

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2010

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met on four occasions in 2010 and the Executive Committee met twice. The meetings were held at St Andrew's House.

Membership

2. As at 31 December 2010, membership of the Regional Council was –

Bishop Robert Forsyth (Chairman)	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Antony Barraclough	Mr Ken Breakspear
The Rev Chris Braga	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Andrew Katay	Mrs Christine Crump
The Rev Andrew Moore	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Dave Rogers	Mr Robert Freeman
The Rev Shane Rogerson	Mrs Paulette Gray
The Rev Dominic Steele	Miss Alicia Watson
	Mr Mark Wornell

3. In the course of the year the Council accepted with regret the resignation of Dr Ken Simpson, and later Mr Richard Arkell and the Rev Francis Chalwell, members whose contribution to the Council had been greatly appreciated.

Indigenous Ministry

4. In the course of the year a number of meetings were held with representatives from the Indigenous community to explore ways of strengthening this ministry in the region and the Diocese. It was noted that indigenous ministry should not be confined to one place and that the development of leadership is crucial to its success.

5. There was also discussion on the proposed developments at Green Square and Pymont and reports received on a number of building issues in the Parish of South Sydney related to the indigenous ministry.

Cross-cultural Ministry

6. With the announcement that the Mission Board Strategy Committee was encouraging the support of ethnic and cross-cultural ministries, the Council supported the project of Christ Church Inner West 'Evangelising Chinese Ashfield'. This was the only ministry partnership entered into in 2010.

Property matters

7. During 2010, the property held by the Council at 115 Young Street, Redfern was prepared for sale, it serving no further purpose as a residence for a ministry worker. The Council authorised the necessary steps to be taken to prepare a sale ordinance.

Ministry Partnerships 2010

8. The Council has decided to honour all ministry partnership grants but only enter into new partnerships if, and when funds become available. This will mean completely running down of the reserves of the Council. In 2010, funds were distributed as follows –

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Annandale	Executive pastor	4,875
Ashfield	Cross-cultural ministry	21,000
Ashfield	MTS worker / women's worker	19,282
Cooks River	Youth worker / Islander worker	11,000
Drummoyne	Children's worker / student minister	19,500
East Sydney	Rough Edges chaplain	10,000
Glebe	Ministry worker	11,000
Lord Howe Island	Ministry airfares and expenses	9,238
Malabar	Children's and youth worker	19,500
Maroubra	Assistant minister	26,000
Newtown	Assistant minister	19,500
Petersham	Youth ministry	11,000
Strathfield/Homebush	Assistant minister	19,500
Summer Hill	Evangelist / MTS worker	19,500
Fees	SDS, accounting, bank	3,180
Total		223,075

9. On present indications the funds available for such partnerships will completely dry up in 2012.

Other Matters

10. The Council contributed to the salary for Assistant to the Bishop of South Sydney and PA \$71,667.

11. A report was received on the funding of the ministry at Lord Howe Island noting that the Mission Board had agreed to fund the ministry from 2013 as a Diocesan ministry, rather than a particular ministry of the South Sydney Region. In the meantime funding would continue at \$13,000 per annum.

12. The Council agreed to abolish the Ministry Partnerships Taskforce and establish an executive to deal with periodical matters.

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13. The Council approved parish-based administration for the Parish of Newtown with Erskineville under Schedule 2 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008.

For and on behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council

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