

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2003

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met on seven occasions in 2003 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. As at 31 December 2003, the membership of the Regional Council was:

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	Mr Richard Arkell
The Ven Deryck Howell	Ms Sarah Blakelock
The Rev Paul Cohen	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Nick Foord	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Trevor Oakley	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev John McIntyre	Mrs Jeanette Glass
The Rev Greg Thompson	Mrs Bronwyn Hughes
3 vacancies	Mr Warwick Lewarne
	Mr Allan Pidgeon
	Miss Alicia Watson

3. In March 2003, Council received the resignation of the Ven Trevor Edwards, member of Council since its inception in 1996, to become rector of Wanniasa, ACT and Archdeacon of South Canberra. Council recorded its deep gratitude to God for his ministry in South Sydney.

4. During the year, the following valued members of Council resigned:

The Rev Trevor Goodman-Jones	Mr Chris Thomas
The Rev Paul Watson	

Ministry Strategies

5. At each meeting of the Council, substantial discussion has taken place on the Diocesan Mission and its implications for churches and ministries in the South Sydney Region.

6. Discussion of ministry strategies during the year: the Council's focus of attention in 2003 continued on the two church planting projects, at Green Square and Pyrmont. This is the culmination of much prayerful planning and we are delighted at the progress being made by the able staff of both churches.

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7. The Council also received reports and visits from the Rev Howard Dillon, CEO of Anglicare, about Anglicare's ministry in the Diocese and also from Mr Hovel Hovanesian and Mr Greg Nelson giving a presentation on the Mission Property Committee report given to Synod.

Ministry Partnerships 2003

8. Funds from the Synod including Parish Assistance Fund monies and various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed as follows:

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Abbotsford	Youth ministry	4,855
Annandale	PAF	9,707
Ashfield	PAF	7,000
Bondi Beach	PAF	9,500
Broadway	Pymont church plant	9,000
Broadway	Sydney University Chaplain	40,000
Broadway	UTS Chaplain	40,000
Clovelly	PAF	5,000
Concord/ Burwood	Part-time children's ministry	6,000
Concord West	Youth catechists	21,000
Coogee	Youth ministry	5,000
Coogee	PAF	4,000
Cooks River	Multicultural youth outreach	30,000
Darling Street	Assistant minister	16,668
East Sydney	Parish Outreach Worker	21,000
Five Dock	Youth ministry	10,000
Lord Howe Island	Part-time Ministers	15,000
Maroubra	Youth ministry	8,000
Newtown	Saving grant	20,000
Newtown	PAF	5,000
Petersham	Youth ministry	7,494
South Sydney	Aboriginal Pastor	40,000
South Sydney	Green Square church plant	40,000
Strathfield (St Andrew's)	PAF	5,000
Strathfield Homebush	Multicultural outreach	6,000
Summer Hill	Female ministry worker	10,000
Unichurch (UNSW)	UNSW Chaplain	40,000
Loans / Administration		<u>8,985</u>
		444,209

9. Consideration of ministry partnerships for 2003 was completed at the November 2002 meeting and successful applicants were notified.

Other Matters

10. 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.

11. Acts of the Council: during the year the Council acted according to its powers to: a) permit the parish of Darling Street to conduct a combined vestry meeting, elect a parish council as determined by that meeting and have one set of wardens for the whole parish; b) note that the declaration of Unichurch (UNSW) under the Recognised Churches Ordinance.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

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Regional Archdeacon
23 August 2004