

Proposal for the Parish of Annandale to Change Classification to Provisional Parish

(A report from the Standing Committee)

Initiation of Proposal

1. The proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Churchwardens of St Aidan's Church, Annandale. The requirements of the Parishes Ordinance have been complied with.

Details of the Meeting

2. A meeting of the Permanent Investigation Committee was held on 8 April 1994 when the following persons were present -

<i>PIC</i>	Archdeacon G.R. Huard (Chairman), Archdeacon R.T. Platt, Canon L.F. Bartlett.
<i>Promoters</i>	The Rev P. Middleton, Mr R. Best.
<i>In Attendance</i>	Mr K.R. Bowden (Secretary).

Details of the Proposal

3. The proposal is to change the Parish to a Provisional Parish. The Parish Council consented to the Standing Committee provisionally changing the status from 1 January 1994. The proposal was considered at an Annual Vestry Meeting held on 13 February 1994 and met with unanimous support.

4. The Parish has not paid its assessments for 1993 and including assessments due for the first quarter of 1994 now has arrears of \$6,590. If the change in classification is approved the Churchwardens say they will be able to pay current assessments as they fall due and \$150 per month towards the arrears.

5. The total population of the Parish is 7,989 of which 1,138 claim to be adherents of the Anglican Church of Australia. Annandale has above average numbers of people in the age groups 20 to 40, and many people in privately rented homes. The Anglican Church is the only denomination in the area with a resident minister.

6. Average attendance at Sunday services declined from 51 in 1992 to 44 in 1993 but has now risen to 50. 20% of the congregation are aged pensioners but the average giving is high (\$858 per person per annum in 1993). There is a Sunday school, youth group, primary age club and 2 mid-week home groups.

7. The Parish received grants from the Inner City Committee to support an assistant minister until 1992. The Parish continued to employ the assistant minister for a period by utilising reserves.

8. A summary of the financial position of the Parish over the last 3 years is given below -

	1991	1992	1993
	\$	\$	\$
<i>Receipts</i>			
Offerory & Donations	49,868	44,853	37,748
Trading Activities/interest	10,799	10,788	7,951
Grants	23,815	2,185	2,000
Miscellaneous	10,503	6,657	5,305
Total Receipts	<u>94,985</u>	<u>64,483</u>	<u>53,004</u>
<i>Payments</i>			
Stipends and Allowances	77,433	42,993	42,340
Assessments	4,449	4,712	-
Repairs	4,000	2,700	-
Miscellaneous	13,711	9,452	5,511
Sundry Expenses/Utilities	3,191	3,628	3,401
Total Payments	<u>102,784</u>	<u>63,485</u>	<u>51,252</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,799)	998	1,752

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 1993

	\$
<i>Assets</i>	
Land	206,000
Buildings	2,155,000
Contents	115,000
Bank Accounts	19,898
Centenary Fund	6,423
Total Assets	<u>2,497,021</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Parishioner Loans	5,300
Net Assets	<u><u>2,491,721</u></u>

9. In addition to the liabilities shown in the audited accounts the parish owed assessments of \$5,740 at 31 December 1993.

10. The Bank accounts include \$5,275 held in a maintenance fund, \$208 held for a houseparty and \$8,458 held for an investment.

11. The following details have been supplied concerning real estate held by Private Trustees upon trust for the Parish -

Improvements	Land Value \$	Insured Value of Improvements \$	Debts at 31/12/94 \$	Condition of Building
St Aidan's Church	78,000	1,450,000	Nil	Good
Rectory	50,000	250,000	Nil	Fair
Parish Hall	78,000	455,000	Nil	Good

12. The Rectory requires interior and exterior painting expected to cost \$8,000.

13. The Parish representatives believe the congregation will continue to grow and that in time they will be able to regain the status of a Parish.

14. The Area Archdeacon and the Director of the Inner City Committee support this application.

Provisional Reclassification

15. The Standing Committee provisionally reclassified Annandale as a provisional parish from 1 January 1994.

Recommendation

16. That the Synod confirm the provisional parish status of Annandale.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

K.R. BOWDEN
Assistant Diocesan Secretary

5 May 1994