

Proposal to reclassify the provisional parish of West Ryde as a parish

(A report from the Northern Region Regional Council.)

Initiation of proposal

1. A proposal was made by the Churchwardens of St Columb's Church West Ryde under clause 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979 (the "Ordinance").

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Parish Investigation Committee on 24 April 2003 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance. Regional Council accepted the recommendation and endorsed the proposal.

3. All the procedural requirements under clause 4 of the Ordinance have been satisfied.

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish of West Ryde to a full parish.

5. As a Provisional Parish, St Columb's has been blessed with the work that God has been doing in their midst through the ministry of the Rev. Richard Mills. Over the past five years the church has grown in numbers and the total church attendance has doubled. In that period the offertories have risen steadily.

6. The Parish Council formally agreed to seek full parish status at their meeting on 26 March 2003.

Parish Information

7. The population of the Parish is 18,696 of which 2,967 (16%) claim affiliation with the Anglican Church of Australia, a 10% increase on the 1996 Census figures. 31% (5,800) claim affiliation with the Roman Catholic Church.

8. The majority of the population have English as their only language. 10,637 are Australian born; 1,875 are Chinese speakers (Cantonese 1150); 690 are Arabic speakers; 584 are Korean speakers.

Average weekly attendances for services

9. The average weekly attendances are -

Sunday Service	2001	2002	2003
8:00 am	18	18	20
10:00 am	60	55	65
7:00 pm	54	50	55
Total	132	123	140

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

10. The receipts and payments over the past 3 years were -

	2000 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$
Receipts			
Offertories	58,544.00	75,366.00	87,867.55
Donations	9,691.00	433.00	2,116.20
Grants	0.00	750.00	0.00
Other	685.00	230.00	437.50
Special Services	0.00	0.00	160.00
Property rent	11,780.00	11,512.00	17,291.13
Office rent	1,900.00	1,600.00	3,200.00
Finance income	15.00	21.00	340.91
Extraordinary items	5,500.00	1,309.00	3,442.19
Total	88,115.00	91,221.00	114,855.48
Expenses			
Stipends, salaries	45,831.00	61,715.00	66,121.82
Parish Cost Recoveries	4,467.00	6,793.00	10,140.07
Ministry resources	9,654.00	3,960.00	4,451.10
Worship resources	1,979.00	403.00	1,233.45
Parish donations	142.00	170.00	1,218.82
Office expenses	7,503.00	10,625.00	11,103.84
Utilities	4,247.00	4,795.00	4,730.06
Parish maintenance	8,842.00	6,684.00	8,228.22
Property equipment	1,851.00	1,488.00	3,006.69
Other	89.00	(202.00)	133.18
Total	84,605.00	96,431.00	110,367.25
Surplus(Deficit)	3,510.00	(5,210.00)	1,488.23

11. The Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2002 were -

	2002 \$
Assets	
Land, buildings and contents	1,704,145.00
Bank Accounts	0.00
General operating	9,367.54
Minister's expense	870.01
Trust account	12,170.91
Total assets	1,726,553.46
Liabilities	
Owed to Minister	870.01
Taxes	1,656.98
Youth Minister fund	8,000.00
Missions fund	4,092.40

Total Liabilities	14,619.39
Net Assets	1,711,934.07
Parish Funds	
Retained funds	6,300.84
Current surplus/deficit	1,488.23
Total Parish Funds	7,789.07

12. The rectory conforms to Diocesan standards and is in good repair.
13. There are no debts on the property.
14. The Archdeacon of North Sydney supports the proposal.

For and on behalf of the North Region Regional Council.

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Archdeacon of North Sydney
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