

# IGNITE CONFERENCE ELECTIVES 2019



50 trainers presenting 90 electives to equip you for your ministry with families and children. Too many to choose from? Bring a friend, bring your team and glean all you can from these experienced resource people.

- Choose one elective from each time slot: [Stream 1 10.45–11.45am](#); [Stream 2 12:00-1:00pm](#); [Stream 3 2.15-3:15pm](#)
- Topics have been listed according to their ministry focus so that you may choose electives from one category of interest for the whole day or mix and match your topics.
- The numbers in brackets after each elective title represent the elective timeslot/s in which it will be offered. (1) = Stream 1 only; (2)(3) = offered in Streams 2 & 3
- Therefore, choose a topic with a (1), (2) and a (3)
- DOUBLE CLASSES run for 2 hours, across two stream sessions and are indicated (1-2)
- A table view of the electives being offered in each stream can be downloaded from the website.
- Most electives are capped at 30 people due to the size of the classrooms available - so apply early to avoid disappointment.

## ELECTIVES:

### #1 KICKSTART Level 1 (for Junior Leaders), *Viv & Colin Batt and Jane Dixon (1-2-3)*

These 3 sessions will give our first time Ignite trainees insight into the value of their role as a children's leader and practical strategies to use immediately!

How children and young people learn: Switching children on to learning using Jesus' simple methods.

Teachable Moments: Together we will identify and learn how to use those precious times when children are open, willing, and ready to discover: matching teachable moments with our understanding of the Bible and our journey as a disciple.

Learning through games: Fun ways to raise curiosity and awareness, a practical session of game and debrief design!

*Ministering with and for kids has always been Viv's thing. From Sunday school teaching as a teen, SRE teaching for many years, school teaching, pastoring to children and families, counsellor and curriculum development, she thinks and prays about kids a lot!*

*She has been connected with Logosdor over the years in various capacities - loving their international vision for kids, open source attitude and desire to partner with others passionate about getting the Gospel to kids. She now works with PeaceWise, pioneering an exciting project, taking the Gospel of peace and strategies of biblical peacemaking to school-aged kids in Australia and eventually the world. Viv lived in Queensland for many years, raising three children, who are all now married. She presently lives in Ballina in northern NSW with her husband, Colin of 33 years who shares the same passion for kids' ministry.*

*Colin knew from his teens that God had set him aside to minister with kids. He loves helping, pastoring and teaching children, youth and their families and sharing Jesus' unconditional love with them. From his teen years as a Sunday school teacher, then a youth worker, he knew he needed solid training to be the best God called him to be for those he helped and guided. So he prepared for ordained ministry, and trained as a school teacher before specialising as a School Chaplain. Many years and ministry roles later, Colin is again a School Chaplain. After raising 3 amazing kids, who are all now married, he lives with his wife Viv in Ballina, in northern NSW - a beautiful part of the world!*

### #2 KICKSTART Level 2 (for Junior Leaders), *Kimberley Smith (1-2)*

Taking it from the "what to do and how to do it", to the "why and the way of ministry with children". These 2 sessions will give our 2<sup>nd</sup> level trainee leaders important foundations for week to week leadership. Together we will explore important foundations and principles in children's ministry from a practical perspective. We will look at our own leadership skills and attitude (the way); and the overall purpose (the why) when it comes to ministry with children. We will set goals as young leaders with purpose, check our attitude with what Jesus has taught, and build our leadership skills so we can be wise, strong, contributing members of a leadership team.

*Kimberly is currently the Generations and Emerging Leaders Pastor for the Baptist Churches of Victoria, Australia. Drawing on 15 years experience as a Generations pastor, her role is to support kids, families, youth and young adult pastors and leaders in their roles with mentoring, training and connection to the broad network of churches. She also seeks to help churches and their senior leadership think, act and grow generationally. Kimberly is passionate about leadership and team development. She is a State Coordinator within the Arrow Leadership Emerging Leaders program – encouraging leaders in church and para church organisations to explore and develop their leadership potential.*

## WALKING WITH CHILDREN AT SCHOOL | FIRED UP CONFERENCE (Especially for instructors of Religious Instruction)

### #5 MASTERCLASS Starting out and Continuing in RI, *Lou Hodgson (1-3)*

Covering everything from how RI happens to how to prepare a great lesson and work well in a school community, this is a master class to cover training for new Religious Instructors and refresh the knowledge and skills of experienced Instructors as we access helpful resources and share ideas along the way.

*With over 30 years experience working with young people, background in nursing and midwifery and qualifications in youth work, training and assessment and fitness training, Lou is passionate about seeing young people reach their full potential. Currently an RI coordinator, instructor and trainer, Lou is committed to excellence in youth work and involved in RI at a state level.*

**#6 Big Questions, Helen Webb (2)(3)**

While most of us have had Big Questions about God, the Bible and Jesus, kids have a way of asking really big, tricky, but important questions. Things like; Who made God? What about mother nature? Is Santa real? Is my Dad in heaven? Isn't science more important than religion? Why can't I pray to my Granny?

