




Notice to Conference Churches
Churches of Christ in NSW & the ACT
Annual General Meeting and Delegate Election

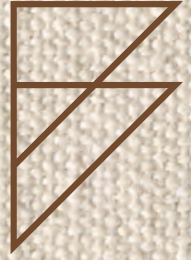
Saturday 14th November – 11:00am
Auditorium – The Tops Conference Centre
51 Bendena Garden, Stanwell Tops 2508



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**There comes a time
in each life like a point
of fulcrum. At that time
you must accept yourself.
It is not anymore what you
will become. It is what you
are and always will be.**

—John Fowles



Program

Saturday 14 November, 2020

8:30am

Delegate Registrations Open
(Auditorium)

9:30am

Keynote Session: Doug Paul
'Finding the Future, Together'

10:15am

Morning Tea

11:00am

Annual General Meeting

11:30am

Delegate Ballots Close
Prayers of Release

12:00pm

Lunch

Annual General Meeting Agenda and Notices of Motion

- 1. Welcome and Introduction**
President: Raewyn Williams
- 2. See the Future be the Future**
Executive Ministry Director (EMD): Andrew Ball
- 3. Business Session**
Chairperson: Raewyn Williams
- 4. Induction of New EMD**
President: Raewyn Williams
- 5. Keynote: Augmented Reality**
Daz Farrell
- 6. Prayer for Conference Executive Members
and New President Induction**
Outgoing EMD: Andrew Ball
- 7. CLOSE**

Executive Ministry Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are so delighted that you can share with us (hopefully) 'live' at our Collective AGM this November. It has been a challenging year for so many, and it is always a blessing to utilise our wonderful Fresh Hope Venue at the Tops for such an important occasion.

This year, as you know, is all about transformation and transition. We continue to pray for transformation, firstly for all of us. Significantly Paul reminds us to 'be transformed' (ie continually) by the renewing of our minds. More recently others have reminded me that we have to 'unlearn' some things before being able to learn new things.

There is much to learn in our current situation. There is so much dislocation and disruption taking place within culture and society that beckons us each to adopt a learning posture. We must as always hold firm to the values and ethos of our heritage, all the while positioning the movement for future transformation in the midst of transition.

Today, we invite you to affirm the new EMD candidate Darren Farrell who has been nominated to serve as my replacement going forward into 2021. This is a major transition for our network. I have had the privilege of serving and leading for 18 years and want to personally thank you all for your partnership and collaboration over this journey.

Transitions are always hard but inevitable. There are moments in life, which we each traverse, where we need to let go, in order for the future to unfold. I have always believed this and want to wholeheartedly 'let go' in order for future generations to take hold of the mantle. Over 33 years of ministry within Churches of Christ, I have seen too many leaders 'hang on' rather than 'let go'.

In letting go, I hope to have some leave and then await my next assignment in God's kingdom.

It is time for a future season at Fresh Hope. I commend to you Daz and his lovely family and pray that you would unreservedly come alongside and support his leadership and spiritual input.

Today is both a sad day, and a joyous day. Both legitimate emotions that emerge from inevitable changes. Like Isaiah, I echo these words:

"People from many nations will come and say, 'Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, And we will walk in his paths.'"

—Isaiah 2:3 (NLT)

May Fresh Hope abound in our lives and in our churches. May we see the future and be the future with integrity and with strong hearts. May our minds be challenged to learn afresh, and may our hands willingly let go to allow the next generation to lead.

May the word of God dwell richly in our lives and may the Spirit compel us into courageous living as missionaries in a land that needs God.

May our paths be a testimony to our obedience and submission to Jesus. May we be real, spiritually mature and life-long learners in the kingdom economy.

To our incredible staff team and Conference Executive, I extend grace, peace and genuine appreciation. To my wife Wendy and our three young adults, I express sincere thankfulness and heartfelt love for your support. You cannot lead spiritually without key people who help hold your soul.

I am so delighted to share in our family today and into the future.

Dr Andrew Ball
Executive Ministry Director
Fresh Hope 2003 – 2021



Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion 1

That the minutes of the Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in NSW held 11th May 2019 as printed and circulated in the 2019/20 Annual Reports, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Notice of Motion 2

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Conference of Churches of Christ in NSW held 28th November 2019 as printed and circulated in the 2019/20 Annual Reports, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Notice of Motion 3

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Conference of Churches of Christ in NSW held 24th September 2020 as published and circulated be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Notice of Motion 4

"That the Annual Reports 2019/2020 as circulated and printed be adopted."

