



Activities

6. The Council meet on 5 occasions during 2007 with our committees and Taskforces meeting where needed and as arranged.

7. Financial support was given to Parishes and other organisations to 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. Our grant guidelines were reviewed prior to grants being allocated.

8. The list of Grants and Loans made are included in the Annual Accounts tabled at Synod. The region continues to fund –

- (a) Tertiary Workers on the following campus – Parramatta, Penrith, Hawkesbury, Nirimba
- (b) Multi Cultural workers working with Chinese 1st and 2nd generation Persian 1st generation, Sudanese 1st generation, African and Vietnamese.
- (c) Children's and Youth ministers around the region
- (d) As well as several parishes in a rebuilding phase such as St Hilda's Katoomba and Dural District have received funding.

9. Under the Special Administration Ordinance 2004 The Council gave permission for the Parish of Parramatta North with Harris Park to govern their church in this way. The Council also enthusiastically supported the proposals to reclassify Lidcombe and Cranebrook to parish status.

10. The Council appointed Mrs L Laird as part time ESL worker to encourage, train and support ESL ministry in the Region. The Rev Ken Coleman continues to be involved as a Regional Cross Cultural worker two days a week.

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11. A boundary change to move Castlereagh from Cambridge Park to Cranebrook was approved.

12. We have a Candidates Assistance Fund which makes grant from time to time to ordination candidates for Western Sydney.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

KEN ALLEN
Regional Archdeacon

10 July 2008