

Georges River Regional Council Annual Report 2000

Introduction

1. In the year 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, the Regional Council met on 5 occasions and in addition held a one day conference in March 2000.

Membership

2. The membership of the Council consists of -

Bishop R G Smith	Mr C Ellis
Archdeacon G R Huard	Miss K Foley
Rev H T Barnett	Mr M Drevikovsky
Rev I Y Lee	Mr W Howarth
Rev G N Nelson	Mr E K Jones
Rev R E Nixey	Mrs K Newmarch
Rev N A Speyer	Mr I Scarfe
Rev B Dingwall	Mr P Singleton
Rev G C Taylor	

Rev N A Speyer (Secretary)

Mrs V Page (Minute Secretary)

Mr E K Jones (Treasurer)

* Auditors: Bradfield Martin and Co.

Changes in Membership

3. During the year, the Revs I E Fauchon and Z Veron, Mr R M Brooke and Mrs A Madden did not seek re-election at Synod and Mr E McFarlane resigned. Regional Council elected Miss K Foley to the vacancy.

Task Forces

4. The Regional Mission Task Force has revised the Council Vision Plan to cover the years 2000 to 2004. The priorities that have been identified are evangelism and growth in both Anglo and Cross-Cultural congregations, children's and youth ministry initiatives, recruiting and training ministers and lay workers for the Region, and caring ministries in the wider community.

5. The Children's and Youth Ministry Task Force continues to be co-ordinated by its part-time advisor Mrs K Newmarch. Special attention is being given to resourcing part-time and full-time workers. Training is being provided for voluntary SRE teachers, children's and youth workers. The Task Force works in close co-operation with Youthworks.

6. The Cross-Cultural Task Force has continued to oversee the ministry of the Regional ESL consultant. Training for present and future teachers and helpers has continued and new classes have begun at Riverwood and Brighton/Rockdale. The Region plans to

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commence a Refugee Settlement Scheme. Ministry reviews are being conducted into the Italian and Vietnamese ministries. The Arabic/Muslim ministry has been reorganised and refocused.

Parish Organisation

7. The Regional Council amalgamated the parishes of Riverwood and Punchbowl, and recommended the change of Georges Hall Provisional Parish to a Parish. It set up a Disputes Committee to examine a dispute related to a Peakhurst Vestry Meeting and reported on "Bankrupt Parishes" and the Recognised Churches Ordinance.

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8. The Regional Council considered the most appropriate arrangements for its relationship with the Diocese and its parishes for the handling of the Goods and Services Tax.

Grants

9. Grant applications for 2001 came from 41 parishes and the Council was able to provide 21 grants.

Employment of Staff

10. Mrs K Newmarch has continued in her position as Children's and Youth Task Force Co-ordinator. Mrs M Clerke has continued in her position of Regional ESL Consultant and provided training in a number of parishes.

For and on behalf of the Georges River Regional Council.

GEOFF HUARD
Regional Archdeacon

1 July 2000