

MEDIA RELEASE

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Appointment of New Chair and Vice Chair of Trustees of Catholic Healthcare

The Trustees of Catholic Healthcare have appointed Emeritus Professor Peter Steane msc as their new Chair of Trustees and Ms Anne Walker as the new Vice Chair of Trustees.

New Chair of Trustees – Emeritus Professor Peter Steane MSC

Emeritus Professor Steane msc was appointed to take up the position on 7 March 2018. He succeeds Emeritus Professor Jack Flanagan who served as Chair of Trustees of Catholic Healthcare for the past five (5) years and who retired on 24 November 2017 having served nine (9) consecutive years as Trustee.

Emeritus Professor Steane msc became a Trustee in 2016 and served as Interim Chair from 25 November 2017 until his appointment as Chair. He has extensive experience in working with faith based and Catholic organisations that have Ministries in Health, Education and Welfare.

Professor Steane msc was awarded an Emeritus title from Macquarie University. He has held positions as Professor of Strategy at different universities: Macquarie University's Graduate School of Management, ACU and RMIT. At MGSM, Professor Steane was Deputy Dean and Director International, and at ACU, he was Associate Dean and Head of School of Business Sydney. He has held academic leadership positions at Southern Cross and La Trobe Universities, as well as Queensland University of Technology.

New Vice Chair of Trustees – Ms Anne Walker

Anne Walker became a Trustee in 2016 and was appointed to take up the position of Vice Chair on 7 March 2018. She succeeds Sr Judy Sippel rsj who served as Vice Chair of Trustees of Catholic Healthcare for the past five (5) years and who retired on 24 November 2017 having served nine (9) consecutive years as a Trustee.

Anne is also the National Executive Director of Catholic Religious Australia and formerly held the position of Chancellor/Director, Office for Chancery Services, Dioceses of Broken Bay. Anne is also a lawyer and previously held the position as Special Counsel, Catholic Commission for Employment Relations and prior to taking up that position, was a senior associate with a legal firm in Sydney.

"Catholic Healthcare's mission has never been more crucial than today, given the demands on health, aged and community services" Emeritus Professor Steane said. "Catholic Healthcare is

committed to continuing its Ministries in aged care, community care, retirement living and health as an integral element of the ministry of the Catholic Church and in accordance with our mission and values of compassion, honesty hospitality, respect and excellence to the those in need especially the frail and the marginalised” Professor Steane said.

About Catholic Healthcare

Catholic Healthcare was established in 1994 by six health based religious orders to ensure the continuation of Christ’s healing presence in the world through a healthcare service that is authentically Christian.

Catholic Healthcare’s Ministries are primarily the legacy of the Religious Congregations who have entrusted the continuation of their Ministries to Catholic Healthcare.

Today, Catholic Healthcare operates 40 Residential Aged Care Homes and nine Retirement Living communities, two Healthcare services and provides home and community services to more than 4,700 persons in the community, in NSW and SE Qld.

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