

Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2003

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Charter

1. The Western Sydney Regional Council has continued its functions for another year since its last Report.
2. Following revised guidelines, the Council funds received from Synod were distributed to parishes and other ministries in response to requests and plans and its own strategy. Over \$500,000 was so allocated during 2002.

Access

3. The principal Office of the Council is located at the Anglican Church Office - (Bishop of Western Sydney) 191 Church Street, Parramatta 2150 (PO Box 1443 Parramatta 2124). Office hours are 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Telephone 02 9635 3186 or 9689 1475. Email: office@westernsydney.anglican.asn.au. The Regional Secretary is Ms Kirsty Grugan.

Members

4. The following list were members as at 31 December 2002 -

Ex Officio:

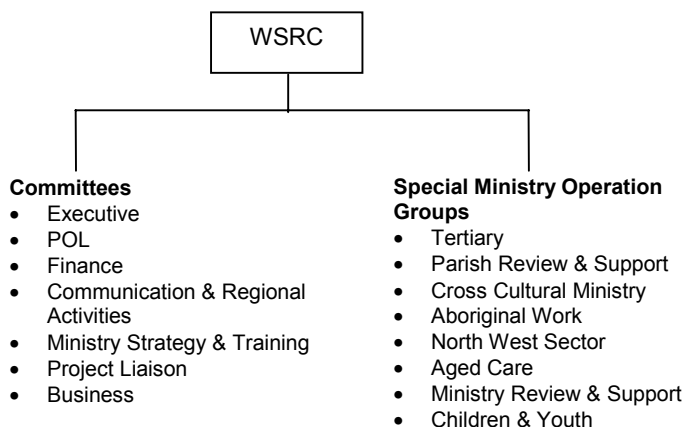
Bishop B F V King Archdeacon Ken Allen

Elected:

Mr J Barnard (Windsor)	Mr N Attwood (Toongabbie)
Canon J W South (Emu Plains)	Mr A Frank (Northmead)
The Rev W Presbury (Glenbrook)	Dr R James (Penrith)
The Rev Cn D Mulready (Parramatta)	Mr D Lewarne (Parramatta)
The Rev P Griffin (W'worthville)	Mr W D Nicholson (Lalor Park)
The Rev N Macken (Northmead)	Mr I Reynolds (Lalor Park)
The Rev G Bates (Wilberforce)	Mrs G Williams (Dundas)
The Rev C Blacket (Rooty Hill)	Mrs A Hughes (Glenbrook)
The Rev R Vassallo (Rooty Hill)	

Structure of Organisation

4. The following sets out the structure of the Council and its various committees.



Activities

5. The Council meets at least bi-monthly with these committees and Special Ministry Operation Groups (SMOGS) meeting where possible between Council meetings.
6. Financial support was given to parishes and other organisations to support workers. The practice of continuing to give a gift to those candidates from the Region in fulltime training for ordained ministry has continued and many parishes are generous with their gifts.
7. Loans and grants for major maintenance needs were made.
8. Two supplements of “Link” were published as inclusions in the “Southern Cross” newspaper. Our editor received several positive follow up calls demonstrating the level of acceptance and interest.

Vision

9. To Support and Encourage Evangelism and Discipleship (**SEED**).

Grants and Loans

10. The list of Grants and Loans made is included in the Annual Accounts tabled at Synod.

Highlights

11. The year was highlighted by our third annual conference (in September) for lay people and full time workers in the region.
12. About 160 people attended a conference based around the emerging vision later adopted by Synod. The Archbishop attended and led several sessions on explaining the vision and mobilising the Vision. An audio visual sweep around some parishes and their activities was a highlight.

13. Strategy for ministry and evangelism in the North West Sector was the subject of discussion at meetings and progress was noted. In November Dr John Woodhouse visited the council and shared his vision for Moore College and its role in equipping workers for the mission of the diocese.

14. On 30 November 2002 the region sponsored a diocesan and regional farewell to Bishop Brian and Mrs Pamela King at Tara School. Some 700 people gathered to thank the Kings for their ministry and in particular their 9 years of untiring service to the Western Region, the Defence Force Chaplains and the Olympic Games Task Force.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

KEN ALLEN
Archdeacon

February 2003