

Proposal to change the status of the Provisional Parish of Harbord to a Parish

(A report from the North Sydney Regional Council.)

Initiation of proposal

1. A proposal was made by the Churchwardens of St Mark's Church Harbord under clause 4(1)(c)(iii) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979 (the "Ordinance").

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Parish Investigation Committee on 18 July 2001 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance. Regional Council by postal vote, accepted the recommendation and endorsed the proposal.

3. All the procedural requirements under clause 4 of the Ordinance have been satisfied.

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish of Harbord to a full parish.

5. As a Provisional Parish, St Mark's has been blessed with the work that God has been doing in their midst and through the ministry of Mark Dickens, with the result that church attendances have grown and parish finances have returned to a positive position. Since 1999, the Parish has met its financial commitments without any assistance from the Northern Region in the form of grants. This year the parish has three student ministers assisting with various ministry tasks.

6. For the last two years, the Annual Vestry Meeting has discussed the church's finances, and parishioners have expressed the desire to apply for full parish status in accordance with the relevant ordinances. At the Parish Council on 2 May 2001, a resolution was passed to apply for full parish status.

Parish information

7. The population of the Parish is 13,385, of which 3,495 (26%) claim affiliation to the Anglican Church of Australia. The population is young with lots of young families in the area. Over 50% of the total population is under 40 years of age. Harbord has one of the highest birth rates in Sydney. The local Infants and Primary School, Harbord Public, has over 700 students and is currently embarking on an extended building plan.

8. The overwhelming majority of the population have English as their only language, 10,775 and 9,394 were born in Australia (over 70%). There is a relatively small number of residents who have never married, 30.6%. Most people either own their dwelling or are in the process of paying it off. Only 2,043 (33%) of dwellings are

rented premises. Harbord has great demographics for gospel based ministry and growth.

Average weekly attendances for services

9. The average weekly attendances are -

Sunday Service	1998 ≤ 15 yrs	1998 > 15 yrs	1999 ≤ 15 yrs	1999 > 15 yrs	2000 ≤ 15 yrs	2000 > 15 yrs
8.00 am		24		26		27
9.30 am	2	53	3	51	3	48
7.00 pm	8	9	7	19	6	22
Total	10	86	10	96	9	97

2000 Children & youth programs (0-25 years)

10. The children & youth programs attendances are -

Program	Start	Day	Frequ ncy	0-5	6-12	13-18
Sunday School	9.30 am	Sunday	Weekly	8	11	
Youth Fellowship	6.00 pm	Sunday	Weekly		5	10

2000 Adult programs

11. The adult programs attendances are -

Program	Frequency	No of Groups	Total No. of Attenders
Men's Ministry	Monthly	1	35
Bible Study	Weekly	8	48
Friendship Club	Weekly	1	15

Church Trust Property

12. Details of property held by the Property Trust upon trust for Harbord are -

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Property	Address	Condi- tion	Valua- tion
Land	Cnr Oliver & Lawrence Streets, Harbord		\$160,000
Land	39 McDonald Street, Harbord		\$266,000
St Mark's Church/Hall	Oliver & Lawrence Streets Harbord	Very good	\$922,000
Rectory	39 McDonald Street, Harbord	Good	\$210,000

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

13. The receipts and payments over the past 3 years were -

Receipts	1998	1999	2000
	\$	\$	\$
Offeratories	53,513	65,077	72,527
Donations	150	30	50
Missions	6,852	7,344	8,783
Trading Activities	815	800	337
Rent/Interest	553	1,896	2,964
Legacies		5,000	
GST Refunds			69
Grants	5,000		
Other	2,998	1,572	424
Total	69,881	81,719	85,154
Payments			
Stipend, salaries	47,953	50,105	51,595
Organist	440	530	480
Parish Cost Recoveries	4,405	4,268	4,467
Missions	7,341	8,003	10,207
Repairs/Maintenance	3,599	3,350	9,045
Insurance	110	370	103
Printing & Stationery etc	766	869	826
Electricity, gas, water, sewerage etc	1,461	1,566	1,655
Glebe Administration Board		5,000	5,000
Other	3,605	7,446	5,320
Total	69,680	81,507	88,698
Surplus (Deficit)	201	212	(3,544)

14. The assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2000 were -

Assets	\$
Land, building and contents	1,895,000.00
Investments	19,000.00
Bank Accounts	11,450.00
Trust Funds	2,531.00
Total	1,927,981.00
Liabilities	
Income Tax	1,940.00
Net Assets	1,926,041.00

15. The rectory conforms to Diocesan standards and is in good repair.

16. There are no debts on the property.

17. The Archdeacon of North Sydney supports the proposal.

For and on behalf of the North Sydney Regional Council.

ERNIE CARNABY
Archdeacon of North Sydney

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