

Proposal to Change the Provisional Parish of Berowra to a Parish

(A Report from the North Sydney Regional Council.)

Initiation of Proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of St Mark's Berowra under Clause 4 (1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the North Sydney Regional Council was held on 15 September 1998 to consider the proposal under Clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. North Sydney Regional Council certified that all procedural requirements under Clauses 4 and 6 have been complied with and noted that no objections had been received.

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish to a Parish.

5. The Parish has been considering this change of status for some time but was not able to offer a rectory up to Diocesan standards. A very suitable rectory has now been provided.

Parish Information

6. There has been steady growth in the Parish and there is a clearly defined strategic plan covering ministry, finance and property in place.

7. In a total population of 11,248 some 3,511 claim affiliation with the Anglican Church. The church services a community of young families with higher than average income and a homogeneous population of those born in Australia or in other English speaking countries.

8. The Parish employs part-time pastoral workers and a part-time office secretary. There are both CEBS and GFS groups and 60 children in the Sunday School. Three playgroups are attended by 128 parents and children and supervised by a part-time co-ordinator.

9. St Mark's has approximately 150 core adult members. A further 80 adults attend regularly or occasionally. 138 children and youth are ministered to by the Parish.

Attendances At Services

7.45 am 36	9.30 am 76 plus 60 children	7.00 pm 40
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Particulars of Church Trust Property

11. Details of property held by the Property Trust upon trust for Berowra are as follows:

St Mark's Berowra	Value of Land and Improvements*	Condition of Building
Church, Hall and Land 18 Berowra Waters Road	\$1.24 Mill.	Church Good Hall Fair
Rectory 20 Berowra Waters Road	\$200,000	Good
Residence 16 Berowra Waters Road	\$84,000	Good

* Excludes contents valued at \$345,000 in the 1997 Financial Statements.

Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments

10. A summary of the financial position over the past three years and budget for 1998 are as follows:

	1995	1996	1997	Budget 1998
Receipts	\$	\$	\$	\$
Offerories	73,628	76,592	81,691	86,000
Missions	16,349	16,039	15,023	15,000
Rent/Interest	7,024	9,810	10,880	12,260
Donations	850	1,745	340	500
Redemption Invest.	37,000	-	4,094	-
Grants	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000
Other	4,130	8,552	11,761	2,400
*	63,531	-	-	-
Totals	222,512	127,738	133,789	121,160
Expenditure				
Stipend, Salaries	67,149	59,456	65,816	70,021
Cost Recovery Charges	3,500	4,150	4,978	5,695
Printing, Stationery etc.	3,361	3,466	2,284	1,700
Repairs, Maintenance	2,387	4,756	3,938	5,600
Insurance	354	232	284	400
Electricity etc.	2,477	2,685	3,693	3,800
Missions	16,243	15,925	15,023	15,000
Repay. Loans	7,066	1,000	6,857	7,974
Prop. Improvements	32,386	6,693	10,499	6,200
Equipment	3,324	2,175	1,675	600
Payments to other funds	6,760	6,760	6,890	3,024
Other	4,164	12,795	10,401	13,850
Poor Relief	-	-	195	-
Purchase real estate*	73,183	-	-	-
Totals	222,354	120,093	132,533	133,864

11. A summary of assets and liabilities at December 1997 follows:

Assets	
Land, building and contents	\$1,876,000
Current	18,171
Total	1,894,171
Liabilities	
Current	10,259
Non current Loans	49,395
Total	59,654
Net Assets	1,834,517

12. The Parish has a debt on property of approximately \$49,000

13. Archdeacon Reg Platt supports the application

For and on behalf of the North Sydney Regional Council

REG PLATT

Archdeacon of North Sydney

17 September 1998