

## Wollongong Regional Council Annual Report for 2013

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

### Introduction

1. The Wollongong Regional Council met 4 times during 2013 on the evenings of 5 February, 14 May, 10 September and 12 November. The meetings are held in Wollongong with each meeting preceded by a meal. The Executive sub-committee also met four times during 2013 to consider matters delegated to it and to plan agendas for the regular Council meetings.

### Membership

2. In 2013 the membership of the Council was –

Bishop Peter Hayward (Chair)	Mr Greg Holmes
Rev Dr Michael Blake	Mr Geoff Kyngdon
Mr Paul Burns	Mr Glenn Murray
Rev Rob Copland	Rev Neil Percival
Mr Mark Cottom	Mr Doug Philpott
Rev Anthony Douglas	Dr Stuart Quarmby
Mr Peter Evans	Rev Stephen Swanepoel
Rev Stephen Fifer	Mr Ron Webb
Mrs Amanda Garlato	Mr Tony Willis
Mr Andrew Guile	

### Ministry Strategies

3. Bishop Peter Hayward and the Regional Council worked closely to further support ministry across the Region. This included –

- financial support for the ministry at Oran Park
- financial support with subsidised rectories at Sussex Inlet and Harrington Park
- financial support with subsidised demountable at Helensburgh and Denham Court
- meeting with and support of Mission Area leaders
- support for Robertson attaining Parish status
- support for Kangaroo attaining Provisional Parish status
- support for Cobbitty attaining Provisional Parish status
- support for new Rectors
- 3 day Regional Ministry conference with Kent Hughes from the USA
- reviews of the Provisional Parishes of Denham Court and Sussex Inlet
- ongoing support for ESL English classes
  - ESL classes were delivered in 12 Parishes across the Region
  - because Cross Cultural Ministry funds are not allocated to the Wollongong Region, ESL classes are coordinated by Tony Willis
- ongoing support for Indigenous Ministries
  - Pastor Michael Duckett linked with St Peter's Campbelltown in partnership with the SAIPMC.
  - Pastor Brendon Garlett linked with Evangelism and New Churches and All Saints Nowra in partnership with the SAIPMC. Brendon resigned his position at the end of 2013.

4. During 2013 the position of Assistant to the Bishop was part funded from the Diocese and part from the Wollongong Region. Funding from the Region's assets was also allocated to the specific ministry in Oran Park.

Ministry	Purpose	Allocation	Total
Regional Staff	Salary Contributions	\$46,300	
Oran Park	Housing and salary support	\$67,700	\$114,000

5. The Regional Council has partnered with the Mission Area leaders of the Region to plan for ongoing ministry. The Council receives regular feedback regarding the broader mission taking place in the Region.

6. The three day Wollongong Regional Ministry Conference continues to be a “high point” in the life of the Region. This enables clergy and lay parish staff to meet together for mutual fellowship and teaching. Various guest speakers and Diocesan organisations join in the conference.

7. The Council received reports from Bishop Hayward and the Assistant to the Bishop at each meeting.

### **Compliance**

8. The Wollongong Regional Council is not involved in borrowings. Audited statements of accounts have been presented with the Annual Return to the Synod.

9. The ACNC Annual Return has been sent under separate cover.

10. Liquidity –

- (i) the members are of the opinion that, at the date of the report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Wollongong Regional Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;
- (ii) as the Council has no employees provision is not made for entitlements;
- (iii) all trade creditors are being paid in accordance with normal terms of payment;
- (iv) all dealings with real and personal property (including money) have been consistent with the trusts on which the property is held;
- (v) no payment has been made to a member;
- (vi) satisfactory systems of Internal Control and Risk Management have been maintained;
- (vii) appropriate types of insurance and levels of insurance cover are held for all insurable risks having regard to both value of assets and current levels of awards for damages; and
- (viii) no matter has arisen since the end of the Financial Year and the date of this report which could have a significant effect on the Organisation.

11. Risk Management –

- (i) key risks to the Organisation are –
  - a crisis in the financial markets impacting invested funds
  - misuse of grant monies allocated to Regional bodies / parishes
- (ii) a summary of the main policies and procedures in place to manage the key risks –
  - investments are made in line with Diocesan policy
  - a system of reporting on use of grant monies is in place
- (iii) financial reports and reports on application of grants are made regularly to the members.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council

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