

Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2001

Charter

1. The Western Sydney Regional Council under the Regions Ordinance 1995 has continued its functions for another year since its last Report.
2. Following revised guidelines, the Council funds received from Synod were distributed to Parishes and other ministries in response to requests and plans and its own strategy. Over \$498,250 was so allocated during 2000, and over \$524,250 is being allocated during 2001.
3. A review of Ordinances and investigation of the Reclassification of Parish Units was conducted by the Property Ordinance & Legal (POL) Committee as required by Ordinance.

Access

4. The principal Office of the Council is located at the Anglican Church Office - (Bishop of Western Sydney) 191 Church Street, Parramatta 2150 (PO Box 1443 Parramatta 2124). Office hours are generally 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Telephone 02 9635.3186 or 9689.1475. Email: *office@westernsydney.anglican.asn.au*. The Regional Secretary is Mrs Carolyn Kowald.
5. The Council Secretary is Mrs Sharon Crocker, Telephone 9635.3186, and the Honorary Treasurer is Mrs Gwenda Williams.

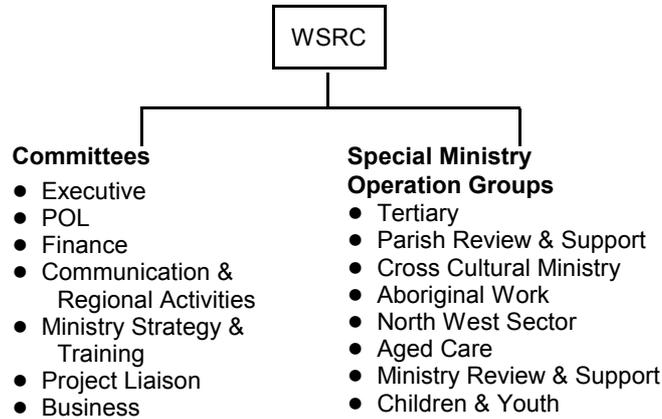
Members

6. The following list are the members as at 31 December, 2000.

Bishop B F V King	Mr J Barnard (Windsor)
Archdeacon Ken Allen	Mr R Beer (Castle Hill)
Canon J W South (Emu Plains)	Mr A Frank (Northmead)
The Rev J Lowe (Doonside)	Dr R James (Penrith)
The Rev W Presbury (Glenbrook)	Mr D Lewarne (Parramatta)
Canon D Mulready (Parramatta)	Mr A H Woodland (Parramatta)
The Rev S Semenchuk (Woodville)	Mr W D Nicholson (Lalor Park)
The Rev P Griffin (Wenworthville)	Mr I Reynolds (Lalor Park)
The Rev N Macken (Northmead)	Mrs G Williams (Dundas)
The Rev G Bates (Wilberforce)	Mr J Wenman (Blue Mountains)

Structure of Organisation

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



Activities

8. The Council meets at least bi-monthly with these committees and Special Ministry Operation Groups (SMOGS) meeting as possible between Council meetings.

9. Financial support was given to Parishes and other organisations in 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.

10. Loans and grants for major maintenance needs were occasionally made.

11. Two supplements of "Link" were published as inclusions in the "Southern Cross" newspaper. Our editor received several positive follow up calls demonstrating the level of acceptance and interest.

Vision

12. To **Support and Encourage Evangelism and Discipleship (SEED)**.

Mission

13. To build biblically healthy communities. As I wrote in May 2000 "Southern Cross" -

"Parishes and ministries - as close to the action as possible - make their plans and spend their money under the knowledge and direction of this umbrella.

Spending money will now be allocated through a predetermined percentage, given from the annual Synod grant to each of the four main resourcing groups - tertiary, cross-cultural, children and youth, and parishes.

They - not the Regional Council - will decide how the money will be spent.

Planning will be facilitated by a parish or ministry choosing one of four planning consultants, employed by the Regional Council, to help form its own strategy. The aim is to have 30 strategic plans operating by 2004.

A part-time executive assistant, a council secretary and an assistant treasurer were employed by the Council last year to facilitate this regional functioning which has assisted in the process.

Gospel Strategy & Mutual Fellowship are governing principles for any work anywhere. The Region therefore is rightly keen to promote these godly principles, to preserve its different cultures, and to prevent any inconsistencies.

The Ministry Strategy and Training Committee is a regional 'think-tank' which will provide strategic planning and new ministry ideas, in consultation with parishes and task groups.

Hopefully - especially when added to my own in-service workshops - this restructuring will help the Region be more and more -

- 'Observably God's people;
- Genuinely caring;
- Enterprisingly evangelistic;
- Dynamically Anglican and
- Pastorally enterprising."

Resolutions Implemented

14. One of the major areas that is growing both in population and importance with the Western Region is the Rouse Hill/Kellyville Development area, known as the North West Sector. The Regional Council is pleased that the State Government has recently advised that it is to "fast track" some of the infrastructure for the area. The Regional Council *Resolved* that up to \$35,000 be granted to allow for an additional worker and the Standing Committee *Resolved* that part of the interest accruing on the capital sum held from sale of St Stephen's Kellyville land be placed to this purpose.

15. Parish Consultations and planning together by a cluster of parishes with common areas of concern were also implemented following *Resolution* of the Council that they be done on a voluntary basis. To date two (2) have been undertaken and in 2001 4 parishes have so far asked for assistance in this area. With some rationalisation of parishes and staff it is important that this is done sooner rather than later.

Ministry Strategies

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16. At the Region's Annual Conference of members in March the following strategies were outlined and agreed to. For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council -

- Continue with the Regional Council's vision theme To **Support and Encourage Evangelism and Discipleship (SEED)** which effectively adopted Archbishop Goodhew's 5 point theme for the Diocese.
- Individual Parish prayer and strategic planning
- Deanery and SMOG (Special Ministry Operation Groups) Strategic planning and Cooperation
- Outline options for non-viable ministry units including amalgamation into viable ministry units
- Resourcing parishes for ministry (especially expertise)
- Targeted and ongoing training for specific ministries
- Plant new congregations in growth areas
- Envisioning events.

Grants & Loans

17. The list of Grants and Loans made are included in the Annual Accounts tabled at Synod.

Other Matters

The Region continues to be active in the following areas -

- (a) TAFE Chaplaincy. Rev Craig Blacket now is encouraging congregations and people at Regional TAFE's. Small groups are meeting to share and have Bible study together.
- (b) Cross Cultural Contacts are being funded for Persians (Parramatta), Chinese (Parramatta, West Pennant Hills and Auburn), Turkish (Penrith), Multi Cultural Bible Ministry (Rooty Hill)
- (c) The work of Rev Neville Naden (now ordained) at Tregear is expanding as others in other geographical areas join the Indigenous Church.
- (d) The Childrens' & Youth Committee have started with ideas worked out with the Anglican Youthworks organisation.
- (e) A Regional Conference with approx 200 attending last November discussed many Regional issues, especially the need for more Lay Training. So Workshops and Seminars have been planned in 2001.

- (f) My Ministry Skills Workshops, Ministry Reflection Retreats and Ministry Reviews have continued for Clergy in the Region.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

BRIAN F V KING
Regional Bishop

April 2001