Notice of Motion 5

"That pursuant to Clause 27 (d) of the Churches of Christ in NSW Constitution, the annual audit summary for 2019/2020 as published and circulated be adopted."

Notice of Motion 6

That pursuant to Clause 26 of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Constitution, that the amendment to the Regulations (in the Constitution) made by Conference Executive set out in the Schedule below, be confirmed.

SCHEDULE

'That a new regulation be added as REGULATION (r) as follows:

"(r) For the purpose of the conduct of any meeting of Conference Convened, Conference Executive may establish facilities and arrangements using any technology that gives the delegates of the Conference Churches as a whole a reasonable opportunity to participate in any meeting of Conference Convened."

Notice of Motion 7

That pursuant to Clause 26 of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Constitution, that the amendment to the Regulations (in the Constitution) made by Conference Executive set out in the Schedule below, be confirmed.

SCHEDULE

'That REGULATION (h)(ii) be amended to read as follows:

"(h)(ii) A Nomination for election must be made and endorsed by two members of a Conference Church who hold senior leadership positions with that Conference Church."

Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion 8

That pursuant to Clause 26 of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Constitution, that the amendment to the Regulations (in the Constitution) made by Conference Executive set out in the Schedule below, be confirmed.

SCHEDULE

That REGULATION (h)(iii) be amended to read as follows:

“(h)(iii) A Nomination must be lodged with the Conference Executive not later than one month before the relevant Conference Convened (the “Closing Date”).”

BY BALLOT

(Note delegates will be asked to vote on these appointments either at the AGM or by postal vote)

Notice of Motion 9

“That pursuant to Clauses 8, 12 and 16 of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Constitution, Darren Farrell be appointed to the position of “Executive Ministry Director” (named as Ministry Co-ordinator in the Constitution) on the recommendation of Conference Executive for a 5-year term.”

Notice of Motion 10

“That pursuant to Clauses 8 and 9 of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Constitution, Victor Tee from Kingsford Church of Christ be appointed Conference President for the Conference Year commencing 14th November 2020”.

Notice of Motion 11

"That pursuant to Clause 9 of the Churches of Christ in NSW South Wales Constitution, the following members

- Karen Baker
- Simon Brailey
- Stephen Cha
- Emily Drough
- ~~Hannah Ferrari*~~
- Michael McGarrity
- Stephen Toomey

* Candidate withdrew after nominations closed

be appointed to Conference Executive for the Conference Year commencing 14th November 2020".

Notice of Motion 12

"That

- Philip Smith

Be appointed to the Property Trust for a nine-year term".

Returning officer for the meeting is Pastor John Latta from Tweed Heads Church of Christ.

Nominations

Darren Farrell – Executive Ministry Director



Growing up as a 'preachers kid', at 27 Daz was brought from dark to light through an encounter with Jesus in Egypt. Daz has worked in multiple environments from leadership in investment banking, on-camera acting, and serving alongside Sydney's most vulnerable as a welfare worker.

In the last decade Daz has served as an itinerant preacher and leader in local church and para church ministries, creating a start-up café as a 'third space' in 2014. Interested in design, spiritual leadership & formation Daz currently serves Jesus in Fresh Hope Mission & Ministry; seeking to catalyse the Pioneering of new expressions of the Kingdom.

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Victor Tee – Conference President



Victor Tee has recently been appointed as the Senior Pastor at Kingsford Church of Christ. Prior to that, Victor served as the Pastor for the English-speaking congregation at Harvest Indonesian Church. He desires to serve the current generation and prepare the next generation in this movement.

Victor holds a M.A. (Christian Leadership) from ACOM, a B.Sc from Sydney University and has also completed a Cert IV (Christian Leadership Coaching). Victor is a lecturer and focuses on Christian Leadership & Church Management at the Indonesian Mission Institute. He has been a member of Conference Executive since 2009 and is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

Stephen Toomey – Conference Executive



Stephen is a founding partner of Toomey Pegg Lawyers. He commenced practice in 1974 and has over 45 years of legal experience specialising in all aspects of commercial law.

Stephen has particular expertise in the drafting, administration, negotiation and implementation of contracts, the structuring of commercial transactions and the establishment, and conduct, of commercial enterprises and not-for-profits.

