

Georges River Regional Council Annual Report for 2014

(A report from the Georges River Regional Council.)

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Financial statements and Auditor's report

1. Financial statements and auditor's report referred to in clauses 9 & 10 are attached [*not reproduced here*].

Charities Group Status Report

2. Legal Name – Georges River Regional Council
 ABN – 67793244579
 No other entities under the organisation's control
 Entity is registered as a charity with the ACNC
 An annual information statement has been given to the ACNC
 An annual financial report is not required.

Charter

3. 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 Mission Areas of St Georges, Bankstown and Liverpool in the Diocese. Two new Mission areas will be added to the Region in 2015.

Access

4. 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, 8.30am to 5.00pm. The Honorary Secretary is Mr Michael Toull (phone 9773-1549) and the Honorary Treasurer is Mr Richard Graves (phone 8020-0734).

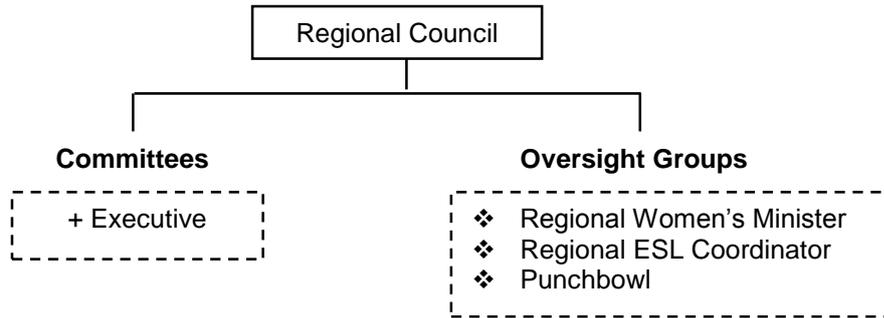
Members

5. The members of the Regional Council as at December 2014 were as follows –

Name	Attended	No. meetings held in 2014
Bishop Peter Tasker (Chairman)	4	5
Archdeacon Ian Cox	3	5
Mrs Lisa Bateup	5	5
Mr Richard Graves	4	5
The Rev Stephen Frederick	4	5
The Rev M Powell	5	5
Dr David Power	3	5
Mr Michael Toull	5	5
The Rev Jason Veitch	5	5

Structure

6. The significant committees are the Executive Committee and the Oversight Teams, and the Council's organisation and Committee structure is as follows –



7. The senior officers of the Council are –
- Acting Chairman – Bishop Peter Tasker
 - Vice Chairman – Archdeacon Ian Cox
 - Honorary Treasurer – Mr Richard Graves
 - Honorary Secretary – Mr Michael Toull

Activities

Synod Report on 2014

8. The Regional Council had four meetings in 2014 and all were held in parishes within the Region. At the meetings, the Rector of the parish was invited to give a Bible study and then report on the activities within the parish. This gave the Council a good indication of the challenges facing the parish and highlighted that different strategies had to be implemented to face some of the challenges of a changing society.

9. One of the challenges in the region is to connect with women from other cultures especially in those suburbs where there are a number of new settlers. A number of women working with the Rev. Margaret Powell have been able to connect with women in the Bankstown Mission area. Most of these women have been involved in the Mentac program which encourages and equips people for serving people in a multicultural context. As a result of Mentac and the experience of working cross-culturally, a number of students have considered and volunteered to work with missionary organisations. Margaret's leadership and experience is a valuable contribution to this ministry.

10. We are thankful to God for the financial and prayer support given to Margaret Powell from Anglican Diaconess Ministries, parishes in the diocese and individual donors that support this work.

11. The church planter at Punchbowl, Mr Siddique Paul, has continued to reach out to people in the community especially new settlers from the sub-continent. A regular Bible study has begun and meets in the Punchbowl Church hall. Mr Paul contributes to the Mentac program as well as explaining to interested people the differences between Christianity and Islam.

12. During 2014 and early 2015, the honorary Bishop of the Region conducted five Presbyterian ordinations. The ordinations were conducted in the local church where the candidates served. These occasions were a great encouragement to all.

