

FIGTREE ANGLICAN CHURCH

———— National ————  
**GRANDPARENT  
CONFERENCE**

————  
*Leaving a Living Legacy*



*Grandparents are the footsteps  
for future generations.*

*29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May 2020*

# Details

The Vision of the National Grandparent Movement, which the Conference forms a large part, is to reach 100,000 grandparents to become influencers and shapers of the next generation.

**Always remember that it only takes one grandparent to make a difference.**

What is too often overlooked, is the incredible capacity that grandparents have, to influence the next generation and to leave a lasting faith legacy for others to follow. Central to this legacy is developing a large heart to ensure that our grandchildren discover for themselves what it means to have a strong faith in Christ.

A growing number of grandparents believe the time is now, to chart a new course, to encourage and equip grandparents to grab hold of their potential influence and instil in them a new and fresh vision in helping them share their love and faith in Christ with their grandchildren.

The threefold strategy of the NGM is as follows:

- Annual National Grandparents Conference.
- Launch local Grandparent seminars in churches and community groups.
- Develop a small group ministry tool designed to equip and encourage grandparents and ministry leaders.



## WHEN

**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Friday, 9:00am-4:30m

Saturday, 9:00am-4:30pm

## WHERE

**Figtree Anglican Church**

4-10 Gibsons Road,  
Figtree NSW 2525

## REGISTER

Online at [figtree.church/events](http://figtree.church/events)  
or call Figtree Anglican Church  
on 02 4272 1322

Registrations close 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## COST

**Friday & Saturday Registration**

Single \$95

Couple \$180

**One Day Registration (Fri or Sat)**

Single \$50

Couple \$95

Morning tea, afternoon tea and  
lunch provided both days.

**10% Early Bird Discount**

Discount ends 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## ACCOMMODATION

A 20% rebate off accommodation is available for those attending the Conference & staying a minimum of 2 nights at the [Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort](#). Mention that you are attending the Conference when booking so the rebate can be arranged after checkout.

## TRANSPORT

Free transport from Wollongong station has been provided by [Anglicare](#), let us know if require transport when you register for the conference.

# 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.

**Due to an overwhelming demand this years National Grandparent Conference has been expanded to two days.** This will provide more time for reflection, discussion and engagement across the conference.

**The two days will be unique and cover different topics and challenges from all speakers.** The focus will be on the influence that grandparents have as they are uniquely equipped to pass on a faith legacy that will instill in their grandchildren greater confidence and purpose.

Josh McDowell will be speaking across both days and covering two different topics.

# Speakers & Artists



## REV'D 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 seven grandchildren aged between one and ten years.



## JOSH MCDOWELL

Josh McDowell is an amazing communicator who has had an incredible influence into the lives of men and women across the world. Since 1960, Josh has delivered more than 27,000 talks to over 25,000,000 people in 125 countries. He is the author or co-author of over 150 books, including *More Than a Carpenter* and *New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, recognized by *World Magazine* as one of the top 40

books of the twentieth century. Josh's books have been translated into 128 different languages.

Josh was Born in Michigan USA, Josh and his wife Dottie are quick to acknowledge that after their love for the Lord, family is their greatest joy and top priority. Married for 46 years, they have four children and ten beloved grandchildren.



## REV'D DR ANDREW CAMERON

Andrew is the Director of [St Mark's National Theological Centre](#) in Canberra. His academic interests are in ethics and theology, and he teaches in the Aging and Pastoral Studies program with the Charles Sturt University School of Theology. His short book, *Living in the Next Phase: Developing the Theology, Practice and Ministries*

of *Later Life* (2014) looks at how to age and minister well, from the perspective of the Bible's story. Andrew is married to Mary-Anne and their first grandchild arrived in mid-2019. Andrew's latest hobby has been to create a veggie patch so vast it is known as 'Vegetable Park'



## DR PATRICIA WEERAKOON

Patricia Weerakoon is a medical doctor from Sri Lanka, academic, sexologist and writer. She is an evangelical Christian. She retired in 2012 from after a career as director of an internationally renowned graduate program in sexual health at the University of Sydney to pursue her passion for writing and public speaking. Her writing and speaking brings together her enthusiasm for sex and her love for the glory of

God. Her nonfiction books are gold-standard guides for good sex for all ages. She also writes romantic fiction with a social conscience, bringing together her international experience in sexual health and her passion for her homeland of Sri Lanka. Patricia has a recognised media presence and is a popular public speaker and social commentator in Australia.

