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**REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM**

**MELBOURNE COLLEGE OF DIVINITY CENTENARY CONFERENCE**  
**“The Future of Religion in Australian Society”**  
**5 – 7 July 2010, Trinity College, Melbourne**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BY 31 MAY**

Centenary Dinner, Park Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne  
Ticket bookings tel: 03 9416 3833 or email [centenaryconference@clems.com.au](mailto:centenaryconference@clems.com.au)  
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# Keynote Speakers



**Tom Calma**  
Member of the Ethics Council of The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

Prior to the above appointment Tom Calma was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission for five and a half years and Race Discrimination Commissioner. Mr Calma is an Aboriginal elder from the Kungarakan tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja tribal group whose traditional lands are south west of Darwin and on the Coburg Peninsula in the Northern Territory, respectively.



**Paul Fiddes**  
Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Oxford, Director of Research, Regent's Park College

Professor Fiddes is an ordained minister of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and serves as the chair of the Doctrine Commission of the Baptist World Alliance. He is very active in ecumenical conversations, and is at present the co-chair of the international conversations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Baptist World Alliance, as well as an ecumenical representative on the Synod of the Church of England. This mixture of academic and church life has been focused on a double concern: to connect Christian faith with the culture of the modern world, and to connect the local church with the riches of faith and tradition in the Church Universal.



**John McDowell**  
Morpeth Professor of Theology, University of Newcastle

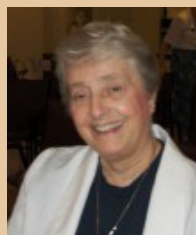
John McDowell hails from Northern Ireland, and retains his homeland's lilt in his language. Studying for a BD at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, was his route into theology, leading to doctoral research at Girton College, Cambridge under Nicholas Lash. From 2000-2008 he was Meldrum Lecturer in Systematic Theology at New College, Edinburgh, before coming to Australia as the inaugural Morpeth Professor of Theology in the University of Newcastle. John's research is to engage fruitfully with the theology of Karl Barth and the broadly iconoclastic philosophical and theological work of Donald MacKinnon; to develop ways of engaging literature (especially tragedy); to root theological education in the practice of engagement with non-academic environments; and to ask about the nature and manifestation of the inescapable interaction between church and 'world'.



**Andrew McGowan**  
Warden of Trinity College, The University of Melbourne

Professor Andrew McGowan is the sixth successor at Trinity to Alexander Leeper and one of the original signatories who constituted the Melbourne College of Divinity in 1910. A graduate of the MCD, of the University of Western Australia and of the University of Notre Dame

in the USA, Andrew's scholarship on the social and intellectual history of the early Church has been published in the Harvard Theological Review, Journal of Biblical Literature and Journal of Theological Studies, and in his books *Ascetic Eucharists* (Oxford, 1999) and *God in Early Christian Thought* (with Tim Gaden and Brian Daley SJ; Brill, 2009), as well as on his blogs "Andrew's Version" and "Royal Parade Diary". An Anglican priest, he is currently President of the United Faculty of Theology, a recognized teaching institution of the MCD, and a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.



**Sandra Schneiders**  
Professor Emerita, Jesuit School of Theology, of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, USA

Sandra Schneiders has been a member of the Roman Catholic congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Monroe, Michigan, USA, since 1955. She received her B.A. degree in sociology and social sciences from Marygrove College, Detroit, MI in 1960; M.A. in philosophy from the University of Detroit, MI in 1967; STL from Institut Catholique de Paris in 1971; STD in Scripture and Spirituality from Gregorian University in Rome in 1975. She is currently professor emerita at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, CA in USA where she teaches New Testament and Christian Spirituality specializing in Johannine Studies, biblical hermeneutics, RC religious life studies, theory of spirituality as a discipline, among other topics. Her ministries have included teaching at elementary, secondary, college, and post-graduate levels and she has been on the faculty of the Jesuit School and the Graduate Theological Union since 1976. She is author of 10 books and over 100 articles and she lectures throughout the world. She has received 5 honorary degrees and the John Courtney Murray Award for excellence in theology of the Catholic Theological Society of America (2006). She has served as President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America (2010) and the International Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (1997).



