

Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2014

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Charter

1. The Western Sydney Regional Council was constituted under the *Regions Ordinance 1995* and its functions, powers and duties are as established by Clause 6 of that ordinance.

Access

2. The Principal Office of the Western Sydney Regional Council is St Andrew's House, Sydney Square, Sydney, NSW 2000 (PO Box Q190, QVB Post Office 1230) and the phone number is 9265-1519. The business hours are Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm. The Regional PA is Miss Kirsty Grugan and the Honorary Treasurer is Mr Andrew McLachlan.

Membership

3. The members of the Regional Council as at December 2014 were as follows –

Rt Rev IY Lee	Mrs V Brasington
Rev R Cunningham	Mr K Fairfax
Rev T Oakley	Dr R James
Rev G Peisley	Mr A McLachlan
Canon M Williamson	Mr Ross Pendlebury

The main committees are the Executive Committee, the Ordinance Review Panel and the Architectural Panel.

Structure

4. The officers of the Council are –

- Chairman – Bishop Ivan Lee
- Honorary Treasurer – Mr Andrew McLachlan

There are no regional staff employed by the Council.

Activities

5. The Council met on 2 occasions during 2014 at St Stephen's, Penrith. The main areas of consideration included the reclassification of Katoomba parish, grants to the parishes of Auburn (St Phillips) and Lithgow, the regional ministry conference, parish consultancies, the relocation of the Dundas church site, and the draft new Diocesan Mission.

Regional Grants

6. A grant of \$5,000 was given towards the reinvention of the parish of St Phillip's Auburn. It was agreed that a long standing loan of \$17,820 for the revitalisation of the parish of Lithgow become a grant.

Finances

7. The Council has no borrowings. The financial statements and auditor's report for the period ended 31 December 2014 have been submitted to the Diocese.

Risk Management

8. The key identifiable risk to the Council is the misappropriation of funds and inadequate insurances.

9. The policy of the Council for withdrawal of funds is approval by two authorised signatories to the accounts. Financial reports are provided to each meeting of the Council. All insurances are maintained through Diocesan policies.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012

10. The legal name of the Council is the Anglican Western Sydney Regional Council, and the Australian Business Number is 40852468035

11. The Council is registered as a charity with the ACNC.

12. The required Annual Information Statement has been completed and receipt has been acknowledged by the ACNC.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

IVAN LEE
Bishop of Western Sydney

1 July 2015