

Annual Report of the Standing Committee

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1. Introduction

1.1 Charter

This report covers actions taken by the Standing Committee since the October 1992 Synod Session under powers delegated to it by the Synod. The duties of the Standing Committee, under the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 and numerous other ordinances, include-

- (a) Considering and reporting upon matters referred to it by the Synod and carrying out the resolutions of the Synod.
- (b) Making ordinances concerning church trust property.
- (c) Preparing and administering the diocesan budget.
- (d) Making arrangements for Synod sessions and preparing and proposing business for the Synod.
- (e) Acting as a council of advice to the Archbishop (the "Archbishop-in-Council").
- (f) Appointing persons to fill casual vacancies among persons elected by the Synod to boards etc.
- (g) Monitoring the financial affairs of diocesan organisations.

More of the duties of the Standing Committee are referred to in item 3.4 of the *6th Handbook*.

1.2 Access

The Standing Committee meets in St Andrew's House, Sydney Square and mail should be addressed to "The Diocesan Secretary, Standing Committee of Synod, P.O. Box Q190 Queen Victoria Building, Sydney NSW 2000" (telephone (02) 2651 555 and Fax (02) 261 4485). Office hours are 9 am to 5 pm.

1.3 Meetings and Members

Since 16 October 1992, the Standing Committee has met 13 times and a further meeting is anticipated before the Synod meets on 11 October 1993. The members at the date of this report were -

<i>The Archbishop</i> Archbishop R.H. Goodhew	<i>The Chancellor</i> Mr Justice K.R. Handley
<i>The Assistant Bishops</i> Bishop P.W. Barnett Bishop P.R. Watson	<i>The Registrar</i> Archdeacon W.S. Skillicorn
<i>The Archdeacons</i> Archdeacon A.F. Donohoo Archdeacon G.R. Huard Archdeacon B.W. Richardson Archdeacon V.W. Roberts	<i>The Secretaries of Synod</i> The Rev C.J. Moroney Mr W.G.S. Gotley
<i>The Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral</i> Dean B.A. Jobbins	<i>Laypersons Elected by Synod</i> Professor C.R. Bellenger Mr N.M. Cameron Mr G.A. Collins Mr D.J. Fairfull Dr K. Hawtrey Mrs E.C. Holley Mr G.V. Kells Mr R.H.Y. Lambert Mr D.R. Lewarne Mr D.S. Marr Mr I.C. Miller Dr B.C. Newman Mr P.T. Nicholson Mr W.B. Nicholson Mr W.H. Olson Dr S.F. Pigginn Deaconess M.A. Rodgers Dr L.A. Scandrett Ms K. Sowada Mr R. Tong Mr Justice P.W. Young
<i>Clergymen Elected by Synod</i> The Rev B. Ballantine-Jones Canon L.F. Bartlett The Rev V.R. Cole The Rev T.K. Dein The Rev R.C. Forsyth The Rev N. Jarrett The Rev P.D. Jensen Canon P.F. Jensen Canon P.S. Kemp The Rev J.G. Mason The Rev Dr P.T. O'Brien The Rev J. Ramsay Canon B.C. Wilson	

A number of changes have taken place or will take place shortly.

- (a) Bishop R.H. Goodhew became Archbishop after the retirement of Bishop D.W.B. Robinson.
- (b) The Rev B.A. Jobbins became a member *ex-officio* when he was appointed as Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral after the retirement of Bishop K.H. Short, and was replaced as an elected member by the Rev N. Jarrett.
- (c) Bishop J.R. Reid retired as Bishop of South Sydney and will be replaced by Bishop P.R. Watson.
- (d) When Bishop Watson becomes Bishop of South Sydney, Bishop-elect B.F.V. King will become Bishop of Parramatta.
- (e) Bishop-elect R. Piper will become Bishop of Wollongong from 21 September 1993 replacing Bishop K.H. Short who temporarily replaced Bishop R.H. Goodhew.

- (f) Bishop E.D. Cameron will retire effectively from 20 August when he takes long service leave. He has been replaced as Registrar by Archdeacon W.S. Skillicorn.
- (g) Archdeacon-elect R.T. Platt will become Archdeacon of Ryde from 12 September replacing Archdeacon W.S. Skillicorn and later replacing Archdeacon B.W. Richardson who retires as Archdeacon of North Sydney from 23 November.
- (h) The Rev G.K. Clifton resigned as Clerical Secretary of the Synod and was replaced by the Rev C.J. Moroney.
- (i) Canon J.C. Chapman resigned and was replaced by the Rev P.D. Jensen.
- (j) Mr J.H. Foxton resigned and was replaced by Ms K. Sowada.
- (k) Mr J.G. Denton resigned and has not been replaced.
- (l) Archdeacon G.R. Huard will become Archdeacon of Liverpool/Bankstown from 21 September.
- (m) The Rev P.F. Perini has been appointed as Archdeacon of South Sydney from 1 December 1993.
- (n) The Rev D.D. Nicolios has been appointed as an Archdeacon without territorial jurisdiction with responsibility for the Promotion of Women's Ministry, from a date to be determined.

We record our appreciation of Archdeacon Brian Richardson, Canon John Chapman, the Rev Gregory Clifton, Mr John Denton and the late John Foxton for the contributions they have made to the work of the Standing Committee.

1.4 Retirement of Bishop Donald Robinson AO as Archbishop

We have pleasure in recording our appreciation of Bishop Donald Robinson who, as Archbishop, has been chairman of the Standing Committee since April 1982. We have benefited greatly from his clear-minded control of debates and extend to him and his wife, Marie, our best wishes.

1.5 Retirement of Bishop J.R. Reid

We also record our deep appreciation of Bishop John Reid's distinguished and extensive contribution over the past 24 years. His contributions to debates and his distinctive insights, from his intimate knowledge of the Diocese have had significant influence on the work of the Standing Committee. We wish him and his wife, Alison, every happiness for the future.

Bishop Reid was the Administrator of the Diocese from 1 February to 29 April 1993.

1.6 Appointment of Bishop R.H. Goodhew as Archbishop of Sydney

Bishop Harry Goodhew accepted the office of Archbishop and took his seat in the Cathedral on 29 April 1993. Archbishop Goodhew and his wife, Pamela, will live at Bishops court.

Archbishop Goodhew takes office at a time when there is much pressure for change and we look forward to working with him to bring about creative change in our Diocese.

1.7 Retirement of Bishop E.D. Cameron as Registrar

We have been very fortunate to have Bishop Donald Cameron in the work of the Standing Committee. We have relied on his knowledge of business and meetings procedure time and time again. We extend our best wishes to him and his wife, Rosemary, for the future.