**Justin Taylor**  
Vice-Director, École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem

Justin Taylor was born in New Zealand in 1943, professed in the Society of Mary (Marists) in 1963 and ordained a Catholic priest in 1966. He studied history at the University of Cambridge in England, where he graduated Ph.D. in 1972. After teaching for several years in the Marist seminary in New Zealand, he came to Jerusalem to study at the École biblique et archéologique française. Since 1988, he has been teaching and researching at the École biblique in the fields of New Testament and Christian origins and is currently Professor New Testament and Vice-Director. He is also co-director of a research seminar in New Testament at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 2006 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity of the University of Cambridge. He is the author of several books and numerous articles.

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## Conference Program

### SUNDAY JULY 4

#### Melbourne College of Divinity Centenary Dinner

**Guest Speaker - Kathleen Williams**, Yarra Theological Union, Former President of YTU and Inaugural Chair of the MCD Academic Board, Former Congregational Leader (2 terms) Sisters of Mercy Bathurst, past member of the Executive Council of WOCATI - World Conference of Associations of Theological Institutes

### MONDAY JULY 5

8.00-8.45	Registration			
8.45-9.00	Welcome to country			
9.00 - 9.15	Opening of conference			
9.15-10.30	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER - Andrew McGowan</b> , Warden, Trinity College, The University of Melbourne			
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea			
11.00-12.00	<b>Religion in Australia - Past, Present, Future</b>	<b>Religion and the Arts</b>	<b>Ethics and Social Justice</b>	
	<b>Gary Bouma</b> , Monash University	<b>Peter Malone</b> , Cinema Desk, SIGNIS, The World Catholic Association for Communication	<b>Julian Burnside QC</b>	
12.00- 1.00	Paper Session 1			
1.00-2.15	Lunch Networking Break in Trade Exhibit			
2.15-3.30	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER - Sandra Schneiders</b> <i>The Word in the World: Disciples in the 21st Century</i>			
3.30 -4.00	Afternoon Tea			
4.00-5.30	Paper Session 2			
5.30	Close			

### TUESDAY JULY 6

8.00 - 8.45	Registration			
9.00-10.15	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER - Tom Calma</b> , Member of the Ethics Council of The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples			
10.15-10.45	Morning Tea			
10.45-11.45	<b>Religion in Australia - Past, Present, Future</b>	<b>Science and Religion Forum</b>	<b>The Word in the World</b>	<b>Religion of the Land</b>
	<b>Morag Fraser</b> , La Trobe University	<b>Chair: Rev'd Merrill Kitchen</b> <b>John Pilborw, Paul Komesaroff, Bruce Tonge</b> , Monash University, <b>Stephen Ames</b> , University of Melbourne	<b>Francis Moloney</b> , Catholic Theological College, MCD	<b>Frank Brennan</b> , Australian Catholic University
11.45-12.45	Paper Session 3			
12.45-1.45	Lunch Networking Break in Trade Exhibit			
1.45 -3.00	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER - Paul Fiddes</b> , Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Oxford, Director of Research, Regent's Park College			
3.00- 3.30	Afternoon Tea			

