

FIGTREE ANGLICAN CHURCH

National

**GRANDPARENT
CONFERENCE**

Leaving a Living Legacy
2019



**Grandparents are the footsteps
for future generations**

Research demonstrates that children thrive when their grandparents are actively involved in their lives. Added to this is the truth that grandparents also thrive when they are actively involved in their grandchildren's lives. As they say, it is a win-win. This conference is for both grandparents and ministry leaders to be inspired about the things that connect different generations.

About the Conference

As Ian Barnett, the Senior Minister of Figtree Anglican Church, and his wife Rhonda entered the new season of becoming grandparents, Ian was challenged about 'the legacy' he is leaving.

This is the God driven inspiration behind his passion and desire to hold an annual conference that sows into the lives of grandparents and ministry leaders. Grandparents often feel the burden of fast paced change and the need to be better equipped to engage and positively influence the lives of their grandchildren. This conference is about equipping them.



Below are comments from some of those sharing about their experience of attending our 2018 National Grandparent Conference.

**Excellent day. Very well organised and friendly.
Very appropriate topics - Jenny**

This conference helped me focus on this unique role. I came away encouraged and validated - my role as a grandparent is important and benefited from spending the time to add some new ideas and skills to this special part of my family's life - Iris

Very worthwhile to share with others and learn from others' experiences - Helen

Great speakers and the way all the talks linked together was helpful - Graham

Details

As a grandparent, I assume you too have a passion and desire to leave a lasting legacy that will assist your grandchildren (those born and those yet to be born) to navigate their future with greater confidence. For me, central to leaving this legacy is developing a heart to ensure our grandchildren discover for themselves what it means to have a strong faith in Christ.

Ian Barnett

Senior Minister, Figtree Anglican Church

**Saturday,
1st June 2019**

**9am to
4:30pm**

**Morning tea,
afternoon tea &
lunch provided**

**\$35 per person or
\$60 per couple**

**Location: Figtree Anglican Church
4-10 Gibsons Rd, Figtree NSW 2525**

**Register online at figtree.church/events
or call Figtree Anglican on 4272 1322**

Topics

Join us for what will be a day of encouragement, as inspirational speakers share from their own life experiences.

Rev. Ian Barnett | The Value of Grandparenting

Mike Raiter | The Value of Wisdom

Andrew Scipione AO APM | The Value of Influence

Jo-Anne Berthelsen | The Value of Words

Baz McGrath | The Value of Life

Tim Hanna | The Value of Compassion

Colin Buchanan | The Value of Creativity

Speakers & Artists



Ian Barnett

Ian has been the Senior Minister at Figtree Anglican Church since May 2008, and an Anglican Minister for over 25 years. Ian has a passion for ensuring that the current generation is encouraged to leave a lasting legacy for those who follow, and to ensuring grandparents in particular grab hold of the many opportunities presented to them in this stage of their life. Married to Rhonda, they have three married children and six grandchildren aged between one and nine years.



Mike Raiter

Mike is the Director of the Centre for Biblical Preaching in Melbourne, which trains people across Australia and the world in Biblical preaching. He has taught in theological colleges in Australia and Pakistan, and is the author of over 30 books and articles, including the 2004 Australian Christian Book of the Year, *Stirrings of the Soul* and more recently, *The Songs of the Saints* (with Rob Smith) and *Shadows of the Cross*. Married to Sarah, they have four adult children.



Tim Hanna

Tim has been the CEO at Compassion Australia since June 2010. Prior to this he pastored three churches over 30 years in three different states, and taught at a Theological College in a fourth. Tim studied Economics at University, and later gained a Bachelor of Theology through the Melbourne College of Divinity and his Doctor of Ministry at Fuller Seminary. Married to Chris, they raised nine children and at last count, have 23 grandchildren!



Jo-Anne Berthelsen

Jo-Anne grew up in Brisbane but has lived in Sydney for many years. She holds degrees in Arts and Theology and has worked as a high school teacher, editor and secretary, as well as in local church ministry. Jo-Anne loves communicating through both the written and spoken word. She is the author of six published novels and two non-fiction works. She loves music, reading, mentoring younger women and sharing with community groups about writing. Married to Lionel (a retired minister), they have three children and four grandchildren.

Speakers & Artists

Baz McGrath



Baz is head of the Anglicare Centre for Pastoral Development, and also lectures and teaches in Pastoral Care. His role assists individuals, churches and pastors to develop their pastoral care skills and systems, and educates and encourages the Christian community on pastoral issues. Baz has been a Manager of Chaplains, School Chaplain, Palliative Care Chaplain, Deputy Principal Pastoral Care at an Anglican School and Senior Minister at an inner city Parish. Married to Susan, they have three children (one married) and two grandchildren.

Andrew Scipione AO APM



Andrew joined the NSW Police Force in 1980, following a period of employment with the Australian Customs Service. Over the years he held a range of positions and appointments, rising to become Commissioner of Police on 1 September 2007. He retired on 31 March 2017. Andrew is a recipient of the Australian Police Medal and the National Medal, and in June 2016, was named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, receiving the Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia. Married to Joy, they have three children (two married) and two grandchildren, with their third due in May.

Colin Buchanan



Dublin-born Colin Buchanan is an ARIA, APRA and nine times Golden Guitar winning singer/songwriter whose diverse career includes being a primary school teacher, beloved ABC TV Play School presenter, sought-after hit song collaborator, Australia's #1 Christian kids' artist and regular panellist on ABC Sydney Drive's "Thank God It's Friday". With what started as simply a desire to sing some of his home-grown Bible songs, Colin's music is a worldwide phenomenon, his shows sell out and his songs have crossed generations, making him Australia's most successful solo Christian artist. Married to Robyn, they have four adult children.

And more...

There will also be a range of break out sessions to assist grandmothers and grandfathers to better connect with their grandchildren.

About Figtree Anglican Church

Figtree Anglican Church is part of the Sydney Anglican Diocese. We believe God has called us to be faithful, adventurous and compassionate with an expanding influence on communities, cities and nations with the hope and love that comes from Him.

God is the God of relationships, therefore our focus as a church encourages both a deeper relationship with God and with others across all generations. Our National Grandparent Conference is just one way we seek to fulfill this vision.



Figtree Anglican Church is located in the suburb of Figtree, a 5 minute drive from the Wollongong CBD. There is plenty of parking on-site.

Alternatively, Anglicare has provided a shuttle bus from Wollongong Train Station. Buses will begin picking up passengers from the station at 8am and will begin return trips from 4:30pm onwards.

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