



Board of Directors

BIOGRAPHIES



*Presbytery nominated,
current term concludes 2026*

Mr James Bligh

CHAIR

Professional:

- Program Architect, NAB
- Development Manager, Computershare
- Portfolio Manager, CSC
- Project Manager, Various Roles
- Co-founder, Product Cloud

Community:

- Current member of Eltham Presbyterian Church

Personal:

- Married to Fiona with four children who attend St Andrews: Laura (Alumni 2015), Hannah (Alumni 2017), Holly (Alumni 2020) and Christian (Alumni 2024).
- Does not barrack for Collingwood.



*Parent/company nominated,
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Mr Thomas Chong

VICE CHAIR

Professional:

- Partner – Terry White Chemists Dandenong (past)

Community:

- Member of Crossway Baptist

Personal:

- Married to Yi Lyn with 2 children attending St Andrews Christian College.
- Enjoys spending time with family, playing badminton and photography.



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Mrs Sharon Rowland

BOARD & CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

Professional:

- Accountant, Baptist Insurance Services Ltd
- Chief Examiner/Group Leader – CPA Australia & PearsonVue
- Various accounting roles with ExxonMobil Australia

Community:

- Member of Syndal Baptist Church (SBC)
- Council member, Syndal Baptist Church (past)

Personal:

- Married to Bill with 3 adult children, all are St Andrews Alumni.
- Enjoys being in the garden, drinking coffee, walking with friends, and spending too much time in Op Shops.



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Mr Peter Lewis

Professional:

- Senior Pastor, Breakthrough Christian Church
- National CAD Developer & Systems Manager, Lincolne Scott Consulting Engineers, 1988 – 1995
- Draftsman/CAD Programmer, Lincolne Scott Consulting Engineers, 1984 – 1988

Personal:

- Married to Christine with four children – Caleb, Katelyn, Brooke, and Jordan.



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Mrs Susan Dunn

Professional:

- RTO Compliance Officer at Mountain District Learning Centre (MDLC), Ferntree Gully

Community:

- Treasurer, Mt Evelyn Presbyterian Church – Board of Management

Personal:

- Married with 2 adult children.
- Relaxes by walking, swimming, knitting, embroidery.



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Mrs Stephanie Thor

Professional:

- Pastor - Community Services, Stairway Church (current)
- Kidz Bizz Playgroup Co-ordinator, CityLife Church (past)
- Commercial Lawyer, Clearpoint Legal (past)
- Lawyer (Property & Franchising), Mason Sier Turnbull (past)
- Lawyer, Cliffords Lawyers & Migration Agents (past)

Community:

- Member of Stairway Church
- Foreverland Team Leader (kids ministry at Stairway Church)

Personal:

- Married to Kenneth with 3 children attending St Andrews Christian College.
- Enjoys adventures with family, entertaining at home, interior design, growing her own produce.



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Mrs Justyna McKenna

Professional:

- Stay-at-home mum (current)
- Personal Trainer (past)
- Receptionist in Real Estate (past)

Community:

- Partner, Bright Church
- Committee Member, Windermere Kindergarten
- KidzBizz Playgroup Assistant Leader, CityLife Church
- Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games

Personal:

- Married to Allan with two young children, a pug named Henry, 4-legged cat named Chloe and 3-legged cat named Zoe.
- Enjoys spending time with family, scrapbooking, gardening, and studying the word of God.



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Mr Walter Gear

Professional:

- Media Engineering Manager – Telstra (current)
- Web Developer – World Vision (past)

Community:

- Member of St John's Anglican Church in Blackburn
- Music ministry & sundry committees

Personal:

- Married to Stephanie (who he first met at St Andrews!), with three lovely daughters attending St Andrews.
- Enjoys music, playing bass & guitar & piano, watching sci-fi, and digging deep into God's Word with similarly-motivated folk.



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Mr Paul Veith

Professional:

- Research Fellow, University of Melbourne (2003-2024)
- Now studying to be a secondary school teacher

Community:

- Elder & Session Clerk, Croydon Presbyterian Church

Personal:

- Married to Susan, 5 adult children, 10 grandchildren.
- Loves camping and birdwatching.



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Rev Brian Harvey

Professional:

- Minister of Heathmont Presbyterian Church (2020 – current)
- Youth Ministries Directory of PCV (2012 – 2019)

Personal:

- Married to Anne.
- Two sons, one daughter-in-law, one dog, one cat.
- Rides a Honda. You meet the nicest people on a Honda.