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3.30-4.30	<b>Religion and Culture</b>	<b>Science and Religion Forum - Continued</b>	<b>The Word in the World</b>	<b>Religion and Politics</b>
	<b>Shurlee Swain</b> , <i>Australian Catholic University</i>	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Prof Christian Mostert</b> <b>John Pilbrow, Paul Komesaroff, Bruce Tonge</b> , <i>Monash University</i> <b>Stephen Ames</b> , <i>University of Melbourne</i>	<b>Philip Batterham, Sean Winter</b> , <i>United Faculty of Theology, MCD</i>	<b>Marion Maddox</b> , <i>Director, Centre for Research on Social Inclusion, Macquarie University</i>
4.30- 5.30	Paper Session 4			
5.30	Close			
7.30pm	Centenary Recital, Trinity Chapel - Lindsay Hutchinson			
<b>WEDNESDAY JULY 7</b>				
8.00 - 8.45	Registration			
9.00-10.15	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER - John McDowell</b> , <i>Morpeth Professor of Theology, University of Newcastle</i>			
10.15-10.45	<i>Morning Tea</i>			
10.45-11.45	<b>Theology in the 21st Century</b>	<b>Religion and the Arts</b>	<b>The Word in the World</b>	<b>Religion: The Challenge of Pluralism</b>
	<b>Anne Hunt</b> , <i>Australian Catholic University</i>	<b>Claire Renkin</b> , <i>Yarra Theological Union, MCD</i> <b>Felicity Harley-McGowan</b> , <i>University of Melbourne</i> <b>Rosemary Crumlin, Matthew Martin</b> , <i>National Gallery of Victoria</i>	<b>Merryl Blair</b> , <i>Churches of Christ Theological College, MCD</i>	<b>Abdullah Saeed</b> , <i>University of Melbourne</i>
11.45-12.45	Paper Session 5			
12.45-1.45	<i>Lunch Networking Break in Trade Exhibit</i>			
1.45-3.00	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER - Justin Taylor</b> , <i>École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem</i>			
3.00- 3.30	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>			
3.30-4.30	<b>Youth and the Future of religion</b>	<b>Ecology in the future</b>	<b>Religion in Education</b>	
	<b>Tim McCowan</b> , <i>Churches of Christ Theological College &amp; Institute for Christian Spirituality and Pastoral Formation &amp; Building Bridges program, MCD</i>	<b>Norman Habel</b> , <i>Flinders University</i>	<b>William Johnston</b> , <i>formerly Faculty member Yarra Theological Union</i>	
5.00	Ecumenical Evensong			

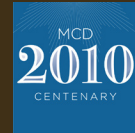
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## SCIENCE AND RELIGION FORUM TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2010

### SCIENCE & THEOLOGY – THE WAY FORWARD IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Convenor: Emeritus Professor John Pilbrow

10.45-11.45	<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>FROM PHYSICS TO BIOLOGY - A CHALLENGE TO THEOLOGY</b> Chair: Rev'd Merrill Kitchen
10.45-11.15	<b>Rev'd Dr Stephen Ames,</b> <i>Trinity College and Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Melbourne</i> Theology and the Natural Sciences: A presumptuous conjunction
11.15-11.45	<b>Professor John Pilbrow</b> <i>Emeritus Professor of Physics, Monash University</i> An Open Universe – Insights from Physics to Biology
11.45-12.45	<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>REFLECTIONS FROM A MEDICAL SCIENCE &amp; ETHICS PERSPECTIVE</b> Chair: Prof John Pilbrow
11.45-12.15	<b>Professor Bruce Tonge</b> <i>Head, School of Psychology and Psychiatry &amp; Head, Discipline of Psychological Medicine, Monash University</i> "Suffer the Little Children" - why a caring focus on children must be an essential aspect of Christian life
12.15-12.45	<b>Professor Paul Komesaroff</b> <i>Professor of Medicine &amp; Director of the Centre for Ethics in Medicine and Society, Monash University</i> Communication across difference: reconciling cultures, values and beliefs
3.30-4.20	<b>SESSION 3:</b> <b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> Chair: Prof Christian Mostert <b>Rev'd Dr Stephen Ames</b> <b>Prof Paul Komesaroff</b> <b>Prof John Pilbrow</b> <b>Prof Bruce Tonge</b>
4.20-4.30	Summing Up – <b>Prof John Pilbrow</b> Some challenges for the 21st Century



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The MCD Centenary Conference is being held in conjunction with 2010 ANZATS Annual Conference whose conference theme is 'The Future of God : Eschatology and the global challenges of the future', 7 – 9 July, 2010, Trinity College, University of Melbourne. The main speaker for the ANZATS conference is Professor Paul Fiddes (Regent's Park College, Oxford University). By attending the week long programme, participants will engage with a unique range of Australian, New Zealand and international scholars across the theological disciplines, especially in their relationships with wider society.