1.8 Retirement of Miss C.L. Rivers

We record our appreciation of the contribution Charlotte Rivers has made to the work of our Diocese as Director of the Anglican Information Office over the last 12 years and wish her every blessing in retirement.

1.9 Death of Mr Neville Malone

Neville Malone, formerly Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, died in June 1993 and we again record our appreciation of his life and work for the Gospel.

1.10 Management and Structure

The work of the Standing Committee is carried out through a framework of committees and the staff of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat. A separate report from the Secretariat has been printed for the Synod. The major committees of the Standing Committee are-

Processing Bills for Ordinances -

- Church Lands Committee
- Parramatta Regional Lands Committee (PARC)
- Wollongong Regional Lands Committee (WARC)
- Large Receipts Committee
- Synod Ordinance Checking Panel

Financial Administration -

- Audit Committee
- Finance Committee
- Financial Priorities Committee

Legal Questions -

- Legal Committee
- General Synod Canons Committee

General Administration -

- Diocesan Liturgical Committee
- Ordination Training Fund Committee

Permanent Investigation Committee
 Social Issues Committee
 Synod Arrangements Committee

The Standing Committee records its appreciation of the persons who have served on its committees during the year.

1.11 Episcopal Areas

The Archbishop has announced the following new episcopal areas by area deaneries from 21 September 1993.

North Sydney		Liverpool/Bankstown	
Gordon	15	Liverpool	10
Hornsby	9	Bankstown	13
North Sydney	14	St George	15
Ryde	12	Marrickville	6
Warringah	14	Strathfield South ³	4
	<u>64</u>		<u>48</u>
Wollongong		Breakup of Strathfield Area Deanery	
Lake Illawarra	5	Notes	
Macarthur	10	1. Lidcombe/Berala to be assigned to an area deanery.	
Shoalhaven	8	2. Strathfield North includes -	
Southern Highlands	6	Concord	
Sutherland	9	Concord North	
Wollongong	9	Enfield	
	<u>47</u>	Homebush West	
	<u>—</u>	Strathfield, St Anne	
Parramatta		Strathfield, St Andrew	
Blue Mountains	9	Burwood	
Hawkesbury	7	3. Strathfield South includes -	
The Hills	8	Georges Hall	
Nepean	7	Regents Park	
Parramatta	13	Yagoona	
Prospect	10	Chester Hill"	
Parish of Lidcombe/ Berala ¹	1		
	<u>55</u>		
	<u>—</u>		
South Sydney			
Balmain	13		
East Sydney	7		
Randwick	12		
Sydney	7		
Petersham	10		
Strathfield North ²	7		
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1.12 Major Activities Since October 1992

The present expectation for change makes it hard to list just a few major activities of the Standing Committee and its committees. There are activities which are part of our agenda from year to year (like the elections requirements, the diocesan budgets and other "maintenance" tasks), and special projects started by the Standing Committee or requested by the Synod, sometimes on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

This year has been busy, and the following list of major activities shows why.

The preparations for the appointment of a new Archbishop, and the arrangements for Archbishop R.H. Goodhew to take up office and establish his management team.

The review of the Tribunal Ordinance by the Legal Committee.

The consideration of the legislation from the 1989 and 1992 General Synod sessions.

The consideration of the parish assessment system and the preparation of the 1994 budget.

The preparation of other business for the October 1993 Synod session.

Drawing together the diocesan organisations involved in evangelism through The Media.

The production by the Diocesan Doctrine Commission of the report on *Holy Baptism with the Laying on of Hands 1990*.

The consideration of the relationships of our Diocese with other Australian dioceses on constitutional, theological and practical issues.

The reception of the report of the Archbishop's Commission of Enquiry into Ministry Organisations.

The continuing review of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 and the Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990.

2. Parish Administration

2.1 Actions Under the Extra-Parochial Ordinance 1919 and the School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975

The Archbishop-in-Council has not been called upon to make any declarations under the 1919 Ordinance during the year. Page 122 of the 1993 Year Book has a list of the buildings, institutions and schools which have been declared extra-parochial.

2.2 Actions under the Parishes Ordinance 1979

Several parishes have not met the "local revenues" test -

	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>
	<i>Threshold</i>	<i>Threshold</i>	<i>Threshold</i>
	<i>\$32,837</i>	<i>\$35,278</i>	<i>\$36,343</i>
Abbotsford	x	x	x
Botany/Mascot/Eastlakes	-	-	x
Concord and Burwood	-	-	x
Homebush West	x	x	x
Kensington	-	-	x
Leura	-	x	x
Petersham	x	x	x
St George (Kogarah)	-	-	x
Strathfield (St Andrew)	x	x	x
Westmead	-	-	x

PARC amalgamated the provisional parishes of Merrylands and South Granville from 1 January 1993. The Standing Committee provisionally changed the status of Ermington to a provisional parish from 1 July 1993 (see item 2.3).

The formation of the provisional parishes of Culburra Beach and Kirribilli is recommended by WARC and the Standing Committee respectively.

2.3 Provisional Parish of Ermington

A proposal was made by Bishop J.R. Reid (as Administrator) for Ermington to become a provisional parish. Offertories have been decreasing (\$29,648 for 1992) and there were arrears of assessments of \$7,323 dating from 1991. Ermington did not meet the "local revenues" test for 1992.

The 1986 census showed 3,608 Anglicans in the Parish, a reduction of 3.9% on the 1981 census. The average attendance at Sunday services was reported as about 70 persons. The buildings are in fair condition.

Provisional parish status will at least reduce the liability for the payment of assessments and provide some "breathing space".

In reclassifying Ermington as a provisional parish from 1 July 1993, the Standing Committee has remitted \$2,138 of the arrears, which effectively backdated the change to 1 August 1992, the month that the Standing Committee first raised the matter of provisional parish status. The Synod's assent is needed to confirm the provisional parish status of Ermington.

2.4 Actions under the Presentation and Exchange Ordinance 1988

The Archbishop-in-Council was required to decide whether the Parish of Botany/Mascot/Eastlakes had the right to be represented

on the Presentation Board. It was decided that the Parish did not have this right.

2.5 Actions under the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 and the Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990

The Archbishop-in-Council modified the constitutions of the parish councils of Belmore, Denistone East, Willoughby East and Naremburn with Cammeray. The parish of Denistone East was given authority to have combined annual vestry meetings. A disputes committee has been set up to determine a vestry meeting dispute at the Parish of Willoughby.

3. Financial and Property Administration

3.1 Accounts Ordinance 1975

Clauses 7 and 8 of the Accounts Ordinance require diocesan organisations to lodge with the Standing Committee, by 30 June each year, their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December last, together with a report on liquidity and other financial matters (a "clause 8" report). A few organisations have been given leave to lodge these documents later than 30 June due to different balance dates. Attention will be drawn to any organisations which have not met the Synod's reporting requirements.

