

New Council for AMPJP

The Association of Ministerial PJPs¹ is pleased to announce that it has elected its new Council at its Annual General Meeting on 25th August 2019.

The 2019-2021 AMPJP Council is:

- Professor Peter Steane (*representative of Catholic Healthcare*)
- Sr Julianna Drobik OP (*representative of Dominican Education Australia*)
- Moira Najdecki (*representative of Good Samaritan Education*)
- Rosemary Copeland (*representative of Kildare Ministries*)
- Jennifer Stratton (*representative of MercyCare*)
- Dr Tessa Ho (*representative of Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries*)
- Eva Skira AM (*representative of St John of God Australia*)

Office bearers elected were:

- Chair: Eva Skira AM (*replacing Br Paul Oakley cfc*)
- Deputy Chair: Moira Najdecki (*replacing Eva Skira AM*)
- Treasurer: Peter Steane (*replacing Sue Fabian*)

The AMPJP Council is elected on a rotation system which ensures an equitable representation of member organisation by size and ministry. Those whose term on the Council has ended are:

- Br Paul Oakley cfc (*representative of Edmund Rice Education Australia*)
- David Penny (*representative of Calvary Ministries*)
- Kieran McCarthy (*representative of Mercy Partners*)

Eva Skira, newly elected Chair of the Council of the AMPJP, said:

“We feel privileged and honoured that our peers have elected us as Office bearers of the AMPJP Council, and we look forward to working with the rest of the Council to better equip PJP Trustees for their role, facilitate Member collaboration on common goals and foster coordination and communication with other Church Authorities.”

Ms Skira also acknowledged Br Paul Oakley for his: *“strong and visionary leadership as the inaugural Chair of the AMPJP Council that began in June 2016, following his proactive involvement in its establishment. I also wish to recognise and thank David Penny and Kieran McCarthy for their support, commitment and wise counsel as Councillors of AMPJP.”*

¹ “Public Juridic Person” (PJP) is the term used in Canon Law for a corporate entity established within the Catholic Church, e.g. a diocese, parish. PJPs established for the specific purpose of operating Church ministries are often referred to as Ministerial PJP.

Ministerial PJPs first emerged in Australia in 1994 as a means of enabling Catholic ministries to continue when Religious Orders/Institutes and Diocese/Parishes were no longer able to steward them.

The AMPJP's eleven member PJPs are the Church Authorities for ministries with:

- ☑ 90 schools (66,891 students);
- ☑ 73 Hospital/health facilities (867,995 inpatients and 2 million outpatients);
- ☑ 13 Research facilities;
- ☑ 87 Aged care facilities and services (11,425 clients);
- ☑ 29 Family/community and other services (33,730 clients);
- ☑ 77,412 staff/volunteers.

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Association of Ministerial PJPs Council:

*(Back row) Jennifer Stratton; Moira Najdecki, Professor Peter Steane; Rosemary Copeland;
(Seated) Dr Maria Theresa Ho; Paul Oakley, Sr Julianna Drobik OP.*