

Safe as Churches? 8 Conference

Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May 2017

Jasper Hotel, Melbourne.

The following is an indicative schedule and is subject to change due to the availability of potential Keynote Speakers. The schedule will continue to be updated to reflect changes and confirmations as they come to hand.

We are happy to have Mr John Cleary, host of Sunday Nights on ABC Radio moderate the conference days to assist attendees get the most out of the conference as possible.

For more information about the conference, please don't hesitate to get in contact with the National Council of Churches in Australia—Safe Church Program scta@ncca.org.au.

Day 1: Tuesday 16 May, 2017

8:30am:	Conference Registrations Open
9:00am:	Welcome
9:30am:	Opening Address Bishop Philip Huggins (National Council of Churches in Australia— President)
10:00am:	Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Details regarding which Commissioner will be presenting TBC)
11:00am:	Morning Tea
11:30am:	Plenary 2: Effects of sexual abuse on survivors and the issue of Forgiveness and Reconciliation Speakers: Helen Blake & Nicola Lock
12:45pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Panel 1: Pastoral Care of survivors of sexual abuse and within parishes Speakers: Helen Blake, Nicola Lock, Tim Dyer
2:30pm	Afternoon Tea
3:00pm	Panel 2: Dealing with known offenders. Speakers: Dale Toliday (more TBC)
4:00pm	Keynote Address TBC
4:30pm	Close for Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday 17 May, 2017

9:00am	Welcome, Worship
9:30am	Keynote: Family and Domestic Violence prevention and how the church can use its influence to affect change Speaker: Mary Barry CEO Our Watch
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	Exploring the practical issues (Concurrent Sessions*)
12:15pm	Lunch
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2:15pm	Keynote: Elder Abuse - What is elder Abuse and how can Faith communities safeguard (respond and prevent) the unique vulnerabilities of the elderly? Speaker: Gerard Mansour (Seniors Commissioner VIC)
2:50pm	Afternoon Tea
3:00pm	eSafety.gov.au Community Presentation (cyberbullying, current technology trends and online safety). Speaker: Greg Gebhart (Senior Trainer for the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner)
4:00pm	Closing Session (Sister Elizabeth Delaney, General Secretary, NCCA)
4:30pm	Conference Closed

* The concurrent sessions "exploring the practical issues" on day two of the conference will include some of the following seminars: Exploring Pastoral Care of survivors (of abuse) [Tim Dyer] Exploring Family Violence [our watch] Exploring listening to trauma (Double listening) [Richard Elms]