Come and be equipped with skills, knowledge and confidence to handle these and many other questions. Be inspired by God's word to help these precious ones build their faith and understanding of the Saviour who loves them and delights in our questions. You are welcome to revisit this elective if completed in previous years and test run some new and curly questions. *Helen has over 10 Years experience in kids ministry. She has been a Kids Pastor, School Pastor and RI Coordinator. Helen currently works as a classroom teacher for Education Queensland. She is married to Ben and has three kids who ask lots of questions.*

**#7 Biblical Storytelling with Children, Carole Danby (1)(2)**

Participants will learn some creative ways to engage children and young people in telling bible stories and exploring meaning. *Carole is a member of the Network of Biblical storytellers International and the Australian network and has been a volunteer religious instructor for over 30 years. Carole has also been an RI co-ordinator for more than 25 years.*

**#8 Bump Up the Fun Factor, Fiona Cran (3)**

Discover how to make sure the word "boring" never defines your ministry! Join in the Fun with Fiona as she reveals practical, exciting and easy low cost ideas on how to create engaging Fun Filled lessons though Hooks, Games, memory verses, Storytelling and more! Let's make sure our kids are excited about learning about God by creating exciting interactive lessons. Your lessons will never be the same again!

*Fiona has been involved in Children's and Youth Ministry for 20 years, from presenting puppet shows, serving in the RI ministry, Christian Camps, Kids/Youth Groups and as a ministry trainer. She is serving as College Pastor at Glasshouse Christian College and completing her Bachelor of Theology in her limited spare time! She has a passion for creative and engaging ministry.*

**#9 My Top Twenty Props for Children's Ministry, Fiona Cran (2)**

In Children's ministry props are part of your tool kit, but what do I buy and how do I use them to be effective? Watch Fiona as she reveals her top twenty cost effective props that will cost very little, create engagement and not fill your garage to the roof!

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**#10 Managing Student Behaviour in a Primary School Setting, Simon Boss-Walker (1)(2)(3)**

Simon will discuss a range of strategies and expectations for those working with students in primary schools, especially State schools.

*Simon is a highly experienced primary school principal with over 40 years experience in schools. He has received numerous awards for his leadership including a fellowship from the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. He is a committed Christian and has a passion for RI and Chaplaincy in schools.*

**#11 Skills to Pass on for Bible Engagement, Cheryl Clendinning (3)**

Helping children become curious and engaged in reading the Bible is an ongoing process and so we'll look at creative and fun ways to help them on this journey. Come prepared to play and learn yourself.

*Cheryl was the editor of the RI Curriculum 'GodSpace' for 11 years (from its birth) and RI trainer and consultant. Currently having a bit of a break from full time employment, Cheryl has used the time continuing to do RI consultation for a few different denominations and a number of other projects.*

**#12 Engaging Through Different Learning Styles, Cheryl Clendinning (1)(2)**

Looking at the theory and practical outworking of Multi Intelligences and incorporating these in our teaching times.

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**#13 Creating Space for God, Lisa Andrawes (1)(3)**

How can you create space for God in your classroom? This elective takes a serious look at how you can make time and space for God in your classroom by looking at three ways people connect with God - story, the arts & quiet.

*Lisa has been involved in youth and children's ministries and teaching as a primary, high school and SRE teacher in NSW, VIC and TAS for the past 15 years. She is passionate about finding ways to help young people no matter what their age, to learn about and grow with God, especially in public schools. She currently heads up SRE for the Baptist Churches of NSW and is the editor of GodSpace.*

**#14 Using Curriculum Effectively, Emma Collett (1)(2)**

In this elective, participants will consider practical ways to use the RI curriculum to captivate and engage every student in their class. We will explore creative ways to involve students through effective preparation and delivery of the lesson. *Emma Collett has been working in Sydney for Anglican Youthworks as a Children's Ministry and Primary School Scripture Advisor for the past 9 years. Emma's passion to teach children the good news about Jesus started from an early age. As a local Scripture teacher, and former Children's and Family Minister at Christ Church St Ives, Emma understands the demands and opportunities that scripture teachers and children's ministry leaders face every week.*

**#15 Mind Your Language, Owen Riley (1)(2)**

Social change is upon us. With it comes the need to know how to express Biblical truths in a meaningful and appropriate language. This elective will explore the words that we use with children and provide practical ways to teach sensitive issues. *Owen is currently involved with RI in two schools on the Sunshine Coast and has been actively involved as a trainer and mentor over many years.*

**#16 Ways to Use Technology for your Lessons, Susan Wright (1)(2)**

In this session we will be looking at basic ways to hook up your phone, tablet, computer, usb or any device to a projector or smartboard. As well as how to use video clips, powerpoints, photos, websites, and music through your own device. I will also show you how you can learn all of these basic tech skills in the comfort of your own home.

*Susan is a professional teacher with her Bachelor and Master degrees in Education. She has been teaching in state schools and churches for over 30 years. In recent years her area of ministry has expanded worldwide through her YouTube channel 'Wright Ideas with Susan'. It is through this platform she is helping to inspire and equip thousands of volunteers in teaching children about the Bible, about Jesus and Christian values.*

**#17 Object Lessons, Object Lessons and More Object Lesson Ideas, Susan Wright (3)**

Looking at a variety of ideas and ways to use Objects Lessons for teaching kids.

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**#18 Creative Teaching Strategies, Wes Fittell (2)**

Explore how people learn, how memory works, and how to produce the best learning result in any teaching program. An interesting, practical session that models the principles and helps achieve long-term results. Lots of simple practical ideas you can apply from the next time you're with your group.

*Wes Fittell has over 40 years experience working with kids in Australia and overseas, with a proven track record of engaging kids in both large and small groups in presentations that are both informative and fun. Formerly Qld director of OAC Ministries, Wes is now a part time home missionary with the Presbyterian Church.*

**#19 Explaining Big Words that end in "-SHUN", Wes Fittell (3)**

Help kids understand some of the deep truths of the Bible without getting out of your depth or their depth. Clues to understanding and explaining those complicated words in simple effective ways.

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**#20 Update for RI Coordinators, Karen Grenning (1)(2)**

In this session Karen will update Coordinators and other interested RI Instructors about recent changes to RI policy. There will also be plenty of time for Q and A about the running of RI at your school.

