

Wollongong Regional Council Annual Report for 2010

(A report from the Wollongong Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Wollongong Regional Council meets 4 times a year on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month in March, June, September and November. The meeting is held in Wollongong with each meeting preceded by a meal. The Executive Committee also meets four times a year to consider matters delegated to it and to plan agendas for the regular Council meetings.

2. In 2010 the first meeting of the Regional Council was not held until June as Bishop Peter Hayward did not take up duties in the Region until May. There was no Regional Bishop in the first 4 months of 2010.

Membership

3. In 2010 the membership of the Council was –

Bishop Peter Hayward (Chair)	Mr Glenn Murray
The Rev Dr Michael Blake	The Rev Neil Percival
Mr Paul Burns	Mr Doug Philpott
The Rev Rob Copland	Mr Stuart Quarmby
Mr Peter Evans	The Rev Stephen Semenchuk
Mrs Amanda Garlato	The Rev Stephen Swanepoel
Mr Andrew Guile	Mr Ron Webb
Mr Greg Holmes	Mr Peter White
Mr Geoff Kyngdon	Mr Tony Willis
The Rev Richard Mills	Ms Vivienne Young

Ministry Strategies

4. Bishop Peter Hayward quickly settled into the Wollongong Region and in the first months visited all clergy of the Region. This enabled a rapid “assessment” of ministry across the Region and it was pleasing to note the overall strength of Parish ministry. For 2010 it was determined that funding from the Diocese would not continue to the Wollongong Region (other than office running costs) and that the Region would utilise its resources to fund the Bishop’s Assistant and any other ministries. To this end funding from the Region’s assets was allocated to the specific ministries in Airds, Berkeley and the Indigenous churches in the Macarthur and Shoalhaven.

5. Due to the ongoing financial constraints, grant allocation for 2011 was limited to \$80,000. These grants have been allocated to the Berkeley Church plant and the Indigenous ministries in the Macarthur and Shoalhaven.

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Parish	Purpose	Allocation	Total
Berkeley	Church planting	\$30,000	
Minto Indigenous	Indigenous	\$20,000	
Nowra	Indigenous	\$30,000	\$80,000

6. In addition the work of Cross-cultural ministries has been reduced, coinciding with the retirement of the 2 part-time advisory staff.

7. The Regional Council has partnered with the Mission Area leaders of the Region to plan for ongoing ministry. The Council receives regular feedback regarding the broader mission taking place in the Region.

8. The three-day Wollongong Regional Ministry Conference continues to be a "high point" in the life of the Region. This enables clergy and lay parish staff to meet together for mutual fellowship and teaching. Various guest speakers join in the conference.

9. The Council received reports from Bishop Hayward and the Assistant to the Bishop at each meeting. Additional reports were received from –

- (a) Cross-cultural Ministries
- (b) The Indigenous Ministry Committee

10. The Wollongong Regional Council is not involved in borrowings. Audited statements of accounts have been presented with the Annual Returns to the Synod.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council

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