



The Catenian Association

Prelim & Council Officer Information

2025-2026

Patron Saints: Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Thomas More
Patron Saint for Australia: Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)

We are an Association of Catholic men committed to their faith, their families, to those in need and to each other.

The Association was founded in 1908 under the name of the Chums Benevolent Association.

The present title was adopted on 22nd October 1910.

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The Catenian Association PRINCIPLES

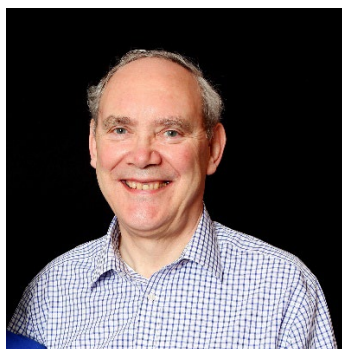
AIMS

1. To foster brotherly love among our members and to develop social bonds among our members and their families.
2. To support one another in the practice of our Faith.
3. To support and encourage Brothers, their families and widows as needs arise.
4. To support Brothers in difficulty or need including maintaining and administering benevolent funds through the Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund.
5. To advance the interests and development of young Catholics and to assist them in the choice or pursuit of a career, including the promotion and support of the Catenian Association Bursary Fund.
6. To help our clergy and to encourage and support vocations to the religious life in appropriate ways.
7. To support charities which the Circle, Province or Association considers are worthy and relevant.

VALUES

1. We will always be encouraging, supportive and helpful to fellow members and their families and be non-judgmental in any dealings.
2. We will behave in a courteous manner at meetings and functions, observing dress codes and maintaining high standards of behaviour.
3. We will always strive to live our personal and business lives in accordance with the ideals of our Catholic faith, where every person matters.
4. We encourage each other to take part in public life through individual action but we do not bring our political affiliations into our meetings or social gatherings.
5. We will always recognise that the Circle with its Brothers and their families is the most important entity of the Association.
6. We will ensure that the Association's governing bodies do all that is possible to enable each Circle to flourish.
7. We will abide by the Obligations of Membership.

Central Council & Other Bodies 2025-26



Chairman

Peter Woodford, Reigate

Central Council Members

Vice Chairman
Association Secretary
Association Treasurer

ANC President
GBNC President

IRC President

Past Chairman

Imm Past ANC National President

Imm Past GBNC National President

Imm Past IRC National President

Gerry McCormack, Wokingham-Berks

Kevin Campbell, Ascot & Sunningdale

David Arundale, Ascot & Sunningdale

Lou Daily, Dianella

Gerry McCormack, Wokingham-Berks

Bernard Noakes, Chelmsford Mid Essex

Joe Delia, Valletta

Graham Short, Harbourside North

Andrew Sowerby, Manchester North & Middleton

Peter Woodford, Reigate

Invited Guests

ANC Vice President

GBNC Vice President

IRC Vice President

Operations Director

Geoff Young, Hornsby

Richard Mills, Croydon

Paul Rowan, Harare Zimbabwe

Gill Board, Catenian Support Services (CSS)

Catenian Association Benevolent & Children's Fund

Chairman

Clerk

John Hogan, Brooklands & Didsbury

Phil Roberts, Ormskirk

Catenian Association Bursary Fund

Chairman

Secretary

Graham Green, Grimsby

Karol Grabowski, Mansfield & Dukeries

Investment Committee

Chairman

Mark Allanson, Reigate

Catenian Support Services (CSS)