- The Rev Edison Wee at Cabramatta
- The Rev Gary Dibley at Panania
- The Rev John Bartik at Panania (for Revesby)
- The Rev Greg Ball at Hurstville Grove
- The Rev Ross Ciano at Marrickville
- The Rev Jason Veitch at St George North

13. The ESL Coordinator, the Rev John Bartik has developed a number of aids for English class teachers for the region and the diocese. He has developed and promoted the 'OkayEnglish.org' website which many have found helpful in preparation of English lessons. ESL classes' still provide an excellent platform for parishes to serve the community and to assist people to understand the person and work of the Lord Jesus. Mr Bartik visits ESL classes, provides evaluation for the teachers and conducts training courses for teachers.

14. There are still many challenges in the region, especially in the Bankstown Mission area where there is so much sociological change. Some new strategies have been developed in the region over the years and we continue to pray and look to the Lord to give the growth through these strategies.

Financial Results

15. Following is a short summary of the results for the 2014 Financial Year and the Budget for 2015 –

	Actual 2014	Budget 2014	Variance	Note	Budget 2015
Income					
ADM Grant re Women's Muslim Ministry	25,000	25,000	0		25,000
ADM Grant re MTM Staff	28,000	21,200	6,800		2,900
Women's Ministry Services	6,574	5,000	1,547		8,000
Donations re Women's Ministry	2,101	0	2,101		2,750
Donations re Punchbowl Church Plant	13,939	15,000	-1,061		10,400
Ordinance Income Belfield -capitalised	0	6,300	-6,300	B	0
Ordinance Income Belfield - available	20,879	14,700	6,179	B	20,100
Ordinance Income Hurlstone Pk - available	5,194	5,300	-106		5,100
Ordinance Income Liverpool - available	17,961	18,300	-339		17,600
Interest	16,759	15,400	1,359		17,600
Net gain from Regional Conference	1,150	0	1,150		0
	<u>137,557</u>	<u>126,200</u>	<u>11,357</u>		<u>103,850</u>
Expenditure					
Cross Cultural - ESL Coordinator	31,500	31,500	0		15,750
Grants to Revesby and Greenacre Parishes	1,216	1,216	0		0
Administration and Property Expenses	-4,373	2,900	-7,273	C	1,900
Women's Ministry to Muslims	109,764	107,943	1,821		111,000
Admin. Expenses – Women's Ministry	1,570	0	1,570		0
MTM Staff	25,737	21,214	4,523	A	0
Punchbowl Church Planter	61,297	61,000	297		61,700
	<u>226,711</u>	<u>225,773</u>	<u>938</u>		<u>190,350</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>-89,154</u>	<u>-99,573</u>	<u>10,419</u>		<u>-86,500</u>

Explanation of significant variances

- A. ADM agreed to support staff member for another year
- B. Ordinance revision means that we no longer need to capitalise part of income
- C. Under budget due to reallocation of rates from 2008-13 (5309) and expense for current year (925).

Liquidity Report

16. The members of Georges River Regional Council submit the following information –

- (i) we are of the opinion that, at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that our Organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;
- (ii) adequate provisions have been made (including but not limited to, provisions for employee entitlements);
- (iii) all trade creditors are being paid in accordance with normal terms of payment;
- (iv) all dealings with real and personal property (including money) have been consistent with the trusts on which the property is held;
- (v) no payment has been made to a member (other than in the capacity of an employee of our Organisation);
- (vi) satisfactory systems of Internal Control and Risk Management have been maintained;
- (vii) appropriate types of insurance and levels of insurance cover are held for all insurable risks having regard to both value of assets and current levels of awards for damages;

- (viii) no matter has arisen since the end of the Financial Year which could have a significant effect on the Organisation, other than as mentioned above.

Risk Management Report

17. The Georges River Regional Council now conducts an annual risk management audit.
18. Two major risks are –
- (a) Misappropriation of money invested for the Regional Council.
 - (b) No real outcome for grant monies distributed.

We have sufficient checks and balances to minimise these risks.

This report has been adopted at a duly convened and constituted meeting of the Organisation on 12th May 2015.

For and on behalf of the Georges River Regional Council.

PETER J TASKER
Chairman

RICHARD GRAVES
Treasurer

16 June 2015