A number of organisations have been given relief from some of the extensive requirements approved by the Synod in 1991.

3.2 Audited Accounts of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee has the custody of all property belonging to the Synod. The Secretariat keeps the Standing Committee's books of account and the audited accounts of the Synod Fund for 1992 have been printed with this report. The 1992 audited accounts of the Sydney Diocesan Account, a group of small sub-trusts and clearing accounts, will be tabled at the Synod session.

3.3 Ordination Training Fund

Bursaries of \$256,137 were paid direct to Moore Theological College in 1992 as an offset to the fees of students (\$263,110 in 1991).

3.4 Ordinances Passed Since last Report

The following table shows the numbers of ordinances passed and assented to for the years 1987 to 1992 and for 1993 so far.

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Standing Committee	42	29	40	40	55	46	27
Synod	6	14	12	15	10	7	-
	48	43	52	55	65	53	27

A list of the ordinances passed by the Standing Committee since the last report to Synod has been printed with this report and an updated list will be tabled at the Synod session.

3.5 Ordinance Fees

The Standing Committee approved the following scale of fees from 1 January 1993 -

	\$
Ordinances requiring a Large Receipts Committee hearing	500
Sale, Leasing or other complex Ordinances	300
Other Ordinances	150
Synod Ordinances	Nil *

* But a contribution may be sought towards printing costs.

3.6 Policy on Sale of Property

The Standing Committee is of the view that in ordinary circumstances it is inappropriate for the Property Trust to sell a property, which has been a licensed church, to an organisation of another faith or a sect.

3.7 Policy on Bequests etc

The Standing Committee has adopted a policy that all bequests for \$20,000 or less received for the Diocese of Sydney without a more specific trust will be included as income in the next possible Income and Expenditure Ordinance.

3.8 Distributions of Funds Under Ordinances

Several distributions of funds were approved -

Berrima cum Moss Vale Ordinance 1983: up to \$4,000 to rebuild a retaining wall.

Darlinghurst (Mission Hall) Sale Ordinance 1953: \$4,612 towards repairs to the parish hall.

Darlinghurst Vesting and Leasing Ordinance 1962: \$8,923 towards repairs to the parish hall.

Granville Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1982: \$12,000 for repairs to the rectory.

Hurlstone Park Sale Ordinance 1983: \$32,100 for MADCOM for an English as a second language teacher.

Miranda Sale Proceeds Ordinance 1991: \$45,663 for capital expenditure on parish properties.

Neutral Bay Rectory Sale Ordinance 1989: up to \$14,963 towards the maintenance of the church.

Richmond (Agnes Bank) Sale Ordinance 1992: \$7,000 for work on the rectory.

Richmond (Middleton Estate) Ordinance 1991: up to \$17,330 towards equipment for an education Centre.

St Anne's Ryde (Livingstone Lodge) Ordinance 1973: \$53,855 for property improvement and maintenance, and the purchase of equipment.

The amount which triggers a Large Receipts Committee hearing was reviewed but remains at \$300,000.

3.9 Assessment Authorisation Ordinance 1975

Relief from assessments or adjustments to assessments has been approved for a number of parochial units.

- (a) Upon the amalgamation of Campbelltown and Ruse/Airds/Kentlyn relief of \$12,100 was granted over several years.
- (b) Upon the amalgamation of Merrylands with South Granville relief of \$10,626 was granted over several years.
- (c) As a reasonable amount had been paid off arrears related to assessments first raised in 1957, \$1,369 was remitted for the Parish of St George (Kogarah).
- (d) See item 2.3 for arrears of \$2,138 remitted for Ermington.

3.10 Arrears of Assessments Payable by Parochial Units

The following table compares the arrears as at 15 August of the last 3 years -

	1991 \$	1992 \$	1993 \$
Arrangements to Pay			
Harbord	794.00	-	-
Minto	1,484.75	2,173.25	5,699.75
Ruse	2,645.50	2,445.50	-
St George	1,394.25	2,313.25	-
No Arrangements			
Abbotsford	-	3,554.50	6,424.50
Annandale	1,112.25	-	2,870.00
Ashbury	3,573.00	3,873.00	-
Auburn - St Philip	878.75	1,412.00	3,710.50
Berrima	2,513.25	-	2,120.75
Blakehurst	-	-	922.00
Bulli	2,117.25	2,613.00	-
Croydon	-	1,458.25	-
Dapto	-	4,722.50	-
Drummoyne	1,526.00	-	-
Ermington	857.00	4,034.50	5,185.00
Fairfield	1,304.50	-	-
Forestville	5,898.00	5,459.50	3,046.50
Katoomba	768.50	1,124.00	-
Keiraville	-	1,364.25	-
Lane Cove	-	3,936.75	-

Lidcombe/Berala	2,950.50	-	-
Millers Point	-	1,320.75	-
Northbridge	-	1,091.00	-
Northmead	3,419.50	-	-
Nowra	2,930.50	2,514.25	2,824.00
Richmond	2,215.25	2,358.00	-
Riverstone	869.50	727.00	-
Rozelle	-	-	1,594.00
St Clair	266.00	-	-
Wentworthville	-	1,204.00	2,716.00
Westmead	18.00	-	-
West Ryde	-	-	1,948.50
West Wollongong	510.00	-	-
Wilberforce	-	-	901.00
Total	<u>40,046.25</u>	<u>49,699.25</u>	<u>39,962.50</u>

3.11 St Peter's Hornsby Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 1978

This Fund is held upon trust to apply the income as directed by ordinance of the Synod. Appropriations of income feature regularly in diocesan income and expenditure ordinances. A condition at the time the Fund was created was that interest-free loans be made to St Mark's Berowra and St Luke's Hornsby Heights. As at 5 August 1993, the status of these interest-free loans was -

	<i>Berowra</i>	<i>Hornsby Heights</i>
Balance owing	\$19,139	\$56,900
Annual Repayment Rate	-	\$7,200

Berowra will repay the balance owing from the proceeds of the sale of Bar Island. The repayment rate of the Hornsby Heights loan will be reviewed by 31 December 1993.

3.12 Parramatta '54 Free Fund

This Fund is held upon trust to distribute the income among objects of the Diocese of Sydney determined by the Archbishop-in-Council. A distribution of \$7,000 was made this year towards hospitality costs of the 1993 Australian Bishops' Conference (\$7,000 for 1992) held at Gilbulla.

