

## International JPIC Blog

After four years this continues to be managed by **Ben McKenna** with items published every Monday several of which supplied by Committee members.

The Blog is translated into French for the European Marist Blog site.

Technical support continues from Justin Lynch, Brisbane.



## Finances

Separate financial reporting has been provided for the District Business Manager.

Projects benefiting from our modest gift budget included House of Welcome, Wilai Foundation, Edmund Rice Centre and Pacific Climate Watch.

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District Committee for  
Justice, Peace &  
Integrity of Creation

# Report for 2023



## Membership

District Committee members are **Jim Carty** (*convenor*), **Paul Mahony**, **Ron Nissen** and **Kevin Stewart**. We note with sadness the membership of **Kevin Bates** until his death in Jan 2024.

## Marist Family

Acknowledging the value of collaboration with the wider Marist Family and the increasingly positive influence of Marist Laity representation, we favoured hosting Marist Family JPIC meetings rather than those of the District Committee. The success of the Laity's handling of the 2023 Fourvière celebrations is an indicator of how fruitful our JPIC collaboration can be.

Informal communications between our District Committee members occurred naturally throughout the year.

As the year drew to a close membership of the Marist Family JPIC Committee (in addition to our District Committee members) included **Grace Ellul SM**, **Andrew Dumas** and **Cathy Larkin** (Marist Laity Australia), **Cathy Gallo** (Marist Laity Hunters Hill), **Laurie McCane FMS** and **Margaret Tisch SMSM**.

## Meetings

These were held at the District meeting room on Mar 11, Jun 17, Aug 05 and Nov 04 with Zoom participation available as needed.

Minutes were recorded for each.



## Agenda

Items included regular reports on JPIC activities from committee members of the various branches, updates on Pacific Climate Watch, Wilai Foundation and other organisations, recommended article and web pieces on *Laudato Si* themes and International JPIC Blog and District Circular JPIC Corner items .

## Focus

With the advent of new members, the Marist Family sessions began a process of clarifying its *raison d'être* and major goals.

From this it was decided to select one major focus issue for the year. For 2023 the topic was the '*Indigenous Voice to Parliament*' and its September Referendum.

## 'Voice' Referendum

The Committee successfully arranged a function on Sep 03 (*see cover*) in which media presenter and journalist, **Kerry O'Brien**, spoke. One hundred persons, young and old, gathered in the Holy Name of Mary parish hall in a Q&A style session chaired by MLA co-leader, **Cathy Larkin**.

At its final meeting for the year the Committee chose *Domestic Violence* as the major issue to be addressed in 2024 with an event tentatively scheduled for September.



## District website

Fifty-two items were posted on the JPIC page of the Marist Australia District website, most of which were International Blog items (*see below*) and re-posted on Facebook according to our *Social Media Package* strategy of Website, Blog and Facebook.

## District Circular

A short item from the Committee was included in each of the bi-monthly District Circulars throughout the year.

### JPICC Corner

District Committee for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

## International webinars

Members have participated in a number of international webinars on JPIC themes hosted by Marist Family groups and other *Laudato Si* inspired organisations.