

KATHLEEN McCORMACK AM CURRICULUM VITAE

1978 Social Work Certificate, Wollongong Technical College

1984-2014 Director of Welfare of CatholicCare (formerly Centacare) in the Diocese of Wollongong.

Responsible for the overall management and coordination in the Illawarra, Macarthur, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands regions. Led the agency to become a quality-assured provider of social services for the aged, people with a disability, the unemployed, children at risk and families.

1995 Masters of Management, University of Technology, Sydney

Actively assisted in setting up community-based organisations in the Wollongong area. Involved in developing and establishing the following services and organisations:

- Planning Committee Youth Refuge
- Emergency Family Accommodation (establishment & Management committee)
- Illawarra Housing Trust (Planning & Management committee)
- Family Conciliation Centre
- Migrant Resource Centre (Management Committee)
- Illawarra Area Health Co-ordination Council (Advisory Committee)
- Women's Refuge (Planning Committee)
- Area Planning Committees (DOCS)
- Child Protection Committee (DOCS)
- Care 2001-2002 (State) – Consultation & Advice to the Director-General on Out of Home Care

Represented on the following bodies:

- Centacare Australia (Chairperson & Executive) formally known as NCAFA – National Catholic Association of Family Agencies
- Centacare Australia – Youth Homelessness Working Party
- Commissioner on the Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission
- NSW Catholic Social Welfare Committee (NSW Bishop's Committee on Welfare)
- NSW State Division Centacare
- Catholic Welfare Australia - Board member
- Network and Standing Committee (Catholic Welfare Australia)

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- Convener, sub-committee of Substitute Care Catholic Organisations of NSW
- Illawarra Children's Services (ICS)
- Australian Catholic University - Social Work Advisory Committee
- Community Care Coalition
- Professional Standards Committee, NSW
- University of Wollongong (Commerce Faculty Advisory Committee)
- Illawarra Division of General Practice (IDGP)

- 1997-2000 Member of the Professional Standards Resource Group, Diocese of Wollongong
- 1998 Organised visit by Ray Wyre, UK expert on sexual crimes to Diocese of Wollongong to facilitate a series of workshops attended by over 5,000 people, encouraging all Diocesan personnel and community members to develop mechanisms to develop a culture of safety for all children.
- Advocated for training and professional development of religious and diocesan personnel on child protection, particularly screening and selection protocols, monitoring and supervision systems, policy development for the prevention of abuse and best practices to protect the most vulnerable.
- 2005-2016 Member of the Child Protection Review & Planning Team, Diocese of Wollongong
- 2007 Awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division in recognition of outstanding service to the community of the Illawarra region through the development and implementation of social welfare services, particularly through CatholicCare (Centacare)
- 2014 Awarded a Papal Honour by Pope Francis as a Dame in the Order of St Gregory the Great.
- 2014 Appointed as the Australian representative on the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, advising Pope Francis on safeguarding children from sexual abuse.