*Karen is an RI Instructor, Coordinator and Chair of the Qld Christian RI Network (QCRIN). Karen also sits on the Department of Education's RI Quality Assurance (RIQA) Advisory Group.*

**#21 RI from the Perspective of Classroom Teachers, Margaret Dixon (1)(2)**

Helpful tips on being an RI teacher from the perspective of a classroom teacher.

*Margaret is an experienced teacher who has been working in the profession for more than 25 years. She is a current primary school teacher who has watched many RI lessons in early childhood classrooms.*

**#22 Religious Instruction - Q & A, Panel of Experienced RI Practitioners (3)**

A panel of experienced RI practitioners will be available to answer any big or small questions you have about Religious Instruction. Come prepared to listen, share and learn from others who have a heart and passion to share their faith and the Bible with children in their local schools.

## **WALKING WITH CHILDREN IN FAMILIES**

**#30 DOUBLE CLASS Being with Children in our Faith Communities, Jillian Ross (1-2)**

This elective will explore how we can best help nurture the faith of the children that we have in our faith communities, not only at church but also in supporting families to nurture their faith at home. There will be time for participants to workshop how this might look in their own faith community.

*Jillian is a wife & mother with 2 young adult children, who has been passionate about bringing generations together and resourcing households with faith materials for many years. Jillian has been involved in Children and Families Ministry both as a volunteer & paid worker for about 30 years.*

**#31 The Family Factor, Daron Pratt (2)**

Why do families need to be your church's best friend. Families are an essential catalyst to a child's faith. This workshop will explore ways to connect Church and Home to enhance lifelong faith.

*Daron is a passionate Children's pastor with more than 20 years experience in his field. He travels extensively both Domestically and Internationally resourcing and equipping children's leaders and teams. He is married to Lisa and is the father of two young adult children Andrew and Best Child in the world. He is also the Balloon Man on Arnie's Shack seen on Satellite Television around the world.*

### **#32 A Family Discipleship, Bruce Eckersley (1)(3)**

How can the church and families work together to make lifelong followers of Jesus. Five essential foundations.

*Bruce joined the Pastoral team at Clontarf Beach Baptist Church in February 2013. The husband of Sharon & father of Kyle, Christie, Josh & Elysha, Bruce is committed to serving Christ in the home, Church & Community. With 10 years experience in Pastoral Ministry Bruce is gifted in working with children & families and has a passion to see Families empowered to know Jesus deeply & to make Him known widely.*

### **#33 Understanding the Biblical Role of a Grandparent, Josh Mulvihill (3)**

What is the biblical role of a grandparent? Every grandparent is given a God-ordained role that is not interchangeable with any other member of the family. Come to this workshop to gain a laser-like focus on what a grandparent's role is, as well as to learn twelve responsibilities grandparents are given by God from the Bible. Even if you are not grandparent, this workshop will equip you to provide a clear and compelling vision to share with grandparents in your life.

*Josh Mulvihill (@DrJoshMulvihill) is the Executive Director of Church and Family Ministry at Renewation, where he equips parents and grandparents to disciple their family. Josh is also the Director of Resources for The Legacy Coalition. Josh has a PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Josh is the author of Biblical Grandparenting and Preparing Children for Marriage. He is married to Jen and they have five children.*

### **#34 Empowering Families - Building Faith in the Home, Tracy Valentine (2)**

We have 40 hours each year to disciple kids, but parents have 3000! Tracy is passionate about empowering parents to live out their faith with their kids and has developed some key ways to help parents do this. The impact of a faith filled home can last a lifetime.

*Tracy oversees the Generations Ministries (age 0-18) at Gateway Baptist Church and has 20 years of ministry experience in many different church contexts.*

### **#35 Small Group for the Whole Family, Jo Stotschek (3)**

Exploring how small groups can work with Mums, Dads and children all in the one room. Some practical ideas for how such a group can survive and flourish.

*Formerly the Kids' Pastor at Gateway Baptist Church, Jo and her husband are now on the journey of raising 2 young boys.*

## **WALKING WITH CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

### **#40 Inclusion of Children with Special Needs, Natalie Kaiser (2)(3)**

This workshop will look at developing a toolbox of strategies for you to use with children with special needs (diagnosed or otherwise). We will look at the main reasons children may have difficulties accessing the curriculum and what strategies we can have in our toolbox to effectively include them in our program.

*Natalie is a paediatric Occupational Therapist who works with children with a variety of special needs.*

### **#41 Working with Children with Autism, Chelsea Follett (3)**

In this elective we will look at practical ways to include and cater to kids on the Autism Spectrum while not losing the interest of everyone else. We will discuss how to do this in a way that suits your budget and the size of your team and how to empower those children to have a great relationship with God.

*Chelsea has been a children's pastor for over 6 years and is passionate about teaching kids to go deeper with God and to know His voice. She is also experienced in working with kids on the Autism Spectrum and has a deep desire to see children's ministries equipped to create an environment where these children can experience the awesome wonder of our great God.*

### **#42 Running Events for Children with ASD, Wendy Paroz & Christine Thomas (1)**

We will present a Case Study on FUNSplash, an event for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families that LIVE church runs on the Sunshine Coast. Learn how we organise a tailor-made community event that celebrates and values these children and their families.

*Wendy Paroz is a teacher, currently working as an aide in a school Special Education Unit. She appreciates the effort children with ASD and their parents put in to succeed and noticed there were no fun community events suitable for the whole family to attend. Christine Thomas has a background in event management and communication. Both Wendy and Christine are part of the leadership team of LIVE church in Meridan Plains and want to see families who have children with ASD catered for in the community and in churches.*

## **WALKING WITH CHILDREN AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **#50 Screen Addictions, Dr Tania McMahan (1)(3)**

Learn why screens are so compelling, what the research says about screen time, and practical tips for dealing with screen time problems and finding balance, whether at home or in the classroom.

