

## North Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 1999

### Introduction

1. The North Sydney Regional Council was established by the Regions Ordinance 1995 to serve the North Sydney Region. Its purposes are outlined in the Regions Ordinance, the principal purpose being to develop ministry strategies in the Region.

2. The North Sydney Regional Office is situated at St Andrew's House, Sydney Square (PO Box Q190 QVB Post Office NSW 1230), telephone 9265 1533. The Office is open from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Mondays to Fridays.

3. The members of the Council are listed below. (During 1998, 5 Council meetings were held and the number of meetings attended by each member is indicated by the number next to each name.)

The Rt Rev P W Barnett, Regional Bishop (Chairman)	5
The Ven R T Platt, Regional Archdeacon	5
The Rev K Yapp (North Sydney Area Deanery)	4
The Rev K G Coleman (Warringah Area Deanery)	2
The Rev E W Carnaby (Gordon Area Deanery)	3
The Rev N A Flower (Hornsby Area Deanery)	3
The Rev G N Collison (Ryde Area Deanery)	5
The Rev J G Mason	2
The Rev M N Calder	4
Miss E Paddison (Gordon Area Deanery)	3
Mr J Hibberd (Hornsby Area Deanery)	3
Mr J Barnes (North Sydney Area Deanery)	3
Dr K Hawtrey (Warringah Area Deanery)	3
Mr A Mitchell (Ryde Area Deanery)	4
Mr N M Cameron (resigned April 1999)	4
Dr B C Newman	4
Mr J R Keith	4
Mr F Chilton	2

4. Members are appointed/elected under the Regions Ordinance 1995 -

- Regional Bishop and Regional Archdeacon - ex officio
- 1 lay person from each Area Deanery in the Region elected by the Synod Regional Electors of the Region.
- 1 minister from each Area Deanery in the Region elected by the Synod Regional Electors of the Region.
- 2 ministers and 4 laypersons from any Area Deanery in the Region elected by the Synod Regional Electors of the Region.

5. The Council has a committee for financial and legal matters which acts as a Parish Investigation Committee and an Ordinance Review Panel. It also has Task Forces as follows -

*Services Task Force*

Liaises with Anglicare Cross-Cultural and Welfare ministries.

*Youth & Children's Task Force*

Liaises with AYEC and initiates ministries where desirable.

*Church Stimulation & Planning Task Force*

Liaises with the Department of Evangelism, Anglicare Parish Research and Planning, encourages evangelism and church or congregation planting in the Region..

*Media, Communication Task Force*

Liaises with Media Department and promotes communication within the Region.

6. The Council is chaired by the Regional Bishop and has elected an Hon. Secretary, an Hon. Treasurer, an Hon. Auditor and convenors of the Task Forces.

7. The Council's major activity in financial terms has been to apportion the Synod's appropriation to the Region to parishes and chaplaincies according to its goals and objectives deriving from its major purpose of ministry strategy.

8. The Statement of Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report will be tabled at the Synod.

- The members of the Council are of the opinion that, at the date of the report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- The Council does not directly employ any personnel.
- All trade creditors are being paid in accordance with normal terms of payment.
- All dealings with real and personal property have been consistent with the trusts on which the property is held.
- No payments have been made to any members of Council.
- Internal control has been provided by the Diocesan Secretariat.
- Appropriate types and levels of insurance cover are held for all insurable risks.
- No significant matter has arisen since the report has been signed.
- The report was adopted at a duly convened meeting of a duly convened and constituted meeting of the Council held on 15 June 1999.

9. The Council has implemented "Goals and Objectives" of the Council in line with its major responsibility in ministry strategy.

10. The "Rowing Together" programme, established in 1997 has developed and operated successfully with clusters of parishes co-operating under the leadership of John Dickson. This programme encourages Region-wide evangelism and the training and equipping of church folk in witness to the Gospel in the period leading up to the Spring of 1999. It also seeks to change the culture of parishes so that an outreach mind set and activities become part of the on-going life of parishes.

11. The Council appointed a part-time Evangelist (Mr John Dickson) in association with St Clement's Mosman and a part-time ESL Co-ordinator (Mrs Rosemary Anderson) in association with St Stephen's Normanhurst.

12. Ministry strategies have included -

- The support of a chaplaincy to Macquarie University
- Support for Cross-Cultural Ministries
- Assisting parishes to recover viability and effective ministry in which some success was achieved.
- Evangelism, especially in terms of the "Rowing Together" programme and budgeting of funds for a part-time Evangelist and a part-time ESL Co-ordinator.

#### **Grants Made by Council in 1998**

13. Funds from the Synod appropriation at the discretion of the Regional Council were distributed as follows -

St Chad's Putney	
Stipend Assistance	\$7,000
St Mark's Harbord Catechist	5,000
St Mark's Berowra Support Lay Ministry	5,000
Asquith/Mt Colah/Mt Our-ring-gai Support Lay	
Stipendiary Worker	18,000
Thornleigh / Pennant Hills Support Chinese Ministry	25,000
St Columba's West Ryde Support Youth Work	3,000
St Luke's Hornsby Heights Support Youth Work	2,000
All Saints Waitara ESL Work	4,000
St John's North Ryde	
Macquarie University Chaplaincy	25,000
Part-time employment of Evangelist (J Dickson)	26,000
St Basil's Artarmon Cross Cultural Work	3,000
Newport Parish Support Catechist	4,000
Part-time employment of ESL Co-ordinator	
(Rosemary Anderson)	16,000
Regional Working Funds	7,000
	\$150,000

14. The Regional Council appointed representatives on the Line Item Committee dealing with funding for Regions under the proposed three year budget.

15. The Council and the Region have experienced a deeper sense of identity and fellowship. The skills and experience of Council members have significantly contributed to this. This was to be taken further in 1999 with a Council Planning Day, a Regional Dinner and a series of lectures on "Millennial Hope" at Abbotsleigh School.

16. The Region faces challenges such as an overall decline in church attendance figures but is encouraged by some very good Gospel work being undertaken in the Region.

For and on behalf of the North Sydney Regional Council.

PAUL BARNETT  
*Regional Bishop*

15 June 1999