Operations Director

Gill Board

Catena

Managing Director

Editor

Dennis Cooper

James Power

National Council & Grand Council Presidents

**Deceased*

Grand Presidents

1908–12	*J. O'Donnell – Founder-President
1912–13	*Major E. J. Hogan
1913–16	*G. Foggin
1916–17	*Alderman Sir Daniel McCabe, KSS, DL, JP
1917–19	*H. T. Sandy
1919–21	*O. A. Goodier, KSG, JP
1921–22	*T. Baines
1922–23	*W. J. Synnott
1923–24	*T. H. Kevill
1924–26	*R. W. Brosch
1926–27	*J. G. Bulger
1927–29	*T. Fattorini
1929–31	*P. Briggs
1931–32	*P. Kelly, KCSG, KHS
1932–35	*M. Holohan
1935–37	*Lt-Col. J. Shaughnessy
1937–39	*P. Taggart
1939–41	*D. A. Stroud, KSG, ISO, LLD
1941–44	*T. J. Addly, OBE, SSC, JP
1944–45	*V. S. Gosling
1946–48	*J. O'Donovan
1948–50	*G. E. Hildred, OBE
1950–52	*J. D. Walsh
1952–54	*J. J. Lawler, KSG, JP
1954–55	*R. D. Burns
1955–56	*R. Richards, KCSG, KHS, FCA
1956–57	*C. P. Grobel, KCHS
1957–58	*V. F. Palmer
1958–59	*A. Carus, KSS, MA
1959–60	*W. J. Baker, KCHS, LDS
1960–61	*J. McMurray, FCA
1961–62	*L. P. Arnold, KSG, KCHS
1962–63	*J. P. M. McCarey, MB, ChB, DPH
1963–64	*F. E. Lomas, KSG, MB, ChB, MRCS, LRCP
1964–65	*B. J. Daly
1965–66	*C. H. Harris, ACII
1966–67	*S. P. Quick, KCSG, FCA
1967–68	*R. N. Kirk, MB, ChB
1968–69	*J. Cox, KSS, CEng, MIEE
1969–70	*H. Gallacher, OBE, JP
1970–71	*H. Hipkin
1971–72	*D. Jenkins, KCSG, CHS
1972–73	*F. Lloyd, KCSG, KGCHS, FIOB, JP
1973–74	*J. V. Bowen
1974–75	*D. G. Mather, KSG, KHS, JP
1975–76	*P. A. Forde, KCHS, FCMA
1976–77	*J. A. Browning, KHS, KOSJ, BArch, ARIBA, FRIAS
1977–78	*A. E. Smallbone, KSG, KCHS
1978–79	*C. P. J. Stevens, KCSG, KCHS, FRICS, FRVA
1979–80	*R. W. Last, KCSG, KCHS, FCIB
1980–81	*J. H. Eyre, KHS, MA
1981–82	*J. Smith, OBE, KHS, CEng, AMCT, FIMechE, MIMarE
1982–83	*G. W. Cassidy, KSG, KHS, MCD, BArch, FRIBA, MRTPI
1983–84	*T. McGrath
1984–85	*H. Yates, KSG, BSc (Econ)

1985–86	*A. A. Bagatti, KGCHS
1986–87	*J. V. Tominey, KSG, KCHS
1987–88	*P. W. Coker, KSG, KCHS
1988–89	*T. P. McManus, KSG
1989–90	*J. R. Arrowsmith
1990–91	*A. J. Bentley, KCHS, FBCO
1991–92	*H. Murnaghan, KCHS, CEng, FIMarE, FlInstPet
1992–93	*J. R. Brown, KHS, FICS
1993–94	*M. J. Cusack, KSG, JP
1994–95	*P. Barnes
1995–96	J. Fry, KCHS, FCA
1996–97	*P. M. Laing, JP, KCHS
1997–98	*J. M. Barrie, KCSG, FCA, FCMA, JDipMA, CGMA
1998–99	*P. Martin
1999–2000	*P. G. A. McKivett, KSG
2000–01	*G. B. Hargreaves, KSG, KCHS, FIMI
2001–02	*R. D. Jones, MB, ChB, LRCP, MRCS
2002–03	*C. R. Oakley Smith, JP, KCHS
2003–04	G. D. Soane, KHS
2004–05	J. A. Clarke, KCSG, BSc, MSc, Dip Ed, Dip Ed Mgt
2005–06	J. P. Kelly, KSG, KHS, FRSA
2006–07	M. O'Malley, BSc, MB, ChB
2007–08	P. Gidman, CPFA
2008–09	D. Taylor, KSG, KCHS
2009–10	J. McNally, KCHS, MBA
2010–11	V. DeCruz, KCHS
2011–12	T. Godden, KCHS
2012–13	J. Mottram
2013–14	*J. Rayer, FCA, CTA, DipPFS,
2014–15	R. Butler, BA
2015–16	P. Woodford, Reigate
2016–17	D. Rowley, Derby

Director for Development Areas

2016-2019	D. Brinkley, Sheffield Hallamshire
2019-2020	*J.Rayer, Swanley, Blackheath & Chislehurst

National Council Presidents

2017–2018	P. Rogers, St. Helens	GBNC
2016-2017	G Kzs, Canberra	ANC
2017-2019	R. Fitzpatrick, Liwara	ANC
2018-2019	J. Hogan, Ringway	GBNC
2019-2020	P. Brown, Davyhulme	GBNC
2019-2021	G. Kzs, Canberra	ANC
2020-2021	E. O'Donnell, Stirling	GBNC
2020-2022	*J. Rayer, Swanley, Blackheath & Chislehurst	IRC
2021-2022	D. Arundale, Ascot & Sunningdale, Osterley & District	GBNC
2021-2023	R. Fitzpatrick, Liwara	ANC
2022-2023	R. Lillie, Southampton	GBNC
2023-2025	G. Short, Harbourside North	ANC
2023-2024	M. Conroy, Burnley	GBNC
2023-2024	J. Delia, Valletta	IRC
2024-2025	A. Sowerby, Manchester North & Middleton	GBNC
2024-2025	P. Woodford, Reigate	IRC
2025-2027	L. Daily, Daniella	ANC
2025-2026	G. McCormack, Wokingham-Berks	GBNC
2025-2026	B. Noakes, Upminster, Chelmsford Mid Essex	IRC

