

Northern Region Council Annual Report for 2003

(A report from the Northern Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met five times during the year at St Andrew's, Roseville.

Membership

2. The membership of Regional Council consisted of:

Bishop Glenn Davies (Chairman)	Mr Kevin Alexander
Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby	Mr Fred Chilton
The Rev Greg Burke	Ms Stephanie Cole
The Rev Ernest Chau	Mrs Jan Hall
The Rev Geoff Collison	Mr Dugald Mackenzie
The Rev Neil Flower	Mr Murray Maxwell
The Rev Brian Heath	Mr Andrew Mitchell
The Rev Richard James	Mr Jim Peet
The Rev Ross Nicholson	Mr Andrew Tong
The Rev David Ritchie	Mr Derek Wautersz
The Rev Lyndon Sulzberger	Mrs Claire Smith

3. During the year the Revs Greg Burke and David Ritchie, and Mr Murray Maxwell resigned while the Rev Ernest Chau, the Rev Lyndon Sulzberger, Mr Jim Peet and Mrs Claire Smith were elected to fill vacancies.

Ministry Matters

4. Regional Conference. This was held at 'Merroo' on 5-6th May. Those registering at the conference numbered 122, they represented 51 parishes (out of 64) and 88 stayed overnight. It was a valuable time of sharing, meeting new people and learning together under the leadership of Bishop Glenn Davies.

5. Regional Dinner. This year the dinner venue was changed to Christ Church, St. Ives. The evening was attended by 236 people representing 55 parishes. It was pleasing to have 7 people representing other organisations share the time with us.

6. Rugby World Cup Dinner. This evangelistic event was held at Manly Pacific Hotel with Dr John Best as the speaker. It was a very good evening with 210 attending.

7. Prayer Gatherings. These were held on each Wednesday evening in September at Christ Church, St Ives. Attendance was encouraging over the four weeks.

Evangelism

8. As a means of encouraging and stimulating evangelism within the region, the Rev Stuart Robinson was engaged (part time) to be available for parish consultations relating to evangelism and church growth. This has proved to be a most valuable partnership with Evangelism Ministries.

Ministry Initiatives

9. It is encouraging to note the new ministries that are being undertaken across the region. Many never become the business of the Regional Council but are significant in their context. Others come to the attention of Council because they seek financial assistance. The variety of such work may be seen from the list of grants made. (See below) The commencement of church plants is significant and of particular importance is the commencement of a Mandarin speaking Chinese ministry at Hornsby during the year.

Regional Grants

10. Funds from Synod were distributed as follows:

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Artarmon	ESL ministry	8,000
Asquith/Mt Colah	Stipendiary Lay Worker	8,000
Eastwood	Chinese ministry	19,000
Ermington	Catechist (2) support	14,000
Frenchs Forest	Youth Worker	15,000
Hornsby Heights	Youth Worker	6,000
Mona Vale	Assistant Minister	30,000
Mowbray	Assistant Minister	10,000
Putney	Stipend support	8,000
Roseville East	Children/Youth ministry	5,000
Seaforth	Catechist	7,000
TAFE Ministries (Gladesville)	TAFE Bible Workshops	5,000
Thornleigh/Pennant Hills	Chinese Cantonese Ministry	15,000
Waitara	ESL, CCM, support existing work	18,000
West Pymble	Assistant Minister	30,000
West Ryde	Lay Stipendiary Worker	25,000
Willoughby East	Catechist	<u>5,000</u>
		238,000
Regional Ministries		
	Chinese Mandarin Ministry – Hornsby	13,750
	Cross Cultural Ministry –Rosemary Anderson	29,304
	Evangelism Ministries – Rev Stuart Robinson	<u>45,000</u>
		<u>316,054</u>

Task Forces

11. There are four Task forces operating in the region:

Cross Cultural Ministry
Diocesan Mission
Youth and Children

General Matters

12. During the year Bishop Davies led discussion upon the goals of the Northern Region, a review of the Mission Statement and expanded the Strategies to specifically include financial assistance to 'mission minded enterprises.'

13. The Provisional Parish of St Columb's, West Ryde, was declared by Synod to have full parish status from 1/1/04.

14. Our thanks to Archdeacon Reg Platt who assisted on a part time basis when Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby was on 3 months Long Service Leave during the year.

For and on behalf of the Northern Region Council

Terry Dein
Regional Archdeacon
23 August 2004