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18TH BIENNIAL ASCENT CONFERENCE

LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

3-5 MAY 2018 PEPPERS NOOSA RESORT & VILLAS, QUEENSLAND

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10



INVITATION FROM YOUR CONFERENCE CHAIR



It is my pleasure to welcome you to one of my favourite places in the world, Noosa. It is the home of pristine beaches, natural wonders and world-class restaurants. It is also the venue for the 18th Biennial Anglican Schools Conference (ASCENT).

The theme for the conference is *Life in Abundance*. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly". (John 10:10) The theme reminds us of the many unique and often puzzling challenges our communities face both locally and globally. Schools are unique places and it is imperative that we work collectively to nurture and develop the potential of the young people in our communities.

During the conference, we have a number of local, national and international speakers who will share their thoughts and expertise on a variety of topics relating to *Life in Abundance*. We have also invited our schools to participate in a Wellbeing Showcase where nine speakers from nine different schools will speak for seven minutes on a unique feature of their staff or student wellbeing program. The Chaplains' Day will be held on Thursday 3rd May. This is a valuable day for the Chaplains to network and reflect on the work they do in the schools that they serve.

The Conference commences at 8.30am on Friday 4th May at Peppers Resort Noosa. This is a perfect venue for delegates to gather, to provoke discussion and strengthen our common objective as educators in Anglican Schools. In such stunning surroundings of the pristine bushland and beaches of Noosa it will be easy for delegates to experience *Life in Abundance*.

I look forward to welcoming you to Noosa.

Robyn Hinchliffe
Conference Chair and
Deputy Principal, Pastoral Care
St John's Anglican College

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SPEAKERS



KEYNOTE 1

UNLIMIT YOUR THINKING

Daniel Gregory, CEO, The Impossible Institute

Daniel Gregory is the founder and CEO of The Impossible Institute™, a Research and Training organisation that advises management and sales departments on what truly drives their customers and employees.

Creativity, collaboration, culture, change, innovation, sales, marketing are only a handful of topics Dan has tackled for organisations. He also regularly advises the C-suite and Boards on how to lead with the power of a purposeful and compelling identity in a rapidly changing world.

In a 20-year history as a thought leader in human behaviour, marketing, NPD and communications, Dan Gregory has worked with the biggest global brands and won countless awards around the world for creativity, effectiveness and ROI. In terms of accolades not much has changed as clients continue to rave about his innovative, creative presentations delivered with intelligence and humour. With his experience on the ABC's Gruen transfer and time spent in the US and UK as a stand-up comedian his delivery and timing is impeccable. With his experience and depth of knowledge there are few topics to which Dan can't bring his focus to. His keynotes and workshops are supported with hours of research and some of the sharpest humour the industry has seen.

ABSTRACT: The limits of our thinking are the limits of our life. If we truly want to live a life in abundance, we need to first understand what those limits are, to become conscious of our default thinking, our unconscious biases and cognitive blindspots and then learn how to move beyond our limits and expand our "mental bandwidth". In this provocative, inspiring and highly practical presentation, Dan Gregory will reveal why learning to think in questions, not statements, helps us be more open to possibility, develop more effective personal and professional strategies and move from a limited to abundance mentality. He'll also delve into what The Impossible Institute calls, "The Forever Skills™" - the skill sets and abilities that are unchanging in a world of unprecedented disruption and will better prepare us all for a future we can only imagine.



KEYNOTE 2

THRIVING AT WORK: STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SOCIAL, AND SPIRITUAL WELLBEING IN SCHOOL STAFF

Dr Peggy Kern, Senior Lecturer, The University of Melbourne

Dr Peggy Kern is a senior lecturer at the Centre for Positive Psychology within the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education. Her research focuses on understanding, measuring, and supporting wellbeing across the lifespan. She works with schools and workplaces, and considers strategies for bridging gaps between research and practice. She has published over 55 peer-reviewed articles and chapters and 2 books. You can find out more about Dr Kern's work at www.peggykern.org

ABSTRACT: Think about your work life. Are you thriving, feel like you are just getting by, or struggling? Stress, exhaustion, and burnout are growing problems for many educators. Positive psychology aims to understand and build wellbeing in individuals, organisations, and communities. Studies have identified strategies that can be incorporated into the school environment to support staff wellbeing, with positive effects on students. Notably, many of the concepts studied in the field are commensurate with core Christian values and traditions. This talk will consider the positive perspectives, intersections with Christianity, and practical applications that can help school staff thrive.



