

## Proposal to change the status of the Provisional Parish of St John's Park to a Parish

(A report from the Georges River Regional Council.)

### Initiation of Proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Churchwardens of the Provisional Parish of St John's Park under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

### Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Georges River Regional Council held on 2 September 2003 considered the proposal under Clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. The Parish Arrangements Committee certified that all procedural requirements under Clauses 4 and 6 have been complied with.

4. Although the parish does not have a "Minister" at the time of application and investigation, the Committee took the view that the term "Minister" includes any person appointed pursuant to Clause 59 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 and may be applied to this Ordinance by way of Clause 5(b) of the Interpretation Ordinance 1985. The acting Curate-in-Charge, Rev Colin Bale, has given written support to the proposal.

### Proposal

5. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish of St John's Park to the Parish of St John's Park.

6. The provisional parish has applied for a change in classification following its growth in membership and ministry in recent years.

### Parish Information

7. In the 1996 NCLS profile a total of 6,377 indicated Anglican affiliation out of a total population of some 65,000 (9.8%). The largest non-Christian group was Buddhist (14.3%).

8. The parish staff consists of an acting Curate-in-Charge (1 day), two full-time Assistants (one ordained, one lay), one part-time lay worker and one student minister.

9. The provisional parish now has 215 adults attending Sunday worship as follows -

8:00 am	20
9:30 am	135
7:00 pm	60

10. Sunday schools have 55 children and 12 teachers. There are 23 small groups with 165 attending. The playgroup has 40 mothers plus children. Childrens and youth activities consist of 20 children with 4 leaders and 45 youth with 10 leaders. There are all weekly. The seniors group meeting monthly has 20 members. "Christianity Explained" and PTC groups meet as required. Eighteen classes of weekly Primary Scripture are covered.

### Particulars of Church Trust Property

11. Details of property held by the Property Trust upon trust for the provisional parish are as follows -

	VG UCV	Insured Value of Improvements	Condition of Building
Church and hall	\$500,000	\$820,000	Good
Minister's residence	\$174,000	\$140,000	Very good

### Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

12. A summary of the financial position over the last 3 years and the budget for 2003 is set out below.

	<b>2000</b> \$	<b>2001</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$	<b>Budget</b> <b>2003</b> \$
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Offerories	139,550	141,276	115,976	143,520
Missions	5,314	5,557	4,029	
Rent/Interest	3,903	3,642	8,639	1,000
Donations	34,590	359	567	1,000
Investments	47,946	36,272	13,840	36,000
Grants		20,000		
GST refunds				
Other receipts	17,326	12,440		3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238,629</b>	<b>219,546</b>	<b>143,051</b>	<b>184,520</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Stipends/salaries	128,243	127,517	81,110	122,821
Cost recovery	24,238	14,650	16,036	22,634
Printing & stationery	9,477	10,485	22,711	9,070
Repairs & Maintenance	5,489	6,170	7,484	6,600
Insurance	(72)	781		
Electricity etc	4,378	3,765	3,396	7,220
Missions	12,990	11,660	14,843	14,900
Other	33,908	14,543	5,640	3,950
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>218,651</b>	<b>189,571</b>	<b>151,220</b>	<b>187,195</b>

13. There are no debts.

14. Archdeacon Geoff Huard supports the application.

#### **Recommendation**

15. The Georges River Regional Council recommends that the Provisional Parish of St John's Park become a Parish from 1 January 2004.

For and on behalf of the Georges River Regional Council

GEOFF HUARD

*Archdeacon of Liverpool/Georges River Region*

8 September 2003