3.13 Endowment of the See (Various Approvals)

The stipends, allowances and housing costs of the Archbishop, assistant bishops (including the present registrar), the dean and archdeacons, the salaries of the deputy registrar, and registry staff (including the archivists) and the costs of regional episcopal offices are met from the Endowment of the See. The income from the Endowment of the See is applied in accordance with the Endowment of the See Ordinance 1977 -

- "(a) To pay the stipend of the Archbishop of Sydney, the expenses in relation to his official residence and

- travelling, secretarial and other expenses in respect of his office;
- (b) During the absence of the Archbishop or during any vacancy in the See to pay:
 - (i) an allowance to his Commissary or the Administrator of the Diocese for the time being;
 - (ii) the expenses incurred in the discharge of episcopal functions within the Diocese;
 - (iii) the expenses incurred on filling up the vacancy of the See;
 - (iv) travelling and other expenses and allowances to the incoming Archbishop.
 - (c) Subject as aforesaid to pay such other amounts in connection with the Diocese for such purpose as may from time to time be determined.
 - (d) Subject as aforesaid to pay such other amounts not exceeding \$10,000 in the year 1984 and in each subsequent calendar year or such greater amount per annum as may be determined from time to time by resolution of the Standing Committee on or towards such purposes of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Sydney as may from time to time be specified by the Archbishop.
 - (e) Subject as aforesaid to pay such amounts for such purposes of the Diocese beyond the Diocese as may be determined by resolution of Synod or by ordinance of Standing Committee but only insofar as those purposes include the provision of a capital sum to endow the see of another diocese.

The amounts to be paid pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall be such as are from time to time determined by the Standing Committee and in the case of payments made under paragraphs (a) and (c) approved by the Archbishop and in the case of payments made under paragraph (b) approved by the Archbishop or his Commissary or Administrator as the case may be."

The Standing Committee has increased the limit of \$10,000 in item (d) to \$25,000. This is the first increase since 1984.

Payments under items (a), (b) and (c) were continued to support the Archbishop (and the Administrator for a few months), his senior staff, his Registry establishment and offices.

3.14 Estate of Late M.A. Grant (Sisters' Endowment)

The Archbishop-in-Council appropriated \$60,000 from this Estate for distribution by the Archbishop in assisting clergy, clergy widows and clergy children or orphans who are in need.

3.15 Increases in Borrowing Limits

New borrowing limits were approved for 2 organisations.

3.16 New Sites Fund

The New Sites Fund provides the Property Trust with funds to purchase new sites. Most of our new church planting these days is initiated through a combination of the Archbishop's "Visions" Appeals, HMS and the Property Trust's New Sites Fund.

The New Sites Fund has within it 2 separate trusts which arise from a GAB loan plus Synod grants (clause 3 of the New Sites Ordinance 1982) and funds given to the Property Trust by the Archbishop's "Visions" Appeals (clause 4 of the 1982 Ordinance).

The Property Trust may declare land acquired pursuant to clause 3 of the 1982 Ordinance to be held upon trust for a parochial unit if it has received an acceptable amount for that land (the original purchase price plus costs is acceptable). The Archbishop may direct that land acquired pursuant to clause 4 of the 1982 Ordinance be held upon trust for a parochial unit.

The procedures for unlocking funds from the New Sites Fund are varied: clause 3 requires approval from one of the Bishops or Archdeacons of Parramatta and Wollongong, all of the members of the New Sites Advisory Committee, and the Property Trust while clause 4 requires an approval from a committee appointed by the Archbishop.

During 1992 the Property Trust bought 4 additional parcels of land from clause 3 funds and 3 parcels with clause 4 funds. Contracts were exchanged for the purchase of Kellyville but this purchase was subsequently rescinded as the vendor was unable to have certain restrictive covenants removed from the land.

Land at Blacktown was sold and a surplus of about \$600,000 will be used to purchase more land.

The Archbishop directed that a parcel of land at Ambarvale purchased under clause 4 of the 1982 Ordinance be held on trust for the Provisional Parish of Ambarvale. This land was purchased in 1984 for \$118,391.

At 31 December 1992 the Property Trust held the following parcels of land under the 1982 Ordinance.

Land Purchased with GAB Loan/Synod Grants

Ambarvale	1 parcel	Wollongong
Cranebrook	1 parcel	Parramatta
Eagle Vale	1 parcel	Wollongong
Erskine Park	1 parcel	Parramatta
Illawong	1 parcel	Wollongong
Menai	2 parcels	Wollongong
Minto	1 parcel	Wollongong
Quakers Hill	1 parcel	Parramatta

Rooty Hill	1 parcel	Parramatta
Sanctuary Point	1 parcel	Wollongong

Land Purchased with "Visions" Funds

Bomaderry West	1 parcel	Wollongong
Claymore	1 parcel	Wollongong
Culburra	1 parcel	Wollongong
Eagle Vale	1 parcel	Wollongong
Plumpton	1 parcel	Wollongong
Quakers Hill	3 parcels	Parramatta
Regentville	1 parcel	Parramatta
Sadleir	1 parcel	Wollongong
Shellharbour	1 parcel	Wollongong
Tahmoor	1 parcel	Wollongong

Land Purchased with GAB and "Visions" Funds

Crestwood	1 parcel	Parramatta
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3.17 Anglican Media Council

Following the report last year on the production of a media plan for the 1990s (page 304 of the 1993 Year Book), the Standing Committee has now merged the Anglican Information Office, the Anglican Radio Unit, the Anglican Television Society and the Anglican Inquiry Centre in a single body called the Anglican Media Council.

The members of the Anglican Media Council are -

<i>President</i>	<i>Appointed by Standing Committee</i>
Archbishop R.H. Goodhew	Mr N.M. Cameron
	The Rev J.G. Mason
<i>Appointed by the Archbishop</i>	Mr K. Richards
Mr A.E. Clemens	Mr W.H. Olson
Mr S. O'Doherty	

Chief Executive Officer
Mr D.J. Fairfull

Mr W.H. Olson is the Chairman and the Rev J.G. Mason is the Deputy Chairman. Mr Fairfull has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Council until a permanent appointment is made.

Broadly, the Council will carry on the activities of the previous 4 organisations although some of the activities may be transferred to other diocesan organisations later. The Council will review the matter of publishing a diocesan newspaper/broadsheet/magazine.

3.18 Crawford Village Parramatta North

The position of Crawford Village is still being closely monitored and the Anglican Retirement Villages organisation is now responsible for management.

3.19 Finance and Loans Board Letters of Responsibility

After the breakdown in the system of securing parish and organisation loans through letters of responsibility from the Archbishop as President of the Finance and Loans Board, several replacement systems have been considered. Until recently, the most favoured system was a negative pledge involving the Finance and Loans Board, the Property Trust and lending bodies.

