



National Council of
Churches in Australia
Forum 2007

Life Together

PROGRAM AND TIMETABLE

Friday 13 July

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Notes</i>
15:00 – 19:00	Registrations		Needs dedicated desk/space near front of Conference Centre
18:00 – 19:30	Evening Meal	Dining Room	
19:30 – 19:45	Welcome to Country	Plenary Room	
19:45 – 20:15	Opening Worship	Plenary Room	
20:15 – 20:20	Purpose of the Forum A brief explanation of what the NCCA is and why we are meeting in this way.	Plenary Room	Comments in 2004 indicated that not enough people understood the nature of the Forum and its purpose. Lots of delegates will be 'first timers'. Although there will be an orientation session on Friday afternoon, it is still important to be thoughtful about how we begin, and how we introduce what is about to happen. The presentations should allow for questions. If they cannot be answered, they can be held over to the morning.
20:20 – 20:25	Introduction to Theme An outline of why this theme has been chosen and how it will be developed.	Plenary Room	
20:25 – 20:35	Explanation of Process To include: the different types of sessions; how they will be run; how decisions will be made; how people can make input; how proposals can be put; who can put them; the various categories of persons present; etc.	Plenary Room	
20:35 – 20:45	Introducing key people Those to be introduced include officers of NCCA, those responsible for various functions, Centre staff where appropriate – e.g. who to go to for what.	Plenary Room	
20:45 – 21:15	New member churches: membership applications	Plenary Room	
20:15 – 21:20	Closing Prayer	Plenary Room	Chinese Methodist Mar Thoma

Saturday 14 July

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Notes</i>
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	Dining Room	
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Worship	Plenary Room	
9:15 – 9:45	Civic and other greetings	Plenary Room	Invited guests
9:45 – 10:30	Bible Study: ‘The Prodigal God’	Plenary Room	Merryl Blair Based on John 6
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea		During the Forum, tea and coffee will be available on a continuous basis
11:00 – 11:15	Address: President	Plenary Room	Written report taken as read. 3-4 points, backed by stories
11:15 – 11:30	Table Discussion: reflections on the address	Plenary Room – table groups	Provision of focussed questions will help this process. Groups to appoint a ‘scribe’ to bring comments & questions for the plenary.
11:30 – 11:45	Address: General Secretary	Plenary Room	Written report taken as read. 3-4 points, backed by stories
11:45 – 12:00	Table Discussion: reflections on the address	Plenary Room – table groups	Provision of focussed questions will help this process. Groups to appoint a ‘scribe’ to bring comments & questions for the plenary.
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch	Dining Room	
13:15 – 13:45	Plenary Discussion: taking up comments and questions from the table group sessions in full plenary.	Plenary Room	Led by the independent facilitator. The final outcome is to set goals and objectives for the work of the NCCA for the next 3 years.
13:45 – 13:55	Reporting arrangements	Plenary Room	Instructions on how the system works, where the various groups will be meeting.
14:00 – 16:00	Reporting Sessions: + Gender + Youth + CWS + NATSIEC + Social Justice + Faith & Unity	Various places	Interactive reports will be given in separate, specific locations. Each delegate will be able to attend 4 of the 6 sessions (25 minutes each, assigned after taking preferences into account.) Each denomination is to make sure they have the spread they want.
16:00 – 16:30	Afternoon tea		
16:30 – 17:00	Plenary Discussion: Reports	Plenary Room	Questions, comments, remarks. The 6 groups that have reported form a panel to answer questions.
17:00 – 17:10	Closing Prayer	Plenary Room	
17:10 – 18:00	Denominational Meetings	Meeting Spaces	Meeting each other, reflecting on information received, resolutions, membership of committees, etc.
18:00 – 19:30	Evening Meal	Dining Room	
	Evening Free		

Sunday 15 July

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Notes</i>
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	Dining Room	
	Unscheduled time		People may want to attend a local church – most of the services are between 7:30 & 9:00. Transport to be self organised.
11:00 – 12:15	Worship: Public Celebration	Sunshine Coast Church – to be decided	Bussing required. Liturgical reception of new member churches. Reaffirmation of mutual covenant.
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	Dining Room	
14:00 – 14:30	Workshop Session: Objectives of the NCCA	Plenary / Small groups	Facilitator/Presenter TBD
14:30 – 15:30	Information Sessions: + Safe as Churches + Growing Churches in an Australian Context + Interfaith + Communications	Various places	Delegates rotate between 3 information sessions (15 minutes each, assigned on preferences).
15:30 – 16:00	Afternoon tea		
16:00 – 16:30	Plenary Discussion: information sessions	Plenary Room	Questions, comments, remarks. The 4 areas that have reported form a panel to answer questions.
16:30 – 16:45	Reporting Session: + Finance	Plenary Room	Written report taken as read.
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion Session: Finance Report	Plenary Room	
17:00 – 18:00	Business:	Plenary Room	Resolutions from reports, resolutions from denominational meetings, (business arising from 2004 Forum?)
18:00 – 19:30	Evening Meal	Dining Room	
19:30 – 20:50	Workshop Session:	Plenary / Small Groups	Trevor Smith
20:50 – 21:00	Evening Prayer		

Monday 16 July

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Notes</i>
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	Dining Room	
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Worship	Plenary Room	
9:15 – 10:00	Bible Study: 'The Gift'	Plenary Room	Vic Pfitzner Based on John 17
10:00 – 10:30	Focus Session: + Make Indigenous Poverty History	Plenary Room	
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea		
11:00 – 11:30	Focus Session: + Covenanting	Plenary Room	
11:30 – 12:00	Focus Session: + Themes from the WCC Assembly 2006	Plenary Room	
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch	Dining Room	
13:15 – 15:00	Business Session:	Plenary Room	
15:00 – 15:30	Special Address		Sylvia Haddad MECC
15:30 – 16:00	Afternoon Tea		
16:00 – 18:00	Workshop session	Plenary / Small Groups	Trevor Smith
18:00 – 19:30	Evening Meal	Dining Room	
19:30 – 20:20	Public Lecture	Plenary Room	Fr Bolen (Vatican) Open to public.
20:20 – 20:30	Evening Prayer	Plenary Room	

Tuesday 17 July

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Notes</i>
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	Dining Room	
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Prayers	Plenary Room	
9:00 – 9:45	Bible Study: 'The Common Life for the World'	Plenary Room	Merryl Blair Vic Pfitzner Based on 1 Peter
9:45 – 10:15	Workshop Session	Plenary Room	Trevor Smith
10:15 – 10:45	Morning Tea		
10:45 – 12:00	Business Session:	Plenary Room	
12:00 – 12:30	Closing Worship	Plenary Room	
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch	Dining Room	