KEYNOTE 3

WHY ENTREPRENEURSHIP MATTERS

Mark Sowerby, Queensland Chief Entrepreneur,
Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur

Mark Sowerby is the Founder of Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited, an ASX listed (ASX: BLA) alternative asset manager investing across private equity, venture capital, private real estate, water, infrastructure, hedge funds and agriculture. 10 years after starting Blue Sky Mark handed the business over to the team to spend more time with his wife Heidi and his two sons, Lachlan and Patrick, and to help with projects that have a positive social impact.

At the time of his "retirement" Blue Sky had a market capitalization of more than \$500m, \$2.4 billion under management, investment returns of 16.7% pa compounding, and was amongst Australia's top 300 listed companies. In 2015, Mark received the University of Queensland Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award, was recognized as Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Queensland (listed), and completed a successful crossing of the English Channel. Mark serves on the Board of the Starlight Children's Foundation and Racing Queensland, and was recently appointed by the Premier as Queensland's first Chief Entrepreneur.

Mark is originally from Warren in western NSW, studying Agricultural Science at the University of Queensland before completing a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance and Investment through the Securities Institute of Australia and a Masters of Business Administration (UQ).

ABSTRACT: As the world changes around us, the only ones that can save us are entrepreneurs. So, what does that mean? And can we make them?



KEYNOTE 4

WHY BEING STRATEGIC IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN LONG TERM STRATEGIC PLANNING

Stephen Scott, Principal / CEO, Laurus Enterprises

Stephen Scott is described as “a leader with an innate ability to change the way people think in a single conversation”. He inspires, teaches and mentors educational leaders to start their leadership growth from within. His innovative views on leadership disciplines and character, and his ability to live and demonstrate them through his work, has attracted the attention of the Australian Independent Schools Sector. He is fast becoming the pre-eminent source of leadership inspiration and mentoring for many current and aspiring school Principals.

ABSTRACT: Since entering the corporate world after 22 years in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Stephen Scott has noticed how people misuse the words ‘strategy’ and ‘strategic’ in their management dialogue in an attempt to raise the importance of the issue they are discussing. In this insightful presentation, Stephen will draw upon his experience of teaching strategy at the RAAF College, to explain how strategic planning is a contradiction in terms and why being strategic in schools is far more important than developing long term strategic plans.



KEYNOTE 5

ANGLICANISM: PATHWAY TO ABUNDANT LIFE

Professor Ellen Charry, Princeton Theological Seminary,
New Jersey, USA

Ellen T. Charry is Professor Emerita, from Princeton Theological Seminary, 2017. She holds degrees from Columbia University, Yeshiva University and Temple University. She held a post-doctoral fellowship at Yale Divinity School and served on the faculty of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University before joining the Princeton Theological Seminary faculty in 1997. She was a member of the “Pursuit of Happiness” project at Emory University and is currently a senior advisor to the project on “Happiness and Well-Being: integrating research across the disciplines” housed at St. Louis University, both sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation. She is interested in the role of religious beliefs and practices on character formation in pursuit of human flourishing. Her monographs in this area are *By the Renewing of your Mind: The Pastoral Function of Christian Doctrine* (1997) and *God and the Art of Happiness* (2010).

ABSTRACT: In modern thinking, institutional religion is often viewed more as a problem to be overcome than a path to a flourishing life. Yet there is the risk of throwing out the proverbial baby with the bathwater here. This talk will explore the strengths of classical Anglicanism that can shape an enjoyable and satisfying engagement with contemporary life that promotes well-being of self and society.



KEYNOTE 6

HOW SCHOOLS CAN USE TECHNOLOGY TO LIVE AN ABUNDANT LIFE

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Adolescent Psychologist, Cyberbullying & Cybersafety Expert, Health and Wellbeing Speaker

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile adolescent and child psychologists. He currently works within private practice as well as consulting to Inowell a joint project between PWC, the University of Sydney and the Federal Government.

He wrote his PhD at the University of NSW on Adolescents with Cancer and named and founded CanTeen more than 30 years ago with a group of young cancer patients. He has worked as an academic, researcher, and political lobbyist. He is also the author of 12 books and is an Ambassador for Smiling Mind, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and sits on the Board of the Family Peace Foundation and the National Centre Against Bullying. He is a columnist for a number of publications including the *Huffington Post*, *Girlfriend Magazine* and the Australian Boarding Schools Association publication *LightsOut*. Michael is the resident parenting expert on Channel 7's Sunrise, psychologist for Channel 9's Morning Extra, as well as the Morning Show with Neil Mitchell on Radio 3AW.

