

Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish of North Ryde to a parish

(A report from the Northern Regional Council.)

Proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the minister and wardens of the provisional parish of St John's, North Ryde under clause 4 of the Parishes Ordinance 1979 for reclassification as a parish.

Details of meeting

2. A meeting of the Northern Regional Council held on 19 August 2009 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Parishes Ordinance.

3. The Northern Regional Council certifies that all procedural requirements under clauses 4 and 6 of the Parishes Ordinance have been completed, and recommends that the Synod raise the status of the provisional parish to a parish.

Parish information

4. The first branch church of St Anne's Ryde was St John's North Ryde which commenced in 1879. In it became a provisional district in 1962 and a provisional parish in 1967, achieving full parish status in 1973. However, in 1998 the parish reverted to provisional status. With the appointment of the Rev. John Chappell in 2007, the church has become refocussed and re-energised with increased attendance enabling the offertories to rise above the threshold for regaining full parish status. Furthermore, the parish has been able to appoint a Senior Assistant Minister, the Rev Peter Hughes, who began a church plant in East Ryde in 2009.

5. In the current year, regular attendance at St John's is as follows –

10 am	65
5 pm	47
Church plant	18

Particulars of church property

6. Details of property held by the Anglican Church Property Trust upon trust for the Provisional Parish are as follows –

	Value of Land and Improvements
Church and hall complex	\$1,970,000
Garage	\$17,000
Rectory	\$590,000
House (17 Kokoda St)	\$558,000

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

7. A summary of the financial position over the past three years is set out below –

	2006	2007	2008
Receipts	\$	\$	\$
Offerories	57,004	87,356	108,151
Missions	8,102	9,047	1,764
Grants	0	0	7,500
Interest/ Investments	238	314	294
Other	1,647	792	0
Trading Activities excess	32,146	28,131	33,100
Receipts from within the parish	11,407	27,701	
Total	110,544	153,341	150,8099

	2006	2007	2008
Expenditure	\$	\$	\$
Stipends/salaries	62,679	80,948	104,189
Cost recoveries	15,048	15,833	15,727
Resources for ministry	967	1,841	3,081
Parish donations	11,102	14,647	9,964
Administration	1,291	526	1,798
Property maintenance	545	1,112	4,390
Other	13,368	26,675	957
Parish payment	0	3,101	0
Total	105,000	144,683	140,106

8. The parish supports Noel and Margo Clarke (CMS missionaries).

9. The parish has no outstanding debts.

10. The Bishop of North Sydney supports this application.

Recommendation

11. The Northern Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of North Ryde be reclassified as a parish with effect from 1 January 2010.

For and behalf of the Northern Regional Council.

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Regional Bishop

31 August 2009