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**GRANDPARENT
CONFERENCE**

Leaving a Living Legacy



*Grandparents are the footsteps
for future generations.*

17th September 2022

Details

The National Grandparent Conference (NGC) continues to be the building block for the National Grandparent Movement. It seeks to engage, equip and encourage grandparents and ministry leaders to be intentional in leaving a faith legacy for others to follow, especially our grandchildren; a legacy that will shape their character and faith. Through diverse, inspirational speakers, the NGC is seeking to inspire a new generation of grandparents to grab hold of the possibilities that exist for us to play our role in seeing the generations that follow us, to grow to be both spiritually and emotionally healthy.

A growing number of grandparents believe the time is now, to chart a new course, to encourage and equip grandparents to take 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.

Psalm 145

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. (3-4).

About the Conference

When Ian Barnett (now retired Senior Minister of Figtree Anglican) having spent some 30 years as a minister of the gospel, became a grandparent, it did not take him long to realise that there was limited, if any, information available that could equip him and his wife to become intentional grandparents. So, in 2017, the question that he began to wrestle with was simply this, "In a changing

world, what is the faith legacy, I and other grandparents are leaving behind?"

It was at this point he became convinced that there was a need to provide opportunities for grandparents who had the same conviction to be engaged. By 2022, "The National Grandparent Conference", has helped over a thousand grandparents, who have

felt the weight and pace of change, to better understand the influence they have in leaving a lasting faith legacy for their grandchildren to follow.

Finally, the NGC can help churches and other organisations, fulfill their own vision through the equipping and releasing of intentional grandparents as they intentionally build relationships with the younger generation.

WHEN

17th September 2022
Saturday, 9:00am-4:30pm

WHERE

Figtree Anglican Church
4-10 Gibsons Road,
Figtree NSW 2525

REGISTER

For more information or to register, visit ngmlegacy.com.au or call Figtree Anglican Church (during office hours) on 02 4272 1322.

Registrations close 12th Sept 2022 or once max. capacity is reached.

COST

In person attendance:
\$48 Early Bird Rego per person*
\$55 Regular Rego per person

Online attendance
\$20 per person

* **Early Bird Discount**
Closes Friday, 12th August 2022

Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea provided



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 17th 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.



Speakers



REV. 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.



REV. DR COLIN BALE

Colin is a minister in the Sydney Anglican Diocese. After two decades of teaching at Moore Theological College, holding roles as both Vice Principal & Head of Church History, he retired in 2021. Colin now works part-time as the Minister to Seniors at Cobbitty Anglican Church. He is married to Gillian and they have three adult children.

Colin continues to research Australian history, maintaining an interest in the legacy we leave, with a special focus on family grief caused through loss with World War II soldiers.



DANNY AND LEILA ABDALLAH

On 1st February 2021, the tragic news of “four children dead” shocked the Australian public! Antony, Angelina and Sienna Abdallah, and their cousin Veronique Sakr, had been killed by a drunk and drug affected driver who lost control of his vehicle, mounted the kerb and hit the children innocently walking to buy ice creams. Three other children were injured – one seriously and permanently.

Danny & Leila, the parents of three of the children killed, stood before the media in faithfulness and forgiveness. Leila said, “I am

not angry at the driver; that is not who we are ... I forgive the driver. I just want the courts to be fair.” Leila’s incredible public statement of forgiveness in the face of extreme loss and obvious personal pain prompted many to search their own hearts for forgiveness and the ability to forgive.

One year on, they launched i4Give Day as both a memorial and a prompt to each of us to forgive. The following year, they launched i4Give Week. They are passionate about how we pass on to other generations, the message of forgiveness.

Speakers



REV. DR KEITH AND SARAH CONDIE

Sarah has worked as a law librarian and been active in a range of ministries in Christian contexts, most recently as the Director of Wellbeing and Care at the Bridge Church, Sydney.

Keith worked in child welfare for the state government before training for ministry and working in two Sydney churches. For nearly 20 years he was Dean of Students and Lecturer in Ministry and Church History at Moore Theological College.

Since 2016, Sarah & Keith have been Co-Directors of the Mental Health & Pastoral Care Institute at Mary Andrews College and are passionate about how we can maintain both mental and spiritual health in our later years.

Keith & Sarah have been married for 40 years and in 2022, had the joy of welcoming their first grandchild, Emilia.



KEL RICHARDS

Kel Richards is a veteran Australian author, journalist and broadcaster. Across an extensive career, he has hosted the ABC's national flagship daily current affairs show AM, worked as a senior journalist and associate producer with ABC Television Current Affairs, and hosted his own talkback shows on commercial radio.

Kel currently appears with Peta Credlin on Sky News presenting

the "Words Matter" segment and writes a language column for The Spectator Australia. He also presents a weekly language talkback show with John Stanley on 2GB, 4BC, 2CC and the Nine Radio Network, reports on words and language for 6PR Perth. Kel is also author of 58 books.

Married to Barbara, they have two adult children and three grandchildren



REV. TIM COSTELLO

Timothy Costello AO is an Australian Baptist minister who was the CEO and Chief Advocate of World Vision Australia. Tim worked as a lawyer and served as Mayor of St Kilda. Tim is one of Australia's most respected community leaders, renowned for ensuring the challenges of global poverty are firmly and

consistently on the national agenda. He has authored a number of books on faith and life, and believes strongly in the power of legacy.

He and his wife Merridie, have three adult children, and are blessed with four grandchildren.

Please Note...

The conference will also include several guest artists who will add to your experience and enjoyment across the day, as well as opportunities to find out more about running your own grandparent ministry.



What others are saying about the Conference

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

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

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

Thank you! It was one of the best conferences I have attended. Engaging, thought-provoking, interesting and encouraging speakers. - Kerry

I want you to know how encouraged I was by the speakers, content and the flow of the Conference. - Tim

The conference was well organised and balanced, providing lots of food for thought. I felt validated, valued and inspired in my role as a grandparent. Thank you! - Bronwyn

In a world that often rights off the experience of people in their latter years, it was so refreshing to be part of a conference that celebrates and seeks to share the wealth of knowledge that can be passed on to future generations. - Julie-Anne

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.

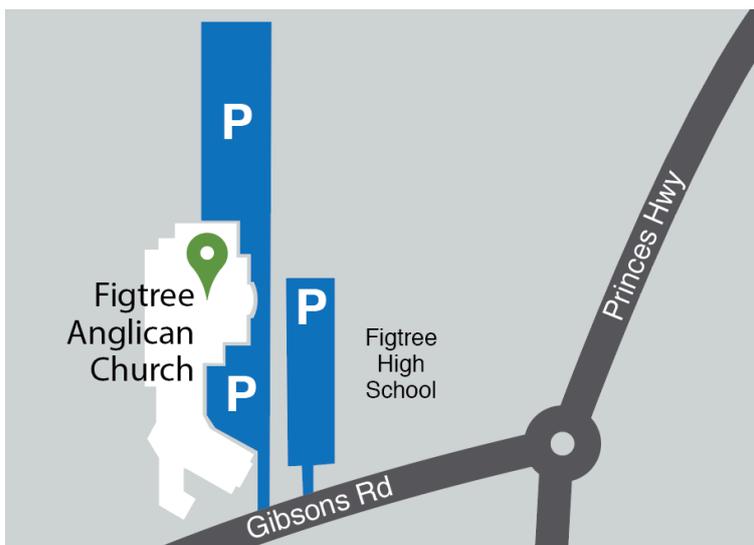
For more information about Figtree Anglican Church visit figtree.church or visit us on a Sunday at any of our services.

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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