

Proposal to change the Provisional Parish of Glenquarie to a Parish

(A report from the Wollongong Anglican Regional Council.)

Initiation of Proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of St Alban's Macquarie Fields on 17 May, 1994 in accordance with clause 4(1) (b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979 (called "the Ordinance").

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Wollongong Anglican Regional Council was held on 12 July 1994 to consider the proposal in accordance with clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. WARC certified that all procedural requirements under clauses 4 and 6 of the Ordinance had been complied with and noted that no objections had been received.

History of the Provisional Parish

4. The Provisional Parish was formed as a New Housing District from the Parish of Ingleburn with Denham Court and Rossmore in 1976 and became a Provisional Parish on 1 November 1986. The land and buildings were provided from local initiatives assisted by a \$20,000 loan from HMS. Staff grants came from the HMS (Parish Support and Development) since 1982.

Details of the Proposal

5. Church property held by the Property Trust upon trust for Glenquarie –

Buildings	VG, UCV \$	Replacement Estimate \$	Debts \$	Condition
St Alban Church complex	350,000	687,000	Nil	Good
Holy Trinity Church complex	70,000	388,000	Nil	Good
Minister's Residence - 32 Edgar Street	*	130,000	Nil	Good
Assistant Minister's Residence - 9 Brooks Street	50,000	91,000	Nil	Good

* Built on the church complex site.

6. The Minister's and Assistant Minister's residences are modern buildings in good repair and comply with diocesan standards. The Church at Macquarie Fields (St Alban's) seats 150 people and the Church at Glenfield (Holy Trinity) seats 90 people.

7. The Minister is paid not less than the minimum stipend last recommended together with an adequate allowance for travelling expenses. These amounts have been met from local revenues.

8. All assessments and superannuation contributions payable by Glenquarie have been paid.

9. The Provisional Parish is in a sound financial position. There are no debts on the land and buildings. Staff consists of 2 full time ordained staff and 1 part time staff member. The Assistant Minister and part time member are largely paid with an HMS grant. Because of the large public housing component in the Provisional Parish it is anticipated that the second full-time worker will continue to be funded from a grant. A summary of receipts follows –

	1991 \$	1992 \$	1993 \$
Offeratories	57,464	58,369	54,139
Missions	5,643	1,278	2,436
Other	2,597	4,363	4,721

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Redemption Invests	Nil	3,000	1,000
HMS Grants	21,000	30,000	39,500
Total	86,704	97,010	101,796

10. There are approximately 3,000 families and 500 single persons residing in the proposed Parish who claim adherence to the Anglican Church of Australia. The weekly Sunday attendance at church is 140 (95 adults and 45 children).

11. Attendance at services –

Service Time	1991	1992	1993	1994
St Alban's, Macquarie Fields				
8.00 am	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
9.30 am - adults	67	57	59	52
- children	51	46	46	46
6.30 pm	28	23	21	12
Holy Trinity, Glenfield				
9.00 am	35	30	32	32

12. The parish ministry includes 9 adults' Bible Groups (65 members); a Craft Group; Sunday School (40 children); Junior Teens; After School Club; High School Breakfast Club; an extensive ministry to the aged residents in local Masonic Homes and quarterly week of prayer.

13. SRE is taught by staff and 6 lay people in 2 High Schools and 5 Public Schools.

14. The population of the Provisional Parish has grown steadily over recent years to 27,000 approximately and further development is slowing.

Recommendation

15. That Synod assent to the proposal for the Provisional Parish of Glenquarie to become a Parish from 1 January 1995.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Anglican Regional Council

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