But we are hoping to implement a new system in which the Finance and Loans Board and the Glebe Administration Board meet most of our parish and organisation borrowing needs.

- (a) An intending borrower will make an application on a standard form;
- (b) Applications for loans under \$200,000 will be referred to the Finance and Loans Board if it has funds available to lend. This limit will be reviewed from time to time.
- (c) Applications for loans on less than commercial terms (eg concessional interest rates for new area church development) will be referred to the Finance and Loans Board.
- (d) All other applications for loans will be referred to the Glebe Administration Board for consideration.

All loans from the Glebe Administration Board must be on commercial terms which produce a reasonable return for the Diocesan Endowment. It will still be open for a parish or organisation to borrow "outside", on the authority of an ordinance.

Procedural and policy matters are being considered and we will know soon whether the proposal will work. This proposal has the potential to revolutionise the financing of church developments.

3.20 Income Tax: Clergy and Lay Ministers

In December 1992 the Australian Taxation Office ("ATO") issued a ruling (ruling TR 92/17) entitled "Income tax and fringe benefits tax: exemptions for 'religious bodies'". The ruling confirms that benefits provided to ministers, assistant ministers and lay ministers (see the definitions of these terms in item 6.1 on page 34 of the *6th Handbook*) in accordance with the guidelines recommended by the Stipends and Allowances Committee are exempt from taxation under section 57 of the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986.

Under section 57 a benefit is exempt only if it is provided principally in respect of pastoral duties or directly related religious activities. In the ruling the ATO states that such duties and activities do not include the administration of a church, work undertaken by a director of a department of a diocese or the administration of a school. Diocesan organisations which receive the diocesan circular on stipends, allowances and benefits were advised of this aspect of the ruling.

3.21 Historic Buildings Restoration Fund

A grant of \$25,000 has been made from this Fund to help with emergency repairs to St Stephen's Newtown to help safeguard the spire and tower. Parts of the church and church drive were closed to the public for a while. The Fund will not have a significant balance until 1995 unless an amount can be made available from Contingencies.

3.22 Gilbulla

The operating position of Gilbulla has been reviewed (see item 3.19 of last year's report, page 305 of the 1993 Year Book) and has improved. We have agreed with the continued operation of Gilbulla, subject to a further review in 12 months through the Chief Executive Officer.

4. General Administration

4.1 Elections

The appointment of persons to serve on committees etc, the filling of casual vacancies among the members of organisations under ordinances and resolutions of the Synod, and the appointment of persons to represent the Diocese on other organisations is an important part of the business of the Standing Committee.

From October 1992 to July 1993, 153 such positions were filled (186 for the same period last year). This includes the persons elected to the committees in item 1.10.

4.2 Local Government Act 1993

In last year's report to Synod, it was noted that the Government proposed enacting new legislation to replace the Local Government Act 1919. A draft bill had been released for comment. It was of concern that the draft bill had the effect of narrowing the church rating exemptions.

The Diocese was a party to an interdenominational submission to the Government. This submission was successful in ensuring that the church exemptions have been carried over into the new Local Government Act 1993.

4.3 Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

In the 1992 report to Synod it was noted that this Act had been passed but that regulations had to be drafted before the Act could come into effect. The Chief Secretary's Department forwarded draft regulations which were reviewed on behalf of the Standing Committee. Subsequently the Standing Committee advised the Department that this Diocese had no comments on those regulations.

The 1991 Act gives the Diocese of Sydney exemption from, among other things, the strict accounting, investment and accountability provisions of the 1991 Act. This exemption covers organisations

under ordinances of the Synod and, with approval, may be extended to bodies or organisations affiliated with our Diocese.

The exemption has been granted on the understanding that we will comply with the spirit of the 1991 Act, and with the knowledge that we have in place a system of self-regulation through the Accounts Ordinance 1975 and the accounting provisions of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990. If this valuable exemption is abused, we could lose it.

4.4 Copyright

In the 1992 report to Synod it was noted that a circular on copyright was in the course of preparation. This matter is very complicated. It is hoped that the circular can be finalised as soon as possible.

4.5 Anti Discrimination Act 1977

In February 1993 the NSW Law Reform Commission published a discussion paper on the review of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Two of the matters raised by the Commission were the need for the general exemption for religious bodies and whether religion should be included as a ground of discrimination prohibited under the Act. A submission was sent to the Commission emphasising the need to maintain the existing exemption for religious bodies and expressing the view that religion should not be included as a ground of prohibited discrimination unless the rights of religious bodies and their adherents were sufficiently protected.

In June 1993 the Attorney-General forwarded a copy of the draft Anti Discrimination (Amendment) Bill 1993 to the Diocese for comment. The Government proposes introducing this bill, which includes provisions on ethno-religious discrimination and HIV/AIDS, homosexual vilification, into Parliament later this year. A submission was forwarded to the Attorney-General. The submission was to the effect that the Diocese could not support the bill as drafted since key concepts (such as the concept of "ethno-religion") were not defined and the protections to enable the quotation of biblical principles (particularly in relation to the practice of homosexuality) were not sufficiently entrenched. The Standing Committee also supported a submission on this bill made by the NSW Council of Churches.

Subsequently the Government announced that it did not intend to include provisions dealing with homosexual vilification in its bill.

A private member's bill on the vilification of homosexuals was passed by the Legislative Assembly in May 1993 but was held up in the Legislative Council. This bill was delayed in favour of the Government's bill but as the Government's bill will not now deal with homosexual vilification, the private member's bill is likely to be reactivated at the next sitting of the Legislative Council. We have appointed a committee to draft amendments to the bill which, so far as possible, will protect the rights of our Church to publicly state and preach biblical principles in relation to homosexuality.

The committee is authorised to discuss the amendments with members of the Parliament and other denominations.

4.6 Pre-Schools, Kindergartens, Schools, Colleges or Similar activities Operated by Parishes

Clause 12 of the Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990 provides that no pre-school, kindergarten, school or college or similar educational activity requiring governmental registration, licence or authorisation can be commenced on behalf of any parish or church except by a body established under an ordinance or with the consent of the Standing Committee. This does not apply to an activity commenced by a lessee or licensee under a lease or licence granted by the Property Trust.

There is a list of the approved pre-schools etc on page 308 of the 1992 Year Book and the Standing Committee has now consented to a pre-school being started by the Parish of Manly.

4.7 Trustees for Casino Community Benefits Fund

The Archbishop was invited to nominate a person for appointment as one of 9 trustees of a Casino Community Benefit Fund which is established by the Casino Control Act 1992. The Trustees will advise the Minister for Administrative Services -

- (a) on the appropriate proportions of funds to be allocated annually for research, education, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation; and
- (b) when allocated funds are not used in accordance with the Trustees' requirements.