*Dr Tania McMahon is a Clinical Psychologist with over eight years' experience working with mental health problems (with a strong focus on addictions). My Doctoral research focused on Internet and Gaming Addiction, and I regularly speak to schools and work with families and individuals around these issues.*

**#51 Loving Contemporary Technology, Amy Emanuel (1)**

There are a lot of reasons to dislike contemporary technology, however it isn't going to go away. This session will consider the impact it has currently, where it may go from here and how can we use it better to benefit children of all ages.

*Amy Emanuel is the current Director of Online Learning at CHC (Christian Heritage College), a lecturer in Contemporary Technology and Human Behaviour and Communication, a parent navigating this topic and I love technology.*

**#52 Dealing with the Dangers Kids Face: Porn and the Online World, Joh Knijnenburg (2)**

Danger is all around us. It can be scary, challenging and also fun. There are a lot of dangers when it comes to working with children. We want our kids to be safe and go home the same way they arrived, apart from having had the best time of their lives. All children deserve to grow and learn in a safe environment. This involves more than good intentions, or the assumption that harmful incidents will not happen. This elective will help us understand the physical, relational and online dangers, how to manage good standards for safety and still have loads of time for having exciting adventures.

*Joh is the Northern Relationship Manager for ChildSafe Australia. He has over 30 years experience working in youth and children's ministry. He enjoys helping people develop their skills, knowledge and faith. He is passionate about promoting a culture of safety and an environment for us and our children to live in a safer world.*

**#53 Enabling Young People to Find God in Pop Culture, Jonathan Sargeant (1)**

Kids spend hours consuming movies, TV and video games every week. What if they had the skills to see where God regularly breaks through into that world? Develop the skills to help kids do just that. Oh, and watch lots of video clips!

*Jonathan is Director of Lay Education for the Anglican Church, Southern Qld, curator of the FormedFaith website and film reviewer for FOCUS magazine. He has worked with young people and their leaders for 35 years and still gets excited about helping people grow closer to God in their day-to-day lives.*

## **WALKING WITH CHILDREN THROUGH THEIR LIFE NEEDS**

**#60 The Biblical Foundations of Christ Centred Behaviour Management - Introduction, Derek Hughes (1)**

Delegates will be introduced to the basic principles of Christ centered Behaviour Management. We will answer the question: How do I best set up my heart to allow the Holy Spirit to guide my behaviour management practices.

*Derek is a registered teacher and educational consultant who motivates fellow Youth and Children's workers by sharing his passion and philosophies openly, honestly and with a dash of humour. He has taught and coached just about everything; his real passion though, is pastoral care. He has been a finalist in the National Excellence in Teaching Awards in the category of "Motivational Teaching". He is currently the Head of Middle School at Australian Christian College in Caboolture. He has undertaken Post Graduate studies in Educational Research and is currently studying a Masters in Theology. His website [www.derekhugheseducation.com](http://www.derekhugheseducation.com) has more information on the services he offers.*

**#61 The Biblical Foundations of Christ Centred Behaviour Management - Minimising and Responding to Disruptive Behaviours, Derek Hughes (2)**

Delegates will discuss the principles of Christ centred Behaviour Management. We will look at strategies to help us respond to youth and children in a way that represents a loving, compassionate God who still demands excellence.

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**#62 The Biblical Foundations of Christ Centred Behaviour Management - Let's Explore Your World, Derek Hughes (3)**

Delegates will be given the opportunity to ask questions of Derek and the rest of the delegates about difficult behaviour management issues they are facing. This is always a very moving and productive networking time where delegates get to express their frustrations and come to realise that they are not alone in this journey.

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**#64 Boys to Men, Paul Clark (3)**

Domestic Violence. #Metoo. Toxic masculinity. Hookup Culture. We need men who are decidedly shaped by the Gospel in today's world. How do we help do that in children and youth ministry.

*Paul Clark is the Lead Minister of Redcliffe Uniting, the author of the Car Park Parable children's books, previous QCRIN chair, 'At the Top' guy on 96Five Radio, father and a puppeteer. He has over 25 years Ministry experience across many areas. He is passionate about the Ignite conference having previously been on the organising committee.*

**#65 Anxiety, Children and Participation, Shauna Gallagher (2)**

With anxiety on the rise, it is important to understand how anxiety can affect a child's participation in your program and how this can impact their faith journey.

*Shauna Gallagher is an author, mental health nurse, pastor's wife, mother of 4 young adult children and have 2 grandchildren.*

**#66 Practical Strategies to Reduce Anxiety, Shauna Gallagher (3)**

This elective will be interactive and teach you some practical ways to manage anxiety for yourself and the children you have in your care.

*Shauna Gallagher is an author, mental health nurse, pastor's wife, mother of 4 young adult children and have 2 grandchildren.*

**#67 Young Warriors: Building Resilience and Developing Positive Identity in Children, Barry Morris (1)**

Positive identity and resilience in children and young people does not develop without the close support of key adults in a child's life. While parents play a critical role, pastors, ministry leaders and others in the church community also have the opportunity to help shape a child into a young Warrior, aware of their capabilities and competence, as well as being aware of when and how to get help when they need it.

