

Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2005

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Charter

1. The Western Sydney Regional Council chartered under the Regions Ordinance 1995 has continued its functions for another year since its last report.
2. Funds received from Synod (over \$500,000) was distributed to parishes and other ministries in response to grant applications and in accordance with Diocesan Mission and Regional Strategies.

Access

3. 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 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Telephone 02 9635 3186. Email: office@westernsydney.anglican.asn.au. The Regional Secretary is Ms Kirsty Grugan.

Members

4. Until Synod in October 2005 the Council was made up of –

Ex Officio:

Bishop I Y Lee Archdeacon Ken Allen

Elected:

Mr J Barnard (Windsor)	Mr N Attwood (Toongabbie)
Canon J W South (Emu Plains)	Mr A Frank (Northmead)
The Rev W Presbury (Glenbrook)	Dr R James (Penrith)
The Rev N Macken (Northmead)	Mr D Lewarne (Parramatta)
The Rev G Bates (Wilberforce)	Mrs G Williams (Dundas)
The Rev C Blacket (Rooty Hill)	Mr A Jones (Glenbrook)
The Rev R Vassallo (Rooty Hill)	Mr G Marks (Woodville Rd)
The Rev James Davidson (Carlingford with North Rocks)	
The Rev Gary Haddon (Glenmore Park)	

5. After Synod the membership was as follows –

Ex Officio:

Bishop I Y Lee Archdeacon Ken Allen

Elected:

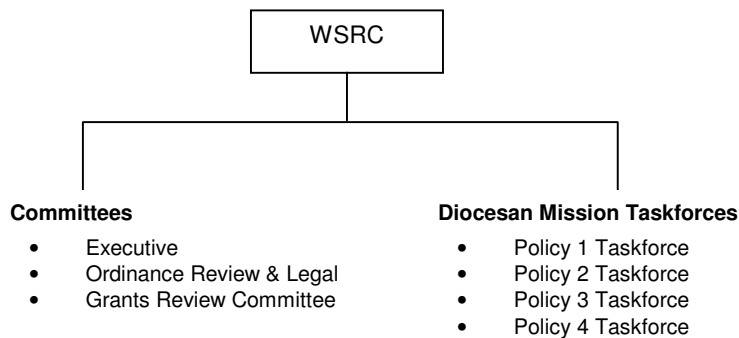
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The Rev N Macken (Northmead)	Dr R James (Penrith)
The Rev G Bates (Wilberforce)	Mrs G Williams (Dundas)
The Rev R Vassallo (Rooty Hill)	Mr A Jones (Glenbrook)
The Rev Graham Crew (Springwood)	Mr G Marks (Woodville Rd)
The Rev James Davidson (Carlingford)	Mr J Barnard (Windsor)

with North Rocks)	Mr Malcolm Purvis (Berala)
The Rev Colin Mackellar (Merrylands	Mr Martin Ashton
Wst with Graystones)	Mr Mark Richards

6. At our November meeting the Rev David Zhang (Auburn) and Mr Allan Douthwaite (Castle Hill) were elected to the two remaining positions.

Structure of the Council

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



Activities

8. The Council meet on 5 occasions during 2005 with these committees and Taskforces meeting where needed and as arranged. (A review of the value of our Task Forces was carried out and a proposal to revert in '06 to previous task forces was suggested. These were Youth, Cross Cultural, Children's, Tertiary and NorthWest Growth Sector.)

9. Financial support was given to Parishes and other organisations to supporting workers. The practice in the past of continuing to give a gift to those candidates from the Region in fulltime training for ordained ministry has continued and many parishes are generous with their gifts.

8. The list of Grants and Loans made are included in the Annual Accounts tabled at Synod.

9. Under the Special Administration Ordinance 2004 (the Council gave permission) for a number of parishes to govern their churches in this way.

10. The Council received and approved a strategic plan from Westmead (as requested by Standing Committee).

11. The Parish Growth & Decline model was presented by Bishop Lee and discussed by Council.

12. Reports were regularly received from new church plants.
13. A review was begun of guidelines for applications and disbursements.
14. Although priority is given to parishes which are either growing or being reinvented (that is, A and B and G parishes according to the parish growth and decline model) as far as regional grants are concerned, the regional council remain committed to helping small struggling parishes. One struggling parish received a consultancy by two experienced ministers on behalf of the regional council.
15. The Council noted that at the end of '05 there were no vacant parishes in the West.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

K P ALLEN
Regional Archdeacon
21 August 2006