

Safe as Churches? 8 Conference 16th - 17th May 2017

Jasper Hotel
Melbourne
48g Elizabeth St,
Melbourne



National Council of
Churches in Australia
Safe Church Program



Conference Topics

- impact of abuse
- pastoral care responses
- family violence
- online safety

The upcoming "Safe as Churches?" Conference is the 8th biennial conference bringing together various leaders and experts to network and develop effective ways to lead our churches in best practices for safeguarding our children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Who should attend this conference?

Clergy, Ministers, Religious Orders, Professional Standards Officers, Directors of church related services, Youth and Children's Ministers/Pastors/Workers, Safe Church Workshop Trainers and Presenters, Social Workers, Supervisors and Pastoral Care providers

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Online Registration:

www.safechurches.org.au

For a manual registration form
email scta@ncca.org.au



Early Bird Single \$425

Early Bird Group \$415pp

Group Rate is for 5 or more delegates
Early Bird rate ends 28th February 2017



Single Delegate \$440

Group Registration \$430pp

Group Rate is for 5 or more delegates
For single day registration please
contact scta@ncca.org.au

We recommend staying at the
Jasper Hotel (Rates from \$131 per night)

Keynote Speakers



The Hon Justice Peter McClellan AM, Chair Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Providing an update and reflections on
the work of the commission.

*Please note, this presentation will be via
video due to availability of Commissioners.*




Mary Barry Our Watch, CEO

Family and Domestic Violence
Prevention.



Gerard Mansour Seniors Commissioner (Victoria)

Elder Abuse - What is elder abuse
and how can faith communities
safeguard the unique vulnerabilities
of the elderly.



eSafety Presentation Greg Gebhart Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

Digital trends, cyber bullying



Helen Blake

Nicky Lock

Tim Dyer (John Mark Ministries)



Dale Tolliday OAM (NSW Health)

Carl Collins (CacetGlobal)

Indicative Schedule

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

11:00am: Morning Tea

11:30am: Plenary 1: Effects of sexual abuse
on survivors and the issue of Forgiveness and
Reconciliation *Speakers: Helen Blake & Nicola Lock*

12:45pm Lunch

1:30pm Plenary 2: Pastoral Care of survivors of sexual
abuse and within parishes *Speakers: Helen Blake,
Nicola Lock, Tim Dyer*

2:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:00pm Plenary 3: Dealing with known offenders.
Speakers: Dale Toliday, Carl Collins

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

1:00pm Exploring the practical issues (Concurrent
Sessions*)

2:15pm Keynote: Elder Abuse - What is elder Abuse
and how can Faith communities safeguard 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 workshops:

- Exploring Pastoral Care of survivors (of abuse) [Tim Dyer]
- Exploring Family Violence [our watch]
- Safer Interviewing (Double listening) [Richard Elms]
- People of Concern [Carl Collins]