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**GRANDPARENT
CONFERENCE**

Leaving a Living Legacy



*Grandparents are the footsteps
for future generations.*

3rd September 2021

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.

About the Conference

Due to COVID restrictions, the conference will now be a one-day, online event, which means not all speakers advertised will be sharing across the day.

As Ian Barnett, founder of the National Grandparent Movement, and his wife Rhonda entered the new season of becoming grandparents, Ian was challenged

about 'the legacy' he was 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.

An exceptional range of speakers will share their insights and experiences, including trailblazer for truth and relationships, Josh McDowell.

WHEN

Friday 3rd September 2021

Commencing at 9:00am, with the conference link active until 9pm, Saturday 17th September

WHERE

Online at ngmlegacy.org.au

REGISTER

Online at figtree.church/events or call Figtree Anglican Church on 02 4272 1322

Registrations will remain open until 9pm on Saturday 4th September, for those who want to take advantage of the extended period of the active link.

COST

\$20 per person*

\$160 Small Group Rego

(up to 10 people)**

\$300 Group Rego

(up to 20 people)**

**Each person is required to register, even when multiple people (including from the same household) are intending to be together for the conference.*

*** Small Group registrations have been provided for use in either a single location, or for the link to be shared for viewing in individual locations, by up to the size of the group.*

CONFERENCE PACK

A conference pack (conference booklet, resources and sponsor material) can be mailed. Please be aware that delivery is reliant on delivery agencies, with no guarantee that packs will arrive by 3rd September, if you registered on or after Friday, 27th August.

Note: Conference Packs for small group registrations will only be mailed to a single address.



National
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Movement



Speakers & Artists



REV'D IAN BARNETT

Ian has been an Anglican Minister for over 25 years, retiring as Senior Minister at Figtree Anglican Church at the end of 2020. 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.



JOSH MCDOWELL - SPEAKING VIA VIDEO LINK

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.

Please Note...

Not all speakers will be speaking across both days.
Program and/or speakers are subject to change.



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. Hosting the National Grandparent Conference is just one way we seek to fulfill this vision.

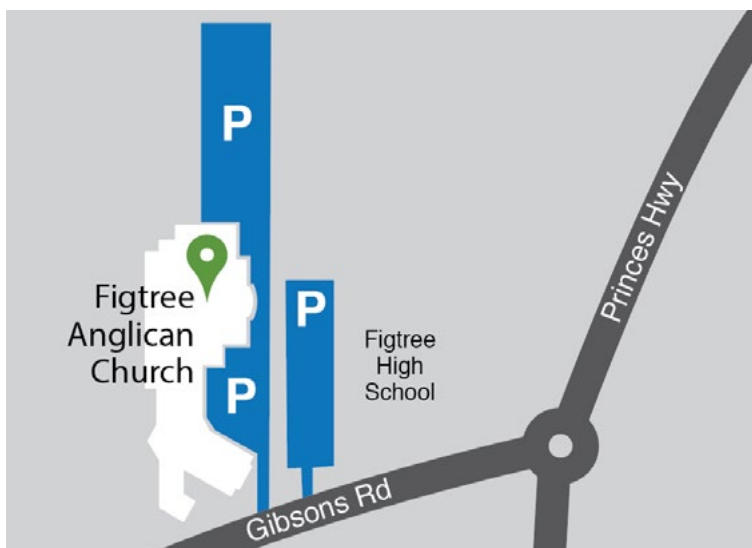
For more information about Figtree Anglican Church visit figtree.church or visit us on a Sunday at any of our services.

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 street parking, on-site parking, plus adjacent to the church entrance, the Figtree High School car park.

Please **do not** park in the car park which is adjacent to the school soccer fields.

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