

Proposal to reclassify the provisional parish of Crestwood as a parish

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of the Provisional Parish of Crestwood under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of meeting

2. A meeting of the Western Sydney Regional Council held on 22 August 2002 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. Western Sydney Regional Council certified that all procedural requirements under clauses 4 and 6 have been complied with.

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish of Crestwood to the Parish of Crestwood.

5. The Provisional Parish has applied following the growth in membership and ministry in the Crestwood area.

Parish Information

6. In the 1996 NCLS profile a total of 2909 persons out of 12258 persons claim affiliation with the Anglican Church (23.9%), 1159 or (9.5%) claim no religion and a further 769 (6.3%) did not state a religion. The largest group outside Christian Religions was 253 (2.1%) Hindu. 62.4% of the total population are married and 87% are purchasing a private dwelling.

7. The Provisional Parish employs Rector, Assistant Minister, a student Minister and one part time Music and Youth Coordinator as well as having another part time unpaid Youth assistant.

8. The Provisional Parish now has 142 adults regularly attending as follows -

9.30am	125
6.00pm	17

9. Ministry amongst youth averages 50 each week and amongst children averages 45. Scripture in schools is carried out regularly. Other activities include 11 bible study groups and other interest groups.

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

10. Summary of receipts and payments for the provisional parish -

	1999	2000	2001	Budget 2002
Receipts				
Offeratories	82,115	101,581	107,816	119,676
Missions	3,698	5,195	6,677	4,000
Rent/Interest		30	642	
Donations	3,404	2,529	3,575	
Investments				
Grants from WSRCYthPast	37,000	32,000	25,000	11,500
GST Refunds				
Other Receipts	16,055	38,191	36,967	38,016
Total	\$142272	\$179526	\$180677	\$173192
Expenditure				
Stipends/Salaries	89,219	93,139	99,586	102,965
Cost Recovery	10,669	11,801	12,734	15,276
Printing & Stationery	4,217	6,466	5,608	6,800
Repairs & Maintenance	364	5,160	6,175	2,500
Insurance				500
Electricity, etc	2,797	4,660	5,086	5,500
Missions inc MTS	6,597	26,382	23,194	30,787
Other	18,976	31,706	25,618	22,778
Total	\$132839	\$179314	\$178001	\$187106

11. The deficit appearing in year 2002 will be cleared by using invested funds and bank balances.

Particulars of church trust property

12. Property held in trust by the Church Property Trust for Parish is comprised of -

Church and Hall Complex (c 1991)	590,000
Contents	250,000
Rectory	<u>120,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$960,000</u>

13. The value of land on which the property is located is 907,000 The condition of all buildings is good.

14. There is a debt of approximately \$52 000 on the Buildings

15. Archdeacon Ken Allen supports this application.

Recommendation

16. The Western Sydney Regional Council recommends that the Provisional Parish of Crestwood become a Parish from 1 January 2003.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

KEN ALLEN

Archdeacon of Western Sydney

20 August 2002