

Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish of Clovelly to a parish

(A report of the South Sydney Regional Council.)

Proposal

1. A proposal is being made to the Archbishop by the minister and churchwardens of the provisional parish of St Luke's, Clovelly, under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of meeting

2. The South Sydney Regional Council met on 20 February 2013 to consider the proposal under clause 5 of the ordinance. Council certified that all requirements under clauses 4, 5 and 6 have been complied with and recommends that the provisional parish of Clovelly becomes a parish from 1 January 2014.

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3. The proposal is to change the provisional parish of Clovelly to the parish of Clovelly.

4. The provisional parish has applied for this change of classification following the steady growth in membership, ministry and Christian maturity.

Parish information

5. Anglicans have been meeting in Clovelly since 1890, with the current brick building dedicated in 1923, around which time the parish became independent.

6. In 2007 the parish became provisional. In 2009, St Matthias', Centennial Park planted a congregation under the leadership of the Rev. Dave Rogers. There was a growing spirit of partnership throughout 2009 between the existing congregation of St Luke's and the planting congregation, such that 'Luke's at four' became a congregation of St Luke's in December 2009, and the Rev. Dave Rogers was inducted as curate-in-charge of St Luke's in February 2010. The parish was self-supporting from the start of March 2010.

7. There has been a remarkable commitment financially, prayerfully, and personally from many people. The Kids Club has grown from 12 kids to 48 kids over the four years and has begun a youth group for years 6-8; more people are serving; there are now five community groups (up from three). From a launch team predominantly of 25-35 year olds, it has grown both younger (children) and older (connecting with families of teenagers and seniors). The parish has employed a part-time administrator and several student ministers, as well as carrying out property maintenance.

Future plans

8. In the next 12-24 months, the parish hopes to invest in children's ministries, outreach ministries, and in planting another congregation within St Luke's, to help reach the wide variety of singles, couples, young families and retirees in the area.

Size of congregations

9. Average attendances are currently –

- 9.30am 10
- 4pm adults 54
- 4pm children 37

Particulars of all church trust property

10. Details of property held by the Anglican Church Property Trust upon trust for the provisional parish are as follows

Value of Land and Improvements		Value of Buildings	
Church	\$1,090,000	Church	\$4,368,000
Rectory	\$1,170,000	Rectory	\$478,000
Hall	\$350,000	Hall	\$1,160,000
		Church contents -	\$386,000

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

11. A summary of the financial position over the past three years is set out below –

	2010	2011	2012
Receipts			
Offerories	\$121,442	\$130,501	\$139,770
Received for others/donations	\$12,294	\$11,570	\$9,232
Grants	\$8,030	\$56,500	\$6,976
Hall rental income	\$18,616	\$21,120	\$31,403
Rectory rent	\$31,709	\$52,143	\$54,750
Total Income	\$192,093	\$271,834	\$242,061
Operating Expenses			
Ministry staff and admin staff	\$78,667	\$87,246	\$113,100
Ministry housing	\$31,200	\$34,200	\$36,400
Parish cost recoveries	\$15,920	\$14,898	\$20,073
Resources for ministry	\$2,772	\$26,618	\$9,156
Parish donations		\$9,640	\$14,922
Parish administration/general expenses	\$5,904	\$3,680	\$11,293
Parish property expenses	\$52,537	\$93,317	\$12,356
Other expenses		\$1,103	\$2,350
Total Expenses	\$186,951	\$270,705	\$219,650

12. The South Sydney Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Clovelly be reclassified as a parish with effect from 1 January 2014.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

ROBERT FORSYTH
Bishop

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