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# Embracing life and gathering wisdom

Theological, pastoral and clinical insights into human flourishing at the end of life  
Ageing Conference | 27 - 28 September, 2018





Community service and aged-care agencies, helping professionals and individuals are exploring how to foster flourishing - for ourselves and those we care for - throughout different life stages.

What are the theological implications of ageing?

What unique pastoral demands arise?

What clinical insights inform best practice for care?

This conference will explore the nature of embracing life and gathering wisdom, especially in the context of ageing and as we approach the end of life.

## Call for papers, presentations and workshops /

The Conference Planners invite proposals for papers, presentations and workshops.

Please email by **Friday 20 April, 2018** your name, presentation title, 100 word abstract, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number, email address and whether any equipment (e.g. projector) is required.

**Presenters may elect to offer:**

A. A full paper 1 month before the conference to be made available on the conference website, and at the conference offer a 10 minute summary followed by 35 minutes of discussion and workshopping (45 minutes in total); i.e. to encourage maximum engagement and discussion OR

B. Present a full paper at the conference for 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of questions and discussion (30 minutes total)

Please indicate in your proposal which option you would prefer. (Anyone who does not submit their paper a month before the conference will be allocated the 30 minute slots).

Panel presentations, of multiple papers or presentations on the same theme, are welcome from collaborative researchers or researchers exploring similar areas, and these will be given priority as papers are considered.

## When and where /

**Day 1 /** Thursday 27 September 9:30am - 5pm

**Conference dinner /** Thursday 27 September 6pm - 8pm

**Day 2 /** Friday 28th September 9am - 3:30pm

at Sydney College of Divinity

Unit 6B / 5 Talavera Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113

## Registration costs /

Conference (2 days)	\$200 (Early bird by 31 June, 2018)
Conference (2 days)	\$250
Conference dinner	\$70
Conference (daily rate)	\$140

It will address these important questions from the perspectives of practitioners, academics and students, and from reflection on professional practice and personal narrative.

**Paper presentations and workshops will include:**

/ chaplaincy and pastoral care

/ theological insights into flourishing at the end of life

/ challenges faced by clinicians in providing wholistic care

/ insights into the impact of mental health issues, disability, dementia and chronic pain on human flourishing

## Keynote speakers /



**Dr Kirsty Beilharz**

is Director of Music Engagement at HammondCare and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Edinburgh U.K., applying music research in the context of aged, restorative and palliative care, with a focus on music in dementia research. She is author of *"Music Remembers Me: Connection and Wellbeing in Dementia"*.



**Professor Bruce A Stevens**

is Wicking Professor of Ageing and Practical Theology and Director of the Colloquium for Ageing Perspectives and Spirituality (CAPS) at Charles Sturt University. He has written eight books, including two for Wiley-Blackwell and one for New Harbinger on schema therapy. Most recently he is the author of *"Emotional Learning: The way we are wired for intimacy"*.

## Register and to find out more /

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