Chairman of Central Council

2016–2017	P. Woodford, Reigate
2017–2018	D. Rowley, Derby
2018-2019	G. Kzs, Canberra
2019-2020	J. Hogan, Ringway
2020-2021	R. Fitzpatrick, Liwara
2021-2022	E. O'Donnell, Stirling
2022-2023	D. Arundale, Ascot & Sunningdale, Osterley & District
2023-2024	R. Lillie, Southampton
2024-2025	J. Delia, Valletta
2025-2026	P. Woodford, Reigate

Australia National Council 2025-26



President

* Lou Daily, Dianella

Members

National Council Vice President	* Geoff Young, Horsby
National Secretary	*Harry Muller, Darling Range
National Treasurer	*Paul Day, Pittwater
Imm.Past National President	Graham Short, Harbourside North
Prov. President Province 20	Patrick Doyle, Swan Valley
Prov. President Province 21	Malcolm McEwen, Ku-Ring-Gai
President Victoria Area	Michael Lindstrom, City of Melbourne

**Australia National Council Executive Committee*

Appointees

Australian Records Officer	Tibor Puhl
Conference Coordinator	Malcolm McEwen
Tours and Pilgrimages Officer	-
Welfare Officer	-

Australia National Council Committees

AusIT	Harry Muller
Membership	Lou Daily
Public Affairs & Church Liaison	TBA

Map of Australia Provinces



Great Britain National Council 2025-26



President

* Gerry McCormack, Wokingham-Berks

Officers

Vice President

*Richard Mills, Croydon

National Secretary

*David Baldam, Market Harborough

National Treasurer

*Neal Sullivan, Reigate

Immediate Past National President

*Andrew Sowerby, Manchester North & Middleton

Directors

Province 1	Graham Sivills, Rochdale
Province 2	*Michael Evans, Billericay
Province 3	Andrew Neal, Sheffield, Hallamshire
Province 4	Chris Ryan, North East Wales
Province 5	John Thompson, Durham City
Province 6	*David Prescott, Kenilworth
Province 7	Duncan Aitkins, Bromley
Province 8	Richard Byrne, Chiltern & Banbury
Province 10	Robert Thompson, Lytham St Annes
Province 11	Peter Daniels, Guernsey
Province 12	Robert Hussey, Cirencester, S Cotswold
Province 13	David Leah, Plymouth
Province 14	*Paul Whitfield, North London
Province 15	Philip Yeomans, Hinckley
Province 17	Stuart McNeill, Brooklands
Province 18	Kevin Rourke, Adur Valley
Province 19	*Richard Mills, Croydon
Province 22	John Russell, West Lothian (St Mary's)

* GB National Council Executive Committee

Ireland - Irish Liaison Council TBC

GB National Council Work Groups & Chairman

Strategy	Paul Whitfield
Membership, Marketing & Communications	David Prescott
Faith & Youth	Richard Mills
Finance	Mike Evans

GB National Council Appointments

Vocations	Richard Mills
Careers & Employment	Andrew Neal
National Public Speaking Co-ordinator	Graham Sivills
Archivist	TBC
Conference Organiser	Paul Henderson
Conference Ticket Secretary	Charles Villa
Sickness & Welfare Officer	Bernard Noakes
National Press & Publicity Officer	Peter Oliver
National Charity Officer	TBC

Provinces of the GB Association

1	Greater Manchester
2	Central and East London and East Anglia
3	Yorkshire and Humberside
4	Greater Liverpool and North Wales
5	North East and Northern Lakes
6	West Midlands
7	Kent
8	North and West London and the Thames Valley
10	Lancashire and the Southern Lakes
11	South Surrey, Hampshire, Dorset and the Channel Islands
12	West and South Wales
13	Devon and Cornwall
14	North London, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire
15	Leicester and the East Midlands
17	Cheshire
18	Sussex
19	Middlesex, South West London, Surrey and Berkshire
22	Scotland
ILC	The Irish Liaison Council representing the Island of Ireland



International Regional Council 2025-26



President

Bernard Noakes, Upminster, Chelmsford Mid Essex

Officers

Vice President	Paul Rowan, Harare Zimbabwe
National Secretary	Joseph DeNazareth, Panjim
National Treasurer	Steve Fenech, Valletta
Membership Officer	Savio Fernandes, Dona Paula
Strategy	

Councillors

Malta - Province 23	George Portelli, Victoria-Gozo
Area 30	Savio Fernandes, Dona Paula
Area 31	Robin Pereira, Mumbai Malad
Southern Africa Virtual Area Council	Gift Gobah, Bulawayo
Bangladesh	Evans Roy, Dhaka
Israel	Raymond Mansour, Nazareth