

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2005

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met on six occasions during 2005, four times at Meriden School, Strathfield, and twice at St Andrew's Cathedral School in the city. The Council of 2005 saw the ending of a very happy relationship with Meriden School who have accommodated us for nearly ten years. However, the move to the city location with its accompanying meal before the Council meeting has proved to be very popular and helpful.

Membership

2. As at 31 December 2005, following the election of members by the Synod, membership of the Regional Council was –

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	Mr Richard Arkell
The Ven Deryck Howell	Ms Sarah Blakelock
The Rev Antony Barraclough	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Geoff Broughton	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Francis Chalwell	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Tim Foster	Mr Robert Freeman
The Rev Tom Henderson-Brooks	Mrs Jeanette Glass
The Rev Andrew Katay	Mrs Paulette Gray
The Rev Keith Mascord	Mr Allan Pidgeon
The Rev Jeremy Tonks	Miss Alicia Watson

3. During the year, the following valued members of Council resigned –

The Rev Warwick de Jersey
Mr Warwick Lewarne
The Rev Trevor Oakley

The last two have given membership of the Council since its inception.

Ministry Strategies

4. This oldest region of the Diocese continues to undergo exciting and substantial change and rejuvenation. Council has continued to work hard at the implications of the Diocesan Mission for churches and ministries in the South Sydney Region. We employed the Rev Stuart Robinson one day a week to consult with ten parishes in our region over about how to be more involved in our Mission. We oversaw the creation of the provisional parish of Pymont and the amalgamation of Bondi with Bondi Beach into a new parish. Lord Howe Island was separated from Malabar and returned to being a

provisional parish in its own right while Malabar saw the insertion of the Asian Australian Bible Church in what has proved to be a very happy joining of two ministries under the leadership of the Rev Andrew Moore.

5. Council also helped manage the proposal by the New Capital Project to consult with five of our parishes, with four of those parishes agreeing to participate. In the end no further action has been taken.

6. Council also continued to fund the employment of assistant ministers in parishes employing assistant ministers for the first time, namely Annandale and Concord West, with the aim of increasing significantly the ministry impact of those parishes.

Ministry Partnerships 2005

7. Funds from the Synod including various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed as follows –

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Abbotsford	Youth worker	2,000
Annandale	Assistant minister	20,000
Ashbury	Children's worker	10,000
Broadway	Two chaplaincies	85,700
Concord West	Assistant Minister	77,000
Coogee	Children's worker	7,000
Cooks River	Youth worker	28,000
Darling Street	Assistant minister	15,000
East Sydney	Street evangelist	30,000
Evangelism Ministries	Parish consultancy	15,000
Five Dock	Youth worker	4,000
Lord Howe Island	Ministry airfares and expenses	17,866
Maroubra	Youth worker	8,000
Newtown	Rector and children's worker	30,000
Pymont	Peninsula Comm. Church minister	30,000
South Coogee	Youth worker	10,000
South Sydney	Aboriginal pastor, church planter	72,850
Unichurch (UNSW)	Chaplain and Asian worker	67,850
Loan repayments	F & L Board	6,668
Fees		1,728
Other disbursements		192
Total		538,854

8. Consideration of ministry partnerships for 2005 was completed at the November 2005 meeting and successful applicants were notified.

Other Matters

9. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met throughout the year, again under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon. It dealt with ordinances being promoted by the parishes of Randwick, York Street, Bondi and Watsons Bay.

10. Council also affirmed the applications of Enfield and Concord Community Anglican Church that the provisions of the Parishes Special Administration Ordinance 2004 apply and supported the creation of the provisional parish of Pymont.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council

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Archdeacon of South Sydney

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