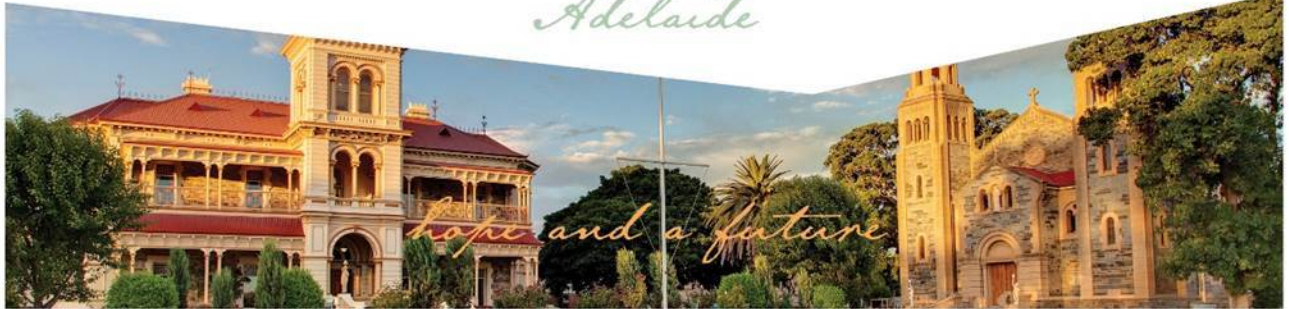


National Assembly

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th October 2018

Adelaide



RECOMMENDATIONS

Strategy & Vision

Develop the Strategic intent and prepare the Strategic Plan

Clear & concise purpose of the Association

- Terms of Reference

That the Council clearly define and articulate (simply) our identity, purpose and vision

Link a member of the Council to an area of the ministry region; e.g. social justice, spiritual direction

The Council to discern their priority:

- Governance;
- “spiritual family”

Ensure more diverse Council; e.g. women, not only Principals / Aps, beyond schools

Building the relationship between the Association’s Council and local groups

To ensure the voice of the Association is embedded in the new MYM programme

More regular visits from Marist reps. Assisting growth

Bridge the Gap

- Links between schools & organisations
- Clear ways to connect & stay part of the spiritual family

A clearer vision and purpose

Emphasise the diversity of a spiritual family

“Bridge the gap” between a Marist community & the next

- (e.g. student may not reconnect with the Marist family until they send their own child to a Marist school)

Clear links between each region

- (e.g. if a student moves interstate to study there should be a person to refer them to). Make and “ex-students” page

The Role of governed schools as ‘hubs’

Clarification of governance between Association & corporate ministries

Strategic intent & succession of ‘We Marists’

To clarify the role of the Council & Association

Connecting / linking local & regional groups to the Council – a member to link with

Local life / groups / personal engagement

That the Council support groups with resourcing & animation

Establish clear mechanism for evaluating project proposals

Support / Mentoring for local leaders, new members and those associated with Marist Ministries (Spiritual Director)

Get Local Coordinators together to discuss, exchange ideas, get resources

Acknowledge, support and resource ministries, beyond the “big 4” recognized ministries

Utilise the skills of members to support, mentor & represent various initiatives of Marist works

To activate belonging in a virtual network

To encourage belonging to a local group that is not ministry defined

Continue with Resources used at a local level

Investigate opportunities for members to interact via social media

Structure groups according to needs / interests not geographical location

Recognise & support our efforts of mission at local levels

Help us go to the margins in our own context

Community & communication which connects local groups

Strengthen the national & regional networking

Continue to provide resources people to develop our identity as Adelaide Marist

Resourcing & accompaniment of local groups & succession of this

Invite people to contribute a \$ ‘levy’

Promote & encourage groups of “like-minded” people to gather to “be’ or ‘act’ (outside local groups)

Create resources to promote ‘Association’ for young people in schools to continue their Marist journey

To suggest ‘structure’(with flexibility) of the local Association groups

There is a greater emphasis on involving (inviting) members who aren’t directly involved in Marist ministries

With guiding principles from the Council, local groups should be able to determine their ministry based on the needs of their community

To develop a shared basic foundation that each local group can build on & express in their own way

Shared national project meeting the needs of the local community

Resources

- Provision of
- Sharing of
- Shared space to contribute &/or access resources e.g. google drive

More support, resources, collaboration of ideas. Not limited to the place of work.

Local CO’s discussing what they are doing in their regions – BEST PRACTICE

Formation

Formation opportunities and resources to assist the Regional Groups

Formation and training to empower local communities and regional communities in strengthening identity as Marists

Variety of opportunities for Formation

Continue to develop resources & formation to adapt to a local focus

Formation of student leaders in the Marist way of Champagnat

Priority for supporting spiritual formation in the Marist Way of Champagnat of all those both in the Association, or those working in Marist Schools

Formation as a platform to Association membership

Pastoral Team

- To nurture the members and multiple levels of connection

Formation for wider spiritual community (for Marists outside of schools)

Formation for local groups (leaders & members); including sharing and creating resources

To provide resources & offer formation opportunities for local groups

Continues growth of formative resources that people can pick & choose

Formation for students to bridge between school & the Association

Ongoing formation & resourcing for Association members beyond schools

Formation & equipping of local Association leaders; e.g. Regional formation gathering / retreat

Canonical & Civil entity

Finalise Governance Structure and the associated documentation

Achieve Canonical recognition

Civil & canonical recognition

Communication

On-going commitment to communication across the Association and the Marist World

Clear lines of communication and promotion

Clarity of purpose (the HOW)

- Communication
 - Sharing of resources, support, ideas, what's going on
 - Meeting of local CO's
 - Best practice

Regular communication from the Council to the membership about what was discussed at their meetings

Commitment to persistent communication & ongoing resourcing

Create / promote an umbrella app / website that supports a range of functions; e.g. prayer, calendar, podcasts, webinars, resources, solidarity

Council continues to advocate to the broader church & are the conduit for news, activities and ministries of local groups

Ongoing & a variety of communication modes:

- Updates
- Opportunities
- Electronic
- Personal

Clearer communication – what's going on – what's happening in each local, regional, national, international groups