

# Later Life Pastoral Seminar

Monday, 4 May 2015

9.30am-3.30pm

at

Ridley College

## Tickets

\$50 Full admission

\$30 Seniors Concession

\$20 Student



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## Boomers - What Next?

*Equipping and supporting the fastest  
growing group in your church*



## PROGRAM

9.30 am	Opening and Welcome	1.00 pm	Lunch (provided by Ridley College)
9.40	A Biblical Approach to Ageing <i>Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron</i>	1.45	Workshop
10.50	Morning tea	3.00	Closing Plenary with Panel: Implications for Local Church 'Later Life' Ministries and Strategies Convenor: <i>Anthea McCall</i> Panellists: <i>Rev'd Tracy Lauersen,</i> <i>Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron and</i> <i>Rev'd Craig Maher</i>
11.15	The Boom of Baby Boomers and Beyond - Tsunami or Triumph: Implications of Social Research for Mission and Ministry <i>Rev'd Craig Maher</i>		
12.15 pm	Living in the Next Phase <i>Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron</i>	3.30	Close

# Boomers - What Next?

Over 55s are predicted to be the largest group in churches and the community in the coming years. By 2025 the population will comprise nearly 40% of 'Baby Boomers' and beyond, that is, in the so-called third and fourth phases of life. How are our churches preparing for this important ministry opportunity?

This conference aims to assist ministers, church staff and lay leaders in thinking about, and developing 'later life' ministries over the next ten or more years.



Keynote Speaker—  
**Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron**  
Director, St Mark's National  
Theological College

## WORKSHOPS (choose 1 only)

### 1 ***Growing ministry to over 55s in your church***

This workshop helps church leaders to consider how to 'harness and harvest' the Baby Boomers and beyond. It explores how to develop ministry to those in later life in your church.

*Presenters:* Practitioners from churches including Doug Petering (St Alfred's North Blackburn) and Ian Nyholm (GWAC).

### 2 ***Hearing and engaging those with dementia***

Dementia is the single greatest cause of disability in older Australians. This workshop helps Christian leaders and carers explore pastoral and spiritual care of those with dementia. It will give some understanding of dementia and discuss ways to improve the experience of people with dementia in a church context.

*Presenter:* Associate Professor Colm Cunningham (HammondCare's Dementia Centre)

### 3 ***'The Arts of Care': finding each person, from fourth age to death***

Our aged care systems exhibit increasing professionalism in safe, efficient and dignified care of people, from a person's entry into the system through to his or her death. Even so, each person's 'personhood' can be subtly lost in the hidden but serious ways which inadvertently dehumanise. This workshop considers personhood from the perspective of those 'arts of care' that enable us to find a person, no matter what stage of life they are at.

*Presenter:* Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron