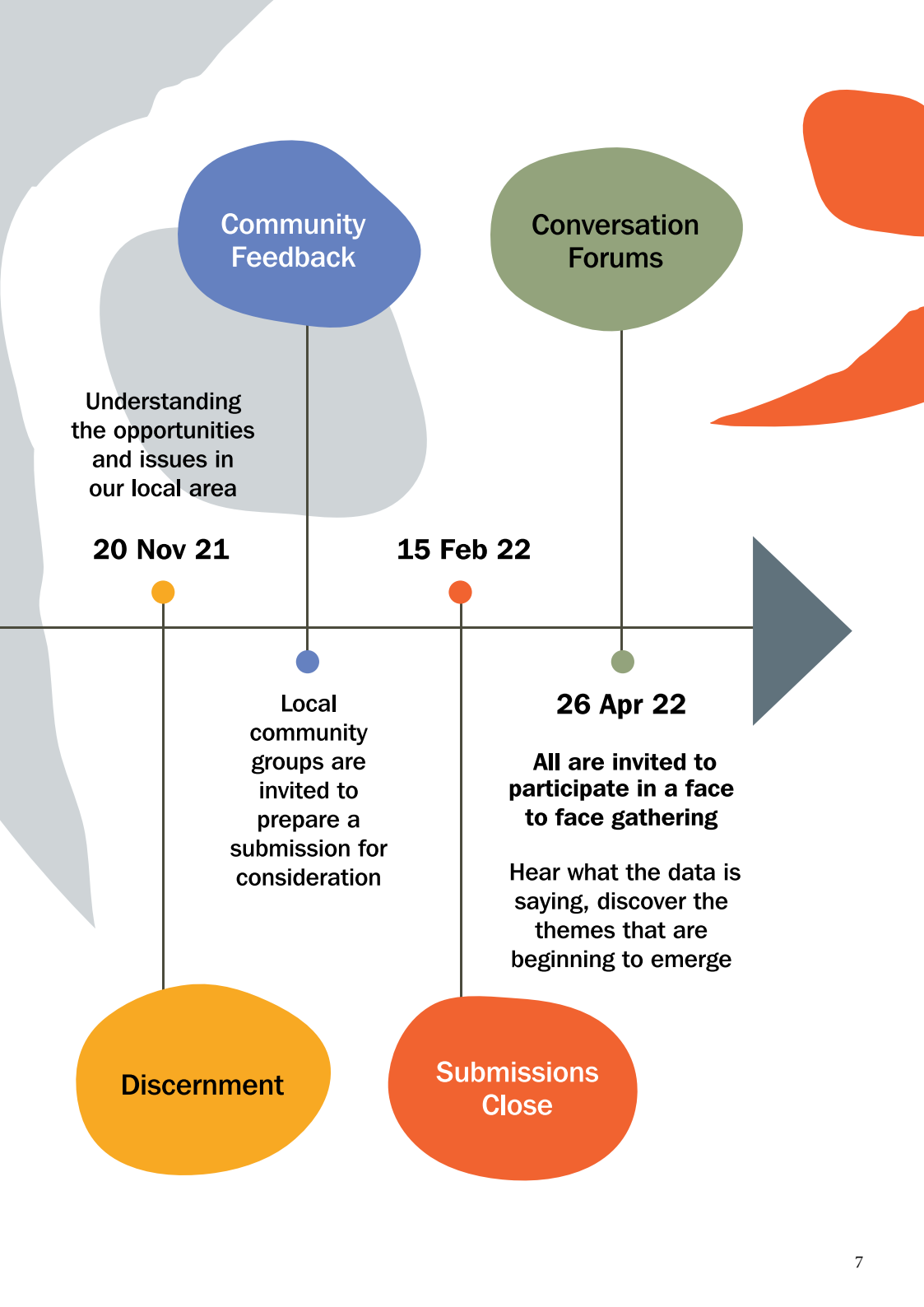
The aim of the Central Coast Project, is to renew the life of the Church, recognising and appreciating the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon the community and the family of God.

- To **develop more effective strategies for evangelisation** in a parish context, focussing on **parish renewal** and discipleship.
- To develop inclusive processes which offer everyone the opportunity to express themselves and be heard, **ensuring a sustainable and thriving community.**
- The project will inform a **future template for discernment** in other regions of the Diocese.

The project **themes and process** have drawn on the **language and ideas** presented for the 2023 Synod of Bishops.

Project Timeline





Community Feedback

Understanding the opportunities and issues in our local area

20 Nov 21

Conversation Forums

15 Feb 22

Local community groups are invited to prepare a submission for consideration

26 Apr 22

All are invited to participate in a face to face gathering

Hear what the data is saying, discover the themes that are beginning to emerge

Discernment

Submissions Close



Become Involved

The project involves a sustained and prayerful study of the various factors which give the region of Central Coast its unique character, including:



Demographic trends



Social and economic issues



Parish trends of affiliation and participation

- The community is invited to participate in the consultation process beginning with briefing circles to open conversation pathways.
- Each of our local community groups will be invited to develop a pastoral discernment submission.
- The submissions will be collated and emerging themes will then be presented for further consultation.
- A final report will be compiled for Bishop Anthony's consideration from the consultation feedback that is received.

We are inward
focussed on
the cross and
outward looking
for mission

We are joined
as one body
in communion
with Christ



Our outstretched
hands unite the
community as one

Variety of colours
symbolises our
unique and
diverse
community

As we journey forward together, we pray

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey forward together
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

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