

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2001

Introduction

1. The Council met on 6 occasions in 2000 at Meriden School, Strathfield. The meal at the beginning of each meeting has been instrumental in building community between the members who come from eighteen different parishes and represent the diversity of the region.

Membership

2. The membership of the Regional Council was -

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| The Rt Rev Peter Watson (until May) | Mr Richard Arkell |
| The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth (from August) | Mrs Elisabeth Boyce |
| The Ven Trevor Edwards | Dr Robert Claxton |
| The Rev Philip Bradford | Mrs Sarita England |
| The Rev John Cashman | Mrs Jeanette Glass |
| The Rev David Crain | Mr Warwick Lewarne |
| The Rev Geoff Deutscher | Mr Allan Pidgeon |
| The Rev Trevor Goodman-Jones | Mr Chris Thomas |
| The Rev Deryck Howell | Miss Alicia Watson |
| The Rev John McIntyre | Dr Ruth White |
| The Rev Trevor Oakley | |

3. Mr Richard Arkell of the parish of Rozelle/Lilyfield was appointed to the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr Ross Hindmarsh.

Ministry Strategies

4. The Council has continued to pursue the priorities identified in its strategic plan. These priorities include ministry among youth and children (encouraging parishes to establish and maintain children's and youth work, and continuing to support evangelism among higher education students), cross-cultural ministry (especially raising awareness of our multicultural mission context) and supporting ministry initiatives in areas of population regrowth.

5. In the course of finetuning its strategic plan the Council has refined its grants document and has now informed all parishes in the region of the new categories which will now prevail. The Council intends to have fixed term partnership funding agreements which are either **seeding grants** (reducing grants in the context of an overall commitment for the ministry project to become self-supporting after a suitable period of time) or **saving grants** (designed to save or make viable again an existing ministry which is experiencing a short-term emergency). In addition **special grants** are for long-term work of a high priority where it is unrealistic to expect any parish to fund and which constitutes a significant opportunity for the gospel. The three university chaplaincy grants

are prime examples. Occasionally the Council will contemplate a grant for a special event or occasion which does not fit into other criteria.

6. The Council is continuing to develop intentional review and accountability procedures.

Grants 2000

7. Funds from the Synod and various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed as follows -

| Parish | Purpose | Amount \$ |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Abbotsford | Youth ministry | 12 000 |
| Annandale | Children's ministry | 3 000 |
| Bellevue Hill | Youth ministry | 15 000 |
| Broadway | Sydney University Chaplain | 35 000 |
| Broadway | UTS Chaplain | 35 000 |
| Centennial Park | UNSW Chaplain | 35 000 |
| Concord West | Youth Catechist | 6 000 |
| Cooks River | Multicultural youth outreach | 30 000 |
| Croydon | Female Pastoral Care Assistant | 10 000 |
| East Sydney | Parish Outreach Worker | 25 000 |
| Enfield | Assistant Minister | 38 000 |
| Five Dock | Youth ministry | 4 170 |
| Glebe | Youth ministry | 10 000 |
| Lord Howe Island | Part-time Ministers | 12 376 |
| Maroubra | Youth ministry | 8 000 |
| Maori | Chaplain | 15 000 |
| Newtown | Saving grant | 25 000 |
| Norfolk Island | Youth ministry | 25 000 |
| Petersham | Youth ministry | 1 803 |
| Rozelle/ Lilyfield | Youth ministry | 15 000 |
| South Sydney | Aboriginal Pastor | 38 000 |
| Summer Hill | Female Outreach Worker | 12 000 |
| Loans / Administration | | 11 700 |
| | | 422 049 |

8. Consideration of grants for 2001-2002 was completed at the November meeting and successful applicants were notified.

Other Matters

9. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met throughout the year under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon. This group performs an invaluable service for both the Synod and the region.

10. Acting under the Parishes Ordinance 1979, the South Sydney Regional Council recommended that the parish of Newtown become a provisional parish.

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11. Given the fact that the South Sydney Regional Council is charged under the Regions Ordinance 1995 to develop ministry strategies in the Region, the Council responded to a request from the Synod to comment on the proposed Recognised Churches Ordinance. The Council's concern that the legislation only gave a role to regional councils at the end stage of the process was taken up eventually in amendments to the bill during the 2000 Synod.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

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