

Since 1994, eleven Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (PJPs) have been established in Australia. These Church bodies are responsible for the education, health and community service ministries formerly under the care of seventeen religious institutes.

In fulfillment of the direction of Vatican II, the Trustees of these PJPs are almost always lay people. These PJPs established the Association of Ministerial PJPs Ltd in May 2016 as their umbrella organisation to facilitate communication and cooperation between themselves and with the wider Church and others.

While PJPs exist in other parts of the world only in Australia have they established their own association.

In 2019 the AMPJP's member Ministerial PJPs are:

**St John of God Australia Limited** (Hospitals, health care, community and disability services in WA, Vic, NSW);

**MercyCare** (aged care, family, community, health and disability services in WA);

**Mercy Partners** (Education, hospitals, aged care and community services in QLD);

**Trustees of Edmund Rice Education Australia** (Schools and youth programs in WA, NT, SA, Vic, NSW, Tas, NSW, QLD);

**Dominican Education Australia Limited** (Schools and learning centres in SA, Vic and NSW);

**Trustees of Catholic Healthcare** (Hospitals, health services, aged care and community services in NSW and QLD);

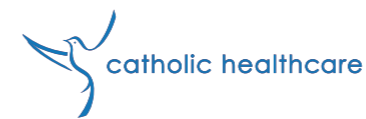
**Calvary Ministries Ltd** (Hospitals, health care, aged care and community care in NT, SA, Vic, NSW, Tas);

**Trustees of Mary Aitkenhead Ministries** (Hospitals, health services, aged care, schools and social services in NSW, QLD, Vic);

**Good Samaritan Education** (Schools in QLD, NSW and Vic);

**Trustees of Kildare Ministries** (Schools and women's/family services in QLD, SA, NSW and Vic); and

**Sophia Education Ministries** (Schools in QLD, NSW and Vic).



# Achievements 2018-2019



Adoption of the AMPJP  
**Strategic Plan**  
2018-2021

In August 2018, 39  
people attended  
the AMPJPs annual

**canonical stewards' forum** in Melbourne.  
Discussion of the unique role of Ministerial  
PJPs and our priorities.

Our second annual survey of AMPJP  
members found continuing strong  
**participation of women** in our governance:

- > 59% of Ministerial PJP Trustees are  
women; and
- > 49% of the members of the Boards of  
Ministerial PJPs are women.

Four regional Forums  
contributing towards the  
AMPJP submission to  
**Plenary Council 2020**



Engagement with CPSL  
and other Church bodies  
regarding **safeguarding**  
issues and structures

**Communication and cooperation** with  
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference,  
Catholic Religious Australia and many other  
Church bodies.

**Support and information** provided to current  
and prospective members via AMPJP  
Council meetings, newsletters and emails.

## AMPJP Council Chairperson

It is with much gratitude and a deep sense of hope  
that I write this third annual report as I conclude  
my time as the Chair of the AMPJP Council.

My gratitude is for the generosity of each of the  
Canonical Stewards, Trustees past and present,  
and all those who have helped the AMPJP  
come into being and to clarify and fulfil its role. I  
appreciate that this was on top of the many other  
commitments that called upon their time. I am also  
grateful for the support from Catholic Religious  
Australia (CRA), Catholic Health Australia (CHA),  
the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC)  
and various Religious Institutes who assisted the  
development of our Association.

Our journey has not been a long one. The process  
of bringing together the Ministerial PJPs began in  
2013. We formally established the AMPJP in May  
2016 and it was then that I was elected as Chair.  
Over these years we have grown as an association  
and I hope helped each other grow as people  
committed to the ministry of governance.

I wish to thank my fellow AMPJP Councillors and  
Member representatives for their dedication and  
contributions over the past year. With assistance  
from Lawrie Hallinan, AMPJP Executive Officer, we

have engaged with CPSL and the Plenary Council.  
Our engagement at many levels with the ACBC  
and CRA has deepened as we continue to explore  
appropriate ways of building up the Church in  
Australia.

My confident hope is that, having established a  
firm foundation, the AMPJP will continue in its  
path of development and grow as a resource for  
Trustees and as a support for Ministerial PJPs.  
We have benefitted and will benefit from working  
collaboratively, sharing our wisdom and experience  
in our roles in both the emerging and the well-  
established Ministerial PJPs. The AMPJP is  
realising its role as a new prophetic element in the  
Church as it engages with the wider community of  
the faithful.

In the words of St Paul to the Philippians (1:3-7):  
*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly  
praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of  
you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the  
first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one  
who began a good work among you will bring it to  
completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

- **Paul Oakley cfc**



Member Representatives at the AMPJP AGM 2018 Moira Najdecki, Paul Oakley, Eva Skira, David Penny,  
Kieran McCarthy, Dr Tessa Ho, Professor Peter Steane, Jennifer Stratton, Rosemary Copeland and Sue Fabian.

The Association of Ministerial PJPs  
works collaboratively with other peak  
Catholic bodies on shared issues. The  
Association has the unique roles of  
developing/supporting Ministerial PJP  
canonical stewards and of representing  
them - when they decide to speak as  
a group.

Individually, and collectively, Australian  
Ministerial PJPs eagerly accept their  
calling to embody the justice and life-  
giving ways of Jesus Christ in both the  
governance and the activities.

## Mission

In fostering the ministry of canonical  
governance, the Association of Ministerial  
PJPs, as an umbrella body, supports its  
Members to flourish individually and  
together in communion with the Catholic  
Church.

## Vision

Our vision is for flourishing, vibrant Catholic  
ministries governed by well-formed  
members, continuing Jesus' mission in  
Australia and beyond in the 21st century.

## Values

Inclusive, relational, collaborative and  
prophetic.

