

Proposal to change the status of the Provisional Parish of Rooty Hill 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 Rooty Hill 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 the 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 Rooty Hill to the Parish of Rooty Hill.

5. The Provisional Parish has applied following the growth in membership and ministry in the Rooty Hill area and the growth of ministry in the Multicultural Bible Ministry.

Parish Information

6. In the 1996 NCLS profile a total of 1862 persons out of 9734 persons claim affiliation with the Anglican Church (22.1%), 1424 or (14.8%) claim no religion or did not state a religion. The largest group outside Christian Religions was 332 (3.4%) Muslim. 52.1% of the total population are married and 62.0% are purchasing a private dwelling.

7. The Provisional Parish employs a curate-in-charge, an assistant minister and 3 part time workers.

8. The Provisional Parish now has 250 adults regularly attending as follows:

8:00 am	44
10:00 am	157
5:00 pm	49

9. Ministry amongst youth and children averages 60 each week. Scripture in schools is carried out regularly. Other activities include small groups, Sunday School teenage youth groups men's and women's ministries and local outreach.

10. Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments

	1999	2000	2001	2002	budget 2003
Receipts					
Offerories	175,860	195,383	224,750	225,294	245,000
Missions	4,194	6,784	5,276	4,716	
Rent/Interest	10,349	7,995	25,519	5,775	35,000
Donations	5,443	15,912	8,082	19,381	63,300
Investments	-	-	-	170	-
Grants (UWS Chaplain)	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Other Receipts	34,927	25,806	42,381	68,395	8,696
Total	235,773	256,880	306,008	323,730	351,996
Expenditure					
Stipends/Salaries	108,269	135,644	156,795	170,248	231,968
Cost Recovery	13,827	14,853	17,275	25,556	28,500
Printing & Stationery	4,433	4,468	5,599	7,573	8,700
Repairs & Maintenance	2,483	1,978	1,345	2,098	2,000
Insurance	929	885	(398)	10	
Electricity, etc	3,262	2,687	2,939	2,646	4,070
Missions	21,196	28,122	28,434	26,517	24,500
Other	73,268	48,653	56,040	64,540	62,310
Total	227,667	237,290	266,684	299,188	362,048

Particulars of Church Trust Property

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

Church and Hall (c. 1898 to c1982)	842,000
Contents	262,000
Rectory	165,000
Total Assets	\$1,269,000

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 this application.

Recommendation

14. The Western Sydney Regional Council recommends that the Provisional Parish of Rooty Hill 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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