

Georges River Regional Council Annual Report for 2007

(A report from the Georges River Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Georges River Regional Council was constituted under the Region's Ordinance 1995 and its functions, powers and duties are as established by Clause 6 of that ordinance. The Region covers the Areas Deaneries of Canterbury, St George, Bankstown, Salt Pan Creek and Liverpool in this Diocese.

2. The Principal Office of the Georges River Regional Council is St Andrew's House, Sydney Square, Sydney, NSW 2000 (PO Box Q190, Sydney 1230) and the phone number is 9265 1530. The business hours are Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00pm. The Honorary Secretary is Mr Ian Scarfe (phone 9533 5003) and the Honorary Treasurer is Mr Richard Graves (phone 9153 7307).

Membership

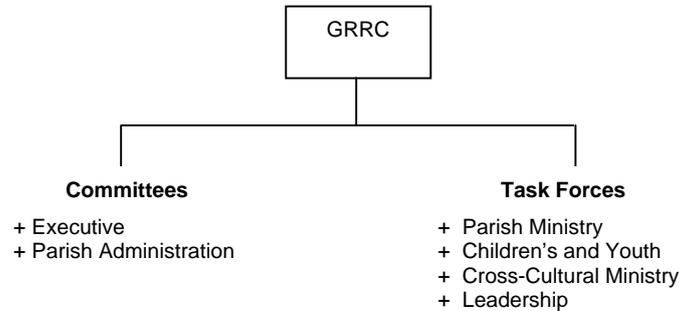
3. The members of the Regional Council as at December 2007 were as follows –

<i>Name</i>	<i>Method & Term of Appointment</i>	<i>Attendance in 2007</i>
Bishop P J Tasker	Ex-officio	5
Archdeacon G R Huard	Ex-officio	5
Rev P L Hayward	Elected for three years	5
Rev E Brush	Elected for three years	5
Rev I Cox	Elected for three years	2
Rev B Macalister	Elected for three years	4
Rev P Lin	Elected for two years	5
Rev S Milne	Elected for three years	6
Mr R Graves	Elected for three years	4
Rev K Coleman	Elected for two years	4
Mr C Ellis	Elected for three years	6
Mr G Nelson	Elected for three years	3
Mr I Scarfe	Elected for three years	5
Miss N Esler	Elected for three years	6
Mr D Power	Elected for two years	4

4. The significant committees are the Executive Committee and the four Task Forces.

Structure of the Council

5. The Council's organisation and Committee structure is –



6. The senior officers of the Council are: Chairman – Bishop P J Tasker; Vice Chairman – Mr C Ellis; Treasurer – Mr R Graves; Secretary – Mr I Scarfe, Archdeacon G Huard and Rev I Cox.

Activities

7. The Regional Council has continued to give time and attention to the ministry strategy being developed for the parishes from Marrickville to Bankstown. A special report was commissioned from Rev C Thanopoulos and Mr N Hedges on the Marrickville area and financial support was made available to support the parish of Campsie. Council also submitted a report to Standing Committee on the parish of Bankstown.

8. Council also worked on the Clemton Park Sale Ordinance Review Panel Report and made recommendations regarding proceeds from the sale and a transfer of ministry residence to a neighboring parish.

9. Plans were developed to encourage Area Deaneries to take up opportunities for lay training and the matter of recruiting potential staff for regional parishes was discussed.

10. A detailed report on the impact of Roman Catholic World Youth Day was made available to parishes and Council is examining how Synod's Climate change resolution can be implemented regionally.

11. Council distributed 25 grants to 17 parishes and reported on the Clemton Park Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance. It made a loan available to the parish of Fairfield with Bossley Park for the demolition of the existing Bossley Park rectory and the construction of a replacement.

12. Regional Council continued to employ an Arabic Minister, an ESL Coordinator (part-time), a Refugee Support Network Coordinator (with support funding from the Archbishop's Community Care and

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Development Program) and a Children's & Youth Task Force Coordinator (part-time).

13. Regional Council has continued its practice of meeting in various parishes across the region and in 2007 visited St George North, Lakemba, Mortdale, Chester Hill, Liverpool and Hurstville. This increased Council's knowledge of parish ministry across the region and provided parish with greater awareness of their regional council.

For and on behalf of the Georges River Regional Council

GEOFF HUARD

Regional Archdeacon

23 June 2008