*Barry Morris has been a Christian Psychologist for 12 years. He is currently working with children in care who have experienced complex trauma, as well as in private practice at the Gateway Counselling and Wholeness Centre. He has over 15 years experience volunteering in youth and children's ministry.*

**#68 Careful Compassion: How to be Trauma-informed without being Traumatized, Barry Morris (2)**

'Trauma' has become a hot topic for many working with children and young people. Across services and organisations there is a drive to becoming more 'trauma-informed' or 'trauma-sensitive'. This session will highlight the importance of taking care of ourselves, as we take care of children and young people who have been through overwhelming life experiences.

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**#69 How to best assist children and families through Domestic and Family Violence, Michelle and Tamara Whiting (2)**

We will be covering topics such as ways churches can support families in the midst of DFV and identifying difficulties associated with being an accidental counsellor to ensure best practice for both the families and yourself.

*Michelle as a qualified professional with a bachelor of Behavioural Studies, Master of Social Work and is an accredited mental health practitioner. She has a background and experience in working with children and families in a variety of situations and circumstances.*

*Tamara has a Bachelor of Arts with an Extended Major in Psychology and a Minor in Criminology. She has been working alongside Michelle and is a passionate practitioner.*

**#70 The Elephant in the Room - Ministry to Same Sex Families, Paul Clark (2)**

Like it or not, Same Gender marriage is now a reality. Kids of such families will be in our RI classes, Kid's Clubs, Chaplaincy work, Camps, Children's Ministries and - God willing - Churches. How do we minister to such children and their parents with grace and integrity.

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**#71 Walking with Wounded Children, Menchit Wong (3)**

Millions of children today live in the midst of a complex web of risk factors and obstacles such as poverty and social injustice, that impede highly vulnerable children from fulfilling their God-given purpose. We refer to them as children-at-risk. This session will unpack a biblical perspective on walking with children-at-risk, which we will describe as mission to, for and with children-at-risk. The session will present various ways to (1) care for their development with a holistic approach (mission to children-at-risk), (2) how to advocate and speak on their behalf (mission for children-at-risk), and (3) how to help empower and release their unique calling and gifts to serve Jesus together with all of us as partners in the Kingdom (mission with children-at-risk). May the Lord use the stories and various living examples from this session to make us "live and walk in a new way with children-at-risk".

*Carmen (Menchit) Wong is Vice-Chairman of the International Board of the Lausanne Movement, serves in the Global Council of the Movement for a World Without Orphans, and is a member of the Global Steering Committee of the Lausanne Issue Network on Children-at-Risk. After 30 years of service, she retired in June this year from full-time employment with*

*Compassion International. During her 30-year tour of duty, Menchit served with Compassion in various roles, such as Country Director for the Philippines, Director of Leadership Engagement, and International Child Advocacy Director. Menchit is committed to facilitating global partnerships, and mentoring younger leaders, child advocates and global equippers, for mission to, for and with children-at-risk.*

**#72 Getting Connected, Staying Connected, Sandy Galea (1)**

How do you establish a children's ministry whereby every child feels welcomed as soon as they walk through the door? Where children feel loved and cared for during the good times and hard times in life? Where children feel they belong in the church family? Children need to be connected to each other and to the wider church family. So how do we ensure this is the experience of the children in our church?

*Sandy has been the Lead Children's Minister at MBM (Multicultural Bible Ministry) in Sydney for the past 26 years. She partners with others involved in children's ministry both in Australia and OS by equipping them through training seminars, one-to-one consultancy and the resources available on her web site Kidswise. Sandy is a wife, mother and grandmother (what a great privilege!).*

**WALKING WITH CHILDREN IN THEIR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**#80 DOUBLE CLASS Effective Pastoral Conversations with Children, Andrea Eadie (1-2)**

Pastoral conversations are a wonderful opportunity to journey with a child. They involve the provision of emotional and spiritual support, and if done effectively can empower, promote growth and assist the young person to develop further into their God-given potential.

*Andrea Eadie is a school chaplain with over 17 years experience. With a career that has included teaching and counselling, Andrea has a deep understanding of the value and practice of pastoral conversations in many different contexts. She is passionate about seeing young people thrive spiritually, emotionally and physically.*

**#81 Discipling the Next Generation, Peter Blase (1)**

Inspiring children to seek the kingdom of Jesus first, putting sports and hobbies, school grades, media consumption, game addictions, friends and parties, me time and the practise of religious rituals second.

*I have been in youth and children's leadership for thirty years. I have served in Youth Alive, Australian Bible Society, World Outreach International, and church planting with ACC. Currently I am equipping leaders to disciple the next generation in other nations.*

**#82 Engaging Children in the Supernatural, Peter Blase (2)**

Learn how to coach and train children to be led by the Holy Spirit in their everyday life.

*I have been in youth and children's leadership for thirty years. I have served in Youth Alive, Australian Bible Society, World Outreach International, and church planting with ACC. Currently I am equipping leaders to disciple the next generation in other nations.*

**#83 Next Generation Minister, Daron Pratt (3)**

How do we intentionally mentor and disciple the next generation for ministry and mission. This workshop will unpack a new initiative that is powerfully impacting the next generation.

*Daron is a passionate Children's pastor with more than 20 years experience in his field. He travels extensively both Domestically and Internationally resourcing and equipping children's leaders and teams. He is married to Lisa and is the father of two young adult children Andrew and Best Child in the world. He is also the Balloon Man on Arnie's Shack seen on Satellite Television around the world.*

**#84 Helping kids play their part in God's Big Story, Wendy Strachan (3)**

The Bible is like a drama in 6 acts and God invites children to play a Kingdom role in Act 5. That's exciting!

