

## Wollongong Regional Council Annual Report for 2014

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

### Introduction

1. The Wollongong Regional Council met 4 times during 2014 on the evenings of 4 February, 13 May, 16 September and 4 November. The meetings are held in Wollongong with each meeting preceded by a meal. The Executive sub-committee also met four times during 2014 to consider matters delegated to it and to plan agendas for the regular Council meetings.

### Membership

2. In 2014 the membership of the Council was –

Rt Rev 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	Dr Stuart Quarmby
Mr Peter Evans	Rev Stephen Swanepoel
Rev Stephen Fifer	Mr Ron Webb
Mrs Amanda Garlato	Mr Tony Willis
Mr Andrew Guile	

3. Following the review of the Regions Ordinance at the 2014 October Synod, the reconstituted Wollongong Regional Council membership as elected is –

		<b>Meetings attended / 4</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Rt Rev Peter Hayward	3
<b>Clergy</b>	Rev Stephen Carlisle (Sutherland)	3
	Rev Dr Michael Blake (Macarthur)	2
	Rev Rob Copland (Wollongong Nth)	1
	Rev Stephen Swanepoel (Wollongong Sth)	1
	Rev Stephen Fifer (Southern Highlands)	3
	Rev Anthony Douglas (Shoalhaven)	4
<b>Laity</b>	Mrs Amanda Garlato (Sutherland)	3
	Mr Ron Webb (Macarthur)	4
	Mr Mark Cottom (Wollongong Nth)	4
	Mr Geoff Kyngdon (Wollongong Sth)	4
	Mr Peter Evans (Southern Highlands)	2
	Mr Andrew Guile (Shoalhaven)	2

**Non-member secretary** – Mr Tony Willis (Assistant to Bishop)

### Ministry Strategies

4. 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
- financial support with subsidised rectories at Sussex Inlet and Harrington Park
- financial support with subsidised demountable at Helensburgh and Denham Court
- meeting with and support of Mission Area leaders
- support for Rectors
- 3 day Regional Ministry conference with Archbishop Glenn Davies, Rev Peter Moore and Rev Peter Orr
- Support of the Gong Men's Day and SWITCH Women's Conference
- ongoing support for ESL English classes
  - ESL classes were delivered in 15 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 linked with St Peter's Campbelltown in partnership with the SAIPMC.
  - Mr Phil Miles linked with All Saints Nowra in partnership with the SAIPMC.

5. During 2014 the position of Assistant to the Bishop was part funded from the Diocese and part from the Wollongong Region. Funding from the Region's assets was also allocated to the specific ministry in Oran Park.

Ministry	Purpose	Allocation	Total
Regional Staff	Salary Contributions	\$48,979	
Oran Park	Housing and salary support	\$57,845	\$106,824

6. 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.

7. 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 (including the Archbishop) and Diocesan organisations joined in the conference.

8. The Council received reports from Bishop Hayward and the Assistant to the Bishop at each meeting.

**Compliance**

9. The Wollongong Regional Council is not involved in borrowings. Audited statements of accounts are attached [*not reproduced here*].

10. The Charities Group Status Report / ACNC Annual Return is attached [*not reproduced here*].

11. The Wollongong Regional Council is established under the *Regions Ordinance 1995* amended 2013 and serves the Wollongong Region of the Diocese of Sydney under this Ordinance.

12. The principal office is located at 74 Church St Wollongong. Phone: 4201 1800. Office times are Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm, however there is no secretarial support at the Office.

13. Compliance with the Diocesan Governance Policy will be addressed in the report to the 2017 Synod.

**Liquidity**

14. The members of Wollongong Regional Council submit the following information –

- (i) the members are of the opinion that, at the date of the report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Wollongong Regional Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;
- (ii) as the Council has no employees provision is not made for 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;
- (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; and
- (viii) no matter has arisen since the end of the Financial Year and the date of this report which could have a significant effect on the Organisation

**13. Risk Management**

15. Key risks to the Organisation are –

- a crisis in the financial markets impacting invested funds
- misuse of grant monies allocated to Regional bodies / parishes

16. A summary of the main policies and procedures in place to manage the key risks –

- investments are made in line with Diocesan policy
- a system of reporting on use of grant monies is in place

17. Financial reports and reports on application of grants are made regularly to the members.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council.

PETER HAYWARD  
*Bishop of Wollongong*

TONY WILLIS  
*Assistant to the Bishop of Wollongong*

30 June 2015