

Wollongong Regional Council Annual Report for 2012

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Wollongong Regional Council met 4 times during 2012 on the evenings of 21 February, 8 May, 11 September and 11 December. The meeting is held in Wollongong with each meeting preceded by a meal. The Executive committee also met four times during 2012 to consider matters delegated to it and to plan agendas for the regular Council meetings.

Membership

2. In 2012 the membership of the Council was –

Bishop Peter Hayward (Chair)	Mr Greg Holmes
Rev Dr Michael Blake	Mr Geoff Kyngdon
Mr Paul Burns	Mr Glenn Murray
Rev Rob Copland	Rev Neil Percival
Mr Mark Cottom	Mr Doug Philpott
Rev Anthony Douglas	Mr Stuart Quarmby
Mr Peter Evans	Rev Stephen Swanepoel
Rev Stephen Fifer	Mr Ron Webb
Mrs Amanda Garlato	Mr Tony Willis
Mr Andrew Guile	

Ministry Strategies

3. Bishop Peter Hayward and the Regional Council worked closely to further support ministry across the Region. This included –

- financial support for the ministry at Oran Park
- meeting with and support of Mission Area leaders
- support for Shoalhaven Heads attaining parish status
- support for new Rectors
- 3 day Regional Ministry conference including input from Peter Jensen
- Rural Ministry Conference
- Exploring Effective Ministry Conference with Tim Sims
- Ongoing support for ESL English classes
 - ESL classes are delivered in 12 Parishes across the Region
 - Because Cross Cultural Ministry funds are not allocated to the Wollongong Region, ESL classes are coordinated by Tony Willis
- Ongoing support for Indigenous Ministries
 - Pastor Michael Duckett now linked with St Peter's Campbelltown in partnership with the SAIPMC.
 - Pastor Brendon Garlett now linked with Evangelism and New Churches and All Saints Nowra in partnership with the SAIPMC.

4. Throughout 2012 the arrangement remained that funding from the Diocese would not continue to the Wollongong Region (other than office running costs) and that the Region would utilise its resources to fund the Bishop's Assistant and any other ministries. Funding from the Region's assets was also allocated to the specific ministry in Oran Park.

Ministry	Purpose	Allocation	Total
Regional Staff	Salary Contributions	\$ 92,000	
Oran Park	Housing and salary support	\$100,000	\$192,000

5. The Regional Council has partnered with the Mission Area leaders of the Region to plan for ongoing ministry. The Council receives regular feedback regarding the broader mission taking place in the Region.

6. The three day Wollongong Regional Ministry Conference continues to be a "high point" in the life of the Region. This enables clergy and lay parish staff to meet together for mutual fellowship and teaching. Various guest speakers join in the conference.

7. The Council received reports from Bishop Hayward and the Assistant to the Bishop at each meeting.
8. The Wollongong Regional Council is not involved in borrowings. Audited statements of accounts have been presented with the Annual Returns to the Synod.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council

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