
Parramatta Regional Council Annual Report 1997

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1. Following the 1996 Session of Synod the former Parramatta Anglican Regional Council became the Parramatta Regional Council under the provisions of the Regions Ordinance 1995.

2. As one of its major responsibilities the Regional Council serves the Parramatta Region in the distribution of funds received from Synod allocations. Parishes, organisations and new initiatives such as the new TAFE ministry must first satisfy the Regional Council guidelines to be eligible for grants or loans.

Access

3. The principal office of the Regional Council is the Anglican Church Office (Bishop of Parramatta), 191 Church Street, Parramatta 2150 (PO Box 1443 Parramatta 2124). Office hours are generally 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. Telephone (02) 9635 3186.

4. The Hon Secretary is Mr A.H. (Tony) Woodland - telephone (02) 9636 2556 and the Treasurer is Mr Graeme Marks - telephone (02) 9632 2053.

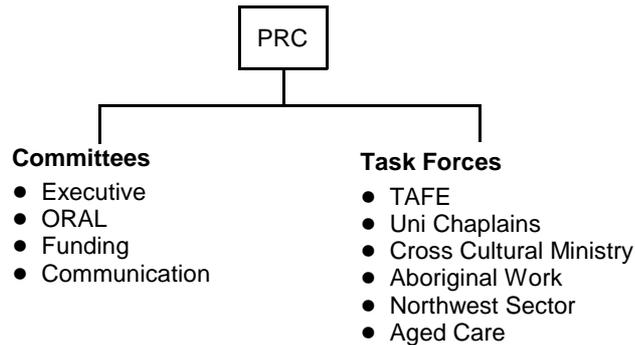
Members

5. The attendances at meetings were -

	Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
Bishop B.F.V. King	5	4	1
Archdeacon A.F. Donohoo	5	5	-
Canon G. Beckett	5	2	3
The Rev P. Griffin	3	3	-
Canon P.S. Kemp	5	5	-
The Rev N. Prott	5	4	1
The Rev W. Presbury	1	1	-
The Rev J. Reid	5	4	1
The Rev S. Semenchuk	5	5	-
The Rev R. Sewell	5	4	-
Canon J.W. South	5	4	1
Mr J. Barnard	5	4	1
Mr R. Beer	5	5	-
Mr A. Frank	5	4	1
Dr R. James	5	4	1
Mr D. Lewarne	5	3	2
Mr G. Marks	5	5	-
Mr W.D. Nicholson	5	4	1
Mr I. Reynolds	5	3	2
Mrs R. Smitherman	5	4	1
Mr J. Wenman	5	5	-

Structure of Organisation

6. The Council's organisation and committee arrangement is -



Activities

7. The Council met at least bi-monthly with its committees and Task Forces meeting at least as often, or as required.

8. Parishes were given financial assistance mostly for clergy or assistant ministers' stipends. As has been the practice for many years past candidates from the Region in training for full-time ministry (this year numbering 23) were given a special gift of \$200 each as an encouragement. Several Parishes support this gesture adding to the Council's own resources.

9. Two productions of "Link" as inclusions in the *Southern Cross Newspaper* were positive methods of communication even beyond the Region.

10. There has been vigorous effort by the Ministry Sub Committee especially in preparing the way for the commencement of the TAFE chaplaincy.

11. With the assistance of the Church Property Trust we are endeavouring to put together an up-to-date register of properties in the Region. This will be pictorial as well as systematized.

12. A Cross Cultural Task Force meets regularly seeking to bring encouragement to those involved in such a ministry and to make recommendations for further development.

13. A small group also meets to prepare for the future new ministries to occur in the North West (Rouse Hill) Sector. An Evangelistic Dinner for Men, a Good Friday Rally and other events were held under Council's auspices.

Financial Results

14. The audited accounts are to be tabled at the Synod meeting in October.

Vision

15. To Support and Encourage Evangelism and Discipleship.

Mission

16. Our mission is as adopted by the Archbishop-in-Council in order to participate in God's purpose of saving His world.

Strategy

17. To encourage this Vision and Mission in support of parish staff and congregations.

18. To increase understanding of the Western Region, its particular character and foci, in order to take up Vision and Mission opportunities.

19. To use the Parramatta Regional Council's Committee and Special Ministries Operations Group structure, particularly -

- (a) to foster specialised ministries;
- (b) to train clergy and laity;
- (c) to understand regional issues; and
- (d) to encourage shared worship.

20. To emphasise changing areas in order to work in partnership with their parishes and to foster creative and flexible responses.

21. To help provide appropriate resources to implement the Vision -

- (a) both human and financial, responsibly within clearly defined guidelines;
- (b) including the sharing of what God is doing, with subsequent learning, mutual prayerfulness, and supportive commitment and belonging; and
- (c) with ready advice.

22. To support Grants directed primarily at the Vision initiatives -

- (a) but only when such expenditure cannot be generated at a parish level;
- (b) encouraging parishes to be self-funding as soon as possible; and
- (c) with existing guidelines for accountability and priorities.

23. To make best practice property and parish development decisions.

For and on behalf of the Parramatta Regional Council.

BRIAN KING
Regional Bishop

23 June 1997