



Mercy Ministry  
Companions

# Update

## Welcome

With Melbourne and Sydney in lockdown for large portions of 2021 it seems that everything is now “full speed ahead” as families and organisations look to pack a year’s worth of activity into the last three months of the year!

There is, truth be told, a similar sense of energy with Mercy Ministry Companions as we approach transition day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – just two weeks away. On that day, the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG) will take the courageous step of entrusting lay leadership to be the custodians of the Ministries they have built up in Australia over the last 175 years across health, education and community services. It is, by any measure, an incredible gift and we do not underestimate the responsibility.

The Trustee Directors are very grateful to the many Institute and ministry staff who have been working so diligently to bring this new entity to life. Like all new foundations, it will take time to learn the needs of our new community but we are excited and confident about the future and the journey.

*Margaret Bounader (Chair)*

## Transition & Christmas Arrangements for DEC 2021 & JAN 2022

On 03 DEC 2021 Mercy Ministry Companions will take on the roles and responsibilities previously performed by the Institute (ISMAPNG). The following contact information is being provided to Ministries to ensure continuity of service and support over December and January.

The contacts listed below are available throughout the entire DEC - JAN period, noting that non-urgent enquiries received between Christmas Eve and New Year’s Day may not receive an immediate response.

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General ministry questions, meeting enquiries and papers	ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au Joe Konynenburg
Reporting of critical incidents	margaret.bounader@mercyministrycompanions.org.au Margaret Bounader
Property issues requiring the involvement of the Owner (McAuley Property Limited)	mpl@mercyministrycompanions.org.au Joe Konynenburg

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## Staff Appointments

MMC are very pleased to confirm the appointment of our first two staff members. Although they will formally commence on 03 DEC 2021, both are already labouring away in support of the transition process.



### Helen Boland – Ministry Governance Officer

Helen joins Mercy Ministry Companions from the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea where she was employed as the Ministry Governance Support Officer for five years.

Prior to spending time at home with her children, Helen worked for the Federal Environment Department and gained valuable secretariat and coordination skills in various roles, including strategic policy, program delivery and budget.

Helen grew up in Wollongong. She has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Commerce from the Australian National University, and lives in Canberra with her husband and two young sons.



### Dr Annette Schneider RSM – Formation Coordinator

Annette is a member of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG). An educator for more than 40 years in the fields of secondary and tertiary education, Annette maintains a keen interest and involvement in Mercy leadership formation and ministry governance.

In December 2017 Annette concluded a six-year term as a member of the inaugural Leadership Team for ISMAPNG. Prior to accepting the role of Formation Coordinator with MMC, Annette was the Governance Formation Coordinator within ISMAPNG for 2 years and Manager of the Program of Theology in Papua New Guinea for 12 months.

The major remaining role to be filled is that of the Executive Officer. It is anticipated that this appointment will be made in December for a late January commencement. In the meantime, our Transition Manager, Joe Konynenburg, is available to support Ministries with any questions or concerns they may have.

In respect of property services, McAuley Property Limited will continue to be supported by Daniela Paradiso from the Institute Property Team until 30 JUN 2022. Daniela can be contacted via the email [mpl@mercyministrycompanions.org.au](mailto:mpl@mercyministrycompanions.org.au)

## Save The Date – Transfer Ceremonies

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FRI 03 DEC 2021 2PM	Virtual (Zoom)	Institute Leadership Team, Trustee Directors, Ministry Board Chairs and CEOs, Community Leaders, senior Ministry & Institute staff involved in the Transition Project
FRI 25 MAR 2022 2PM	Sydney	Institute Leadership Team, Trustee Directors, Ministry Board Chairs and Directors, Ministry CEOs and senior staff, Community Leaders, Sisters of Mercy and Institute staff

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## Trustee Director Communication Protocols

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*Can I register the Trustee Directors to receive our newsletters ?*

Yes. The Trustee Directors are happy to be registered to receive the major public communications of your Ministry.

Please add the email addresses of the seven Trustee Directors (refer below) to the relevant newsletter lists.

Please also send newsletters to the MMC Staff via [ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au](mailto:ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au)

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*How do I invite the Trustee Directors to major events ?*

The Trustee Directors would be pleased to attend, when possible, major events for your ministries. These could include significant anniversaries, the opening of new facilities or major staff gatherings.

As there are only seven Trustee Directors spread across the country it may not be possible for a Trustee Director to attend a specific event.

To invite Trustee Directors to an event please email: [ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au](mailto:ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au)

Invitations should be addressed to

Ms Margaret Bounader  
Chair  
Mercy Ministry Companions Council

Invitations addressed to Margaret will be assumed to be for each and any of the Trustee Directors, unless otherwise specified.

As a general principle please do NOT send separate invitations for each Trustee Director to the same event.

An exception may be made where there is a connection or reason for inviting a specific Trustee Director. In this case the invitation should still be sent to the main [ministries@](mailto:ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au) email address.

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*Will the Trustee Directors have specific Ministry portfolios like the Institute Leadership Team did previously ?*

Not at this stage. The Trustee Directors have determined that in this formative first year they, together with the Executive Officer, are committed to collectively broadening their knowledge of each of the separate Ministries supported by Mercy Ministry Companions.

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*Trustee Director emails are provided here for newsletter and individual communication only.*

*Submissions for the attention of all Trustee Directors should be forwarded to [ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au](mailto:ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au)*

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## Contact Details – General Communications

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**ministries@mercyministrycompanions.org.au**

Use this email account for all communications from ministries to MMC, including:

- Newsletters
- Invitations
- Questions
- Decision Requests

**mpl@mercyministrycompanions.org.au**

Use this email for all requests for support with all MPL property matters, including:

- Planning permit requests
  - Building permit requests
  - Heritage enquiries
  - Disputes with neighbours or councils
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## Contact Details – Staff

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**Joe Konynenburg**  
*Transition Manager*

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**Annette Schneider RSM**  
*Formation Coordinator*

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**Helen Boland**  
*Ministry Governance Officer*

helen.boland@mercyministrycompanions.org.au

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## Trustee Director Meetings

Month	Meeting (Day 1 of 2)	Papers Due
JAN	MON 31 JAN	MON 17 JAN
FEB	MON 28 FEB	MON 14 FEB
MAR	THU 24 MAR	THU 10 MAR
APR	THU 28 APR	THU 14 APR
MAY	MON 30 MAY	MON 16 MAY
JUN	MON 27 JUN	MON 13 JUN
JUL	MON 25 JUL	MON 11 JUL
AUG	MON 29 AUG	MON 15 AUG
SEP	MON 26 SEP	MON 12 SEP
OCT	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
NOV	MON 07 NOV	MON 24 OCT
DEC	MON 12 DEC	MON 28 NOV



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