He has extensively advised, and regularly advises, large Christian organisations and other not-for-profits in respect of governance, constitutional and operational matters. Stephen has been a long term member of Conference Executive and a legal advisor to COCNSW, both professionally and pro bono, for over 40 years. Stephen is a member of the Commercial Law Association.

Stephen Cha – Conference Executive



Stephen founded The Chapel Sydney at Chatswood in 2013 and has been leading that church since. Stephen has a background in marketing and also served as a board member for Living Fire Ministries and as associate pastor for Open Door Church.

Stephen sees the opportunity to serve God's kingdom through serving our family as an honour and privilege. Stephen believes that to go above and beyond his little world and to be a part of God's bigger picture is exciting.

Emily Drough – Conference Executive



Emily Drough is a part of the leadership team at Mayfield Church of Christ. She has a heart for seeing lives transformed through a relationship with Jesus, and a passion for seeing individuals and organisations realise their potential. Emily is the Head of People & Culture at Compassion Australia. She brings together experience and skills gained in teaching, ministry and human resources, with a focus on organisational health and capability development.

She views it as an honour to utilise her experience to serve God and our movement in the Kingdom work of transforming communities and lives with Fresh Hope. Over the last three years she has served Fresh Hope on the Mission & Ministry Board and the M&M Grants Assessment Committee.

Nominations

Karen Baker – Conference Executive



“Working together rather than in isolation” is a strong inspiration to Karen. Karen sees so many facets of “connectedness” expressed at Fresh Hope – through our churches and through our ministries to youth, the marginalised, the elderly and in our local communities.

Karen is deeply passionate about building relationships at a personal level and building the community of “connectivity” as we seek His guidance for the future of our movement in furthering God’s Kingdom.

Karen has been a member of Northside Community Church since 2003 and has served in various ministries in and through church during this time. Karen also served on the NSW State Women’s Executive circa 2009-2010. Karen has over 12 years of experience in general management and major gift fundraising.

Karen was also awarded The Alumni Scholarship for Excellence in Not-For-Profit Leadership through the University of Sydney Business School while completing her Global Executive MBA study.

Mike McGarrity – Conference Executive



I’ve been a passionate follower of Jesus, since coming to faith in Christ in 1989. I’m a husband of 29 years and Dad to two wonderful young women who are passionate in their faith and I have been in church leadership for over 25 years.

I was Creative Pastor on the team of a large church, have been part of church planting teams and in 2000 led a team to plant a church in Engadine NSW. In 2015 I was part of the leadership of a successful merger with Engadine Church of Christ, rebirthing the church as Connect Church, and continue to lead the church today.

I have a Masters in Missional Leadership (SCD), BA Hons in Creative Arts (Reading University) BMin (Tabor) and I’m a qualified facilitator for Dynamic Church Planting International and Evangelism Shift.

I’d love to see Fresh Hope churches reaching out and connecting people to Jesus, fostering a culture that leads to disciples who make disciples.

Simon Brailey – Conference Executive



Simon Brailey is an active member of Telopea Christian Centre as well as the Business Manager at Hope Connect (a ministry of Telopea Christian Centre). He is a qualified Actuary with more than 10 years of experience working in pricing and valuations in personal and commercial insurance, including 5 years as a manager leading a team.

Simon is motivated to learn and serve with the gifts and talents God has given him. He looks forward to partnering with Fresh Hope in building the Kingdom and aiding in spiritual transformation in our churches. Simon is the current chairperson of the Fresh Hope Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee.

Hannah Ferrari*

* Candidate withdrew after nominations closed.

Philip Smith – Property Trust



Phil began attending Asquith Church of Christ in 1984 and was baptised in 1994. He served as an Elder at Asquith from 2004 to 2013 and then from 2017 until present. He has just been re-elected for another term as Elder. His principal role as Elder was initially in management of the church properties and more recently in the oversight and control of church finances. Phil also serves as a volunteer in the Asquith Church of Christ Op-Shop.

Phil has been a member of the Property Trust since May 2008.

He has worked in the commercial construction industry for over 50 years and specialised in budgeting for construction projects, advising on economic design and on construction methods, analysing contract documents and cost control during the construction process. He has a Diploma of Technology (Quantity Surveying) with Credit from New South Wales Institute of Technology (now U.T.S.).

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