



## 2018 Annual ANZATS Member Report

1. Name of Member Institution	Sydney College of Divinity
2. Member's Institutional Category	A
3. Name of Member submitting the Report	Diane Speed (Dean and CEO)
4. I give ANZATS permission to post this report on its website:	Yes

5. Please specify any major initiatives, especially in the following areas:

(a) **Research**

Establishment of the SCD Centre for Gospels Research, led by Associate Professor Peter Bolt. Formal launch 28 September 2017 at the SCD-CIS Impact of Jesus of Nazareth conference. The Centre generates colloquia, conferences, and other meetings; an essay prize for excellence in Gospels research; and the new *Journal of Gospels and Acts Research (JGAR)*, appearing annually around September (SCD Press).

(b) **Major Publications**

- Michele Connolly, *Disorderly Women and the Order of God: An Australian Feminist Reading*, London, Oxford, New York, New Delhi, Sydney: Bloomsbury-T&T Clark, 2018
- James R. Harrison and L. L. Welborn, *The First Urban Churches Volume 3: Ephesus*, Atlanta GA: SBL Press, 2018.
- Jin Heung Kim, *Peter Martyr Vermigli: A Theological Biography* (Busan: Korea Institute for Reformed Studies in Kosin University, 2018)
- *Journal of Gospels and Acts Research* 1, Sydney (Centre for Gospels Research): SCD Press, 2017
- *Journal of Theological Reflection* 3, Sydney (Korean School of Theology): SCD Press, 2017

(c) **Learning and Teaching**

In the last twelve months SCD has added the following new awards to the curriculum under its self-accrediting authority:

- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies
- Master of Theological Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Education
- Diploma of Ministry (Korean)

(d) **Conferences held**

- SAGOTC-SCD Conference: Second St Andrew's Theology Symposium - The Mystery of the Trinity: Implications for Everyday Living, keynote speakers Prof. Aristotle Papanikolaou (Fordham), Prof Gerard Kelly (CIS-SCD), 1-2 September 2018
- CIS-SCD Conference: Impact of Jesus of Nazareth: Historical, Theological and Pastoral Perspectives, keynote speakers Prof. Darryl Bock (Dallas Theological Seminary), Prof. Frank Moloney (CTC-UD), 28-29 September 2017

(e) **Significant Staff Appointments**



- To replace Dr Les Gainer, who retired as SCD's long-serving Academic Registrar at the end of 2017, from the beginning of 2018: Dr Lucie Breingan
- New position and incumbent from the beginning of 2018: Quality Officer, subsequently developed into Executive Officer (Quality and Strategic Projects): Dr Sandie Cornish

(f) **Significant Achievements**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony on 14 April 2018 saw 254 new graduates, bringing the total SCD graduate body since inception to 5987. This year's ceremony also saw the first graduates from our newest member institution, St Cyril's Coptic Orthodox Theological College.

(g) **Other**

- SCTC: A Day of Orthodox Spirituality, 29 July 2017
- Centre for Gospels Research: *Conversatio* with Prof. John Behr, 14 August 2017
- Macquarie University-SCD-SCTC: Reception for HH Pope Tawadros II, 31 August 2017
- Special Lecture: Scott Stephens, 'Idiot Wind: Trump, the Media and our Modern Malaise', 6 September 2017
- NSWCCPE: Russell Fowler Oration, Prof. Andrew Dutney, 'The Radical Insider: The Prophetic role of the Pastoral Practitioner, within the secular community and within the Church', 3 November 2017
- Strategic Planning Day, 5 February 2018, addressed by Assoc. Prof. Peter Howard (ACU) re community engagement
- Academic Board, 26 February 2018, addressed by Dr Peter Keegan, Associate Dean Learning and Teaching (Arts, Macquarie University), re academic governance
- *Conversatio* with Prof. John Barclay, 1 March 2018
- Centre for Gospels Research: Colloquium: 'Contemporary Contexts in the Light of the Gospels and Acts', keynote speaker Prof. Frank Moloney (CTC-UD), 6 April 2018
- Special Lecture: Prof. Troy Martin (St Xavier University, Chicago), 'The Septuagint and the Development of Hellenistic Hope Piety', 9 May 2018
- Annual Lecture: Emeritus Prof. Robert Gascoigne, 'Building Bridges in a Disconnected World: A Christological Perspective', 30 May 2018

**Upcoming Research Events July 2018-June 2019:**

- SAGOTC-SCD: 8<sup>th</sup> Patristic Symposium: 'St Irenaeus of Lyons: History, Theology, and Significance of the Apologists', keynote speaker Prof John Behr (St Vladimir), 24-25 August 2018
- ACOM-SCD-CSU Conference: Embracing Life and Gathering Wisdom, keynote speakers Prof Bruce Stevens (CSU), Dr Kirsty Beilhartz (Edinburgh and SCD), 27-28 September 2018
- CIS: 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Philosophy, Religion and Culture: 'Beauty and Tradition' keynote speaker Prof. Vrasidas Karalis (Sydney), 28-30 September, 2018
- Australasian Centre for Wesleyan Research-SCD Conference: 'Incarnation, Salvation, Healing: Wesleyan Perspectives on Human Flourishing', keynote speaker Prof. Randy Maddox (Duke), 7-9 September 2018
- SCD: 'God's Exemplary Graduates: Character Oriented Graduate Attributes in Theological Education', 5-6, keynote speakers Dr Bill Salier (Youthworks-ACT), tba, April 2019