

Brothers' Daily News

Leadership Review

The Provincial Council held an extended meeting recently where we made a review of Province Operations in 2013 and considered 2014. As a new Province we are in a learning period in regard to providing the needed pastoral support of Brothers across the whole country, of managing a complex operation across three centres, and of establishing new structures that engage and include all Marists and that will best provide for the future of Marists into the 21st century.

It has become clear to the Council that the range and nature of the matters being addressed by the Provincial and Deputy Provincial, and their need for close collaboration and mutual support, would be much better served if they were in the same community. At the same time, we want to have a reference Councillor resident in Melbourne.

So, while it has been appropriate for Peter to have been based in Melbourne and Paul Kane in Brisbane during this first year of the new Province, this arrangement will change in 2014. They have enjoyed the opportunity of living in Melbourne and Brisbane respectively and of coming to know other Brothers and places they were not familiar with. They leave with a certain reluctance, but knowing that at this stage operational needs have a priority

Peter Carroll will move to Drummoyne. **Graham Neist** will replace Peter on the Australian Marist Community Pastoral Team, while continuing to live at Westmead. Graham will also continue to be available to assist the District Leader of Melanesia and his Council as he has been for the past two years. **Justin Guthrie** will be the community leader at Fitzroy. Thanks to Graham and Justin for accepting these new roles.

Paul Kane will move to Fitzroy. He will continue as Assistant Provincial with delegated responsibilities for our people and works in East Timor and Cambodia. He remains the chair of our local formators' network, is our liaison with the Esopus Novitiate, and supports vocation ministry. He will remain a member of the Australian Marist Community Pastoral Team and so be moving around ministries and communities.

In terms of management, there is a need to have key executive people meeting regularly with the Provincial: as indicated on our Province organisation chart, these are the Province Secretary, the Director of Business Services, the Executive Director of Marist Ministries, the Deputy Provincial. Their brief is to consider matters of Province administration relevant to the overall operation, to determine national policies, and to ensure effective communication. The group will be known as the Executive Team.

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Other appointments for 2014:

Pat Thompson will move from Westmead to Hamilton where he will work in SFX College. This means that there will be no Brother on the staff of St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas, since its beginning in 1962.

Bernie McGrath will be at Forbes, working around the College. Bernie has been the site manager and provider at the Lomeri novitiate, Fiji, for the past six years and at a number of other places in the District of Melanesia since the 1980s.

Aiden Smith will move from Forbes to Randwick. The old bones are not as flexible as they once were!

Bernard Hatfield will move from Lidcombe to Randwick in the near future. This is a very difficult shift for Bernie and for the Lidcombe community where his ready smile, warm welcome and simple affection have endeared him to all for so long.

Michael Herry will remain at North Fitzroy and not move to Fitzroy as previously announced.

Death of Alan Parker

From the New Zealand Province news

Brothers and Friends:

The sad news: our good friend and colleague, Mr Alan Parker, died gently in his sleep this afternoon. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his wife Carol, to his three children, and to his brother and sister and their families.

"Go forth, O Christian Soul..."

I will let you know more details as they come to hand.

You may contact Alan's family at ajcsparker@gmail.com

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