# Speakers & Artists



## JOHN ANDERSON AO

John Anderson is a sixth-generation farmer and grazier from New South Wales, who spent 19 years from 1989 in the Australian Parliament. He served as a senior Cabinet minister in the government led by John Howard (1996 to 2005). This included six years as Leader of the National Party and Deputy Prime Minister. Whilst in office, Anderson, known as a man of simple Christian faith, sought to respect the dictum that another's right to speak should always be defended, even if he

disagreed with them. John was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2011 for his support of rural and regional communities. He has recently been published on topics such as civic freedoms, global food security, modern slavery and the economy. He currently farms on the family property whilst also being active through various directorships, in public speaking and in the not-for-profit sector. John has two grandchildren so far.



## REV'D DR GREG ANDERSON

Dr. Greg Anderson is the Bishop of the Diocese of the Northern Territory. Greg's first introduction to the Northern Territory was in 1986 when he began fieldwork to research the traditional songs of central Arnhem Land. He was adopted into a Rembarrnga clan and worked with musicians who had become Christian through the Elcho Island revival of 1979. This led to Greg studying theology with a view to being involved in the growth and the development

of the Aboriginal church. He returned to the Territory in 1995. Greg and Annette worked with the Church Missionary Society for the next twelve years. After returning to Sydney in 2007, Greg became was the head of the Department of Mission at Moore Theological College, Sydney. Greg has been the Bishop of the Northern Territory since the 2014 and is currently enjoying the fruits of being a grandfather.



## GREG SHERIDAN AO

Greg Sheridan AO is an Australian foreign affairs journalist and commentator. He has been the foreign editor of The Australian newspaper since 1992. His reporting on the Vietnamese boat people, subsequent to the end of the Vietnam War, sparked a lifelong interest in Asian politics. He has worked in Beijing, Washington, and Canberra before starting his tenure as foreign editor in 1992. He is married to Jasbir Kaur "Jessie" Sheridan; the couple have three sons. Sheridan

was given an Officer of the Order of Australia Honour in 2016.

While Greg is a profile writer and author, his more recent book titled "God Is Good for You: A Defence of Christianity in Troubled Times" (2018), has drawn the attention of many and in 2018, was Shortlisted for the Australian Christian Book of the Year 2019. God is Good for You shows us why Christianity is so vital for our personal and social well-being.

# Speakers & Artists



## HENRY OLONGA

Henry Olonga was the first black player on the Zimbabwean national cricket team and youngest-ever player to represent his homeland at international level. In 2003, he was a key player in the Cricket World Cup team, making international headlines when, along with Andy Flower, he wore a black armband protesting the “death of democracy” in Zimbabwe.

Internationally praised for his bravery on that day, wearing the armband triggered the end of Henry’s cricket career. He received death threats and was

shamed locally for his actions, unable to return to his homeland. He moved to London as a sports commentator. Henry is a wonderful mix of conviction and charm. His life has taken him from national sporting champion to political exile and now an Opera Singer in Australia. Henry resides in Adelaide with his Australian wife and family and was more recently a contestant on The Voice. He has a passion to make a stand for the things that can be truly passed on to another generation.



## What others are saying about the Conference

Below are comments from some of those sharing about their experience of attending past National Grandparent Conferences in 2018 & 2019:

All in all I thought it was all absolutely fantastic - had heard great reports from 2018 but hadn't realised how wonderful, informative and entertaining it would be. - Robyn

Excellent speakers, well run program - best conference to date - Robert & Meryl

All of it - it was like a smorgasbord - something for everyone and more! - Helen

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

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

# About Figtree Anglican Church

Figtree Anglican Church is part of the Sydney Anglican Diocese. We are a church that is passionate about building a community of grace committed to making disciples of Jesus.

We believe God has called us to be a faithful, adventurous and compassionate church with an expanding influence on

communities, cities and nations with the hope and love of God.

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.

For more information about Figtree Anglican Church visit [figtree.church](http://figtree.church) or visit us on a Sunday at any of our services.

## Sunday Service Times:

8am - Traditional Service

10am - Family Service

6pm - Contemporary Service



Figtree Anglican Church is located at 4-10 Gibsons Rd, in the suburb of Figtree, a 10 minute drive from the Wollongong CBD. There is plenty of parking on-site.

Alternatively, Anglicare has provided a shuttle bus from Wollongong Train Station. The bus will leave Wollongong Station a 8:15am both conference days, and will leave Figtree Anglican

at 5pm after the conference to return passengers to the station. Please let us know if you will be using the bus when you register for the conference.

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