*Wendy's been involved in children's ministry in different parts of the world with Scripture Union and other agencies.*

**#85 Teaching Children to Hear God's Voice, Chelsea Follett (2)**

Teaching children to know and hear the ways God speaks to us is a powerful way to equip them for life. In this elective we will look at why it's important for kids to hear God, what are some of the ways that He speaks, and practical ways to teach them how to know and hear His voice.

*Chelsea has been a children's pastor for over 6 years and is passionate about teaching kids to go deeper with God and to know His voice. She is also experienced in working with kids on the Autism Spectrum and has a deep desire to see children's ministries equipped to create an environment where these children can experience the awesome wonder of our great God.*

**#86 Listening to Children - Why Bother?, Wendy Strachan (2)**

We've been children ourselves; we've read the right books or googled the right articles. What might we learn if we took time to listen to them?

*Wendy's been involved in children's ministry in different parts of the world with Scripture Union and other agencies.*

**#87 Answering Questions Children Ask, Sandy Galea (3)**

Children need their questions to be taken seriously, accepted respectfully and answered faithfully. This is vital for their faith development. This seminar aims to take the stress out having to answer all the curly questions children ask and to celebrate what kids' questions reveal.

*Sandy has been the Lead Children's Minister at MBM (Multicultural Bible Ministry) in Sydney for the past 26 years. She partners with others involved in children's ministry both in Australia and OS by equipping them through training seminars,*

*one-to-one consultancy and the resources available on her web site Kidswise. Sandy is a wife, mother and grandmother (what a great privilege!).*

### **#88 Arrows: Equipping Children in the Power of God, Seth Dahl (1)**

Like warriors of old hand-crafted their arrows and released them to defeat the enemy, we get to partner with God and parents in preparing children and releasing them into the spiritual battle, bringing God's kingdom to earth.

*Seth Dahl is a writer and worldwide speaker to adults and children. With over 15 years experience as a children's pastor, Seth is known for his powerful wisdom communicated through a contagious joy and childlikeness. Seth loves to empower families to build a strong connection that fosters peace and creates a thriving family culture.*

## **WALKING WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN**

### **#90 Tiger Taming - How to engage 3-5 year old children with storytelling, Ian McIntosh (1)**

Techniques and tips on how to develop and deliver engaging content to groups of 3-5 year old children.

*Former Rodeo Clown, now Children's Picture Book Author. I use storytelling to inspire imagination and creativity and to let children know that they have been born for a purpose.*

### **#91 Why Your Early Years Ministry Matters, Bethany McGibbon & Courtney Phillips (1)(3)**

Arguably, your early years ministry is the most foundational and critical ministry in the life of your church. Join us as we unpack the 'why' we provide a ministry space for young children and explore how to create an engaging and exciting space/program that will see preschoolers hearts set on fire for Jesus.

*Bethany is the Early Years Pastor at Gateway Baptist and works as a Children's and Ministry Chaplain in a number of early learning centres across Queensland. Courtney leads a large Early Years Ministry at Gateway Baptist and is passionate about providing a high quality environment that points young children towards a lifelong passion for Jesus.*

### **#92 Playful Worship, Kylie Stacey (2)**

Learn 12 "Loving Experiences Through Music" for early childhood. We will rock, move, massage, bounce, sing and sign, dance and cuddle—to connect young children to God in a tangible, loving way. Perfect for parents at home and Sunday or Sabbath School. This is a hands on workshop. Bring a teddy bear or doll and kick your shoes off!

*G'day! I am a mother of four boys and my journey involves songwriting, recording, designing early childhood classes, enrichment music programs for children in developing countries, worship resourcing for little ones, drum circles for all ages, and teaching the piano and ukulele. My passion is creating quality PLAY-filled musical experiences that ALL children can benefit from, regardless of social or economic status. My three resources include: Playful Worship, Playful Music Playgroup and Uke 'n' Toot.*

### **#93 Playful Music Playgroup, Kylie Stacey (3)**

Give your church playgroup a winning edge by including quality, intentional music-based experiences. This resource is simple, accessible 24/7 and affordable. Come learn 6 engaging songs to kick-start your playgroup music time. Walk away with teacher tips and a free downloadable CD.

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## **WALKING WITH TEENAGERS**

### **#95 The Questioning Teen, Adrian Blenkinsop (1)(3)**

Adolescence is a time of searching, questioning and exploring - both broadly, and in relation to their spirituality. Having tools to respond to their questions, doubts and fears is important, and often an honest response of 'that's a great question. I don't have a simple answer - so let's explore that together' is the best response you can offer. In this elective we'll explore how the power of journeying together with teens in their faith questions can be your most powerful 'tool' to see them grow into life-long disciples of Jesus. We'll look at some developmental faith stages, and how to respond to tough questions.

*Adrian is the Regional Facilitator across Australia & New Zealand for OneHope, as well as the Next Gen Leadership Coach with Churches of Christ in SA/NT. He's worked as a specialist in the area of youth culture and faith formation for many years, and wrote the book 'The Bible According to Gen Z' during his time with Bible Society Australia.*

### **#96 Self Harm and Suicidal Ideation: Promoting Understanding, Managing Risks, Inspiring Change, Barry Morris (3)**

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15-24. Around 10% of young people aged 12-17 have deliberately harmed themselves. This session will provide an overview of current trends in suicide and self harm, as well as exploring the vital role of the church and youth ministry in inspiring hope and change in this generation.

*Barry Morris has been a Christian Psychologist for 12 years. He is currently working with children in care who have experienced complex trauma, as well as in private practice at the Gateway Counselling and Wholeness Centre. He has over 15 years experience volunteering in youth and children's ministry.*

### **#97 Responding Pastorally to Teen Gender Identity Issues, Meryem & Greg Brown (1)**

This elective will explore gender ID issues and young people – the research, the at-risk factors and the components of an effective pastoral response.

