

Proposal to change the status of the Provisional Parish of Oakhurst to 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 Oakhurst under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of Meeting

2. It was not possible to convene a meeting of the Western Sydney Regional Council in time to consider this matter (in accordance with Clause 5 of the Ordinance). In order to allow the matter to be promoted at the 2003 Synod all members of Council were contacted by 25 July 2003 and majority support was given.

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 Oakhurst to the Parish of Oakhurst.

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

Parish Information

6. In the 2001 Census profile a total of 3931 persons out of 25640 persons claim affiliation with the Anglican Church (15%), 3500 or (14%) claim no religion or did not state a religion. The largest group outside Christian Religions was 1223 (5%) Muslim.

7. The Provisional Parish employs a curate-in-charge, a youth minister and a children's worker.

8. The Provisional Parish now has 147 adults regularly attending as follows:

8:00 am	26
10:00 am	87
6:30 pm	34

9. Ministry amongst youth and children averages 30 each week. Scripture in schools is carried out regularly at four Primary Schools and the Richard Johnson Anglican School. Other activities include small groups, 50 children at Kid's Church on Sundays, CEBS averages 25 and GFS 60.

10. Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments

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	2000	2001	2002	budget 2003
Receipts				
Offeratories	68,355	66,178	70,564	72,200
Missions	6,090	27,309	17,573	15,000
Rent/Interest	327	1,017	343	350
Donations	430	7,910	12,000	12,000
Investments			11,570	
Grants	11,000	6,000	3,005	
GST Refunds		500	3,463	
Other Receipts	46,403	80,998	93,770	96,700
Total	132,605	189,912	202,288	196,250
Expenditure				
Stipends/Salaries	55,265	55,885	74,209	101,618
Cost Recovery	5,014	4,991	12,422	15,890
Printing & Stationery	6,901	9,014	10,938	9,730
Repairs & Maintenance	2,739	4,283	4,981	5,000
Insurance	176	100	717	1,000
Electricity, etc	10,305	9,495	12,405	13,200
Missions	6,246	29,217	14,903	19,420
Other	40,530	12,690	38,477	35,804
Total	127,176	125,675	169,052	201,662

Particulars of Church Trust Property

11. Property held in trust by the Property Trust for the Provisional Parish is comprised of -

Church and Hall (c. 1990)	710,000
Contents	150,000
Rectory (1987)	135,000
Child Care Centre (1995)	600,000
Total Assets	\$1,595,000

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

12. There is a debt being serviced by the Provisional Parish with a balance of \$ 37,000.

13. Archdeacon Ken Allen supports this application.

Recommendation

14. The Western Sydney Regional Council recommends that the Provisional Parish of Oakhurst become a Parish from 1 January 2004.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

KEN ALLEN
Archdeacon of Western Sydney

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