

Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish of Wilberforce to a parish

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council)

Initiation of Proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the minister and churchwardens of the provisional parish of Wilberforce under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parish Ordinance of 1979 (the "Ordinance").

Details of Meeting

2. On 18 August 2006 the Western Sydney Regional Council considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance, accepted the recommendation and endorsed the proposal.

3. All the procedural requirements under clause 4 of the Ordinance have been satisfied.

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the provisional parish of Wilberforce to the parish of Wilberforce.

5. The provisional parish has applied following the growth in membership and ministry in the Wilberforce area.

Parish Information

6. The parish began in the mid nineteenth century and contains one of the colonies earliest school houses.

7. The provisional parish now employs four full time ministers, a student minister, a Youthworks college student and an office secretary.

8. The provisional parish now has over 300 adults regularly attending as follows:

St John's Wilberforce	
8am	37
9.30am	115
6.00pm	112
St Mark's Freemans Reach	17
Glossodia (church plant is 15 months old)	37
Upper Colo (meets monthly)	12

9. In 2000 the church pioneered and commenced the Arndell Community Anglican Church, which has grown and become a separate parish unit in the College.

10. In 2005 they started a church plant Glossodia Community Anglican Church, which meets in the local school. This has grown to 37 adults and 9 children over the last 15 months.

11. There are over 100 children attending each Sunday and are running 2 youth groups, 2 children's clubs and 3 Sunday Schools and 32 classes of scripture are taught each week. During school holidays we hold a day camp for children.

12. Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments –

	2003	2004	2005	Budget 2006
Receipts				
Offertories	168,957	191,656	199,096	213,000
Building Fund	90,370	11,860	2,154	5,000
Spring Fair	18,530	19,159	25,378	25,000
Rent/Interest	9,225	11,559	4,783	11,590
Donations	11,817	10,831	110,018	53,000
Day/Family Camp	11,873	13,204	13,688	14,000
Professional	11,055	10,425	11,035	15,000

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Other	36,005	15,230	42,942	20,420
Total	357,832	283,921	409,094	357,010
Expenditure				
Stipends/Salaries	109,111	95,706	118,302	227,160
Cost Recovery	28,629	38,002	40,036	42,000
Ministry Expenses	55,200	76,648	105,163	7,300
Day/Family Camp	7,675	11,336	9,805	9,500
Printing Stationery	9,962	10,474	6,496	6,400
Repairs & Maintenance	10,328	14,011	16,844	16,500
Electricity/ Telephone	9,065	12,552	9,829	15,500
Mission/Outreach/ Conventions	11,568	3,277	215	4,800
Property Improvements	68,867	10,535	7,405	
Professional Services	2,600	2,730	2,860	14,700
Spring Fair	2,078	3,195	5,605	5,500
Other	23,041	17,888	48,307	11,650
Total	338,124	296,354	370,867	361,010

Particulars of Church Property

13. Property held in trust by the Property Trust for the Provisional Parish is comprised of;
Estimated valuations are –

St John's

Church Building with contents	\$2,140,000
School House	\$836,000
Rectory	\$181,000
Education Centre	\$1,065,000

Freemans Reach

Church & Hall	\$441,000
Church Cottage	\$56,000

Glossodia

Rectory	225,900
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Upper Colo

Church	\$533,000
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TOTAL	\$5,616,900
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14. The rectory conforms to Diocesan Standards and is in good repair.
15. The Bishop and Archdeacon of Western Sydney strongly support the application.

Recommendation

16. The Western Sydney Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Wilberforce be reclassified as a parish with effect from the 1 January 2007.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

KEN ALLEN
Archdeacon of Western Sydney

18 August 2006