

## Proposal to change the Parish of North Ryde to a Provisional Parish

(A report from the North Sydney Regional Council.)

### Initiation of Proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of St. John's North Ryde under clause 4(1)(c) of the *Parishes Ordinance 1974*.

### Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of North Sydney Regional Council was held on 17 June 1997 to consider the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. North Sydney Regional Council certified that all procedural requirements under clauses 4 and 6 have been complied with and noted that no objections had been received.

### Proposal

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

5. The parish has been unable to meet the local revenue threshold in the years 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996. The parish was not automatically reclassified because Standing Committee, at the request of the Churchwardens, resolved that clause 8 of the Ordinance (which deals with automatic reclassification) should not apply in relation to the 1993 year. With the rise in parish recovery costs, the parish could not see the threshold being met in the immediate future and so the Minister and Churchwardens made the proposal in this report. There are no arrears of assessments.

### Parish Information

6. St John's North Ryde is a relatively small area but one that has many characteristics of village life with a well-defined community. There is a strong core of committed members and a well-run parish preschool, which offers ongoing contact with families. There are approximately 4,600 persons claiming adherence to the Anglican Church of Australia within the parish. Some long standing members of the parish have moved out as a result of retirement.

7. The parish has never failed to meet the minister's stipend or Synod assessments. The congregation is stable after a change of ministry at the end of 1995. New initiatives are being taken and new families contacted.

8. The Rector also serves as a part-time Chaplain at Macquarie University, for which Synod funding is made available.

9. There are approximately 100 adults and 20 children who would be considered to be members of the congregation. Special services held from time to time attract additional people. The main point of growth is the morning congregation. The parish has members from a number of cultures.

### Particulars of Church Trust Property

10. Details of property held by the Property Trust upon trust for North Ryde are as follows -

St John's North Ryde	Value of Land and Improvements	Condition of Buildings
Church ) Hall ) 152 Cox's Rd	\$1,365,000	Good
Rectory ) House ) 17 Kokoda St	\$233,000	Fair

11. The Minister's residence is currently being brought into conformity with diocesan standards. Current surplus funds will be applied to this end.

### Attendances

12. Attendances at services are -

8.00 am	9.30 am	7.00 pm
23	36	14

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**Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments**

13. A summary of the financial position over the past 3 years and the budget for 1997 follows -

	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>Budget 1997</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Offertories / Donations	34,033	38,916	34,226	37,564
Mission funds - trust monies	9,644	4,984	5,344	5,628
Other income	-	317	315	-
Interest	90	296	582	56
Grants received	-	-	30,000	30,000
Rents Received	29,368	26,809	28,772	31,029
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>73,135</b>	<b>71,322</b>	<b>99,239</b>	<b>104,277</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Stipends, & travel Allowances	38,789	31,782	41,274	47,456
Assessments	6,842	7,000	8,450	4,795
Mission funds -trust monies	11,234	8,459	8,988	8,189
Transfer to pre-school equip.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Gas, electricity, phone, rates	3,741	4,756	4,566	4,605
Trust Accounts write off	-	-	-	1,268
Buildings/ground maintenance	2,416	3,919	5,459	5,255
Other expenses	564	3,688	2,581	4,693
Loan Repayments	3,295	-	-	-
Rectory extensions	-	-	-	51,700
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>68,881</b>	<b>61,604</b>	<b>73,318</b>	<b>129,961</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>4,254</b>	<b>9,718</b>	<b>25,921</b>	<b>(25,684)</b>

14. A summary of assets and liabilities at 31 December 1996 follows -

<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>
Land, building and contents	1,598,000
Bank Accounts	57,608
Rent receivable	380
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,655,988</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities	105
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,655,883</b>

15. There are no debts on the property.

16. Archdeacon Reg Platt supports the application.

**Recommendation**

17. The North Sydney Regional Council recommends that the Parish of North Ryde become a Provisional Parish from 1 January 1997.

For and on behalf of the North Sydney Regional Council.

REG PLATT

*Archdeacon of North Sydney*

24 July 1997