

## South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report 2004

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

### Introduction

1. The Council met on 7 occasions in 2004 at Meriden School, Strathfield. We are very grateful to the School for its hospitality, specially the meal we enjoy when members have been able to get to know one another better.

### Membership

2. As at 31 December 2004, the membership of the Regional Council was:

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	Mr Richard Arkell
The Ven Deryck Howell	Ms Sarah Blakelock
The Rev Antony Barraclough	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Francis Chalwell	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Tim Foster	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Tom Henderson-Brooks	Mr Robert Freeman
The Rev Warwick de Jersey	Mrs Jeanette Glass
The Rev Trevor Oakley	Mr Warwick Lewarne
The Rev Jeremy Tonks	Mr Allan Pidgeon
The Rev Keith Mascord	Miss Alicia Watson

3. During the year, the following valued members of Council resigned:

The Rev Nick Foord	Mrs Bronwyn Hughes
The Rev Paul Cohen	
The Rev Greg Thompson	
The Rev John McIntyre	

### Ministry Strategies

4. At each meeting of the Council, substantial discussion has taken place on the Diocesan Mission and its implications for churches and ministries in the South Sydney Region. We have set up a property task force, charged with the job of producing a kit for parishes facing sale or development issues with their property. The Diocesan Secretariat is involved in this as well and we look forward to its final production in 2005.

5. In terms of discussion of ministry strategies during the year, the Council's focus of attention in 2004 continued on the two church planting projects, at Green Square and Pymont. This is the culmination of much prayerful planning and we are delighted at the progress being made by the staff of both churches. Council also rejoices at the growth of the ministry team at Concord West/Concord North and is keenly involved in encouraging the growth taking place there.

6. Council also funded or partially funded the employment of assistant ministers in parishes employing AM's for the first time: Annandale, Croydon and Concord West/Concord North, with the aim of increasing significantly the ministry impact of those parishes

#### **Ministry Partnerships 2004**

7. Funds from the Synod including 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	4,000
Annandale	Assistant Minister	35,000
Broadway	Sydney University Chaplain	41,400
Broadway	UTS Chaplain	41,400
Broadway	Peninsula Comm. Church	5,000
Clovelly	Saving Grant	5,000
Concord West	Assistant Minister	77,000
Coogee	Childrens/youth ministry	11,500
Cooks River	Youth ministry	30,000
Croydon	Assistant Minister	30,000
East Sydney	Street evangelist	25,000
Five Dock	Youth ministry	8,000
Lord Howe Island	Relief ministry	13,024
Maroubra	Youth ministry	8,000
Newtown	Saving grant	20,000
South Coogee	Youth Ministry	12,000
South Sydney	Aboriginal Ministry	41,400
South Sydney	Green Square church plant	40,000
Strathfield Homebush	Multi-cultural ministry	9,500
Summer Hill	Womens' worker	10,000
Unichurch (UNSW)	UMSW Chaplain	41,400
Loan repayments	F & L Board	6,668
Fees		672
Other disbursements		758
<b>Total</b>		<b>516,722</b>

8. Consideration of ministry partnerships for 2005 was completed at the November 2004 meeting and successful applicants were notified.

#### **Other Matters**

9. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met throughout the year under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon. It dealt with ordinances being promoted by the parishes of Enfield, Leichhardt, and King Street. This group performs an invaluable service for both the Synod and the region.

10. Acts of the Council: during the year the Council acted according to its powers to: a) permit the parish of Strathfield with Homebush West to conduct a combined vestry meeting, elect a parish

council as determined by that meeting and have one set of wardens for the whole parish; b) to investigate and support the creation of the parish of Ashbury; c) to investigate and commend to the Synod the raising of Petersham to full parish status; and d) to note the amalgamation of the parishes of Bondi and Bondi Beach.

For and behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

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*Archdeacon of South Sydney*

28 June 2005