

MEDIA RELEASE

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Perth's *The Record Magazine* makes history as recipients of 2024 Bishop Kennedy Award

The Archdiocese of Perth's *The Record Magazine*, has been honoured as recipients of the top award at the 2024 Australasian Catholic Press Association (ACPA) Annual Awards Night held at Rydges North Sydney, Wednesday 28 August.

The 32-page quarterly magazine, produced by the Archdiocese of Perth Communications Office, received the Bishop Kennedy Award for Overall Excellence in a Catholic Publication, with this year also being the masthead's 150 anniversary.

The judges' comments were glowing for the already award-winning magazine, noting each edition of *The Record Magazine* is expertly designed and features high-quality content.

"The publication is enriched with faith-filled articles, offering an easy-to-navigate layout and a wealth of interesting topics," the judges said.

As the official publication for the Archdiocese of Perth, *The Record Magazine* is supported by the online news publication of the same masthead, *The eRecord* and is distributed to all 103 parishes and 114 schools across Perth, with an overall circulation of more than 25,000.

Content and images are developed by the Communications Office team and includes news and information content relating to youth, vocations, evangelisation, liturgy, life, marriage and family, mostly local to Perth and Western Australia. *The Record Magazine*, together with its counterpart *The eRecord*, also has a significant readership nationally and internationally, particularly to the parishes and schools of fellow WA dioceses Broome, Bunbury and Geraldton.

More than 50 Catholic media and communications professionals gathered for the annual awards night, recognising excellence in Catholic media across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. The Awards was held in conjunction with the triennial Communications Congress, led by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Other award winners included *Tui Motu Magazine* for Best Front Page (Print), the Diocese of Darwin's online publication *Yarning* for Best Layout and Design and Jesuit Publication *Australian Catholics* for Best Layout and Design Print.

In 2024-25, the ACPA also has a new Executive, with Archdiocese of Perth Manager, Communications and Editor of *The Record*, Jamie O'Brien taking on the role as President. Mr O'Brien has served as Treasurer of ACPA for the past six years. Majellan Publications CEO Tony Bivano steps in as Treasurer and *CathNews* Editor Rebecca Comini returns to the role as Secretary.

Melbourne freelancer Fiona Basile returns as Vice-President Australia and Archdiocese of Wellington's Annette Scullion returns as Vice-President New Zealand.



Outgoing President Neil Helmore, from the Diocese of Townsville, congratulated Mr O'Brien and his team for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to delivering Catholic news and information with honesty and integrity.

“As professional communicators, we must remain steadfast to the truth, focussing always on developing and delivering the message of the gospel, and *The Record* has definitely set a positive example of how this important task can be carried out,” Mr Helmore said.

“I congratulate all the winners and runners-up and thank all ACPA members who came together for this special occasion, to learn and grow with each other in faith.”

FULL LIST OF WINNERS

Best News Content

Winner – Aurora, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
Highly Commended – Fiona Basile

Best Feature Content

Winner – Australian Catholics, Jesuit Publications
Highly Commended – *The Catholic Weekly*, Archdiocese of Sydney

Best Editorial, Column or Blog

Winner – The Nathaniel Centre
Highly Commended – *Melbourne Catholic*, Archdiocese of Melbourne

Best Headline

Winner – *Tui Motu InterIslands*
Highly Commended – *Eureka Street*, Jesuit Publications

Best Content – Climate and Environment

Winner – *Eureka Street*, Jesuit Publications
Highly Commended – Debra Vermeer

Best Content – Social Justice

Winner – *The Catholic Weekly*, Archdiocese of Sydney
Highly Commended – Horizons, Diocese of Toowoomba

Best Content – Education

Winner – *The Catholic Weekly*, Archdiocese of Sydney
Highly Commended – *The Catholic Leader*, Archdiocese of Brisbane

Best Content – Faith Formation

Winner – *The eRecord*, Archdiocese of Perth
Highly Commended – Society of Jesus

Best Content – Faith and Life

Winner – *NZ Catholic*
Highly Commended – *The Catholic Weekly*, Archdiocese of Sydney

Best Content – Ecumenical & Interfaith

Winner – *Tui Motu Interislands*
Highly Commended – St Columbans Mission Society

Best Content – Celebrating Cultural Expressions

Winner – *Melbourne Catholic*, Archdiocese of Melbourne
Highly Commended – *Tui Motu InterIslands*

Best Original Photograph

Winner – *Catholic News*, Diocese of Townsville

Highly Commended – *The Catholic Weekly*, Archdiocese of Sydney

Best Original Artwork

Winner – *Catholic Outlook*, Diocese of Parramatta

Highly Commended – *Eureka Street*, Jesuit Publications

Best Front Page – Print

Winner – *Tui Motu InterIslands*

Highly Commended – *Australian Catholics*, Jesuit Publications

Best Layout and Design – Online

Winner – *Yarning*, Diocese of Darwin

Highly Commended – *CommonHomeTV*, Redemptorists Australia

Best Layout and Design – Print

Winner – *Australian Catholics*, Jesuit Publications

Highly Commended – *Aurora*, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Most Improved Publication

Winner – *Australian Catholics*, Jesuit Publications

Highly Commended – *Catholic News*, Diocese of Townsville

Best Use of Digital Media

Winner – *Mass For You At Home*, Diocese of Wollongong

Highly Commended – *CommonHomeTV*, Redemptorists Australia

Best Advertising Feature / Supplement

Winner – *The Catholic Weekly*

Bishop Philip Kennedy Memorial Award for Overall Excellence in a Catholic Publication

Winner – *The Record Magazine*, Archdiocese of Perth