Marist Mission Centre

Sustaining Hope

Annual Report 2025

SOLOMON ISLANDS : ST MARY'S PARISH TANAGAI CHURCH

MMC Partnerships Sustaining Hope among the Disadvantaged

Resourcing Partners serving those disadvantaged by poverty or calamity within Asia-Pacific.
MMC Partnerships prioritise Women and Children in smaller Communities
especially those challenged by Social, Intellectual and Physical Disability.
MMC resources bridge gaps in Partner's programs.

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Philippines — Balay Banaag

Australian Commission for Not-for-Profit Charities

Profile, Purpose and Vision of Marist Mission Centre

The Marist Mission Centre (MMC) is the public face for the Australian Marist Centre for Overseas Aid (AMCOA) and the Marist Fathers International Mission (MFIM) and, as the administration unit, enables AMCOA and MFIM to focus on the main work of the Marist Fathers Australian Province in supporting overseas relief and development activities primarily in Asia-Pacific conducted by local partners within the extended Marist networks.

We work with Marist partners and networks to promote self-reliance, support for disadvantaged youth and mothers and children disadvantaged socially, physically or mentally. Displaced people and communities denied access to basic resources such as education and health care are another priority within the Asia-Pacific Region.

We endorse principles of freedom, mutual respect, environmental sustainability, participation and protection of the responsibilities and rights of all. We include women and children and the poor with a broad range of disability in our programs and projects.

MMC works to address the causes of injustice and poverty by raising awareness in Australia.

Overseas, MMC distributes funds in a manner that respects the basic autonomy of all Partners to own their programs and make decisions and manage resources and programs in a sustainable way.

Thailand : Marist Asia Foundation—Heath & Education

Cambodia—Marist Solidarity

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The Marist Mission Centre is guided by clear foundational principles in all aspects of its mission. Our motto, 'Sustaining Hope', captures the spirit of our organisation and continues to shape our priorities and work.

The primary role of MMC is to collaborate with and support Marist partners and networks, principally in Oceania and parts of Asia, that serve vulnerable and disadvantaged communities, especially women and children.

The Marist Mission Centre manages two charities registered with the ACNC: Australian Marist Centre for Overseas Aid (AMCOA), registered as a Community Development Charity, and Marist Fathers International Mission (MFIM), registered as a Basic Religious Charity. MMC supports both ongoing initiatives and one-off projects.

In living out 'Sustaining Hope', MMC supports projects that strengthen the capacity of both people and communities. This includes funding for buildings and essential resources, as well as training and professional development for staff who deliver programs on the ground.

MMC currently supports the following programs:

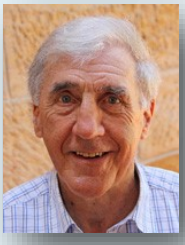
- programs in the Philippines for young boys and girls who have lived on the streets or in at-risk situations arising from poverty, family violence, mental health challenges, and abuse;
- similar programs for young people in Cambodia who live with disability, and for refugees in Thailand;
- the construction of a hostel in Honiara, Solomon Islands, providing young women with a safe place to live while they undertake education and training.
- These initiatives support young people who have experienced discrimination, exclusion, and disadvantage, enabling them to look to the future with renewed hope.

MMC also supports the training of Marist priests and brothers preparing for ministry, drawn from Oceania, Africa, the Philippines, Europe, and New Zealand.

MMC is deeply grateful for the generous work of our Projects Committee and staff, and for the support of the Marist Leadership Team in Australia. We also acknowledge with particular gratitude the support of Fr Tony Kennedy SM, who was appointed Marist District Leader in 2025.

Above all, we thank our generous and kind-hearted donors who have supported the work of MMC over many years, including through recent challenging times.

The MMC website provides up-to-date information about the organisation's goals, purpose, and projects, including its complaints policy. All finances have been managed and audited in accordance with approved financial guidelines. MMC welcomes feedback and looks forward to continuing its mission of Sustaining Hope.

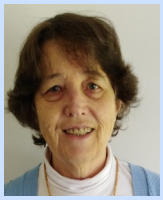


Fr Paul Sullivan sm

MMC Executive Officer

MMC Project Advisory Committee...

Fr. Anthony Kennedy sm, District Superior of the Marist Fathers appoints the MMC Project Advisory Committee. The role of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations regarding the eligibility, assessment and approval of projects and to ensure that all projects and funds are managed in accordance with government and Marist Fathers policies and compliance procedures. The committee bring a wide range of experience and skills to the Advisory Committee. On your behalf I acknowledge their generosity and thank them for their work and ministry with MMC.



