

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2014

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met on two occasions in 2014 on each occasion at St Andrew's House.

Membership

2. As at 31 December 2014 membership of the Council was –

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth (chairman)	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Andrew Bruce	Mr Ken Breakspear
The Rev Matthew Johnson	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Dave Rogers	Miss Tiffany Davy
The Rev Dominic Steele	Mr Robert Freeman
The Rev Mark Wormell	Mr Gilbert van der Jagt
	Ms Alicia Watson

3. In the course of the year the Council accepted with regret the resignation of the Rev Chris Braga.

Parishes

4. After lengthy discussions and representations from those intimately acquainted with the ministry on Norfolk Island, Council noted with pleasure the appointment of the Rev David Fell as the first full-time chaplain to the Church of England on Norfolk Island for some time. This initiative will play a crucial role in the revitalization of the ministry on Norfolk Island. It was agreed that the Council would provide partial funding for the position for the first five years. South Sydney Regional Council agreed to provide the following financial support to enable this to take place. \$50,000 in 2015, \$48,000 in 2016, \$44,000 in 2017, \$36,000 in 2018, and \$24,000 in 2019.

5. After discussion in Council and consultations with the Archbishop, it was noted that Grace City Church in Redfern would proceed as an ENC church in the region.

6. Council finalised the amalgamation of St Philip's York Street and Holy Trinity, Millers Point to be known as the Parish of Church Hill and that schedule 2 of the *Parish Administration Ordinance* would apply.

Other matters

7. Revisions to *Regions Ordinance 1995* – Council noted that these revisions came into effect on 13 October 2014. As South Sydney has only three mission areas, with one clergyman and one lay person to be elected from each area, it was resolved in accordance with clause 4(1)(d) of the ordinance that regional council could appoint 6 additional members to bring the total number of members to 12.

For and on behalf of South Sydney Regional Council.

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