Northern Region Council
Annual Report for 2003
(A report from the Northern Regional Council.)

Introduction
1. The Council met five times during the year at St Andrew's, Roseville.

Membership
2. The membership of Regional Council consisted of:
   - Bishop Glenn Davies (Chairman)
   - Mr Kevin Alexander
   - Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby
   - Mr Fred Chilton
   - The Rev Greg Burke
   - Ms Stephanie Cole
   - The Rev Ernest Chau
   - Mrs Jan Hall
   - The Rev Geoff Collison
   - Mr Dugald Mackenzie
   - The Rev Neil Flower
   - Mr Murray Maxwell
   - The Rev Brian Heath
   - Mr Andrew Mitchell
   - The Rev Richard James
   - Mr Jim Peet
   - The Rev Ross Nicholson
   - Mr Andrew Tong
   - The Rev David Ritchie
   - Mr Derek Wautersz
   - The Rev Lyndon Sulzberger
   - Mrs Claire Smith

3. During the year the Revs Greg Burke and David Ritchie, and Mr Murray Maxwell resigned while the Rev Ernest Chau, the Rev Lyndon Sulzberger, Mr Jim Peet and Mrs Claire Smith were elected to fill vacancies.

Ministry Matters
4. Regional Conference. This was held at ‘Merroo’ on 5-6th May. Those registering at the conference numbered 122, they represented 51 parishes (out of 64) and 88 stayed overnight. It was a valuable time of sharing, meeting new people and learning together under the leadership of Bishop Glenn Davies.

5. Regional Dinner. This year the dinner venue was changed to Christ Church, St. Ives. The evening was attended by 236 people representing 55 parishes. It was pleasing to have 7 people representing other organisations share the time with us.

6. Rugby World Cup Dinner. This evangelistic event was held at Manly Pacific Hotel with Dr John Best as the speaker. It was a very good evening with 210 attending.

7. Prayer Gatherings. These were held on each Wednesday evening in September at Christ Church, St Ives. Attendance was encouraging over the four weeks.
Evangelism

8. As a means of encouraging and stimulating evangelism within the region, the Rev Stuart Robinson was engaged (part time) to be available for parish consultations relating to evangelism and church growth. This has proved to be a most valuable partnership with Evangelism Ministries.

Ministry Initiatives

9. It is encouraging to note the new ministries that are being undertaken across the region. Many never become the business of the Regional Council but are significant in their context. Others come to the attention of Council because they seek financial assistance. The variety of such work may be seen from the list of grants made. (See below) The commencement of church plants is significant and of particular importance is the commencement of a Mandarin speaking Chinese ministry at Hornsby during the year.

Regional Grants

10. Funds from Synod were distributed as follows:

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Regional Ministries

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<td>Cross Cultural Ministry – Rosemary Anderson</td>
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316,054
Task Forces
11. There are four Task forces operating in the region:
   - Cross Cultural Ministry
   - Diocesan Mission
   - Youth and Children

General Matters
12. During the year Bishop Davies led discussion upon the goals of the Northern Region, a review of the Mission Statement and expanded the Strategies to specifically include financial assistance to ‘mission minded enterprises.’

13. The Provisional Parish of St Columb’s, West Ryde, was declared by Synod to have full parish status from 1/1/04.

14. Our thanks to Archdeacon Reg Platt who assisted on a part time basis when Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby was on 3 months Long Service Leave during the year.

For and on behalf of the Northern Region Council
Terry Dein
*Regional Archdeacon*
23 August 2004