Sr Jennifer Clarke
(Chair person)

Mr Andrew Biddle

Ms Caroline Stewart commenced 1/1/2025

Mrs Sue Cunningham

Mr John Palmer

Fr Aisake Vaisima sm

Retired 1/11/2025

PROJECT CRITERIA, SELECTION & OVERSIGHT

The primary focus across MMC projects in 2025 reflects our mission. Priority is accorded to women and children, the disabled and disadvantaged of Asia-Pacific and served by the extended Marist networks remain a focus of MMC especially those beginning or too small to be on the radar of major funders.

MMC funding is normally supplementary and allocated to remove obstacles or bridge gaps in operating budgets that may limit program effectiveness. Construction is only funded within extended Marist networks.

MMC does not manage programs nor does it employ staff outside Australia. MMC exercises oversight of funded projects in a way sensitive to partners' autonomy and at a level that meets MMC's responsibilities that funds are utilised responsibly for the said projects.

MMC has an obligation to ensure designated gifts respect Donors' intentions. Reports and email, phone and zoom conferences proved an effective structure for project oversight.

Small partners in remote regions operate at a considerable disadvantage compared to their urban counterparts in capital cities because of logistics and resources. MMC prioritises them.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child, the old Millennium development goals and the environmental impact framed project selection.

MMC 2025 priority for one-off projects was to resource small teams within Marist networks, especially those working with women, children and persons with disabilities of all kinds.

PROJECT OVERVIEW 2025

Ongoing project funding support: in the following countries a major project dealing with social, physical or mental disadvantage/disability: Bangladesh, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines and Solomon Islands. Smaller projects as listed below.

One-off financial/technical support Philippines , Fiji, PNG, Bougainville and Vanuatu

One-off solidarity capacity-building support Marist Networks in Asia and especially where Asia-Pacific Marists are currently involved.

Project Partners take full responsibility for the management of their projects. MMC visits/skype/ emails serve partners in ways appropriate to MMC's supplementary role.

ASIA	Project types
Bangladesh	Child protection/Education/Women/Children's health
Cambodia	Youth Education / Livelihood / Physical disability
Thailand	Migrant Workers/ Child Education/Child Protection/HIV Aids/Women Health/ Education
Philippines	Street Children (BAPAS Davao) Project : Pre-school Ed./Street Education/Health. Girls at Risk—Balay Banaag project.
PACIFIC ISLANDS	
Bougainville	Community Development
Solomon Islands	Child Protection; Education/Community Development; teacher housing.
PNG	Emergency relief
Fiji	Maintenance support and emergency relief

Philippines — Balay Pasilungan

Welcoming New Students

FIJI— Nazareth Prayer Centre

Caring for Creation

Governance & Administration 2025

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MMC

Marist Mission Centre (MMC) is a work of the Marist Fathers Australian District belonging to an international religious congregation called the Society of Mary and known as the Marist Fathers.

Trustees of the Marist Fathers Australia are responsible for the governance of MMC and for maintaining its Marist character and strategic direction. The District Council of the Marist Fathers are appointed by consultation with the members of the District. They meet monthly tasked with the oversight of all Australian Marist Fathers activities including the Marist Mission Centre and all AMCOA and MFIM funds and projects.

The Australian Marist Centre Overseas Aid (AMCOA) and The Marist Fathers International Mission (MFIM) are registered charities. They are managed by the MMC Team on behalf of the Trustees of the Marist Fathers Australian District and resources global Marist networks engaged in poverty alleviation and social development, especially in the extended Asia-Pacific Marist Family networks.

MMC Project Advisory Committee is appointed by the Superior of the Marist Fathers in Australia. The role of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the MMC Executive Officer regarding the eligibility, assessment, approval and funding of projects. The Advisory Committee meets quarterly and consists of six members including three Marists all with appropriate experience and qualifications.

TRUSTEES - MARIST FATHERS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Superior of the Australian Marist Fathers District & Chairman

Fr Anthony Kennedy, SM (since February 2025)

Fr Anthony Corcoran, SM, BA, STL (since 2019 retired January 2025)

Board of Trustees

Fr Kevin Redmond SM, (since March 2024)

Fr Ray Chapman SM, (Since January 2024)

Fr Peter McMurrich SM, (since November 2023)

MMC Advisory Committee 2025

Sr Jenny Clarke smsm

Mrs Sue Cunningham

Mr John Palmer

Fr Aisake Vaisima sm (retired 1 November 2025)

Mr Andrew Biddle.

