

Proposal to reclassify the provisional parish of Gerringong as a parish

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

Initiation of proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of the provisional parish of Gerringong under clause 4 (1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Wollongong Regional Council (WRC) was held on 11 June 2002 to consider among other things, the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. WRC certified that all procedural requirements under clauses 4 and 6 have been complied with.

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the provisional parish to a parish.

Parish Information

5. Gerringong has grown in recent years and there has been a steady growth in attendances at both centres.

6. The total population of the two areas is approximately 6,700. Some 2,860 people still claim affiliation with the Anglican Church. The churches serve the areas of Gerringong and its hinterland and the village of Shoalhaven Heads further south.

7. Both communities are attractive to retirees, although numbers of young people continue to buy into the areas - housing remains affordable although prices are rising in line with trends generally. The percentage of non English speaking people in the communities is low and generally both areas are typically middle Australia.

8. The Provisional Parish employs a Curate in Charge, the Rev Andrew Glover, an Assistant Minister, the Rev Ross Maltman (Based in Shoalhaven Heads) together with a part time Youth Worker. The Provisional Parish at both centres has sought to reach out to its local area particularly amongst the younger people.

9. There are two public primary schools in the Parish.

10. The provisional parish currently has 154 regular worshippers with average attendances as follows -

St George's Gerringong	8:00 am	41
	10:15 am	42 (plus children)
	7:00 pm	21 (plus children)
St Peter's Shoalhaven Heads	10:00 am	50 (plus children)

Particulars of church property

11. Details of property held by the Property Trust upon trust for the provisional parish are as follows -

St George's Gerringong	Value of Land and Improvements 31.12.01.	Condition of Building
Church & Hall	\$931,000	Good
Rectory - 7 Blackwood Street, Gerringong	\$212,000	Good
St Peter's Shoalhaven		
Church and Office	\$463,000	Good
Assistant Minister's House - 36 Shackleton Street, Shoalhaven Heads	\$178,000	Good
TOTAL	\$1,784,000	

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

12. A summary of the financial position over the last 3 years and the budget for 2002 is set out below -

	1999	2000	2001	Budget 2002
Receipts	\$	\$	\$	\$
Offertories	110,383	132,436	138,956	153,000
Missions	22,674	22,074	22,677	-
Rent/Interest	2,640	1,876	1,973	1,500
Donations	2,510	3,071	3,722	500
Redemption	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	4,580	-	-
Grants	-	2,122	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Other	272	4,159	11,679	500
Totals	138,479	170,318	179,007	155,500

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	1999	2000	2001	Budget 2002
Expenditure	\$	\$	\$	\$
Stipend, salaries	48,096	85,366	97,188	94,000
Cost Recovery				
Charges	6,417	12,743	14,224	20,500
Printing/Stationery	5,497	7,069	6,778	7,500
Repairs & Maintenance	9,232	18,559	8,861	14,000
Insurance	110	102	118	200
Electricity, Gas etc.	5,058	5,748	6,300	6,000
Missions	22,674	22,074	22,677	-
Prop.	5,813	-	-	-
Improvements	689	3,134	1,071	-
Equipment	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,800
Loan Servicing	5,994	7,704	8,614	5,500
Other				
Totals	122,420	175,339	178,671	160,500

13. A summary of the assets and liabilities of the provisional parish as at 31 December 2001 is -

Assets	
Land, buildings and contents	2,063,000
Investments	130,580
Current	
Total	2,193,580
Liabilities	
Current	6,000
Non current	190,041
Total	196,041
Net Assets	1,997,539

14. The Bishop of Wollongong and his Assistant strongly support the application.

Recommendation

15. The Wollongong Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Gerringong be reclassified as a parish with effect from 1 January 2003.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council.

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