

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2002

Introduction

1. The Council met on 6 occasions in 2001 at Meriden School, Strathfield. The meal at the beginning of each meeting has been instrumental in building community between the members who come from 18 different parishes and represent the diversity of the region.

Membership

2. The membership of the Regional Council was -

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	Mr Richard Arkell
The Ven Trevor Edwards	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev John Cashman	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev David Crain	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Nick Foord	Mrs Jeanette Glass
The Rev Trevor Goodman-Jones	Mr Warwick Lewarne
The Rev Deryck Howell	Mr Allan Pidgeon
The Rev John McIntyre	Mr Chris Thomas
The Rev Trevor Oakley	Miss Alicia Watson
The Rev Greg Thompson	Dr Ruth White

Ministry Strategies

3. The Council has continued to pursue the priorities identified in its strategic plan. These priorities include ministry among youth and children (encouraging parishes to establish and maintain children's and youth work, and continuing to support evangelism among higher education students), cross-cultural ministry (especially raising awareness of our multicultural mission context) and supporting ministry initiatives in areas of population regrowth.

4. The Council is in the process of implementing fixed term partnership funding agreements which are either **seeding grants** (reducing grants in the context of an overall commitment for the ministry project to become self-supporting after a suitable period of time) or **saving grants** (designed to save or make viable again an existing ministry which is experiencing a short-term emergency). In addition **special grants** are for long-term work of a high priority where it is unrealistic to expect any parish to fund and which constitutes a significant opportunity for the gospel. The three university chaplaincy grants are prime examples.

5. The Council's focus of attention in 2001 included two church planting projects. As a result of suitable people being available decisions were taken to proceed with the Green Square and Pymont projects in 2002. This is the culmination of much prayerful planning.

Grants 2001

6. Funds from the Synod and various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed as follows -

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Abbotsford	Youth ministry	10,000
Annandale	Children's ministry	4,000
Ashfield	Catechist	6,000
Bellevue Hill	Youth ministry	12,000
Broadway	Sydney University Chaplain	37,000
Broadway	UTS Chaplain	37,000
Centennial Park	UNSW Chaplain	37,000
Concord West	Youth Catechist	18,000
Cooks River	Multicultural youth outreach	30,000
East Sydney	Parish Outreach Worker	30,000
Enfield	Assistant Minister	32,000
Five Dock	Youth ministry	5,000
Glebe	Youth ministry	10,000
Lord Howe Island	Part-time Ministers	10,974
Malabar	Youth ministry	1,250
Maroubra	Youth ministry	8,000
Newtown	Saving grant	25,000
Norfolk Island	Youth ministry	25,000
Petersham	Youth ministry	9,010
Rozelle/ Lilyfield	Youth ministry	12,000
South Coogee	Youth ministry	9,000
South Sydney	Aboriginal Pastor	38,000
Strathfield (St Andrew's)	Cross-cultural consultancy	20,000
Summer Hill	Female Outreach Worker	10,000
Loans/ Administration		<u>13,531</u>
		449,765

7. Consideration of grants for 2002 was completed at the November meeting and successful applicants were notified.

Other Matters

8. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met throughout the year under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon. This group performs an invaluable service for both the Synod and the region.

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9. Acting under the Parishes Ordinance 1979, the South Sydney Regional Council recommended that the provisional parish of Leichhardt become a parish, and approved the amalgamation of the provisional parishes of Malabar and Lord Howe Island.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

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Regional Archdeacon

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