Ms Caroline Stewart (appointed 1 January 2025)

Administration

MMC Executive Officer	**Fr. Paul Sullivan sm,** B.Com
Finance Manager	**Ms Anne Martinus,** B.Ec.,CPA
Donations Officer	**Ms Evelyn Korkor**

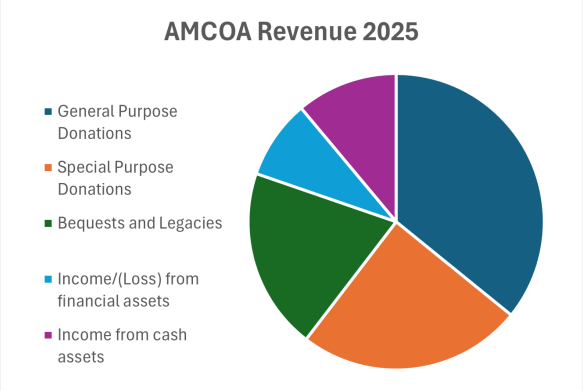
Auditors 2025

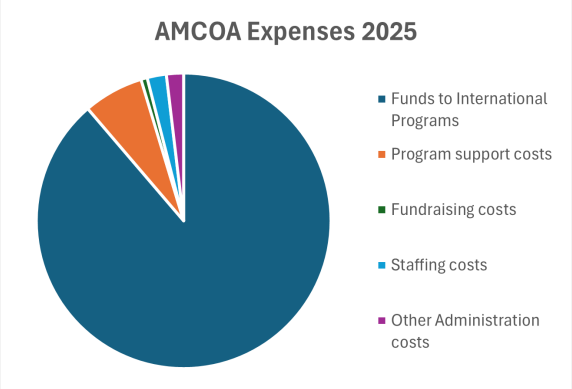
Pascoe & Co

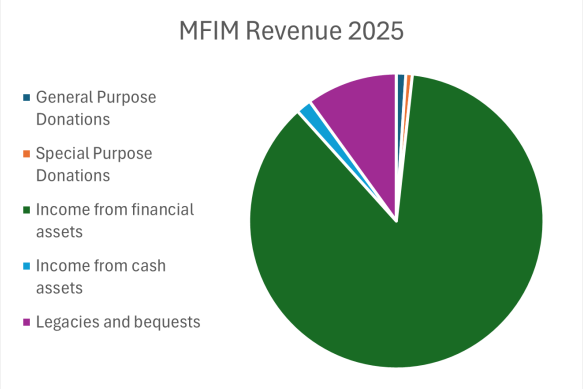
Accountability and Accreditation

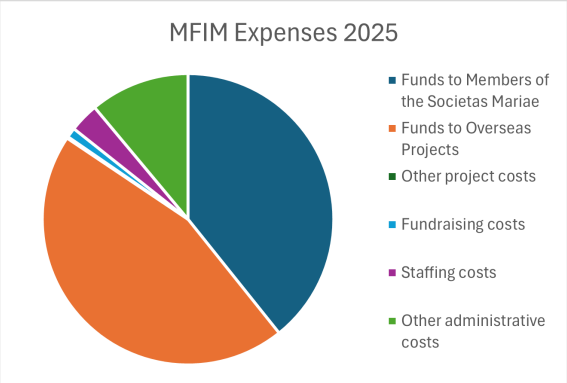
Marist Mission Centre - Australian Marist Centre For Overseas Aid (AMCOA) and Marist Fathers International Mission (MFIM)

1. AMCOA is endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient. Both AMCOA and MFIM are registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).
2. MMC funding is generated from quarterly newsletters to donors, on line donations and through church appeals.
3. Visit our MMC website for an overview of the mission, goals and history of the organisation and some of the projects funded by MMC at : www.maristmissions.com. Donation processing procedures are managed by an approved donation system.
4. To provide feedback or lodge a complaint or compliment, call +61 02 9844 2275, send an email to admin@maristmissions.com or write to MMC, Locked Bag 5002, Gladesville, NSW 1675.
5. AMCOA and MFIM are in a sound financial position as at 31 December 2025. Below Income and Expense Summary's for 2025 are shown below, these graphs are derived from AMCOA's and MFIM's audited financial statements.









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