The Standing Committee advised the Archbishop to decline the invitation on the grounds that it would be inconsistent with our strong opposition to the establishment of a casino, it could compromise the Diocese in any further opposition we may have to a casino, and it was likely that any church nominee(s) would be in a minority position.

4.8 Olympic Games for Sydney in the Year 2000

On behalf of the Diocese of Sydney, the Archbishop has congratulated the New South Wales Government on the success of the Sydney bid for the Olympic Games.

This event presents significant opportunities for evangelistic ministry, both leading up to and after the Games, and we have encouraged the Archbishop, with the Assistant Bishops and relevant organisations, to form strategic plans to take advantage of these opportunities.

The Archbishop wants to take a strong lead in this matter.

4.9 NSW Drug Awareness Council

After receiving a letter about the revival of this organisation (formerly known as the NSW Temperance Alliance), the appointment of new members (we have not appointed representatives since 1985) and a

hint at a contribution towards an annual budget of \$25,000, we decided to withdraw from membership of the Council. We do not think this Council can do much more (if any more) for our parishes than the NSW Council of Churches, in which we are paid-up members, and other voluntary and Government agencies.

We think that voluntary organisations not under the control of the Synod should exist because there is a need for them, and that they should rely on individuals and congregations in churches for financial support.

4.10 Use of Churches by Ethnic Church Groups

The Archdeacons were asked to report on this matter and the substance of their report follows.

- (a) The present arrangements under which Anglican churches can be used for the services etc of other Christian denominations and ethnic church groups need to be freed up. They are costly, cumbersome, impractical for short-term arrangements, give the impression of legalism to outsiders and, within our own congregations, impair fellowship between churches and discourage local church members who see the process as extraordinary. The result is that they do not work and the previous "illegal" use continues.
- (b) It would be better to allow others to use our churches for their services etc by way of "regulation" rather than "ordinance". In general, it would require written consents (eg rector, either church committee or parish council, the Archdeacon), a written agreement and an understanding that the other party was of a faith which made it appropriate for it to use Anglican church premises.
- (c) If possible, an ordinance should be passed so that under s.32B of the 1917 Act, the Standing Committee or persons authorised by the Standing Committee can enter into an agreement which complies with regulations to be drawn up.
- (d) Consideration must be given to whether the agreement and/or regulations would need to cover -
 - (i) the doctrinal basis of the other party and their financial soundness;
 - (ii) an indemnification and adequate insurance cover;
 - (iii) the times when the church can be used by the other party;
 - (iv) the arrangements for keys and for locking up afterwards;
 - (v) the use and rearrangement of existing furniture and furnishings and the removal of any items brought in by the other party;
 - (vi) the cleaning and care of the church;

- (vii) the financial arrangements, including the repair of any damage caused;
- (viii) the term of the agreement, the permitted uses and provisions for termination; and
- (ix) the arrangements for noise abatement control and covenants on the use of alcohol and drugs etc.

The Legal Committee has been asked to prepare a draft ordinance. A number of complex matters must be resolved including whether it is possible to do what is suggested within the framework of the law of trusts.

5. General and Provincial Synod Matters

5.1 Next General Synod Session

The next session of the General Synod will be held from 3 to 7 July 1995 in Melbourne. Separate reports have been printed on General Synod legislation .

5.2 General Synod Finances

We have appointed a committee to prepare a report on the history of our contributions to the General Synod, the priorities of the General Synod in allocating its income, and how those priorities compare with those of our Diocese. The report is awaited.

See the report on the Diocesan Income and Expenditure Ordinance for our recommendations on General Synod assessments for 1994 and our arrears for 1993.

5.3 Provincial Synod Session

The next meeting of the Provincial Synod will be held at Gilbulla from 13 to 15 February 1994.

5.4 Review of the 1902 Constitution

There is nothing further to report on the review of the 1902 Constitution presently before the Provincial Synod Standing Committee - see page 282 of the 1991 Year Book for more background information on the review.

5.5 *Theological Education in the Anglican Church of Australia*

Last year the General Synod referred this publication to Diocesan Councils and invited responses. We have sent a response, prepared by the Archbishop and Assistant Bishops, to the effect of the following.

- (a) We believe that the book is generally descriptive in character and that it presents a number of possible options for bishops/dioceses to evaluate in terms of their own needs.
- (b) The report raises serious problems for the future unity of the Anglican Church of Australia, given the diversity of

training models and the compromise of standards for ordination in some quarters. Once the Australian College of Theology was departed from as the effective centre for standards for basic education, the present diversity was inevitable.

- (c) Varying standards of education among ordained persons now creates problems of mobility from diocese to diocese. The net effect of diversity may be a generally lowered standard of education of clergy in the future.
- (d) It would appear desirable that the bishops agree to a basic set of criteria for ordination.

6. Sydney Synod Matters

6.1 Resolutions Passed by the Synod in 1992 and not Otherwise Mentioned in this Report

A circular was sent to parishes about the matters arising from the 1992 Synod session which required action at the parish level. A similar circular was sent to diocesan organisations. Copies of Synod resolutions were sent to appropriate persons and organisations.

6.2 12/84 Conduct of Marriage Services Involving Divorced Persons *Holy Baptism with the Laying on of Hands 1990* Lay and Diaconal Presidency at Holy Communion Sunday/Sabbath Observance

A report from the Diocesan Doctrine Commission on *Holy Baptism with the Laying on of Hands 1990* has been printed for the Synod and has been sent to the General Synod's Liturgical Commission.

Reports from the Diocesan Doctrine Commission on Lay and Diaconal Presidency have been printed for the Synod.

Reports are awaited from the Diocesan Doctrine Commission on the other subjects.

6.3 12/90 Archbishop's Commission of Enquiry into Ministry Organisations of the Diocese

In his Presidential Address to the Synod in 1992, Bishop D.W.B. Robinson, as Archbishop, mentioned the interim report of his Commission on Ministry Organisations (pages 267 to 272 of the 1993 Year Book).

On 22 February 1993 the Standing Committee received the following advice from the Archbishop -

"The Standing Committee will be aware, from my Address to Synod in October, of the progress of the Commission of Enquiry which I established some time ago. Since Synod I have received the Commission's final report, and although it will await the consideration of my successor in due time, it seems to me appropriate that

the Standing Committee should be aware of its contents and recommendations. I therefore ask that you should table the report and make copies available should the Committee so desire.

I would be grateful if the members of the Committee would take notice of my Synod comments on the work of the Commission, and of the Mission and Vision Statements which I myself proposed at Synod as a summary of my own thinking about the context of the Commission of Enquiry."

