

## South Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for 2002

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council.)

### Introduction

1. The Council met on 6 occasions in 2002 at Meriden School, Strathfield. The meal at the beginning of each meeting has been instrumental in building community between the members who come from 18 different parishes and represent the diversity of the region.

### Membership

2. The membership of the Regional Council was -

The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	Mr Richard Arkell
The Ven Trevor Edwards	Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
The Rev Paul Cohen (from October)	Dr Robert Claxton
The Rev Nick Foord	Mrs Sarita England
The Rev Trevor Goodman-Jones	Mrs Jeanette Glass
The Rev Deryck Howell	Mrs Bronwyn Hughes (from October)
Canon Boak Jobbins (until July)	Mr Warwick Lewarne
The Rev John McIntyre	Mr Allan Pidgeon
The Rev Trevor Oakley	Mr Chris Thomas
The Rev Greg Thompson	Miss Alicia Watson
The Rev Paul Watson	Dr Ruth White (to October)

### Ministry Strategies

3. The Council has continued to pursue the priorities identified in its strategic plan. These priorities include ministry among youth and children (encouraging parishes to establish and maintain children's and youth work, and continuing to support evangelism among higher education students), cross-cultural ministry (especially raising awareness of our multicultural mission context) and supporting ministry initiatives in areas of population regrowth.

4. The Council is in the process of implementing fixed term partnership funding agreements which are either **seeding grants** (reducing grants in the context of an overall commitment for the ministry project to become self-supporting after a suitable period of time) or **saving grants** (designed to save or make viable again an existing ministry which is experiencing a short-term emergency). In addition **special grants** are for long-term work of a high priority where it is unrealistic to expect any parish to fund and which constitutes a significant opportunity for the gospel. The three university chaplaincy grants are prime examples.

5. The Council's focus of attention in 2002 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 able staff of both churches.

**Grants 2002**

6. Funds from the Synod including Parish Assistance Fund monies and 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	8,000
Annandale	PAF	5,014
Ashfield	Catechist	6,000
Balmain	PAF	5,215
Bellevue Hill	Youth ministry	8,000
Bondi	PAF	5,527
Bondi Beach	PAF	7,500
Broadway	Pymont church plant	15,000
Broadway	Sydney University Chaplain	38,500
Broadway	UTS Chaplain	38,500
Centennial Park	UNSW Chaplain	38,500
Concord/Burwood	Part-time children's ministry	6,000
Concord West	Youth catechists	18,000
Cooks River	Multicultural youth outreach	30,000
East Sydney	Parish Outreach Worker	25,000
Enfield	Assistant Minister	25,000
Erskineville	PAF	3,756
Five Dock	Youth ministry	7,500
Lord Howe Island	Part-time Ministers	10,123
Malabar	PAF	4,465
Maroubra	Youth ministry	9,000
Newtown	Saving grant	24,983
Norfolk Island	Youth ministry	30,000
Petersham	Youth ministry	15,091
Rozelle/Lilyfield	Youth ministry	8,000
South Coogee	Youth ministry	12,999
South Sydney	Aboriginal Pastor	38,500
South Sydney	Green Square church plant	32,083
Strathfield (St Andrew's)	Cross-cultural consultancy	14,909
Strathfield Homebush	Multicultural outreach	6,000
Loans/Administration		16,110
		<b>513,276</b>

7. Consideration of grants for 2003 was completed at the November meeting and successful applicants were notified.

**Other Matters**

8. The Council's Ordinance Review Panel met throughout the year under the skilled leadership of Mr Allan Pidgeon. This group performs an invaluable service for both the Synod and the region.

9. Acting under the Regions Ordinance 1995 and the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000, the Council recommended the

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establishment of a new recognised church to be known as UniChurch (UNSW). The new recognised church came into being on 10 December 2002.

10. Acting under the Parishes Ordinance 1979, the South Sydney Regional Council recommended the amalgamation of the parish of Rozelle/ Lilyfield and the provisional parish of Balmain East with effect from 1 January 2003, with the new ecclesiastical district to be called the parish of Darling Street.

For and on behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council

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*Regional Archdeacon*

19 June 2003