

South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2009

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met on six occasions during 2009. The dominant question before the Council during the year was how to cope with what was expected to be severely reduced financial resources.

Membership

2. As at 31 December 2009, following the election of members by the Synod, membership of the Regional Council was:

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth (chairman)	Mr Richard Arkell
The Rev Antony Barraclough	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Chris Braga	Mr Ken Breakspear
The Rev Francis Chalwell	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Andrew Katay	Mrs Christine Crump
The Rev Andrew Moore	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Dave Rogers	Mr Robert Freeman
The Rev Shane Rogerson	Mrs Paulette Gray
The Rev Dominic Steele	Dr Ken Simpson
	Miss Alicia Watson
	Mr Mark Wormell

At the November meeting, Archdeacon Deryck Howell was thanked for his significant contribution to the region, before leaving to take up his position at Rosemeadow.

Regional Council Planning Day

3 On Saturday 23 May the Council met at Bishopscourt to consider the role and responsibility of Council, particularly in the light of reduced funding as a result of the possible severe cutback in available funds due to the losses in the Diocesan Endowment. Consideration was given as to the best use of resources and hopes and aspirations for the region. There was also discussion on priorities and strategies that might be adopted in the coming years.

Property Issues

4. Council welcomed the news that the DA for the new building at Broadway had been passed, and that the building should be completed in 2011. The development at Annandale was completed during the year with the new building being opened on 29 September.

5. There was also discussion on the proposed developments at Green Square and Pyrmont and reports received on a number of

building issues in the Parish of South Sydney related to the indigenous ministry.

Ministry Partnerships 2009

6. In 2009, funds from the Synod including various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed as follows:

Parish	Purpose	Amount \$
Annandale	Executive pastor	26,000
Ashfield/Five Dock/ Haberfield	MTS worker/women's worker	32,793
Broadway	Chaplaincies	45,000
Coogee	Children's worker	8,212
Cooks River	Youth worker/Islander worker	30,500
Drummoyne	Children's worker/student minister	26,000
East Sydney	Rough Edges chaplain	15,000
Glebe	Ministry worker	19,500
Lord Howe Island	Ministry airfares and expenses	13,558
Malabar	Children and youth worker	26,000
Maroubra	Assistant minister	10,500
Newtown	Assistant minister	36,500
Petersham	Youth minister	19,500
South Coogee	Assistant minister	10,500
South Sydney	Aboriginal pastor/administrator	45,000
Strathfield/Homebush	Assistant minister	26,000
Summer Hill	Evangelist/MTS worker	26,000
Unichurch (UNSW)	Chaplain and Asst minister	45,000
Parish website upgrades x 10		5,000
Loan repayments	F & L Board	565
Fees	SDS, accounting, bank	3,804
Other disbursements		9,771
Meeting expenses		1,209
Total		\$481,911

7. Because of the 50% drop in funding from the Synod, it was agreed that there would be no new grant applications in 2010 but that existing agreements be honoured as they wound down. Parish partnership grants had been given on an agreed declining amount for a fixed term. As the university chaplaincy money was to be distributed by a new Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee it was agreed to cease these at the end of 2009.

8. Support for the ministry at Lord Howe Island would be maintained at \$13,000 p.a. but the Mission Board would be asked if it might become the responsibility of the whole Synod.

9. The Regional Council allocated \$5,000 to support Sauerkraut, the special clergy church leadership training program run by Bishop Forsyth.

Other Matters

Ministry Partnerships.

10. It was reported that a number of new initiatives had occurred in the region. Centennial Park and Bondi were working together with Warwick de Jersey as acting rector and Matt King as assistant minister located at Bondi. A similar partnership was being explored with Clovelly when Lindsay Johnstone retires with Dave Rogers starting an evening congregation at Clovelly.

Associated Congregation

11. Council received notification that under the terms of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 para 5(2) (b) the Parish of Newtown with Erskineville would be commencing a congregation in the grounds of the Sexton's Cottage. Council approved this request.

Indigenous ministry and South Sydney parish

12. The Council established a task force to work with South Sydney parish on a number of property matters, including the house owned by the Council for an indigenous worker. A second task force was established to work with the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee on restructuring the indigenous ministry in the region in 2010.

For and on behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council

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