



GEORGES RIVER
LIFE CHURCH

MOVING OUR ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING TO ALIGN WITH BEST PRACTICE

Next ACM: June 2026

We are relocating our Annual Church Meeting (ACM) from end of the year to May/June to align with best practice governance standards for not-for-profit organisations in Australia.

While as an unincorporated association we are not legally required to hold ACM's at specific times, good governance practice requires us to be accountable to our members. Incorporated associations in most Australian states are required to hold AGMs within 6 months of their financial year-end, providing valuable guidance for our own practices.

With our financial year running January to December, our current end-of-year timing creates a significant governance issue. At this November's ACM members are approving the 2024 financial year accounts, information that's almost a year old and no longer reflects our current financial position.

Our audit process follows best practice. The audit commences January/February, with audited financial statements being delivered March/April, allowing thorough review of our accounts.

By moving our ACM to May/June, members will review audited accounts just 2-3 months after completion, current, relevant financial information that accurately reflects our recent performance and enables informed decision-making about our church's direction and stewardship of resources.

This change demonstrates our commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in governance for our members.