ABSTRACT: This presentation will provide participants with the latest information on how students and schools can use technology to work together to meet the contemporary challenges to their well-being, including sleep, diet, stress, anxiety and depression.

SHOWCASE WELLBEING

SESSION 63

VARIOUS PRESENTERS

This fast-paced session will enable you to hear from nine different speakers, from nine different schools, each speaking for seven minutes on a feature of their staff or student wellbeing program. Schools are unique places and there is a need to work collectively to nurture and develop the potential of the young people in our care. Equally as important is the wellbeing of our staff who provide this care. These speakers will share with you an aspect of their wellbeing program that they feel contributes to the wellbeing of the staff and students at their school.



FINANCIAL SESSION

QIEC SUPER ECONOMIC & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

ALAN SHER, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, CLIENT SERVICES, QIEC SUPER

Alan has over 20 years' experience in the financial services industry, all of which have involved hands-on experience as a financial planner. He will be discussing the financial outlook for the near future. Alan will be examining information on current demographic trends and how this affects future planning in schools.

PROGRAM



THURSDAY 3 MAY

5.00 – 6.00PM

Meetings: Chairs

Venue: The Terrace, Peppers Noosa Report

6.00 – 7.00PM

Gatherings: Heads & Senior Staff; Business Managers

Venue: View Bar, Peppers Noosa Resort

7.00 – 8.30PM

Welcome Reception on the Terrace at Peppers

FRIDAY 4 MAY

8.30 – 9.00AM

Welcome to Country and Prayer

9.00 – 10.00AM

Keynote Address 1

Unlimit Your Thinking

Dan Gregory, CEO, The Impossible Institute

10.00 – 10.30AM

Morning Tea

10.30 – 11.30AM

Keynote Address 2

Thriving at Work: Strategies for Supporting Physical, Mental, Social, and Spiritual Wellbeing in School Staff

Dr Peggy Kern, Senior Lecturer, University of Melbourne

11.30 – 12.45PM

You may choose to attend one of the following sessions.

Showcase on Wellbeing - Session 63

9 presenters from 9 schools,
7 minutes each
or

Financial Session - QIEC Super Economic & Legislative Update & Making a Positive Impact

Alan Sher, Executive Manager, Client Services, QIEC Super

12.45 – 1.45PM

Lunch

1.45 – 2.45PM

Keynote Address 3

Why Entrepreneurship Matters

Mark Sowerby, Queensland Chief Entrepreneur, Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur

2.45 – 3.15PM

Afternoon Tea

3.15 – 4.15PM

Keynote Address 4

Why Being Strategic is More Important Than Long Term Strategic Planning

Stephen Scott, Principal / CEO, Laurus Enterprises

6.30 – 10.30PM

Pre-Dinner Drinks and Gala Dinner

SATURDAY 5 MAY

9.00 – 10.00AM

Eucharist

10.00 – 11.00AM

Keynote Address 5

Anglicanism: Pathway to Abundant Life

Professor Ellen Charry, Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, USA

11.00 – 11.30AM

Morning Tea

11.30 – 12.30PM

Keynote Address 6

How Schools can use Technology to Live an Abundant Life

Michael Carr-Gregg, Adolescent Psychologist, Cyberbullying & Cybersafety Expert, Health and Wellbeing Speaker

12.30 – 1.00PM

Conference Closing

SOCIAL EVENTS



WELCOME RECEPTION



VENUE

Terrace, Peppers Noosa Resort

DATE

Thursday 3 May 2018

TIME

7.00pm – 8.30pm

DRESS

Smart casual

COST

Included in full registration

ADDITIONAL TICKETS

\$80.00

PROVIDED

Drinks and substantial canapes



GALA DINNER



VENUE

View Restaurant, Peppers Noosa Resort

DATE

Friday 4 May 2018

TIME

6.30pm – 11.00pm

DRESS

Beach Chic – Resort Wear

COST

Included in full registration

ADDITIONAL TICKETS

\$ 130.00

PROVIDED

3-course meal and beverages

ENTERTAINMENT

Blue Poppy Band

ACCOMMODATION



1 Bedroom Apartment includes breakfast for one (1) person \$229.00

Everything at Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas is in impeccable taste and these One Bedroom Apartments are testament to that. The décor is graceful with a dash of verve. The facilities have it all with cable TV and Movielink, direct dial phone, in-room safe, a kitchen designed to make meal preparation an absolute pleasure. Your private balcony is the perfect place to reflect on your day as you enjoy a pre-dinner drink. One king OR two singles room configurations.



