

## Proposal to Change the Assisted Provisional Parish of Oakhurst to a Provisional Parish

(A Report from the Parramatta Regional Council)

### Initiation of Proposal

1. The proposal is to change the Assisted Provisional Parish of Oakhurst to a Provisional Parish from 1 January 1998. It was considered by the Parramatta Regional Council on 17 June 1997.

### Parish Information

2. Formerly the branch church of the Parish of Rooty Hill, known as St Mark's Plumpton. Oakhurst was declared an APP in 1987 following large housing development of Plumpton.

3. The Rev Allen Cook the third Curate in Charge, appointed in 1995, following the Revs L.M. Stoddart and the late W. Gott.

4. Australia Post records indicate that there are just on 6,000 homes and Blacktown City Council research indicates there are 4.4 residents per household. Anglican numbers are unknown.

5. Services conducted at St Mark's are 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 6.30 pm each Sunday, with plans to start a seeker type service on Saturday evenings from August/September 1997. The figures given below shows overall average attendance.

Year	Children & Youth	Adults	Weekly	Children & Youth	Adults
1994	3,122	7,020	1994	60	135
1995	3,469	6,598	1995	65	124
1996	3,650	7,683	1996	70	148

6. The following are all the ministries currently running in the Parish, for the community.

GFS	11 Weekly Home Groups	Scripture at 7 Schools etc -
CEBS	9 Evening Groups	Plumpton
Playgroup	2 Day Groups	Dean Park
Youth Group		Glendenning
Kid's Church	Child Care Centre	Hassall Grove
Infants	Who Cares	Plumpton High
Primary	Op Shop	Richard Johnson
High School		St Marks Child Care Centre

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7. The Financial position is as follows -

<b>Receipts</b>	1994	1995	1996	Budget 1997
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Offeratories	38,389	44,196	51,562	58,000
Missions	934	1,380	4,679	6,000
Interest & Rent	2,971	2,964	2,490	2,900
Redemption of Investments	-	10,900	-	-
Grants HMS	46,000	45,000	42,000	40,000
PARC	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Other grants <sup>1</sup>	-	* 13,555	-	-
Other funds	6,500	10,319	41,954	52,000
Donations	305	102	155	-
Other receipts	1,948	3,286	766	1,100
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>101,047</b>	<b>135,702</b>	<b>147,606</b>	<b>160,000</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Stipends	75,633	99,421	87,258	95,752
Superannuation	5,729	-	-	-
Assessments <sup>2</sup>	320	* 6,498	* 7,442	* 8,352
Telephone & postage	3,681	3,464	4,488	6,000
Repairs	1,823	6,229	4,839	5,000
Insurances	337	80	80	100
Utilities	3,064	3,527	3,588	4,500
Donations	934	1,380	4,679	6,000
Other funds	470	2,137	2,195	3,000
Repayments	1,500	4,353	19,000	16,500
Property Improvements	1,725	512	1,180	1,500
Equipment	1,509	3,565	375	1,000
Maintenance Fund	600	600	2,000	2,000
Other	4,632	6,034	8,510	10,296
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>101,957</b>	<b>137,800</b>	<b>145,634</b>	<b>160,000</b>

1. *Sickness and Accident Fund.*

2. *Assessments has the superannuation etc and insurance costs included.*

8. Below is a table showing the total assets and liabilities.

<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>
Land (estimate)	170,000
Church buildings	575,000
Church contents	95,000
Minister's residence	110,000
Residence Contents	30,000
Child Care Centre/Op Shop	503,000
Op Shop Contents	5,000
Child Care Centre equipment & fittings	50,000
Church Saving Fund	49,059

Bank Account	3,515
Total Assets	<u>1,590,574</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Finance and Loans Boards	
Church & Child Care Centre	120,740
CSF Parishioners loans	18,365
Maintenance Fund	16,003
Total Liabilities	<u>155,108</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>1,435,466</u></u>

9. All the buildings in the parish are under 10 years old and in good condition, the Child Care Centre and the Op Shop are both brick structures and both under 2 years old.

10. This proposal was brought to the vestry meeting and supported well by everyone present. Parish Council and the Churchwardens along with the clergy and leaders are in favour of this proposal.

**Recommendation**

11. Parramatta Regional Council recommends that Synod reclassify the APP of Oakhurst to Provisional Parish from 1 January 1998.

For and on behalf of the Parramatta Regional Council.

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