



## Western Sydney Regional Council

### Annual Report for 1998

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

#### Charter

1. The Western Sydney Regional Council under the Regions Ordinance 1995 has continued its functions for another year.
2. Following revised guidelines, the Council funds received from Synod were distributed to Parishes and other ministries in response to requests and plans. Over \$520,000 was so allocated.
3. A review of Ordinances and investigation of the Reclassification of Parish Units were conducted by the Ordinance Review and Legal (ORL) Committee as required by Ordinance.

#### Access

4. The principal office of the Council is located at the Anglican Church Office

(Bishop of Western Sydney),  
191 Church Street, Parramatta 2150 (PO Box 1443 Parramatta 2124).  
Office hours are generally 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.  
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5. The Hon Secretary is Mr A H (Tony) Woodland - telephone (02) 9636 2556 who also acts as Treasurer.

#### Members

6. The following are the members as at 30 June 1998.

Bishop B F V King	Mr J Barnard
Archdeacon A F Donohoo	Mr R Beer
Canon J W South	Mr A Frank
Canon P S Kemp	Dr R James
The Rev W Presbury	Mr D Lewarne
The Rev J Reid	Mr A H Woodhouse
The Rev S Semenchuk	Mr W D Nicholson
The Rev R Sewell	Mr I Reynolds
The Rev N Macken	Mrs R Smitherman
The Rev G Bates	Mr J Wenman

#### Structure of Organisation

7. The following chart sets out the structure of the Council and its various committees.

### Activities

8. The Council meets at least bi-monthly with these committees and Special Ministry Operations Groups (SMOGs) meeting as possible between Council meetings.

9. Financial support was given to parishes and other organisations with a priority in supporting several workers in Vision parishes. The practice in the past of continuing to give a gift to those candidates from the Region in full-time training for ordained ministry has continued and many parishes were generous with their gifts.

10. Loans and grants for major maintenance needs were occasionally made.

11. Two supplements of "Link" were published as inclusions in Southern Cross Newspaper. Our editor received several positive follow up calls demonstrating the level of acceptance and interest.

### Vision

12. To Support and Encourage Evangelism and Discipleship.

### Mission

13. Our mission is as adopted by the Archbishop-in-Council in order to participate in God's purpose of saving His world.

14. The vigorous effort of the TAFE Chaplaincy under Craig Blackett is encouraging the Western Region Congregations. It is expected approaches to assist Christian meetings in other TAFE Colleges will increase.

15. In 1999 we continue to consolidate Cross Cultural contacts. (Persian congregation, 4 Chinese congregations and Turkish work) and The Diocesan Director of CCM and his team are giving assistance in that area of ministry.

16. A small group meets as a SMOG to keep in touch with the developing areas of the Region, especially the North West Sector.

17. The appointment of Neville Naden as Aboriginal Pastor at Mt Druitt is an answer to a long felt need and Regional Council is supporting him in practical ways.

18. During 1999 it is intended to employ one or more persons, part time to assist parishes with Strategic Planning. Costs will be met from reserves and Parish contribution.

19. A photographic record of our Parish properties has been incorporated into a history book of the Region as it celebrates 30 years since formation.

20. The annual growth rate is 4.5%.

21. Regular training courses are arranged through the Bishop's office for clergy and laity. The Council is investigating the establishment of an Institute for Lay Training.

22. Recent amalgamations have revitalised struggling parishes, and the Parish Review and Support Team provides counsel, monitoring and advice to financially-strained Parishes.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

**BRIAN KING**

*Regional Bishop*

1 June 1999