

Georges River Regional Council Annual Report 1997

Formation

1. As a result of the Regions Ordinance 1995 and the Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 1995, the Georges River Regional Council was duly constituted on 28 October 1996 and elections, uncontested for ministers and contested for lay persons, were held at the Synod of 1996.

Membership

2. The Regional Council's membership is -

The Rt Rev R.G. Smith	Mr E. McFarlane
The Ven G.R. Huard	Mr C. Ellis
The Rev D.H. Courtney	Mr R.M. Brooke
The Rev I.E. Fauchon	Mrs A. Madden
The Rev G.N. Nelson	Mr E.K. Jones
The Rev Z. Veron	Mr P. Singleton
The Rev R.P. Weaver	Mrs L. Chardon
The Rev J.W. Woo	Mr I. Scarfe

3. The Council appointed Archdeacon Geoff Huard as Vice Chairman (Clerical), Mr Clive Ellis as Vice Chairman (Lay), the Rev Dane Courtney as Secretary and Mr Eric Jones as Treasurer. Mrs Vilma Page was appointed Minute Secretary. Mr Robert Bradfield was appointed Honorary Auditor.

Committees

4. The Regional Council appointed the following -

- (a) Executive Committee to prepare Council agenda.
- (b) Finance Committee to make recommendations to Council regarding financial matters.
- (c) Grants Committee to draw up the Regional Grant applications.
- (d) Parish Administration Committee to make recommendations regarding parish structures.

Task Forces

5. The Regional Council appointed the following Task Forces -

- (a) The Regional Mission Task Force to develop a mission and ministry plan for the Region.
- (b) The Children's and Youth Ministry Task Force to promote ministry among children and youth.
- (c) The Communications Task Force to facilitate the transfer of information.

- (d) Council also noted the Bishop's Cross-Cultural Task Force was to develop and encourage multi-cultural and ethno-specific churches and ministries.

Business of Council

6. The Council has met 4 times to date and held a 1 day conference. The Council has distributed grants to parishes and employed individuals for ministry in the Region, amalgamated the Assisted Provisional Parish of St John's Park with the Provisional Parish of Canley Heights, provisionally changed the Parish of Cabramatta to a Provisional Parish, altered the constitution of the Parish Council and Parish Representatives of Belmore and extended the Provisional Parish status of Sadleir. The Parish Administration Committee acted as the Ordinance Review Panel for the Liverpool Ordinance 1997. The Council at its one day conference began to draft a vision statement and develop a 3 year plan with mission statement, principles and goals.

7. The Council continues to develop a working knowledge of the Region so as to understand its role and promote ministry in the Region.

For and on behalf of the North Sydney Regional Council.

GEOFF HUARD
Regional Archdeacon

30 June 1997