

Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2003

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Charter

1. The Western Sydney Regional Council under the Regions Ordinance 1995 has continued its functions for another year since its last Report.
2. Funds received from Synod were distributed to Parishes and other ministries via grant applications and according to the Diocesan Mission and regional ministry strategies. Over \$500,000 was so allocated during 2003.

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. Email: office@westernsydney.anglican.asn.au. The Regional Secretary is Ms Kirsty Grugan.

Members

4. The following list are the members as at 31 December, 2003 –

Ex Officio:

Bishop I Y Lee

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 (Wentworthville)

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)

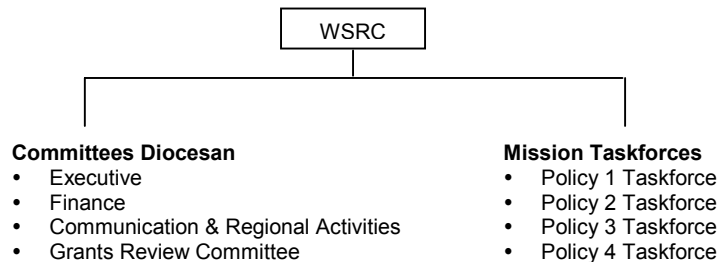
The Rev C Blakett (Rooty Hill)

Mrs A Hughes (Glenbrook)

The Rev R Vassallo (Rooty Hill)

Structure of organisation

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



Activities

6. The Council meets at least bi-monthly with these committees and Taskforces meeting where possible between Council meetings.
7. Financial support was given to Parishes and other organisations in supporting workers. The practice in the past 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.
8. Loans and grants for major maintenance needs were occasionally made.
9. 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.

Grants and loans

10. The list of grants and loans made are included in the Annual Accounts tabled at Synod.

Highlights

11. At its first meeting in 2003 the Regional Council welcomed Bishop Ivan Lee as its new chairman.
12. At our Regional Council strategy day in March the Regional Council decided to form four new Taskforces which would seek to implement the 4 policies of the Diocesan Mission as they applied to the region. The council also agreed to form a Gospel Growth and Ministry Taskforce that would assist struggling parishes which needed help in vision and strategic planning.
13. The Council decided to support with funding, initiatives suggested by the Bishop to employ two church planters in the North West Sector in Rouse Hill in 2004. A separate parish was created by the Archbishop and in 2005 further funding from the Diocesan Policy 2A Committee will further expand this work.
14. In September we held our fourth Annual Regional Conference at the new Kellyville Ministry Centre where lay representatives and church workers from all the parishes were able to meet for bible teaching and mutual encouragement. The theme focussed on Policy 1 and prayer in particular. The keynote speaker was the Bishop of Armidale Peter Brain.
15. The Council supported two provisional parishes, Rooty Hill and Oakhurst, becoming Parishes. It also supported the creation of Cranebrook Provisional Parish (formed from Cambridge Park) and a name change for Crestwood to Norwest Anglican Church.

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16. In November the Council was visited and addressed by three members of the Mission Property Committee to give an outline of the aims and proposals of this committee.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

K P ALLEN
Regional Archdeacon
30 August 2004