*Meryem and Greg conduct a counselling service and have worked with clients and family members affected by gender ID issues. They are often invited to present workshops on relationship issues including aspects of sexuality.*

## **WALKING WITH CHILDREN IN INTERGENERATIONAL SETTINGS**

### **#100 Intergenerational Life Groups: How to prepare, plan, proceed and prosper, Karen Collum (3)**

Meeting regularly in Intergenerational Life Groups is awesome but catering for a wide range of ages can be challenging. In this session delegates will learn how to prepare themselves and their environment to host an Intergenerational Life Group, plan for success, proceed with confidence and ultimately prosper as a group.

*Karen Collum and her husband, Mike, have been in ministry for 25 years throughout Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland and have four children. Karen has a heart for kids and is a primary school teacher, children's book author, television writer and currently serves as the Children's and Family Ministries Director at Gold Coast Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.*

### **#101 Walking with Children of the New Millennium - Who are Gen Z and Gen Alpha, Brad Case (1)**

The world of children in Generation Z (1995-2009) and Generation Alpha (2010-now) is rapidly changing and with that change comes many challenges and opportunities. This practical workshop will help you know and understand children of the new millennium, explore tips for engaging with them in your context and inspire you to meaningfully walk with them into their future.

*Brad Case is currently the Emerging Generations Specialist with Churches of Christ QLD. In this role he focuses on coaching and resourcing people involved in children's, youth and young adult ministry across the State. Prior to this role Brad has been both a primary and secondary school chaplain and youth ministry specialist at SU Qld, as well as a youth and children's pastor in the Uniting Church. He has a deep passion for seeing young people begin the life long journey of discipleship. In his spare time he loves playing squash, indoor cricket, playing his saxophone and going on random adventures with his wife Mercy.*

### **#102 Putting the "Child in the Midst" for Real, Brenton Prigge (3)**

Putting the child "in the midst" can and should transform the way we look at faith formation for all ages. Looking at a few key principles that have arisen from recent research and latest writings in the Child Theology Movement, what are the practical things we can do right now in our churches and homes to take seriously Jesus' words about children: the Kingdom belongs to such as these".

*Brenton is a Uniting Church minister with 25 years full time children and youth ministry experience. He is currently the Children, Youth and Families Minister at UCA Chermanside Kedron Community Church. Before that he spent 8 years working with UCA WA Presbytery's First Third Ministry. Brenton is also a Godly Play Trainer and Messy Church Regional Coordinator.*

### **#103 Growing Young: Prioritise Young People (and Families) Everywhere, Jake Mulder (1)**

The Fuller Youth Institute's groundbreaking research with over 250 churches reveals that thriving churches don't just prioritise young people *somewhere*...they prioritise them *everywhere*. This session will provide research-based, practical insights on how your church can incorporate young people into the life of the overall church and take family-based ministry seriously.

*Jake Mulder, MDiv, is the director of strategic initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute and is pursuing a PhD at Fuller Theological Seminary. He has worked in a variety of ministry and professional roles, including as a youth pastor in the Reformed Church of America, ministry director with Youth for Christ, and missionary with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Europe and Asia.*

### **#104 New Ideas for All-Age Worship, Jonathan Kemp (2)**

Led by a member of the Australian Intergenerational Roundtable and suitable for most, if not all, denominations, come and learn how to plan and carry out a sustainable all-age worship service which won't make some age groups feel bored or left out.

*Jonathan Kemp is the Director of Youth, Children and Families ministry, for the Anglican Church of Southern Qld.*

## **WALKING WITH CHILDREN THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION**

### **#110 MASTERCLASS Creative Storytelling, MAtt Gorton (1-3)**

Peter is swinging on his chair. Suzie is talking to Bekka across the room. Rupert's face is working its way to boredom. The lesson is NOT going as you hoped! But then you pull out your book and show your pictures: "Dan was lying on his stretcher seeing the town go by as he bounced up and down. His friends, Thomas, Simon, Al and Zac were running through the streets carrying Dan on his stretcher." All eyes have turned towards you. All ears are pricked with interest. The power of a story well crafted and well told is unsurpassed in any form of ministry. And this is especially true when it comes to ministry to children. Stories allow the listener to be transported beyond themselves into the world of the Bible, or other characters. As the truths of the Bible are illustrated through these stories, lives are impacted and changed. Come along and be encouraged, equipped and empowered to engage the children in your care with this most valuable tool.

*MAtt is a founding member of the creative children's ministry Quiz Worx. He has performed thousands of shows across Australia, and loves sharing Jesus with kids in creative and engaging ways.*

### **#111 How to Draw Cartoon Bible Stories, Brett Cardwell (3)**

Grab your pencils and join Brett from Cardytoons for a fun hour on how to draw faces, hands, characters and how to use cartoons to "draw kids to Jesus".

*Brett followed his call to ministry in 1994 and has used his cartooning skills as an itinerant preacher ever since in Australia and abroad.*

### **#112 Writing and Self Publishing a Children's Picture Book, Ian McIntosh (2)**

Learn what it takes to successfully write and self publish a children's picture book.

*Former Rodeo Clown, now Children's Picture Book Author. I use storytelling to inspire imagination and creativity and to let children know that they have been born for a purpose.*

### **#113 Balloon Twisting 101, Daron Pratt (1)**

The twisted gospel, You can do it! Learn how to twist balloons. You will learn how to use balloons as a tool in your ministry. The power of story, the magic of balloons combined with the Gospel message is a powerful combination.

