

## **Proposal to Change the Assisted Provisional Parish of Georges Hall to a Provisional Parish**

(A report from the Standing Committee.)

### **Initiation of Proposal**

1. The proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of St Martin's Church, Georges Hall.
2. The requirements of the Parishes Ordinance have been complied with.

### **Details of the Meeting**

3. A meeting of the Permanent Investigation Committee was held on 21 June 1996 to consider the proposal under clause 5 of the Parishes Ordinance when the following persons were present -

*Permanent Investigation Committee:* Archdeacon R.T. Platt (Chairman), Mr W.G.S. Gotley, Archdeacon G.R. Huard, the Rev P.J. Tasker.

*Anglican Home Mission Society:* The Rev S. Horton

*Promoters:* The Rev T. Filewood, Mr P. Cunliffe and Mr R. Peters

*In attendance:* K.R. Bowden (Secretary).

### **The Proposal**

4. The proposal is to change the Assisted Provisional Parish of Georges Hall to a Provisional Parish from 1 November 1996.
5. Georges Hall was declared a new housing district in November 1977 from territory which was formerly part of the Parish of Yagoona.
6. The Rev T.D. Filewood was appointed curate in charge on 9 February 1996. There were 2 acting curates in charge at different times in 1995.

### **Parish Information**

7. The 1991 Census revealed a population of 9,582 of whom 24% are Anglicans.
8. Services are conducted at 9 am and 7 pm on Sundays and average attendances of the 2 services combined are as follows:

1990	65
1991	63
1992	94
1993	72
1994	70
1995	59
1996 (so far)	68

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9. Attendances at other parish activities have been growing and recent averages are -

Sunday School	20
Youth Group	6
Bible Studies	14
Mens Fellowship (monthly)	15
Womens Fellowship (monthly)	18

A friendship group for Seniors has recently begun.

10. A summary of the receipts and payments of St Martin's over the last 3 years and the budget for 1996 is given below -

	1993	1994	1995	1996 Budget
<i>Receipts</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Offertory and donations	48,812	55,001	46,819	47,500
Interest and rent	170	268	6,224	8,300
Grants	5,000	5,000	4,000	-
Other receipts	7,379	8,484	1,456	900
Total Receipts	<u>61,361</u>	<u>68,753</u>	<u>58,499</u>	<u>56,700</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Stipends, Salaries & Allowances	40,737	36,343	12,636	49,014
Assessments	320	320	3,500	4,150
Missions	5,499	7,798	6,644	7,500
Investment	-	15,000	-	15,000
Other payments	10,649	13,389	13,117	13,700
Total Payments	<u>57,205</u>	<u>72,850</u>	<u>35,897</u>	<u>89,364</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>4,156</u>	<u>(4,097)</u>	<u>22,602</u>	<u>(32,664)</u>

The Stipends for 1996 Budget include payments due to 1995 locum tenens of \$6,700 and provision for a part time youth worker.

11. A summary of the assets and liabilities at 31 December 1995 follows.

<i>Assets</i>	\$
Land, buildings and contents	706,550
State Bank term deposit	15,907
State Bank account	27,345
St George Bank account	882
Total assets	<u>750,684</u>
<i>Less Liabilities</i>	
Current liabilities	9,712
Mission trust fund	4,650
Finance and Loans Board loan	10,020
Finance and Loans Board loan	<u>20,287</u>

Total liabilities	<u>44,669</u>
Net Assets	<u>706,015</u>

12. The Executive Director of AHMS has advised that settlement is pending on a development property held in trust for Georges Hall. The 2 loans from the Finance and Loans Board will be repaid from this settlement and a small surplus is expected but most, if not all, of this surplus will be required to cover additional costs incurred by AHMS.

13. The following details have been supplied about real estate held by the Church Property Trust upon trust for the parish -

<i>Address</i>	<i>Value of Improvements \$</i>	<i>Condition of Buildings</i>
St Martin's Church	325,000	Good
Rectory	135,000	New
Church hall	150,000	Fair
Old Rectory	110,000	Medium
Toilet Block	11,000	Good
Garage	13,000	Fair

14. Archdeacon Huard supports the proposal.

**Recommendation**

15. The Standing Committee recommends that the Assisted Provisional Parish of Georges Hall become a Provisional Parish from 1 November 1996.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

K.R. BOWDEN  
*Assistant Diocesan Secretary*

3 September 1996