

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2001

Introduction

1. The Council met on 6 occasions in 2000 at Meriden School, Strathfield. The meal at the beginning of each meeting has been instrumental in building community between the members who come from eighteen different parishes and represent the diversity of the region.

Membership

2. The membership of the Regional Council was -

The Rt Rev Peter Watson (until May)	Mr Richard Arkell
The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth (from August)	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Ven Trevor Edwards	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Philip Bradford	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev John Cashman	Mrs Jeanette Glass
The Rev David Crain	Mr Warwick Lewarne
The Rev Geoff Deutscher	Mr Allan Pidgeon
The Rev Trevor Goodman-Jones	Mr Chris Thomas
The Rev Deryck Howell	Miss Alicia Watson
The Rev John McIntyre	Dr Ruth White
The Rev Trevor Oakley	

3. Mr Richard Arkell of the parish of Rozelle/Lilyfield was appointed to the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr Ross Hindmarsh.

Ministry Strategies

4. The Council has continued to pursue the priorities identified in its strategic plan. These priorities include ministry among youth and children (encouraging parishes to establish and maintain children's and youth work, and continuing to support evangelism among higher education students), cross-cultural ministry (especially raising awareness of our multicultural mission context) and supporting ministry initiatives in areas of population regrowth.

5. In the course of finetuning its strategic plan the Council has refined its grants document and has now informed all parishes in the region of the new categories which will now prevail. The Council intends to have fixed term partnership funding agreements which are either **seeding grants** (reducing grants in the context of an overall commitment for the ministry project to become self-supporting after a suitable period of time) or **saving grants** (designed to save or make viable again an existing ministry which is experiencing a short-term emergency). In addition **special grants** are for long-term work of a high priority where it is unrealistic to expect any parish to fund and which constitutes a significant opportunity for the gospel. The three university chaplaincy grants are prime examples. Occasionally the Council

will contemplate a grant for a special event or occasion which does not fit into other criteria.

6. The Council is continuing to develop intentional review and accountability procedures.

Grants 2000

7. Funds from the Synod and various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed as follows -

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Abbotsford	Youth ministry	12 000
Annandale	Children's ministry	3 000
Bellevue Hill	Youth ministry	15 000
Broadway	Sydney University Chaplain	
		35 000
Broadway	UTS Chaplain	35 000
Centennial Park	UNSW Chaplain	35 000
Concord West	Youth Catechist	6 000
Cooks River	Multicultural youth outreach	30 000
Croydon	Female Pastoral Care Assistant	10 000
East Sydney	Parish Outreach Worker	25 000
Enfield	Assistant Minister	38 000
Five Dock	Youth ministry	4 170
Glebe	Youth ministry	10 000
Lord Howe Island	Part-time Ministers	12 376
Maroubra	Youth ministry	8 000
Maori	Chaplain	15 000
Newtown	Saving grant	25 000
Norfolk Island	Youth ministry	25 000
Petersham	Youth ministry	1 803
Rozelle/ Lilyfield	Youth ministry	15 000
South Sydney	Aboriginal Pastor	38 000
Summer Hill	Female Outreach Worker	12 000
Loans / Administration		11 700
		422 049

8. Consideration of grants for 2001-2002 was completed at the November meeting and successful applicants were notified.

Other Matters

9. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met throughout the year under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon. This group performs an invaluable service for both the Synod and the region.

10. Acting under the Parishes Ordinance 1979, the South Sydney Regional Council recommended that the parish of Newtown become a provisional parish.

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11. Given the fact that the South Sydney Regional Council is charged under the Regions Ordinance 1995 to develop ministry strategies in the Region, the Council responded to a request from the Synod to comment on the proposed Recognised Churches Ordinance. The Council's concern that the legislation only gave a role to regional councils at the end stage of the process was taken up eventually in amendments to the bill during the 2000 Synod.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

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