

Proposal to Change the Provisional Parish of Hornsby Heights to a Parish

(A report from the Northern Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. A proposal was made by the churchwardens of St Luke's Church Hornsby Heights under clause 4(1)(c)(iii) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Northern Regional Council on 12 September 2000 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Parishes Ordinance.

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

Proposal

4. To change the Provisional Parish of Hornsby Heights (the "Parish") to a parish.

5. Financial figures for the period January-July 2000 supplied by the churchwardens, revealed an encouraging picture. Current cash assets at 13 July 2000 were \$14,300. Income exceeded expenditure each month in 2000. A surplus is anticipated at 31 December 2000. A parish loan will be finalised by 31 December 2000, freeing up \$12,000 in 2001 which will be offset by higher "parish cost recovery" obligations. All property maintenance is up to date.

Parish Information

6. The population of the parish is 5,980 persons, of which 1,715 claim to be Anglicans. Ministry strategies now in place are well thought out and planned. While this is 28.9% of the population, it also represents a drop of 3.4% since the previous census. The population on the whole is younger, with an average age of 33 years (10-19 year old 17.1%; 40-49 year olds 18.4% are the dominant age groups). The parish has a higher-than average family stability, with 61.9% married and 83.9% owning/buying their own home. 73.8% were born in Australia and 90.1% speak only English at home. St Luke's became a Provisional Parish in 1988.

Attendance at Services in 2000

7. Attendance at Services in 2000 are -

	9.30 am	6.30 pm
Adults	81	34
Children/youth (< 18 years)	54 (including Sunday School)	

Particulars of Church Trust Property

8. Details of property held by the Property Trust upon trust for Hornsby Heights are -

Property	Address	Condition	Valuation (\$)
Land	155-157 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights		269,010
St Luke's Church	155 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights	Very good	375,375
St Luke's hall	155 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights	Good	195,195
Train carriage	155 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights	Poor/fair	Unknown
Rectory	157 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights	Very good	159,390

Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments

9. The receipts and payments of the general fund for 1997, 1998 and 1999 were -

	1997 \$	1998 \$	1999 \$
Receipts			
Offertories and Donations	85,161	88,854	87,221
Interest and rents	1,247	890	1,022
HMS Grant	3,340	3,298	5,000
Receipts from within Parish	8,880	7,798	14,424
Other	5,116	14,506	5,399
Total	103,744	115,346	113,066

Expenditure			
Staff Costs	53,094	53,608	56,136
Assessments	4,975	4,448	5,546
Printing, stationary, etc.	3,673	610	2,799
Repairs and maintenance	4,267	15,262	1,805
Utilities	2,367	2,930	2,659
Donations to Missions	9,281	12,147	10,620
Loan Repayments	11,415	11,800	9,600
Property improvements	197	946	4,086
Purchase of Equipment	835	3,879	995
Other	8,976	19,387	11,192
Total	99,080	125,017	105,438
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,664	(9,671)	7,628

10. The assets and liabilities at December 1999 follows -

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Assets	
Land, buildings and contents	1,298,028
Trust accounts	6,218
Total	1,304,246
Liabilities	
Finance and Loans Board loan	3,459
Anglican Property Trust	8,500
Total	11,959
Net Assets	1,292,287

11. The remaining debt on the property will be finalised by 31 December 2000.

12. The Archdeacon of North Sydney supports the proposal.

Recommendation

13. The Northern Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Hornsby Heights become a parish from 1 January 2001.

For and on behalf of the Northern Regional Council.

ERNIE CARNABY
Archdeacon of Northern Region

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