



Mercy Ministry  
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# Mercy Ministry Companions: Extending Horizons

## CONFERENCE 2024

14 - 15 October 2024 | Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

### DAY 1: MONDAY 14 OCTOBER

4:00	PRE-FUNCTION SPACE	<b>Arrival, registration &amp; afternoon tea</b>
4:45	THE GREEN	<b>Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony</b>
5:00	CELTIC HALL	<b>Welcome and Opening Prayer</b> Margaret Bounader, Chair, Mercy Ministry Companions
5:30	CELTIC HALL	<b>Session 1: <i>Our relationships with the people we serve: whose horizons need expanding - ours or theirs?</i></b> Keynote address from Ian Hamm, including Q&A and table conversation
6:30	DINING ROOMS	<b>Pre-dinner drinks &amp; dinner</b> Dinner speakers - brief presentation from each ministry around the conference theme and their workshop focus for Day 2.
9:00		<b>Close for the evening</b>

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## DAY 2: TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER

8:30	CELTIC HALL	<b>Morning Reflection</b> We will be joined by members of the choir from Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg
9:00	CELTIC HALL	<b>Education vignette</b>
9:20	CELTIC HALL	<b>Session 2: <i>Re-envisaging the Corporal Works of Mercy: Why Love, Care and Solidarity Matter</i></b> Keynote address from Sheila Curran RSM Fireside conversation with keynote speaker and ministry leaders Table conversation

10:50 MORNING TEA



11:20	CELTIC HALL	<b>Health Services vignette</b>
11:35	CELTIC HALL	<b>Community Services vignette</b>
11:50	CELTIC HALL	<b>Session 3: <i>Shifting landscapes: Expanding Horizons</i></b> Keynote address from Sheila Curran RSM

12:50 LUNCH

1:40	STUDIOS	<b>Session 4: Ministry-led workshops</b> <b>Studio 3 Mercy Education</b> - <i>Expanding Horizons through student outreach.</i> Led by students from Mercy Schools. <b>Studio 4 MacKillop Family Services</b> - <i>Expanding Horizons: Power to Kids and human dignity at the heart of child safety.</i> Led by Smeeta Singh <b>Studio 6 Mercy Services</b> - <i>Expanding Horizons: supporting vulnerable workers caring for vulnerable residents and clients.</i> Led by Michelle Hurford <b>Studio 7 Mercy Connect</b> - <i>Inclusive Employment Solutions: Enhancing Advocacy through supported wage programs.</i> Led by Gareth Evans <b>Studio 8 Mercy Health</b> - <i>Paediatric Schools Outreach Clinic: a partnership expanding accessibility to specialist health services for vulnerable children</i> Led by Dr Kathy McMahon <b>Studio 9 McAuley</b> - <i>Expanding Horizons: Exit pathways to avoid homelessness.</i> Led by Linda Bradley
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2:40	CELTIC HALL	<b>Session 5:</b> Facilitated session on what is emerging in relation to the theme e.g. How might we collaborate across ministries to expand our horizons? What problems could we solve together?
<b>3:40 AFTERNOON TEA</b>		
4:00	CELTIC HALL	<b>Session 6:</b> Angela Scaffidi in conversation with ministry leaders to share key takeaways or highlights from the conference. Individual and small group reflection
4:35	CELTIC HALL	<b>Words of thanks</b>
4:45	CELTIC HALL	<b>Closing Ritual</b>
5:00		<b>Close of Conference</b>

With special thanks to CDF for sponsoring morning tea





### **ANGELA SCAFFIDI - CONFERENCE FACILITATOR**

Angela Scaffidi is a founder and managing partner of SenateSHJ, an Australasian consultancy that specialises in change, reputation and communication. She is deputy chair of Challenge: supporting kids with cancer, one of Australia's longest running children's cancer charities. She is chair of The Missed Foundation, Australia's only not-for-profit that supports the families of long-term missing people. Angela is co-chair of the advisory board of Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg and she previously sat on the board of McAuley Community Services for Women. Angela is a Fellow of the Communication and Public Relations Australia (CPRA) and a member of Chief Executive Women.



### **IAN HAMM - KEYNOTE SPEAKER DAY 1**

A Yorta Yorta man, Ian has extensive government and community sector experience, particularly at executive and governance levels. Ian has overseen major policy and strategic reforms for government and community organisations. He works with people from a vast array of backgrounds, managing complex and sensitive relationships to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

Ian chairs and is a member of a number of boards, including the Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation, the Community Broadcast Foundation, Connecting Home, The Healing Foundation, Holmesglen TAFE and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He is also devoting himself to improving the representation of Aboriginal people on boards and other high-level governance, through strategic action, advocacy and mentoring.



### **SHEILA CURRAN RSM - KEYNOTE SPEAKER DAY 2**

Sheila Curran is a Mercy Sister from Ireland. She works as a practical theologian from an eco-feminist perspective. Her ministry, research and writing have been shaped by her experience of living and working with those on the margins both in Ireland and Peru. Sheila currently works with migrants and refugees in the city of Dublin while also giving courses, retreats and conferences in Ireland and internationally.



# Conference Notes

WI-FI network name: MACS GUEST

Password: will be provided on the day

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## CONFERENCE LOCATION:

- The Catholic Leadership Centre (CLC) is located at 576 VICTORIA PDE, on the corner of Victoria Pde and Hoddle Street, EAST MELBOURNE.
  - Tram stop 18 (on Victoria Pde) is directly opposite the Catholic Leadership Centre and can be accessed by tram number 109 or 12.
  - North Richmond Station (on the Epping/South Morang and Hurstbridge train lines) is a 200 metre walk to the CLC.
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## THINGS TO KNOW:

- The main sessions of the conference will take place in the Celtic Hall.
  - Studio Rooms for Workshops are on level 1, access via lift or stairs
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## ACCOMMODATION:

- Those staying at the *Catholic Leadership Centre* will receive a separate email confirming accommodation details. Check in from 2pm, check out by 10am.
- Those staying at the *Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre* will receive a separate email confirming accommodation details.
- Luggage can be left at CLC Reception.
- Taxis to the airport can be booked at Reception.