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New Executive of AMPJP Council Elected

This week the National Council of The Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (AMPJP) elected a new Executive.

The Association of Ministerial PJs (AMPJP) brings together the MPJPs of some of Australia's major Catholic health, aged & community care and educational organisations. This umbrella body allows the Trustees of these MPJPs to interact formally with Leaders of the Catholic Church in Australia and, importantly, to support each other in their key leadership roles.

Patrick Cooper was elected the new Chair of the AMPJP Council. Patrick is the Chair of Trustees of Catholic Healthcare and the Diocesan Financial Administrator of the Diocese of Bathurst. He has recently served as Treasurer of AMPJP, while also a Director & Company Secretary of Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst Ltd and a Director of of Catholic Education IT provider CEnet Ltd.

New Deputy Chair David Robinson is the Chair of Trustees of Calvary Ministries. David has extensive accounting, taxation and business expertise. David is a Chartered Accountant, registered auditor and partner of ESV Accountants and Advisers based in Sydney. From 2009 to 2017 he was an inaugural Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries, has served on Catholic Schools NSW Limited and is currently chair of the Advisory Council of Christian Brothers High School Lewisham.

Incoming Treasurer Margaret Bounader is the inaugural Chair of Mercy Ministry Companions. Following a senior executive career, spanning 25 years in international trade and investment, Margaret has enjoyed a long association with Mercy ministries. She has served as a non-executive director of Mercy Health for ten years, with Mercy Health Foundation for eight years, and most recently as a member of the Finance Committee of Mercy Education. In 2018 she was appointed to and is currently a member of the Victorian Chapter of the Australian Catholic University.

Patrick Cooper thanked outgoing Chair Moira Najdecki for her time, commitment and inspiration as the Chair of AMPJP. Over the last four years the work of AMPJP has evolved gradually, taking up its role as a Co-responsible leader of the Church in Australia.

Patrick also thanked Liz Vinning for her guidance and wisdom as Deputy Chair. Liz continues to serve as a member of Council.

The new Chair thanked his fellow Executive members for taking up these leadership roles. "We have a very talented team in the Executive, Council and staff. I thank David and Margaret for stepping forward into leadership roles in what promises to be a challenging but rewarding time for AMPJP. Together, we remain committed to supporting leaders across Australia's Catholic ministries and bearing witness to Christ's love through our shared faith and action.

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