

## **Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2008**

(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) were 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 Western 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 8023 6700. 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 2008 –

#### *Ex Officio:*

Bishop I Y Lee

Archdeacon Ken Allen

#### *Elected:*

The Rev Graham Crew

Mr Allan Dowthwaite

The Rev James Davidson

Mr Ken Fairfax

The Rev Gary Haddon

Mr A Frank

The Rev N Macken

Dr R James

The Rev Ruth Mahaffey

Mr A Jones

The Rev Michael Robinson

Mr G Marks

The Rev R Vassallo

Mr A McLachlan

The Rev David Zhang

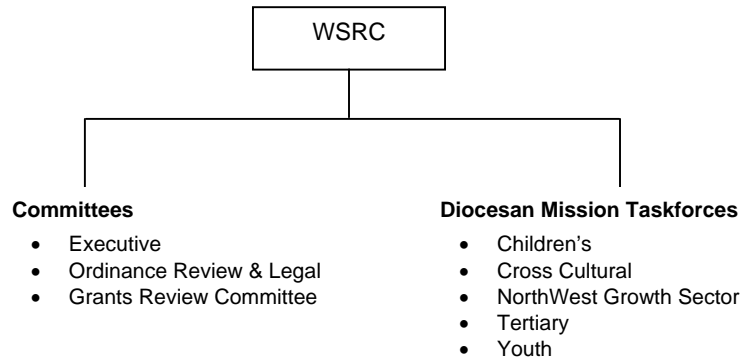
Mr Malcolm Purvis

Mr Mark Richards

Mr Graeme Tuckwell

### **Structure of the Council**

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



### Activities

6. The Council meet on 5 occasions during 2008 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 from our Candidates Assistance Fund 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 –

- i. Tertiary Workers on the following campus – Parramatta, Penrith, Hawkesbury, Nirimba
- ii. Multi Cultural workers working with Chinese 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, Persian 1<sup>st</sup> generation, Sudanese 1<sup>st</sup> generation, African and Vietnamese.
- iii. Children's and Youth ministers around the region
- iv. As well as several parishes in a rebuilding phase such as Berala received funding.

9. The Council appointed Mrs M Presbury 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.

10. A boundary change to move Mamre Anglican College and Emmaus Catholic Retirement Village into the parish of St Clair was approved.

### Risk Management

11. The Western Sydney Regional Council now conducts an annual risk management audit. Two major risks are –

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- i. Misappropriation of money invested for the Regional Council.
- ii. No real outcome for grant monies distributed.

12. We have in place sufficient checks and balances to minimise these risks.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

KEN ALLEN  
*Regional Archdeacon*

6 July 2009