

Wednesday

19 August

*Setting the Vision –
Safe. Seen. Strong. Begins Here*



Safeguarding
Conference 2026

4:00 pm	Registration		
4:30 pm	Welcome & opening ceremony		Andrew Robertson & Sarah Lim
5:00 pm	Keynote	Churches: safe spaces for all people	Robert Fitzgerald AM
6:00 pm	Reflections	Response and implications for faith-based organisations	Andrew Robertson & Sarah Lim
6:20 pm	Networking supper	Connection, collaboration, informal engagement	
7:30 pm	Close		

Thursday

20 August

*Building Capability –
From Understanding to Practice*



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9:00 am	Devotional & reflection	Andrew Robertson
9:20 am	Keynote	Safeguarding in churches: engaging communities Dr Gabrielle Hunt
10:10 am	Morning tea	
10:40 am	Keynote	When it comes to Safeguarding, theology matters Elizabeth Lee
11:20 am	The building blocks of Safeguarding culture: a cultural framework for safeguarding in any context	Sarah Lim
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Keynote	Understanding context-specific risk in churches + Q&A Dr Susan Rayment-McHugh
2:15 pm	Governing for resilience: protecting our capacity to safeguard	Maha Melhem
3:00 pm	Afternoon tea	
3:30 pm	Leadership of Safeguarding and how the Church can both lead and learn from agencies	Heather Watson
4:00 pm	TEDx presentation	Laura van Dernoot Lipsky
4:30 pm	Virtual Q&A with Laura	Laura van Dernoot Lipsky
5:00 pm	Close	

Friday

21 August

Leading Change –
From Insight to Action



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9:00 am	Welcome, devotional & reflection		Andrew Robertson
9:10 am	Keynote	Cultural safety, faith, and Safeguarding: learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives	Jennifer Cullen
9:55 am	Panel	Resilience in the Safeguarding sector	
10:45 am	Morning tea		
11:15 am	Q&A		Sarah Lim & Andrew Robertson
11:30 am	Keynote	Trauma-informed response and legal responsibility	Mathisha Panagoda
12:00 pm	Understanding sexual abuse: a guide for Ministry Leaders and survivors		Rev Dr Tim Hein
12:30 pm	Lunch		
1:30 pm	Panel	Helping Hand lived experience care leavers	Priscilla Taylor, Jim Davison, Jan Schaffars
2:15 pm	Reflections	Response and implications for faith-based organisations	Sarah Lim & Andrew Robertson
3:00 pm	Commitments & closing ceremony Conference wrap up		
3:20 pm	Close		