

## **Northern Regional Council Annual Report for 2004**

(A report from the Northern Regional Council.)

### **Introduction**

The Council met five times during the year at St Andrew's, Roseville.

### **Membership**

The membership of Regional Council consisted of:

Bishop Glenn Davies (Chairman)	Archdeacon Terry Dein
Mr Kevin Alexander	The Rev Richard James
The Rev Ernest Chau	Mr Dugald Mackenzie
Mr Fred Chilton	Mr Andrew Mitchell
Ms Stephanie Cole	The Rev Ross Nicholson
The Rev Geoff Collison	Mr Jim Peet
The Rev Neil Flower	Mrs Claire Smith
The Rev Andrew Graham	The Rev Lyndon Sulzberger
Mrs Jan Hall	Mr Andrew Tong
The Rev Brian Heath	Mr Derek Woutersz

During the year the Rev Andrew Graham was elected to fill a vacancy for a representative from the Gordon Deanery.

### **Retirement Farewell for Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby**

The Regional Dinner was chosen to farewell Ernie and Jan Carnaby. Consequently a number of special guests were invited to attend the dinner. Several speakers were invited to express appreciation of Ernie and Jan's ministry in former parishes and in the region. Tributes were paid to their warm personal ministries, their faithfulness, diligence and unwavering commitment to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. They were clearly much loved and held in high esteem. Bishop Davies presented Ernie with a gift on behalf of the region and added his personal comments expressing appreciation of Ernie as a valued colleague. Ernie responded on behalf of himself and Jan and in doing so demonstrated the very qualities attributed to him in the earlier speeches. The evening was attended by 248 people representing 54 parishes. It was pleasing to have 25 people representing other organisations share the time with us as well as special guests invited for the occasion of Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby's farewell.

### **Regional Conference**

This was held at 'Merroo' on 10-11th May. Those registering at the conference numbered 139, they represented 52 parishes (out of 64) and 92 stayed overnight. We were privileged to have Michael Cassidy of African Enterprise as our guest speaker and many appreciated his

ministry and personal perspectives. The conference was a valuable time of sharing, meeting new people, and learning together.

### **Evangelism & Church Growth**

As a means of encouraging and stimulating churches within the region, the Rev Stuart Robinson was engaged (part time) in 2003 to be available for parish consultations relating to evangelism and church growth. This arrangement was continued in 2004. Stuart's special gifts have been greatly appreciated by a number of parishes and the partnership with Evangelism Ministries has proved to be most valuable.

### **Ministry Initiatives**

It is encouraging to note the new ministries that are being undertaken across the region. There appears to be a fresh entrepreneurial spirit as parishes explore new means of evangelistic outreach and church growth. The commencement of new church plants in the region is significant. Some new ministries seek financial assistance, while others are self-supporting from inception.

### **Regional Grants**

Funds from Synod 2004 to be applied in 2005 were distributed as follows:

<b>Parish/Organisation</b>	<b>Ministry to be Funded</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1. Artamon	Ministry support & growth; ESL	<b>\$14,000</b>
2. Berowra	Family/Children's Worker	<b>\$27,000</b>
3. Eastwood	Chinese Ministry	<b>\$11,000</b>
4. ENTER (Entertainment Bible Ministry)	New staff worker	<b>\$10,000</b>
5. Ermington	Student Minister	<b>\$8,000</b>
6. Frenchs Forest	Youth Minister	<b>\$5,000</b>
7. Harbord	MTS Worker	<b>\$20,000</b>
8. Hornsby Heights	Youth Minister (P/T to F/T)	<b>\$35,000</b>
9. Chaplaincy/Mars Hill cong	Chaplain/Mars Hill	<b>\$20,000</b>
10. Manly Vale	Youth Worker	<b>\$25,000</b>
11. Naremburn/Cammeray	AM Housing	<b>\$30,000</b>
12. North Epping	Youth Worker F/T	<b>\$20,000</b>
13. Putney	Ministry support	<b>\$5,000</b>
14. Roseville East	Childrens/Family Ministry	<b>\$2,000</b>
15. Seaforth	Youth Worker	<b>\$3,000</b>
16. Thornleigh / Pennant Hills	Chinese Ministry	<b>\$10,000</b>

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17. Turrumurra	Church Plant - Nth Turrumurra	<b>\$30,000</b>
18. Waitara	P/T AM / Catechist/ESL	<b>\$10,000</b>
19. West Pymble	AM	<b>\$10,000</b>
20. West Ryde	LSW	<b>\$15,000</b>
21. Willoughby East	P/T Youth Worker	<b>\$5,000</b>
Hornsby Mandarin	Hooi Wan Cheng	<b>\$70,000</b>
CCM / ESL Coordinator	Rosemary Anderson	<b>\$30,000</b>
Bishop's Discretionary Fund		<b>\$10,000</b>
		<b>\$425,000</b>
Evangelism Ministries	Stuart Robinson	<b>\$45,000</b>
		<b>\$470,000</b>

**General Matters**

The Special Ministries Task Force supervises cross cultural matters including the regional ESL ministry which is conducted by Mrs Rosemary Anderson. During the year Mrs Anderson was granted special leave from mid May to mid December to go to PNG to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. During this time she worked one day per week gathering ESL resources. We are grateful to Mrs Pamela Riley for ensuring that our ESL ministry was cared for during Rosemary's absence.

For and on behalf of the Northern Region Council

TERRY DEIN  
*Archdeacon*

17 August 2005