



As we celebrate the Christmas season, we continue to live life to the fullest within our communities, embracing the mission of L'Arche with joy and purpose.

In November, we gathered in Melbourne for a series of important National Meetings. These included the National Council, National Listening and Speaking Group, L'Arche Australia AGM, National Assembly, National Board, and a special celebration marking Eileen Glass' 50th anniversary with L'Arche. It was a time of reflection, growth, and gratitude as we strengthened our connections and reaffirmed our shared commitment.



Celebrating Eileen's 50th Anniversary with L'Arche



National Listening and Speaking Group Meeting-Melbourne

We are profoundly grateful for your financial support, which made a significant impact during the National Listening and Speaking Group gathering. Your generosity helped cover some of the costs for travel and accommodation expenses for representatives from Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart, enabling them to participate fully in these important meetings.





During the recent National Assembly, Julia Walters was honoured for her remarkable 10 years of service as the National Board Chairperson. Her dedication and commitment throughout her tenure were acknowledged, and while she steps down from this role, Julia will remain a valuable member of the National Board.



We are also pleased to announce Philomena (Phil) Billington as the new National Board Chairperson for the next two years.

Phil brings a wealth of experience as an educator, leader, and facilitator across Catholic and Government education sectors. Over the course of her career, which spans from 1972, Phil has served in five dioceses and four states in Australia, with experience in both rural and urban settings. Notably, she was the first female Director of Catholic Education for the Sandhurst Diocese, retiring in 2014, and has held various leadership positions including most recently as Chair of the Trustees of Edmund Rice Education Australia, concluding at the end of May 2024.

Phil has contributed to the development of Religious Education Curriculum documents in two dioceses and has been actively involved in Parish Pastoral Development and Renewal for the past two decades. She remains committed to facilitating renewal in some parishes and is currently a member of the St Vincent de Paul Conference in Yass. We look forward to her leadership and the expertise she will bring to her new role as National Board Chairperson.





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*Claire Lawler
National Leader*



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