

Current Members on the Governing Council

Moira Najdecki (Chair) retired as Director of Catholic Education for the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese at the end of 2016 after 10 years in the position. She has had long experience in Catholic education at a senior level. She is a Senator of the Australian Catholic University and a member of the ACT Chapter of ACU. Moira was educated by the Good Sams in Canberra. Moira commenced as Chair in January 2018.

Catherine Slattery sgs (Deputy Chair) is a Sister of the Good Samaritan and an experienced teacher and principal. She was Chair of the Good Samaritan Education Council from 2006 until 2012 and has been instrumental in shaping the formation programs within *Good Samaritan Education*.

Elizabeth Delaney sgs is a Sister of the Good Samaritan with a background in education as well as qualifications in theology and canon law. After working for ten years for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference as Executive Secretary of various Bishops Commissions, Elizabeth is now General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Fran Warner is a very experienced educator well respected in Catholic education in New South Wales having occupied senior management positions in Good Samaritan and systemic schools. In addition to her experience as a teacher and principal in a number of schools, Fran also has had experience in governance as a director and Board Chair of Good Samaritan colleges. Fran serves as a volunteer with several not-for-profit organisations.

Gerry Dalton is a Member of *GSE* and currently is on the Governing Council. He is the Chair of the Finance Committee and a member of the Planning Committee for BENet 2019. Gerry is a Member of the Lourdes Hill College Company. Gerry is 'retired', with much time devoted to grandchildren and sporting pursuits – mostly tennis with mates. He also has a keen interest in the sport of kings.

John Browning was a Catholic secondary principal before undertaking Assistant to the Director roles in the Rockhampton Diocese. He was later an Area Supervisor for Catholic schools, and Manager of Professional Standards and Student Protection at Brisbane Catholic Education. John served for a significant period as a member of the governing body of the Queensland Board of Senior Secondary School Studies and has also been a member of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. Retired from full-time work, he does occasional consultancy under the banner of *jb solutions focus*.

John Driscoll is a retired solicitor and has been involved in the Diocese of Wollongong for many years, serving for over ten years as Chair of CatholicCare (formerly Centacare). He was a member of the Good Samaritan Education Council from 2007 until 2012.

Current Members (not on the Governing Council)

Ann-Maree Nicholls sgs is a Sister of the Good Samaritan. An experienced educator, she is currently Principal of a large Catholic Primary School in Brisbane. She has served on Boards and is a Company Member of Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne.

Carmel Dunne was educated at St Columba's Primary School, Wilson and Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne in Queensland. As a member of the Good Samaritan Order for 12 years, Carmel taught at St Margaret Mary's Townsville, St Patrick's Campbelltown and St Clare's in ACT. Her teaching career continued at Lourdes Hill College; St Edmund's Christian Brothers, Canberra; Frawley College Scarborough Qld and finally at Loreto College Coorparoo Qld as Principal for 20 years. Carmel has been associated with Lourdes Hill College as a Member since the early 1990s and is currently the Chair of Members.

Danielle Cronin has experience as Deputy Director of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and Executive Director of the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW. Danielle has been a member of a number of state and national education bodies including the NSW Non-Government Schools Advisory Council. She was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2008 to examine public policy initiatives and associated structures designed to enhance parental engagement with schooling. She is a proud past student of Mount St Benedict College, Pennant Hills.

Mary Tobin is an experienced educator of 40 years + in a career spanning the levels of school, sector and Commonwealth programs. Currently she works as an Educational Consultant, conference presenter and facilitator with a strong interest in the areas of Strategic planning, Leadership development, Wellbeing and Family Engagement in Learning. Until 2012 Mary was the Manager of the Wellbeing & Community Partnerships Unit at the Catholic Education Office in Melbourne with key responsibility for strategic advice on best practice regarding student wellbeing and learning. Mary represented the system at national and international conferences. Mary holds a Master of Education as well as postgraduate studies in Criminology and Special Education. Mary has been a Director on the Board of Santa Maria College, Northcote. Mary believes that schools are key sites for building social cohesion, providing the opportunity to improve life chances for all. School communities are important places in the lives of young people and their families. When the partnership is strong learning can be transformed providing the chance for all to flourish.

Mike Byrne was Executive Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) from 2006 to 2015. In this role, Mike articulated educational policy at State level as determined by the Commission and was chief advocate and negotiator in dealings with governments and other sectors of education. Mike has a long association with education in the Good Samaritan tradition and with the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

Peter Nicholson has worked for many years in the formation of lay persons for ministry within the Church. He was Director of Adult Education and founder of the Catholic Pastoral Formation Centre in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He also worked as Director of Formation for the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers. For some years he worked with homeless people as Manager of Community Programs at Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda, in Melbourne. Latterly he has provided consultancy services to a range of faith-based organisations seeking to pursue their mission in the context of today's world. Peter was a member of the Good Samaritan Education Council from 2009 until 2012.

Terry Creagh retired as Assistant Director, Education of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission at the end of 2010 following a long and distinguished career as a teacher, principal and administrator in Catholic education. She was recognised for her service to education, particularly in senior administrative roles in the Queensland Catholic education system with a Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2007 Australia Day Honours List. Terry was a member of the Good Samaritan Education Council from 2004 until 2012. Terry was the inaugural Chair of *GSE* holding this position until December 2017.

Veronica Hoey sgs

Sr Veronica Hoey has been a Good Samaritan Sister for 40 years. She was educated by the Sisters of Mercy at St Oliver Plunketts Pascoe Vale and by the Good Sams at Santa Maria College Northcote. She has formal tertiary qualifications in special education and religious studies. In 2017 Veronica completed 12 years as Member of the Council of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Veronica has extensive experience in Education particularly in the areas of Disability and Student Services. She taught for 6 years at Mater Dei Camden and for 20 years, Veronica worked as an advisor for the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. Veronica has almost 20 years experience in educational governance through having served as a Director and Company Member of Good Samaritan Education Colleges. She is currently a Company Member of Santa Maria College Northcote and Mater Christi College Belgrave. Veronica also served as a Director of St Catherine's Aged Care Services in Eastwood Sydney from 2009 – 2017 and was chair of Members of the Good Samaritan Inn in Melbourne from 2013 -2017.