

Wollongong Regional Council Annual Report for 2011

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Wollongong Regional Council met 4 times during 2011 on the evenings of 15 March, 14 June, 13 September and 8 November. The meeting is held in Wollongong with each meeting preceded by a meal. The Executive committee also met four times during 2011 to consider matters delegated to it and to plan agendas for the regular Council meetings.

Membership

2. In 2011 the membership of the Council was –

Bishop Peter Hayward (Chair)	Mr Glenn Murray
Rev Dr Michael Blake	Rev Neil Percival
Mr Paul Burns	Mr Doug Philpott
Rev Rob Copland	Mr Stuart Quarmby
Mr Peter Evans	Rev Stephen Semenchuk (resigned)
Mrs Amanda Garlato	Rev Stephen Swanepoel
Mr Andrew Guile	Mr Ron Webb
Mr Greg Holmes	Mr Peter White
Mr Geoff Kyngdon	Mr Tony Willis
Rev Richard Mills (resigned)	Ms Vivienne Young

The Rev Anthony Douglas and Rev Stephen Fifer were newly elected to the Council.

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 Nowra and Macarthur Indigenous ministries and Berkeley ministry (see below)
- meeting with and support of Mission Area leaders
- development of the Oran Park ministry
- support for Eagle Vale and Wollondilly attaining parish status
- support for new Rectors
- 3 day Regional Ministry conference including input from Mark McCrindle

4. Throughout 2011 the arrangement remained that funding from the Diocese would not continue to the Wollongong Region (other than office running costs) and that the Region would utilise its resources to fund the Bishop's Assistant and any other ministries. Funding from the Region's assets was allocated to the specific ministries in Berkeley and the Indigenous churches in the Macarthur and Shoalhaven.

5. Due to the ongoing financial constraints, grant allocation for 2011 was limited to \$80,000. These grants have been allocated to the Berkeley Church plant and the Indigenous ministries in the Macarthur and Shoalhaven.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Total</i>
Berkeley	Church planting	\$30,000	
Macarthur Indigenous	Indigenous	\$20,000	
Nowra	Indigenous	\$30,000	\$80,000

6. 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.

7. 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 join in the conference.

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

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

“Liquidity” Report

10. The members of the Wollongong Regional Council are of the opinion that, at the date of the report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Organisation is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
11. Adequate provisions have been made (including but not limited to, provisions for employee entitlements).
12. All trade creditors are being paid in accordance with normal terms of payment.
13. All dealings with real and personal property (including money) have been consistent with the trusts on which the property is held.
14. No payment has been made to a member (other than in the capacity of an employee of the Organisation).
15. Satisfactory systems of Internal Control and Risk Management have been maintained.
16. 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.
17. There are no matters which have arisen since the end of the Financial Year and the date on which the report is signed which could have a significant effect on the Organisation.

Risk management report

18. The key identifiable risks to the Wollongong Regional Council are –
 - embezzlement of funds by employees
 - spending of funds over and above income generated by interest from trusts and investments
 - inadequate insurances
19. It is the policy of the Wollongong Regional Council that all funds drawn are to be approved by two signatories to accounts.
20. Spending of funds and allocation of grants over and above day to day running costs can only be carried out by resolution of the Regional Council. Funds are invested through Glebe and the ACPT.
21. All insurances are maintained through Diocesan policies.
22. Financial reports and associated matters are reported to each meeting of the Wollongong Regional Council.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council

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