



## South Sydney Regional Council

### Annual Report for 2002

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

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#### Introduciton

1. The Council met on 6 occasions in 2002 at Meriden School, Strathfield. The meal at the beginning of each meeting has been instrumental in building community between the members who come from 18 different parishes and represent the diversity of the region.

#### Membership

2. The membership of the Regional Council was -

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| The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth         | Mr Richard Arkell                 |
| The Ven Trevor Edwards            | Mrs Elisabeth Boyce               |
| The Rev Paul Cohen (from October) | Dr Robert Claxton                 |
| The Rev Nick Foord                | Mrs Sarita England                |
| The Rev Trevor Goodman-Jones      | Mrs Jeanette Glass                |
| The Rev Deryck Howell             | Mrs Bronwyn Hughes (from October) |
| Canon Boak Jobbins (until July)   | Mr Warwick Lewarne                |
| The Rev John McIntyre             | Mr Allan Pidgeon                  |
| The Rev Trevor Oakley             | Mr Chris Thomas                   |
| The Rev Greg Thompson             | Miss Alicia Watson                |
| The Rev Paul Watson               | Dr Ruth White (to October)        |

#### Ministry Strategies

3. The Council has continued to pursue the priorities identified in its strategic plan. These priorities include ministry among youth and children (encouraging parishes to establish and maintain children's and youth work, and continuing to support evangelism among higher education students), cross-cultural ministry (especially raising awareness of our multicultural mission context) and supporting ministry initiatives in areas of population regrowth.

4. The Council is in the process of implementing fixed term partnership funding agreements which are either **seeding grants** (reducing grants in the context of an overall commitment for the ministry project to become self-supporting after a suitable period of time) or **saving grants** (designed to save or make viable again an existing ministry which is experiencing a short-term emergency). In addition **special grants** are for long-term work of a

high priority where it is unrealistic to expect any parish to fund and which constitutes a significant opportunity for the gospel. The three university chaplaincy grants are prime examples.

5. The Council's focus of attention in 2002 continued on the two church planting projects, at Green Square and Pyrmont. This is the culmination of much prayerful planning and we are delighted at the progress being made by the able staff of both churches.

### Grants 2002

6. Funds from the Synod including Parish Assistance Fund monies and various ordinances which have historically benefited the South Sydney region were distributed as follows -

| <b>Parish</b>             | <b>Purpose</b>                | <b>Amount \$</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Abbotsford                | Youth ministry                | 8,000            |
| Annandale                 | PAF                           | 5,014            |
| Ashfield                  | Catechist                     | 6,000            |
| Balmain                   | PAF                           | 5,215            |
| Bellevue Hill             | Youth ministry                | 8,000            |
| Bondi                     | PAF                           | 5,527            |
| Bondi Beach               | PAF                           | 7,500            |
| Broadway                  | Pyrmont church plant          | 15,000           |
| Broadway                  | Sydney University Chaplain    | 38,500           |
| Broadway                  | UTS Chaplain                  | 38,500           |
| Centennial Park           | UNSW Chaplain                 | 38,500           |
| Concord/Burwood           | Part-time children's ministry | 6,000            |
| Concord West              | Youth catechists              | 18,000           |
| Cooks River               | Multicultural youth outreach  | 30,000           |
| East Sydney               | Parish Outreach Worker        | 25,000           |
| Enfield                   | Assistant Minister            | 25,000           |
| Erskineville              | PAF                           | 3,756            |
| Five Dock                 | Youth ministry                | 7,500            |
| Lord Howe Island          | Part-time Ministers           | 10,123           |
| Malabar                   | PAF                           | 4,465            |
| Maroubra                  | Youth ministry                | 9,000            |
| Newtown                   | Saving grant                  | 24,983           |
| Norfolk Island            | Youth ministry                | 30,000           |
| Petersham                 | Youth ministry                | 15,091           |
| Rozelle/Lilyfield         | Youth ministry                | 8,000            |
| South Coogee              | Youth ministry                | 12,999           |
| South Sydney              | Aboriginal Pastor             | 38,500           |
| South Sydney              | Green Square church plant     | 32,083           |
| Strathfield (St Andrew's) | Cross-cultural consultancy    | 14,909           |
| Strathfield Homebush      | Multicultural outreach        | 6,000            |
| Loans/Administration      |                               | 16,110           |
|                           |                               | <b>513,276</b>   |

7. Consideration of grants for 2003 was completed at the November meeting and successful applicants were notified.

### Other Matters

8. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met throughout the year under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon. This group performs an invaluable service for both the Synod and the region.

9. Acting under the Regions Ordinance 1995 and the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000, the Council recommended the establishment of a new recognised church to be known as UniChurch (UNSW). The new recognised church came into being on 10 December 2002.

10. Acting under the Parishes Ordinance 1979, the South Sydney Regional Council recommended the amalgamation of the parish of Rozelle/ Lilyfield and the provisional parish of Balmain East with effect from 1 January 2003, with the new ecclesiastical district to be called the parish of Darling Street.

For and on behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council

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