

## **Wollongong Regional Council Annual Report for 2003**

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

### **Introduction**

1. Wollongong Regional Council held five meetings during 2003. The Executive met on five other occasions.

### **Synod Grants**

2. As in other years a significant proportion of Regional Council's time was spent considering requests for Regional Grants funded by Synod. Grants were approved for a total amount of \$430,500. This was made up of \$276,500 to Parish Funding (of which \$58,000 was for new initiatives), \$30,000 for Deanery based initiatives, and \$124,000 for Regional initiatives.

### **Strategic Planning**

3. The Regional Council seeks to look strategically at its role in the Wollongong Region. Over the past couple of years it has attempted to do this with the Diocesan Mission firmly in mind. At each meeting policy sub-groups of the council are seeking to look at the business of the council in the light of the Mission.

4. The annual Regional Planning day was held in September. Once again this focussed on the Goals of the Mission and included input from the Mission Property Committee. This meeting encouraged the Regional Council to continue bringing the needs of the Mission and its policies to bear on the issues which are facing the region.

### **Keeping in Touch**

5. The Council makes a deliberate effort to keep itself informed about ministry initiatives and ministry possibilities in the Region. Invited guests have addressed our meetings. These speakers have included Rev. Dr. John Woodhouse from Moore College, Jim and Maxine Lawrence of the Macarthur Indigenous Fellowship and Rev Joe Zagninski from Wollongong Cross Cultural Ministries.

6. The Council received reports from Bishop Piper and the Assistant to the Bishop at each meeting. Additional reports were received from -

The Illawarra Grammar School

Cross Cultural Ministries

The Indigenous People's Committee

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7. The Regional Council accepted resignations from several long-standing members during 2002. Included were Rev Trevor Middleton, Rev Scott Blackwell, Mrs Denise Weeks (who had been our secretary) and Mrs Mel Francis. Council welcomed new members Rev. Sue Willis, Rev. Peter Frith, Rev Dr. Michael Blake and Andrew Guile. Mr Greg Holmes replaced Mrs Weeks as Secretary.

For and behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council.

GREG HOLMES  
*Secretary*

30 August 2004