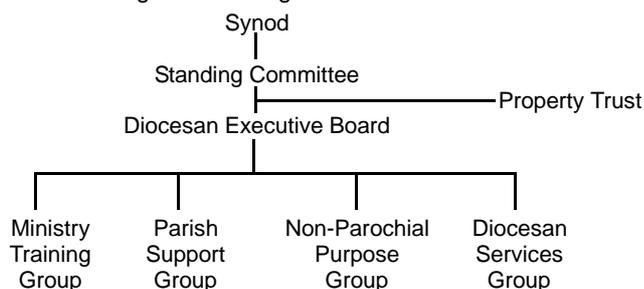
After Bishop R.H. Goodhew became Archbishop, he made a statement on mission and vision, and referred to the sermon he preached at his inauguration service. Mr G.V. Kells presented the report at a special meeting of the Standing Committee on 16 June 1993. The report of the Commission runs to 50 pages: the key subject headings are -

Is There a Need for Change?	Barriers to Change
Mission and Vision Statement	Symbolic Actions
Leadership Team	Empower People
Goals and Strategies	

The Commission recommends the formation of a Diocesan Executive Board with 4 main tasks -

1. Transmit the mission and vision to the whole Diocese.
2. Create an environment conducive to the achievement of this vision.
3. Build the necessary capabilities in the Diocese.
4. Inspire enthusiastic pursuit of the mission and vision.

The Commission also recommends the restructuring of diocesan organisation along the following lines -



The Standing Committee has encouraged the Archbishop to put together a leadership team to determine goals for the immediate future, to take steps to implement the principles in the report, and to keep the Standing Committee informed of action and progress.

There is much the Archbishop can do in his own right to impart "mission", "vision" and "goals" to the Diocese and to implement changes. The

implementation of wider change will require the cooperation of the Synod and the Standing Committee, and the Archbishop will bring any proposals forward at the appropriate time.

6.4 Relationships of our Diocese with Other Australian Dioceses Constitution Review Commission

Last year our Synod dissented from the Provisional Canon for the Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992. But the Canon was passed by the General Synod in November 1992, several dioceses have adopted it and a number of bishops have ordained women as priests.

The Standing Committee received several papers on this matter at its meeting on 1 February 1993 when the implications for the Diocese and for Anglicans in other dioceses were discussed. No conclusions were reached.

Pursuant to a request from the General Synod, the Primate has appointed a Constitutional Review Commission comprised of -

Bishop P. Chiswell	Mr M.F. Horton
Mr J.G. Denton	Dean B.A. Jobbins
Mr R.C. Fordham	Mr Justice P.W. Young (Chairman)
Mr W.F. Haffenden (Secretary)	

The terms of reference of the Commission are -

- “1. To consider the working of the Constitution in all its aspects and purposes, embracing (but not limited to) the following matters -
 - (i) the respective powers of the General Synod and diocesan synods, including Resolution 72/92 of General Synod and including the effect of these powers on the mission of this Church;
 - (ii) the composition of General Synod with particular reference to the provisions of the Table Annexed to the Constitution;
 - (iii) the provisions for alteration of the Constitution;
 - (iv) the provisions relating to special bills and to other canons which affect the order and good government of the Church within a diocese;
 - (v) the adequacy of definitions in s.74(1) of the Constitution;
 - (vi) the powers and operation of the Tribunals, especially the Appellate Tribunal;
 - (vii) the financing of the operations of the national church.
2. To invite submissions from individuals, dioceses, commissions, tribunals and other appropriate

bodies concerned in the operations of the Constitution.

3. To engage in consultation as appropriate at provincial or diocesan level.
4. To report on progress at each meeting of the Standing Committee of General Synod.
5. To report to the 1995 session of General Synod, or if appropriate to an earlier special session of General Synod, with specific recommendations as to amendments to the Constitution."

We have appointed a committee consisting of Bishop D.W.B. Robinson, Bishop E.D. Cameron, Mr N.M. Cameron, Mr I.C. Miller and Mr R. Tong (subject to their consents) to make a submission to the General Synod on behalf of the Diocese of Sydney.

6.5 10/91 Conference on Ordination of Women to the Priesthood

Last year the Synod gave the Synod-committee reporting on this matter leave to continue meeting and to report to the Standing Committee, and requested the Standing Committee to make the report available to Synod members as soon as possible.

On 26 July 1993 the Standing Committee agreed to the printing of a revised report, subject to each member of the Synod-committee "signing-off" the report to ensure that all of the members agree to the report in its present form.

Subsequently the members agreed on the report, with minor amendments, and it was printed and circulated to Synod members in the second mailing for this session.

6.6 7/92 Regionalisation/Diocesan Development

The Synod invited submissions on the major proposals in a report considered last year, and asked the Standing Committee to prepare a draft ordinance for the Synod giving effect generally to the proposals in the 1992 report (taking into account comments made in the Synod debate and the submissions).

Several submissions were received by 31 March 1993 and were referred to a committee consisting of Bishop R.H. Goodhew and the Rev S.N. Abrahams for consideration, along with the 1992 proposals and resolution 7/92. Subsequently Mr B.R. Davies replaced Bishop R.H. Goodhew who resigned when he was appointed Archbishop. The committee reported at the end of June with recommended drafting instructions for legislation.

Draft bills for alternate models are under consideration but it has not been possible for the Standing Committee to finalise this matter: in no small way it is connected with how an Archbishop wishes to exercise his ministry, and is almost the reverse of what is

recommended by the Archbishop's Commission of Enquiry into Ministry Organisations.

In the circumstances, the Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop that consideration of regionalisation be deferred until early 1994 chiefly to permit the Archbishop and the Assistant Bishops to establish a cohesive working relationship.

6.7 8/92 Evangelical Anglicanism

This resolution adopted a number of recommendations in a report received last year (page 416 of the 1993 Year Book) and called on the Standing Committee to report on those recommendations to the 1994 Synod session. The recommendations have been conveyed to the parties named in recommendation 63 with a request for a response by 15 June 1994.

6.8 14/92 Surplice Fees

A committee consisting of the Revs T.K. Dein, S.L. Gabbott and B.S. George, Messrs R.H.Y. Lambert and I.C. Miller was set up to do the job required by resolution 14/92. The committee is not ready to report and has been given leave to report next year.

6.9 16/92 Accounts Ordinance 1975

The Synod asked the Standing Committee to review this ordinance and, if thought necessary, to bring to the Synod an amending ordinance.

