

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat – profile of members

Mr Mark Ballantyne
BE, MBA, FIAA

Qualified Actuary; General Manager of Financial Wisdom with the Commonwealth Bank, having over 25 years' experience in all facets of financial services. He attends East Lindfield Anglican Church. Board member since 2009.

The Rev Edward Brush
BTh, Dip Min

NSW/ACT Regional Officer for Bush Church Aid. Previously Rector Lower Mountains Parish and Archbishop's Ministry Chaplain. Has previously served on Board of Governors of the National Church Life Survey, Standing Committee Diocese of Sydney, Mission Board of the Standing Committee, Council of St Andrew's Cathedral School, Georges River Regional Council and Finance & Loans Board. Originally trained as an electrical engineer with extensive experience in supply chain management both in Australia and internationally. Board member since 2013.

Ms Libby Hackett
BA

Partner, Perrett Laver, Sydney, Over 20 years' experience working for government, parliament, universities and in private sector consultancy, including 10 years' experience at CEO and Director level. Previous roles include CEO of University Alliance UK, Director of Policy And Research Russell Group of Universities UK, Special Advisor Parliamentary Select Committee for Education and Skills UK, Senior Researcher and Deputy Director Higher Education Policy Institute UK, and Senior Policy Advisor of Higher Education Funding Council for England UK. Attends All Saints, Austinmer. Board member since 2018.

Mr Greg Hammond OAM
BA, LLB, ThA

Greg has over 30 years' experience as a lawyer specialising in banking and the governance, supervision and regulation of Australia's financial system. He was a partner of King & Wood Mallesons (and its predecessor firm, Mallesons Stephen Jaques) for over 27 years, and since retiring from the firm in 2014 has taken up a number of roles in academia, the banking and finance sector, charities and not-for-profit organisations. His current roles include being a director of the Australian College of Theology, G&C Mutual Bank, NCNC Funds Limited (and the Archbishop of Sydney's New Churches for New Communities Committee), Olive Tree Media and Opportunity International Australia. He attends Macquarie Anglican Churches. Board member since 2014.

Ms Robyn Hobbs OAM
MMgt, JP

NSW Small Business Commissioner, leading a team that provides advocacy, mediation and dispute resolution services to small businesses in NSW. Previously worked in a diverse range of industry sectors including the arts, business, community services, government, media, social welfare, and transport. She has held executive roles at the Sydney Opera House, State Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sydney. In 1983 Robyn founded Carols in the Domain, which is Australia's largest community Christmas concert. In 2009 she received the OAM for services to the community for founding Carols in the Domain, and raising funds for The Salvation Army. Attends St Mark's Darling Point and has served on the Anglicare Board. Board member since 2017.

Mr John Pascoe
FCA, BEc

Partner, Pascoe Whittle Chartered Accountants; Member of Standing Committee; Finance Committee; St Andrew's House Corporation; St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter and Diocesan Resources Committee; Chairman of GAB Audit and SDS Audit Committees. He attends St Andrew's Cathedral. Board member since 2009.

Mr Andrew Stanley
BE, LLB, MAppFin, CA, FINSA

Head of Australian Equities for Ralton Asset Management. Over 20 years' experience in financial structuring/investment banking and funds management. Former member of the Anglican Funds Committee Melbourne. He attends C3 Church, Mosman. Board member since 2014.

Bishop Michael Stead
BCom(Acc), BD(Hons), DipMin, PhD

Bishop of South Sydney; Member of Standing Committee Diocese of Sydney; Diocesan Representative on General Synod; Member of General Synod Standing Committee; Secretary of the General Synod Doctrine Commission. Prior to ordination, worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1990-1996. Board member since 2015.

Mr Ben Meikle
B Eng (Computer Systems), MBA

Ben is an Associate Director at Macquarie Group Limited. His 25+ years experience in the IT industry has enabled him to develop a broad range of skills across people and project management, architecture, risk and compliance reporting with a number of financial institutions. He is currently working as the information architect for Macquarie's Banking and Financial Services division. Ben and his family have been members of Cherrybrook Anglican Church for over 12 years and Ben is currently serving as a service leader and member of parish council. Ben and his wife attend a bible study group together and his three children are all active in youth ministry and the evening service. Board member since 2018.

Ms Jennifer Yorath
BA (Syd), MBus (HRM) Dist,
FAICD

Jennifer has over 25 years' experience in human resources management and is currently a senior global human resources practitioner for a large Australian biotech, in addition to leading their global change and transformation capability development. She has had experience in a range of industry sectors and has held both specialist and strategic commercial human resource roles. Her board experience includes 10 years on the Board of a major Sydney Anglican school, where she was a member of the Nominations Committee and chaired the Human Resources Committee. Jennifer and her husband David, are members of St Alban's Anglican Church Lindfield. Board member since 2018.