Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2008

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Charter

1. The Western Sydney Regional Council chartered under the Regions Ordinance 1995 has continued its functions for another year since its last Report.

2. Funds received from Synod (over \$500,000) were distributed to Parishes and other ministries in response to grant applications and in accordance with Diocesan Mission and Regional Strategies.

Access

3. The principal Office of the Council is located at the Western Sydney Regional Office - (Bishop of Western Sydney) 191 Church Street, Parramatta 2150 (PO Box 129 Parramatta 2124). Office hours are 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Telephone 02 8023 6700. Email: office@westernsydney.anglican.asn.au. The Regional Secretary is Ms Kirsty Grugan.

Members

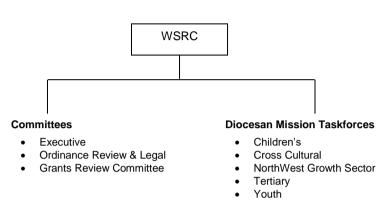
4. The following list are the members as at 31 December 2008 –

Ex Officio:	
Bishop I Y Lee	Archdeacon Ken Allen
Elected:	
The Rev Graham Crew	Mr Allan Dowthwaite
The Rev James Davidson	Mr Ken Fairfax
The Rev Gary Haddon	Mr A Frank
The Rev N Macken	Dr R James
The Rev Ruth Mahaffey	Mr A Jones
The Rev Michael Robinson	Mr G Marks
The Rev R Vassallo	Mr A McLachlan
The Rev David Zhang	Mr Malcolm Purvis
5	Mr Mark Richards

Structure of the Council

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

Mr Graeme Tuckwell



Activities

6. The Council meet on 5 occasions during 2008 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 from our Candidates Assistance Fund 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 –

- i. Tertiary Workers on the following campus Parramatta, Penrith, Hawkesbury, Nirimba
- Multi Cultural workers working with Chinese 1st and 2nd generation, Persian 1st generation, Sudanese 1st generation, African and Vietnamese.
- iii. Children's and Youth ministers around the region
- iv. As well as several parishes in a rebuilding phase such as Berala received funding.

9. The Council appointed Mrs M Presbury 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.

10. A boundary change to move Mamre Anglican College and Emmaus Catholic Retirement Village into the parish of St Clair was approved.

Risk Management

11. The Western Sydney Regional Council now conducts an annual risk management audit. Two major risks are –

- i. Misappropriation of money invested for the Regional Council.
- ii. No real outcome for grant monies distributed.

12. We have in place sufficient checks and balances to minimise these risks.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

KEN ALLEN *Regional Archdeacon* 6 July 2009