

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2008

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met on six occasions during 2008, at St Andrew's Cathedral School in the city, preceded by a meal.

Membership

2. As at 31 December 2008 membership of the Regional Council was –

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	Mr Richard Arkell
The Ven Deryck Howell	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Antony Barraclough	Mr Ken Breakspear
The Rev Chris Braga	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Francis Chalwell	Mrs Christine Crump
The Rev Andrew Katay	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Andrew Moore	Mr Robert Freeman
The Rev Dave Rogers	Dr Ken Simpson
The Rev Shane Rogerson	Miss Alicia Watson
The Rev Dominic Steele	Mr Mark Wormell

3. Before the Synod elections in October, the following valued members of Council announced their intention not to re-stand for election; Rev Dr Tim Foster, Mrs Jeanette Glass, Mr Allan Pidgeon. These last two have been members of the Council since its inception. Council was brought up to full strength with the election/appointment of the Rev Dave Rogers, the Rev Dominic Steele, Mr Ken Breakspear, Dr Ken Simpson and Mr Mark Wormell.

Developing Ministry Strategies

4. Council trialled a "Parish Growth Plan" with the bishop leading a small group of rectors. The intention is that a wider group of new rectors will trial this in 2009.

Ministry Partnerships 2008

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

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Ashfield/Five Dock/Haberfield	MTS worker/womens worker	64,140
Broadway	Two chaplaincies	99,780
Concord West	Assistant Minister	30,000
Coogee	Children's worker	45,670

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Cooks River	Youth worker/Islander worker	45,000
East Sydney	Street evangelist	20,000
Glebe	Asst. Minister	26,000
Lord Howe Island	Ministry airfares and expenses	4,900
Maroubra Surfers Church	Minister/Evangelist	19,000
Newtown	Childrens worker	19,000
Petersham	Youth minister	26,000
South Coogee	Asst Minister	19,000
South Sydney	Aboriginal pastor/administrator	59,890
Unichurch (UNSW)	Chaplain and Asst Minister	59,890
Loan repayments	F & L Board	234
Fees	SDS, accounting, bank	3,918
Other disbursements		7,220
Meeting expenses		1,065
Total		\$550,887

6. Consideration of ministry partnerships for 2009 was completed at the August 2008 meeting and successful applicants were notified.

Other Matters

7. 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 Annandale, Surry Hills, Petersham, Millers Point and Watsons Bay.

8. Council also affirmed the applications of South Sydney and Ashfield/Five Dock/Haberfield that the provisions of the Parishes Special Administration Ordinance 2004 apply and supported the creation of the parish of Ashfield/Five Dock/Haberfield.

9. Council adopted a risk management policy in 2009 under the amended Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995. A copy of this policy is included with the annual report provided to Synod under that Ordinance.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

DERYCK K HOWELL
Archdeacon of South Sydney

1 July 2009