Register at [www.anzats.edu.au](http://www.anzats.edu.au)

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## General Information

### REGISTRATION ENTITLEMENTS

- Attendance at all conference sessions
- Official conference documentation including conference program
- Lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments on conference days
- Satchel and name badge
- Official copy of Pacifica

### CENTENARY DINNER

**Date:** Sunday, 4 July 2010

**Venue:** Park Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne

**Tickets:** \$100.00 per person

The Centenary Dinner will be one of the memorable highlights of the MCD Centenary Conference program. Guests will enjoy pre-dinner drinks and a three-course dinner. The guest speaker will also be a highlight of the evening.

### PRIVACY ACT

Australia introduced the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 in 2001. The Conference Organisers comply with such legislation which is designed to protect the right of the individual to privacy of their information. Information collected in respect of proposed participation in any aspect of MCD Centenary Conference will be only used for the purposes of planning future MCD conferences and may also be provided to the organising body or to organisers of future events. It is also usual to produce a 'Delegate List' of attendees at the conference and to include the individual's details in such a list. The Privacy Act 2001 provides that, before your name, organisation and state/country details can be published in the list of the conference delegates for distribution to fellow delegates or any other party, you must give your consent. If you DO NOT wish to have your name and details included in the Delegate List please indicate this on the registration form.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your registration and payment will be acknowledged in writing with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration form. Your registration will not be processed or confirmed if payment does not accompany your form. The registration form is an approved Tax Invoice by the Australian Tax Office.

### ENTRANCE TO THE CONFERENCE

Each delegate at the Conference will receive a name badge upon registration. The badge will be your official pass and must be clearly visible at all times to obtain entry to all sessions.

### PAYMENT METHODS

#### Credit card payment online

Please note all online registrations require immediate payment by credit card. Accepted credit cards are Visa and Mastercard. Please note all transactions by credit card will appear on your statement as

payment to our online secure e-commerce provider MIE Software Pty Ltd Port Melbourne.

#### Cheque payments

Full payment should accompany the hard copy Registration Form. Cheques are to be made payable to MCD Centenary Conference. Please print your name and address clearly on the back of the cheque. Cheque payments from overseas must be a bank cheque in Australian Dollars drawn on an Australian Bank. No other currency will be accepted.

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Secretariat, CLEMS by email to [centenaryconference@clems.com.au](mailto:centenaryconference@clems.com.au). No refunds will be made for non-attendance at the conference.

1. Registration - cancellations before 31 May 2010 will incur an AUD\$50.00 cancellation fee. Cancellations after 31 May 2010 cannot be accepted however transfer of registration to another person will be accepted.
2. Accommodation – deposit must be paid or credit card details provided at the time of booking to guarantee your booking. The deposit is non-refundable after 4 June 2010
3. Conference dinner tickets – payments are non-refundable after 4 June 2010

### GOODS & SERVICES TAX (GST)

Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a broad-based tax of 10% on most goods, services and other items sold or consumed in Australia. For international visitors, a tax refund may be sought at the airport for goods purchased beyond the value of \$300 and which are carried with them in their hand luggage when leaving the country. A tax refund is not available for goods or services consumed in Australia therefore the GST component of conference registrations fees, accommodation, tours, etc. are not claimable.

### INSURANCE

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. Participants carry their own risk for personal injury or loss of property, including baggage, during the conference. We strongly recommend that, at the time of booking your travel and tours, you take out a travel insurance policy. This policy should take into account loss of deposit through cancellation, medical insurance, loss or damage to personal property, and financial loss incurred through disruption to accommodation or travel arrangements due to business failures, strikes, or other industrial action. The Conference Organisers cannot take any responsibility for any participant failing to arrange their own insurance. Insurance must be purchased in your country of origin.

### DISCLAIMERS

The MCD Centenary Conference Committee including the Conference Organisers, will not accept liability for damages of any nature sustained by participants or loss or damage to their personal property as a result of the conference or related events.

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## Venue & Location

Trinity College is conveniently located in the grounds of the University of Melbourne and within easy walking distance of the city centre. The conference will be held in the Evan Burges building at Trinity College. Melways Map 2B, C5.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From the city centre

**TRAM:** The tram to Trinity College is the No 19 North Coburg tram travelling north along Elizabeth Street. Get off at stop no 12.