*Daron is a passionate Children's pastor with more than 20 years experience in his field. He travels extensively both Domestically and Internationally resourcing and equipping children's leaders and teams. He is married to Lisa and is the father of two young adult children Andrew and Best Child in the world. He is also the Balloon Man on Arnie's Shack seen on Satellite Television around the world.*

### **#114 Uke 'n' Toot, Kylie Stacey (1)**

Come away ready to play AND teach ukulele in your own home, church, school, Sunday or Sabbath School. You will learn basic chords, strumming techniques, a number of spiritual songs and receive 6 music charts. Ukuleles supplied to the first 10 participants (or BYO ukulele). Benefits: ukulele group playing provides a happy place for "tweens" or "teens" uncomfortable singing in front of peers; classic spiritual songs, many on the danger of extinction, can be kept alive through ukulele playing; and lastly, it is simply so much fun!

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### **#115 The Why and How of Sports Ministry, Jeff Howard (1)**

We will cover the history of Sports Ministry across the world to the present day activities SU Qld and others are doing in the world of Sport and Play. We will provide insights, tips and practical ways you and your church can partner in Sports Ministry and connect with communities. We will also look at the Pray, Play, Say workshop and learn ways we can combine Sport and Faith.

*I am currently the Brisbane Regional Manager for SU Qld and also manage our Sports Ministry. I have been working for SU Qld for the last 11 years. I am part of the Australia Sports Network and have attended 2 global sports conferences in the USA with leaders from all around the world.*

### **#116 Puppets Basics and Beyond, Quiz Worx (2)(3)**

Puppets are such an engaging tool to grab and keep attention. Come and learn from the team of Quiz Worx the skills and abilities you need to use this exciting medium.

*Quiz Worx has been a creative puppet ministry for over 20 years. In 2018 alone they performed over 800 shows, to over 100,000 kids. When it comes to puppets and children's ministry, they know what they are doing.*

### **#117 Stories That Grow Faith in Kids, Sandy Galea (2)**

Every time we teach God's truth to children, we are teaching abstract concepts. These abstract concepts need to be packaged in a way children can understand and begin to engage with them. Stories do that for children. Stories are both enjoyable and memorable, making learning both fun and long lasting. This seminar is full of stories – both biblical narratives and made up stories – stories for both the under fives and the school age children – stories that unpack big truths for little people.

*Sandy has been the Lead Children's Minister at MBM (Multicultural Bible Ministry) in Sydney for the past 26 years. She partners with others involved in children's ministry both in Australia and OS by equipping them through training seminars, one-to-one consultancy and the resources available on her web site Kidswise. Sandy is a wife, mother and grandmother (what a great privilege!).*

## **WALKING WITH LEADERS OF CHILDREN**

### **#120 Unique Leaders and Diverse Teams, Peter Blase (3)**

Every leader is different and needs to build a team that complements and causes growth to all involved. Five simple Biblical strategies that will unlock your vision.

*I have been in youth and children's leadership for thirty years. I have served in Youth Alive, Australian Bible Society, World Outreach International, and church planting with ACC. Currently I am equipping leaders to disciple the next generation in other nations.*

### **#121 Leading Teams, Dani Bryant (2)(3)**

We can't do ministry alone. We all need teams. Come along as Dani talks through what she has learnt from being a part of a team and leading teams. Hear Dani's top tips for leading effective teams of volunteers and talk through strategies around communication and conflict management. Dani will also share what she has learnt about recruiting and growing teams. If you lead a team of volunteers or aspire to, this is for you.

*Dani Bryant is one of the Children's Pastors at Gateway Baptist Church. She has served in kids ministry at Gateway for over 12 years and has been on staff for 3. Dani is passionate about seeing kids come to know Jesus, investing in and equipping leaders and seeing teams empowered.*

### **#122 Heating up your D&Ms: Facilitating Discussion on Hot Topics, Jonathan Sargeant (2)**

Why can't we talk about 'controversial things' in Australia anymore without argument and outrage? How did religion and faith become a 'controversial thing'? Learning how to discuss hot topics amicably might be one of the most useful things you'll ever learn. These skills enable everything from faith sharing to surviving social media. And the answers are quite simple! Come and find out how....

*Jonathan is Director of Lay Education for the Anglican Church, Southern Qld, curator of the FormedFaith website and film reviewer for FOCUS magazine. He has worked with young people and their leaders for 35 years and still gets excited about helping people grow closer to God in their day-to-day lives.*

**#123 In Conversation with Melissa MacDonald, Melissa MacDonald (1)**

This is your chance to be 'up close and personal' with our keynote speaker. A free flowing conversation unpacking some of the content of Melissa's keynote address plus a chance to ask your questions. Make the most of Melissa's time on our shores!

*Our keynote speaker will be Melissa MacDonald, a dynamic speaker from the US who serves children's ministry globally within her denomination.*

**SENIOR PASTORS' STREAM**

**#130 The Discipline of Being with Children, David Fitch (1)**

When Jesus 'placed the child among them' (Mt 18:2), the space that He opens up around the child is the space of the Kingdom. Jesus is saying that in entering this space around the child His presence is here and the Kingdom will take shape. The place of presence between adult and child must become the trusted place our children know they can go anytime they have questions, struggling with beliefs, doubts and confusions. The world's children starve for His presence. The church has regularly defaulted to maintenance mode when it came to caring for children. Presence and ministry become possible with parents in ways that churches could never have organised through a program. Our churches must work hard to resist taking the practice of being with children out of everyday life.

*David is pastoring and participating in life at Peace of Christ Community in Westmont IL and is the author of many titles including "Faithful Presence, Seven Disciplines that Shape the Church for Mission."*

**#131 TBA (2)**

**#140 Visit EXPO (1)(2)(3)**