

Wollongong Regional Council Annual Report for 2008

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. Wollongong Regional Council normally meets 5 times a year on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month in Wollongong with each meeting being preceded by a meal. In 2008 the council met in February, April, June, September and November with an additional meeting in July for grant allocations. The Executive committee also meets five times a year to consider matters delegated to it and to plan agendas for the regular Council meetings.

Membership

2. In 2008 the membership of the Council was –

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| Bishop Al Stewart (Chairman) | Mr Glenn Murray |
| Rev Dr Rob Barrie | Rev Neil Percival |
| Rev Dr Michael Blake | Mr Doug Philpott |
| Rev Stefan Bull | Mr Stuart Quarmby |
| Rev Rob Copland | Rev Ian Rienits |
| Mr Peter Evans | Rev Stephen Semunchuk |
| Mrs Michelle Farrell | Rev Peter Stavert |
| Mrs Amanda Garlato | Mr Roger Summerill |
| Mr Andrew Guile | Mr Ron Webb |
| Mr Greg Holmes | Mr Peter White |
| Mr Geoff Kyngdon | Mr Tony Willis |
| Rev Richard Mills | Ms Vivienne Young |

3. During 2008 Rev Stefan Bull and Mr Roger Summerill resigned from the Council. Rev Rob Copland, Mrs Michelle Farrell, Rev Richard Mills and Ms Vivienne Young were appointed to Council.

Ministry Strategies

4. For 2008 it was determined to focus attention on developing church planting in more difficult areas of the Region. This was with a view to funding new church plants in 2009.

5. For distribution in 2009 we approved grants totalling \$442,500.

6. The emphasis of these grants was Church Planting, Youth and Children's ministry and Indigenous ministry.

7. The Regional Council also granted \$150 each to students connected to the region who are in full time theological training at Moore College, Youthworks College, and SMBC.

| Parish | Purpose | Allocation | Sub total |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Minto | Assistant minister | \$25,000 | |
| Ulladulla | Assistant minister | \$10,000 | |

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Wollondilly | Assistant minister | \$10,000 | \$45,000 |
| Berkeley | Church planting | \$50,000 | |
| Corrimal | Church planting | \$15,000 | |
| Shellharbour City | Church planting | \$50,000 | |
| Shellharbour City | Church planting | \$20,000 | \$135,000 |
| Minto | Cross Cultural | \$17,500 | |
| Region ESL | Cross Cultural | \$20,000 | \$37,500 |
| Minto Indigenous | Indigenous | \$20,000 | |
| Nowra | Indigenous | \$40,000 | \$60,000 |
| University Chaplain | Tertiary | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Huskisson | Training | \$5,000 | |
| Ingleburn | Training | \$15,000 | \$20,000 |
| Bulli | Youth and Children | \$25,000 | |
| Eagle Vale | Youth and Children | \$20,000 | |
| Narellan | Youth and Children | \$20,000 | |
| South Creek | Youth and Children | \$20,000 | |
| Sylvania | Youth and Children | \$10,000 | |
| Youthworks | Youth and Children | \$25,000 | \$120,000 |
| Total | | | \$442,500 |

8. The regional council residential properties in the Sussex Inlet and Harrington Park areas were completed and made available for clergy accommodation in these growth areas.

Keeping in Touch

9. The Council makes a deliberate effort to keep informed about ministry initiatives and ministry possibilities in the Region. This involves members bringing 'local' perspectives to issues under discussion and discussion of reports both from the Bishop and his assistant.

10. The Council has been preparing for the *Connect 09* initiatives and intends to encourage parishes throughout 2009 in mission.

11. The Council is also working closely with Anglicare to develop parish partnerships across the Region.

12. The Council received reports from Bishop Stewart and the Assistant to the Bishop at each meeting. Additional reports were received from –

- (a) Cross Cultural Ministries
- (b) The Indigenous People's Committee

For and behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council.

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