To the city centre

**TRAM:** Any tram travelling South along Royal Parade will go to the City Centre  
Cost: An all day ticket for travel around the city will cost approximately \$6.00

Daily tickets cannot be purchased on the tram. Daily tickets are available in the news agency across the road at 55 Royal Parade.

A two-hour ticket to travel in zone one (from Trinity and around the city) will cost approximately \$3.00. Timetable: Located on the post at the tram stop (no 12) in front of the Trinity College Chapel

To Melbourne airport

**TAXI:** Cost approximately \$40.00 - \$45.00  
Journey 30-40 minutes

**SKYBUS:** Cost: Adult one way \$15.00 return \$24.00 see [www.skybus.com.au](http://www.skybus.com.au)

Timetable: The Skybus coach service departs from Southern Cross (Spencer Street) railway station for Melbourne Airport during the following times: 01:00 to 05:00 every 15 mins, 05:00 to 01:00 every ½ hour.

How to get there: Take any tram south along Royal Parade to Bourke Street.

Take any tram travelling west down Bourke Street and get off at Southern Cross Station or

Take any tram south along Royal Parade to La Trobe St. (or walk approx 25mins) Take a city loop train that goes to Southern Cross (Formerly Spencer Street) Station.  
Contact: ph 9335 3066

Trinity College Map - please visit [www.mcd.edu.au/files/media/trinitycollegemap.pdf](http://www.mcd.edu.au/files/media/trinitycollegemap.pdf)

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## DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Please note that it is essential for all participants including delegates, speakers and guests to send in a completed registration form together with payment of the applicable registration fee. All fees include gst.

**REGISTER ONLINE** [www.mcd.edu.au](http://www.mcd.edu.au)

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Please complete this form and send to the Conference Managers, CLEMS (Conference Links & Event Management Services) on FAX 03 9416 0636 or POST to CLEMS, Suite 5, 250 Gore Street, Fitzroy Vic 3065.

Registration Category	Before 31 May 2010)	After 31 May 2010
MCD Centenary Conference	\$275.00	\$295.00
MCD Centenary Conference full-time student	\$195.00	\$195.00
MCD & ANZATS Conference	\$495.00	\$545.00
MCD & ANZATS Conference full-time student	\$390.00	\$390.00
MCD Centenary Dinner	\$100.00	\$100.00
ANZATS Conference	\$275.00	\$295.00
ANZATS Conference full-time student	\$195.00	\$195.00
ANZATS Dinner	\$75.00	\$75.00

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ..... Position ..... Organisation .....

Address ..... Suburb/City ..... State .....

Postcode ..... Telephone ..... Fax..... Mobile .....

Email ..... Special Needs/Dietary Requirements .....

I do not wish to have my name and details included in the delegate list.

HOTEL	LOCATION	ROOM TYPES	ROOM COST	BREAKFAST CHARGES
Vibe Hotel 3.5*	441 Royal Parade, Carlton	Standard Room or Twin Share	\$110.00	Breakfast \$20 extra
Trinity College on-site	University of Melbourne, Royal Parade, Parkville	Single Room shared bathroom	\$80.00	Includes daily breakfast
Mercure Welcome Melbourne Hotel 3.5*	265-281 Little Bourke St, Melbourne	Standard Room	\$116.00	Breakfast \$16 extra
Jasper Hotel 3.5*	489 Elizabeth St, Melbourne	Standard Room	\$145.00	Breakfast \$20 extra

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been secured at highly competitive rates for delegates. A deposit of the first night's room fee must be included in your registration. Your credit card details provided at the time of booking will be given to the hotel of your choice to guarantee your booking. The deposit is non-refundable after 4 June 2010

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Delegate Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MCD Centenary Dinner \$100.00pp No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ANZATS Conference Dinner \$75.00 No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT PAYABLE (incl gst) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation Booking:

NAME OF HOTEL \_\_\_\_\_ In/Out \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Cheques please make payable to MCD and send to the Conference Managers, CLEMS, Suite 5, 250 Gore Street, Fitzroy Vic 3065.

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