

Proposal to reclassify the provisional parish of Kingswood as a parish

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Initiation of proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the minister and churchwardens of the provisional parish of Kingswood under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Western Sydney Regional Council held on 4 July 2002 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. The 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 Kingswood to the parish of Kingswood.

5. The provisional parish has applied for a change in classification following the growth in membership and ministry in the Kingswood area.

Parish Information

5. In the 1996 NCLS profile a total of 2,748 persons out of 11,274 persons claim affiliation with the Anglican Church (224.6%), 1,308 or (11.7%) claim no religion and a further 987 (8.8%) did not state a religion. The largest group outside Christian religions was 218 (2.0%) Muslim. 53.4% of the total population are married and 58.9% are purchasing a private dwelling.

6. A minister and assistant minister are licensed to the provisional parish and the provisional parish employs a catechist and a UWS chaplain (mostly paid for by grant).

7. The provisional parish now has 122 adults regularly attending as follows -

9:30 am	63
5:00 pm	12
7:00 pm	47

8. Ministry amongst youth averages 36 each week and amongst children averages 28. Scripture in schools is carried out regularly. Other activities include 7 bible study groups and seniors and craft groups.

Particulars of church trust property

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	Budget 2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receipts					
Offerories	48,421	54,514	74,608	83,052	91,400
Missions	2,756	4,726	5,094	6,427	5,500
Rent/Interest	11	33	43	102	100
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (UWS Chaplain)	-	-	-	-	44,000
GST Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
Other Receipts	78,784	63,610	70,481	72,820	11,200
Total	129,972	122,883	150,226	162,401	152,200
Payments					
Stipends/Salaries	89,216	86,814	91,468	107,576	115,958
Cost Recovery	4,548	4,818	5,192	5,572	11,000
Printing & Stationery	1,969	3,529	2,446	3,702	3,200
Repairs & Maintenance	1,621	2,240	2,098	5,601	3,000
Insurance	110	319	424	667	100
Electricity, etc	1,384	1,431	1,762	2,165	2,100
Missions	7,308	7,852	9,288	10,756	11,000
Other	15,045	17,489	35,379	27,438	5,800
Total	121,201	124,492	148,057	163,477	152,158

10. Property held in trust by the Property Trust for the provisional parish comprises -

Church and Hall (c. 1898 to c. 1982)	842,000
Contents	262,000
Rectory	165,000
Total Assets	<u>\$1,269,000</u>

11. This does not include the value of land on which the property is located. The condition of all buildings is good.

12. There are no debts.

13. Archdeacon Ken Allen supports the application.

Recommendation

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

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

KEN ALLEN
Archdeacon of Western Sydney

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