The Standing Committee thinks the Ordinance should be repealed and replaced with another ordinance and the bill for the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1993 was prepared. However, members of the Ordinance Drafting Panel have raised a number of questions about the drafting and it is better that the bill be withdrawn, the questions be settled and the bill be promoted to the second session of the 43rd Synod.

6.10 Synod Representative & Membership Ordinance 1945 14th Constitution Ordinance 1988 Retirements Ordinance 1993

The Standing Committee is moving towards the amendment of these ordinances -

- (a) to bring relevant provisions on Synod membership together in 1 ordinance and tidy up loose ends; and
- (b) to provide for the Regional Bishops, rather than the Retirements Board, to make recommendations to the Archbishop on extensions of service for parish clergy.

Amending ordinances are being prepared.

6.11 20/92 An Australian Prayer Book 1

The Sydney Synod recommended to the Standing Committee of the General Synod that sections of AAPB1 be made available in alternative formats, such as computer readable files and overhead

transparencies. The following comments were conveyed back to us by the General Synod Standing Committee.

Our own AIO holds the major copyright for AAPB1. The Director of AIO advised that 23 requests had been received since 1987 for permission to reproduce portions of the AAPB1 on transparencies, and permission has been granted with the payment of a fee per transparency produced to cover royalties.

Since 1987, only 2 or 3 enquiries have been made for AAPB1 in computer readable form and the small number of enquiries does not warrant a substantial investment of staff time and money for an uncertain return.

6.12 An Australian Prayer Book 2

The AIO was unsuccessful in tendering for the publication of AAPB2 and the distribution of trial booklets has passed to the successful tenderer, E.J. Dwyer (Australia) Pty Limited. (See the separate report from the Diocesan Liturgical Committee.)

6.13 26/92 Presentation and Exchange

The Synod requested the Standing Committee to prepare an ordinance to require the Registrar to advertise vacant parishes. This does not require an ordinance and the Registrar is advertising vacancies in *Southern Cross*.

The Synod's request to make more widely known the possibility of and scope for exchanges of parishes was conveyed to the Archbishop and Assistant Bishops.

6.14 36/92 Tenure Provisions Amendment Ordinance 1992

This bill was deferred from the 42nd Synod to the 43rd Synod when the consideration of it would start with the second reading.

The bill was promoted by request of the Standing Committee and, while the matter of tenure for assistant ministers and lay ministers does need attention, the Standing Committee thinks this bill needs further consideration and refinement. In these circumstances, leave will be sought to withdraw the bill.

6.15 35/92 Programme to Recruit Christian Teachers

The Synod requested the Standing Committee to set up a committee to report on a policy to recruit and train active Christians as qualified teachers and/or chaplains and education administrators of our church schools.

We asked Mr Riley Warren, Headmaster of the Macarthur Region Anglican Church School, to confer with Mr Roderick West, Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, and advise on the practicability of implementing this resolution in the light of the very difficult financial circumstances of the Diocese. Although this question remains, Mr A.K. Beavis, the Rev N.A. Flower, Mr J.T. Scott, Mr R. Warren (convenor) and Mr R.I. West have been invited

to join a committee to prepare the report required by resolution 35/92.

6.16 Review of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982

A committee consisting of Mr Justice K.R. Handley, Mr N.M. Cameron, Mr Justice P.W. Young, Dr L.A. Scandrett, the Rev R.C. Forsyth and Mr W.G.S. Gotley has been appointed to review the 1982 Ordinance and associated ordinances, and to prepare a bill for an ordinance to give effect to any desirable changes.

6.17 38/92 Motions Referred to the Standing Committee

As requested by this Synod resolution, a report has been sent to the members of Synod on the motions referred to the Standing Committee at the close of Synod business in October 1992.

6.18 Special Reports

The following reports have been printed separately but are supplements to this report -

- 1917 Act, Proposed Amendment of Section 26 (29/92)
- Catholic Order: "Principles" of
- Culburra Beach, Proposal for Provisional Parish Status
- Decade of Evangelism (18/89, 37/89, 6/90 etc)
- Diaconal Presidency at the Lord's Supper
- General Synod Legislation (3 reports)
- Holy Baptism with the Laying on of Hands 1990*
- Investment in Low Income Housing (22/92)
- Kirribilli, Proposal for Provisional Parish Status
- Lay Presidency at the Lord's Supper
- Liturgical Committee, Diocesan
- Ordination of Women to the Priesthood (10/91)
- Ordinances Passed Since Last Report
- Parochial Statistics for 1992
- Standing Committee Minute Book
- Stipends and Allowances (1/92)

6.19 Ordinances for this Session

The drafting and language of bills for ordinances for this session promoted by request of the Standing Committee or Synod has been examined by members of the Standing Committee's Ordinance Drafting Panel or, in 3 cases, will have been examined by the Panel before the Synod meets.

The following bills are by request of Standing Committee (those marked C arise from General Synod Canons and Bills) -

- Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1993
- Administrator Ordinance 1993
- Anglican Provident Fund (Sydney) Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1993
- Church Administration Ordinance 1990 Amending Ordinance 1993

Church Ministry (Baptism) Ordinance 1993 *
Church Ministry (Confessions) Ordinance 1993 *
Church Ministry (Confirmation) Ordinance 1993 *
Church Ministry (Holy Communion or Lord's Supper)
Ordinance 1993 *
Church Ministry (Robes) Ordinance 1993 *
Church Ministry (Services) Ordinance 1993 *
Church Ministry Ordinance 1993
Clergy Discipline Ordinance 1993
Delegation of Powers and Ordinance Procedure Ordinance
1973 Amendment Ordinance 1993
Delegation of Powers and Ordinance Procedure Ordinance
1973 Further Amendment Ordinance 1993
Diocesan Income and Expenditure Ordinance 1993
General Synod - Appellate Tribunal Canon Amendment
Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 1993 *
General Synod - Canon Concerning Authority on Certain
Matters 1989 Adopting Ordinance 1993 *
General Synod - Canon Law Repeal Canon 1989 Adopting
Ordinance 1993 *
General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Making of Canons)
Canon and Bill 1992 Assenting Ordinance 1993 *
General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Miscellaneous
Sections) Canon 1992 Assenting Ordinance 1993 *
General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Sections 17 & 23)
Canon 1992 Assenting Ordinance 1993 *
General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Canon 1992
Adopting Ordinance 1993 *
Marrickville Area Deanery Ordinance 1984 Amendment
Ordinance 1993
Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance 1993
Offences Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 1993
Parishes Ordinance 1979 Amendment Ordinance 1993
Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1993
Retirements Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1992
Tenure Provisions Amendment Ordinance 1992

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

W.G.S. GOTLEY
Diocesan Secretary

31 August 1993 *

* Updated to 10 October 1993