2 Bedroom Apartment includes breakfast for two (2) people \$329.00

The moment you enter your Two Bedroom Apartment you'll appreciate the understated elegance and finishing touches that can only be Peppers. The luxurious amenities in your bathrooms, and all of the extras you need in the kitchen like attractive glassware and tableware. Your elegant living area spills out onto your spacious balcony where you can dine alfresco. One king and two singles OR two kings OR 4 Singles, to a maximum five people.

GENERAL INFORMATION



VENUE: PEPPERS NOOSA RESORT & VILLAS

Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas is nestled in the serenity of Noosa National Park. Spend your days lazing in the inviting free-form swimming pool, pamper yourself in Stephanie's Ocean Spa, or just take it easy. World class shopping and restaurants are a short 500 metre stroll away in the bustling hub of Hastings Street and Laguna Beach. At this premium Noosa accommodation, you'll find the ultimate in eco-conscious sustainability with solar energy and rainwater irrigation.

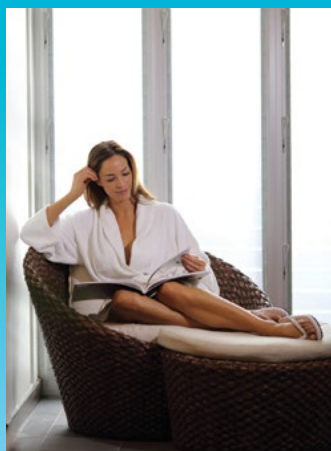
Designed with two unique and beautiful accommodation concepts, there is the resort, where you're located right in the heart of it all. In a beautiful, airy penthouse or apartment you will be accommodated in style. Featuring fully-equipped kitchens, a laundry room, and dining areas, you are spoiled with all the conveniences you could desire.

Or discover your home away from home in a beautiful Noosa Villa. Spread out over two or three spacious levels, the Villas are truly unique.

You'll be treated to luxe inclusions like your personal concierge, a hamper of delectable local produce and complimentary transfers into town. For a truly indulgent Noosa experience, you can't go past a Villa.

Aside from spacious and stylish accommodation, Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas offers WiFi access, a gymnasium and steam room, complimentary car parking and 24-hour reception. For onsite dining, View Restaurant provides a relaxing and welcoming environment. Here, in Queensland's most stylish holiday destination, you can stroll down to Hastings Street where Noosa's main designer fashion boutiques and street side alfresco restaurants abound. Walk to the popular Noosa Main Beach and enjoy the rolling surf while you soak up Queensland's welcoming sunshine.

GENERAL INFORMATION



SPECIAL DEAL FOR SPA TREATMENTS

Stephanie's Ocean Spa, winner of "Best Luxury Resort Spa" in Australia, located at Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas will transport you to a relaxing haven. Succumb to the easy-going Noosa feeling by treating yourself to a leisurely few hours of complete indulgence. Boasting 11 deluxe spa treatment rooms, including a private Geisha bathing suite - Stephanie's Ocean Spa is designed to accommodate couples and groups. Stop by for a romantic couple's massage or indulge in a blissful Vichy rain therapy treatment on the beautiful hand-crafted Acacia Cedar shower bed. Renowned for its rejuvenating mineral colour floatation therapy and deluxe anti-aging treatments incorporating the art of vinotherapy, Stephanie's Ocean Spa is a truly luxe experience.

Stephanie's Ocean Spa is offering delegates a 20% discount on any full spa treatment so book before you arrive so you are not disappointed 07 5473 5353.

VIEW RESTAURANT

The very best seasonal and local produce provides exceptional dining. Chilled mud crab with crisp fried pork belly and pan-seared cuttlefish highlight the starter menu. Main course favourites include pan-fried sage and parmesan gnocchi and Szechuan-spiced duck breast. Luscious chocolate pudding with orange-scented mascarpone is a beautiful finish from Head Chef Andrew Wilcox. Relax with a cool cocktail or cold beer taking in the magnificent views before an unhurried evening of fine food and wine.

WIFI is available throughout the resort and is complimentary.

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WEATHER

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DRESS CODE

Dress for the Conference is smart casual except for the Conference Dinner, for which the dress Beach Chic- Resort Wear.

GENERAL INFORMATION



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