

## South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2006

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

### Introduction

1. The Council met on six occasions during 2006, at St Andrew's Cathedral School in the city. Meeting in a city location with its accompanying meal before the Council meeting has proved to be very popular and helpful.

### Membership

2. As at 31 December 2006 the membership of the Regional Council was:

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	Mr Richard Arkell
The Ven Deryck Howell	Ms Sarah Blakelock
The Rev Antony Barraclough	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Geoff Broughton	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Francis Chalwell	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Dr Tim Foster	Mr Robert Freeman
The Rev Tom Henderson-Brooks	Mrs Jeanette Glass
The Rev Andrew Katay	Mrs Paulette Gray
The Rev Dr Keith Mascord	Mr Allan Pidgeon
The Rev Jeremy Tonks	Miss Alicia Watson

3. The Rev Dr Keith Mascord resigned at the end of 2006 and has been replaced by the Rev Andrew Moore.

### Ministry Strategies

4. Council has continued to work hard at the implications of the Diocesan Mission for churches and ministries in the South Sydney Region. This oldest region of the Diocese continues to undergo substantial change and rejuvenation. As reported at last Synod, we have seen a change in incumbents or parishes in the region in the order of 80% in the last 5 years. We recognise that the hardest work lies ahead of us, but Council is confident and positive that we will continue to see God do great things in this region. For instance, in 2006 we employed the Rev Jim Ramsay of Evangelism Ministries to be available as a consultant to parishes on a needs basis, which has proven very beneficial to ministers in their thinking and planning for gospel growth.

5. On Saturday May 10 2006 Council held an extra meeting in the form of a Planning day, the results of which have been the subject of major items on the agenda since. At each meeting since, for instance,

we have tried to become aware of the needs and ministry in each deanery, so that we are better informed in decision-making.

### **Ministry Partnerships 2006**

Funds from the Synod, including various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed to parishes and ministries as follows:

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Annandale	Assistant minister	10,000
Ashbury	Children's worker	5,741
Ashfield	Apprentice	20,000
Broadway	Two chaplaincies	85,926
Broadway (Pymont)	Peninsula Comm. Church minister	14,258
Concord West	Assistant Minister	53,000
Coogee	Children's worker	8,500
Cooks River	Youth worker	25,000
East Sydney	Street evangelist	28,000
Evangelism Ministries	Parish consultancy	15,000
Lord Howe Island	Ministry airfares and expenses	22,338
Newtown	Rector and children's worker	20,000
South Coogee	Youth worker	8 000
South Sydney	Aboriginal pastor, church planter	73,926
Surry Hills	Homework teacher	5,000
Unichurch (UNSW)	Chaplain, Asian worker, Asst minister	85,926
<b>Total grant payments</b>		<b>465,615</b>
<b>Other payments:</b>		
Loan repayments	F & L Board	6,668
Other disbursements		<u>9,388</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>481 671</b>

6. Consideration of ministry partnership grants for 2007 was completed at the August 2006 meeting and successful applicants were notified.

### **Other Matters**

7. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met during the year, again under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon dealing with ordinances for the parishes of Watsons Bay and Kensington.

8. Council recommended the raising of the parishes of Ashbury, Annandale and St Andrew's Strathfield to full parish status from 1 January 2007, and this was agreed to by the Synod.

9. Council has been kept informed of the progress of plans for the future of St Barnabas Broadway following the fire on May 10 2006.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

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*Archdeacon of South Sydney*

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