Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2007

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Charter

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

Access

The principal Office of the Council is located at the Western 3. Sydney Regional Office - (Bishop of Western Sydney) 191 Church Street, Parramatta 2150 (PO Box 129 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. The following list are the members as at 31 December 2007 –

Ex Officio:

Bishop I Y Lee

Elected:

The Rev Graham Crew (Springwood) The Rev James Davidson (Carlingford

with North Rocks)

The Rev Gary Haddon (St Clair) The Rev Colin Mackellar (Merrylands

West with Graystanes)

The Rev N Macken (Northmead)

The Rev Ruth Mahaffey (Wilberforce) The Rev Michael Robinson

(Blacktown)

The Rev R Vassallo (Rooty Hill)

The Rev David Zhang

Archdeacon Ken Allen

Mr Martin Ashton

Mr J Barnard (Windsor)

Mr Allan Dowthwaite

Mr A Frank (Northmead)

Dr R James (Penrith)

Mr A Jones (Lower Mountains)

Mr G Marks (Blacktown)

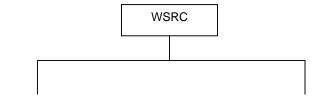
Mr A McLachlan

Mr Malcolm Purvis (Berala)

Mr Mark Richards Mrs G Williams (Dundas)

Structure of the Council

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



Committees

- Executive
- Ordinance Review & Legal
- Grants Review Committee

Diocesan Mission Taskforces

- · Children's
- Cross Cultural
- NorthWest Growth Sector
- Tertiary
- Youth

Activities

- 6. The Council meet on 5 occasions during 2007 with our committees and Taskforces meeting where needed and as arranged.
- 7. 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. Our grant guidelines were reviewed prior to grants being allocated.
- 8. The list of Grants and Loans made are included in the Annual Accounts tabled at Synod. The region continues to fund
 - (a) Tertiary Workers on the following campus Parramatta, Penrith, Hawkesbury, Nirimba
 - (b) Multi Cultural workers working with Chinese 1st and 2nd generation Persian 1st generation, Sudanese 1st generation, African and Vietnamese.
 - (c) Children's and Youth ministers around the region
 - (d) As well as several parishes in a rebuilding phase such as St Hilda's Katoomba and Dural District have received funding.
- 9. Under the Special Administration Ordinance 2004 The Council gave permission for the Parish of Parramatta North with Harris Park to govern their church in this way. The Council also enthusiastically supported the proposals to reclassify Lidcombe and Cranebrook to parish status.
- 10. The Council appointed Mrs L Laird as part time ESL worker to encourage, train and support ESL ministry in the Region. The Rev Ken Coleman continues to be involved as a Regional Cross Cultural worker two days a week.

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- 11. A boundary change to move Castlereagh from Cambridge Park to Cranebrook was approved.
- 12. We have a Candidates Assistance Fund which makes grant from time to time to ordination candidates for Western Sydney.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

KEN ALLEN Regional Archdeacon 10 July 2008