

MT. TAMBORINE SENIORS' GET-AWAY!

10-13 Nov 2022



MT. TAMBORINE
CONFERENCE CENTRE

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THE CHALETs

COME & STAY

Our two chalet-style cabins are perched above the escarpment, adjacent to Tamborine National Park. Our self-contained units are perfect for couples' getaways, small group retreats or family holidays (6 guests maximum in each, though 4 is optimal).

Self-cater in the kitchenette. All linen supplied. Washing machine and dryer provided.

PRICING

Per Chalet includes 4 guests

2 night (minimum hire)	\$365
3 night stay	\$470
4 night stay	\$600
5 - 7 night stay	\$730
Extra guests	\$25 pp per night

TO BOOK

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Welcome

to the 2022 Seniors' Get-Away Convention

On behalf of the Seniors' Getaway Camp Committee, we are thrilled to welcome you to SGA 2022. We pray it will be a blessing to each one of you, and trust you feel welcome and at home in this beautiful place.

Reading through the Convention Handbook will help you to be a part of as many things on offer, as you choose.

Use the map on page 2 if you are unfamiliar with the site.

Mount Tamborine Conference Centre staff will be wearing distinctive name badges. They would be happy to answer any questions you have. See the staff photo on page 18.

You'll be glad to know we do have medical assistance just outside the office from our volunteer doctor Robyn Denner. You can call her between 9am – 5pm on: 0409 014 961. Also, there is a First Aid box and defibrillator on the outside wall of the MTCC office and in each house party. For a serious emergency call: 000.

Other important numbers are:
 Tamborine Mountain Medical Practice 5545 1222
 Tamborine Chempro Pharmacy 5545 1250

We trust you have a wonderful time here.



Greg & Jill Peacock
 MTCC Seniors' Get-Away Coordinators
 Mob: 0412 514 570

On the platform for this convention

The main speakers for this Get-Away are:



Andrew Prince

Andrew Prince

grew up in Sydney, originally training as a veterinarian. After working in rural and urban practices in NSW and QLD, Andrew studied theology at Moore Theological College in Sydney. In 2003 he returned to Brisbane and pastored two Baptist churches before joining the faculty at the Brisbane School of Theology in 2009. Andrew's doctorate was on the subject of contextual communication of the gospel across cultures. Andrew teaches missiology and practical theology – including on spiritual formation. He is the Director for BST's Centre for Asian Christianity, equipping Asian-focused Christians, churches and organisations so that the gospel advances to our near neighbours. Andrew is married to Susan and they have three teenage sons – Nathan, Matthew and Joshua.

Andrew's theme for this SGA is 'Maturity in Christ' and will be shared in four sessions, speaking from Genesis 44, Daniel 6, Luke 17 and 2 Corinthians 8.



Phil Thomas

Phil Thomas

comes from a background in farming, education, theology and missionary service. Phil and his wife Adele, served cross culturally for eight years in a remote indigenous community and five years as missionaries in Colombia, South America. On their return to Australia, they moved to Bundaberg where Phil ministered for 20 years as the Bible teaching elder at Bundaberg Bible Church. During that time, he was engaged in Bible teaching conferences at home and abroad. Since retiring from that church leadership in 2019, Phil has an ongoing work of encouragement particularly to small country churches. He currently serves on the Christian Community Churches (Aust), Qld. Missionary Advisory Council.

General Information

Podcasts & Videos

Phil Thomas & Andrew Prince's messages and the electives will be available for \$35.00, and you will be sent a link to the video and Podcast files a few weeks after the convention. If interested, complete the order form and take it to the MTCC office Reception Desk.

Evaluation Forms

Please be sure to complete the evaluation / feedback forms. The green A4 forms are for you to give us your impression of the overall event, and the A5, off-white feedback forms are for your evaluation of the elective sessions you may have attended. The forms will be collected after session 6 on Sunday.

Prayer

At 7:15 each morning we encourage you to participate in the prayer meeting at your house party:

Baptist Tamborine Lodge meeting room between cabins 2 and 3.

Camping Ground in the prayer tent near the Camp Kitchen.

Camp Tamborine in the meeting room ground floor north building.

Panorama Homestead meet on the front veranda.

WEC Centre meet on veranda outside the dining room.

TLC meet on the veranda looking north.

CMS people should join the TLC prayer meeting.

If you are not sure where to go, check with your accommodation hosts (House Parents).

Electives

Please read the information in this handbook regarding the Electives. There will be 4 different electives. (2 on Friday and 2 on Saturday each presented twice. This will enable you to attend all 4 if you would like to.) At the end of Session 2 on Friday you will be asked which electives you plan to attend,

Self Drive Outings

(at your leisure)

Listen for additional announcements and how to register if you have space in your car for someone else to come along with you. The MTCC staff will have information on the self drive outings at the back of the auditorium:

- i. Wander through the **botanic gardens** and smell the roses
- ii. Go chasing waterfalls, **Curtis Falls** (1.1k walking track) or **Witches Falls Circuit** (3.1k and just down the road from MTCC)
- iii. Did someone say cheese? **Witches Chase Cheese Co** makes all its cheeses on site and is well worth stopping by.
- iv. Experience three great lookouts, **Rotary Lookout**, **Hang Gliders Lookout** and **The Beacon @ Tamborine**
- v. Follow the '**Gallery Walk**' (Park the car and wander down Long

Road to explore the art, craft, gift and knick-knack stores along Gallery Walk)

vi. Feel on top of the world (**Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk**) - \$16.50 per person.

New Book Sales

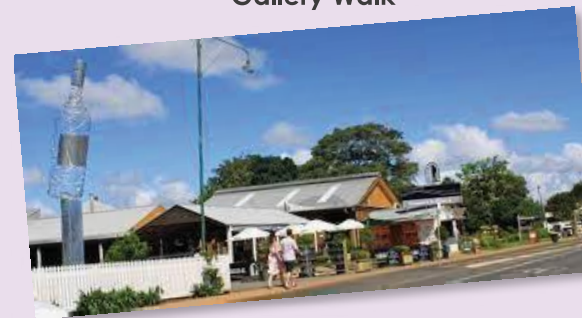
The Wandering Bookseller is back with us again. Look for their tables in the auditorium and catch up with John Board for all the news and information on what's new!

Second Hand Bookshop

Used books are in 'The Vineyard Bookshop' outside the west wall of the auditorium. Jim & Grace Vine would love to meet and assist you to find real bargains. This will be open at least 15 minutes before and 30 minutes after each auditorium session.

Self Drive Outings

Gallery Walk



Hang Gliders Lookout

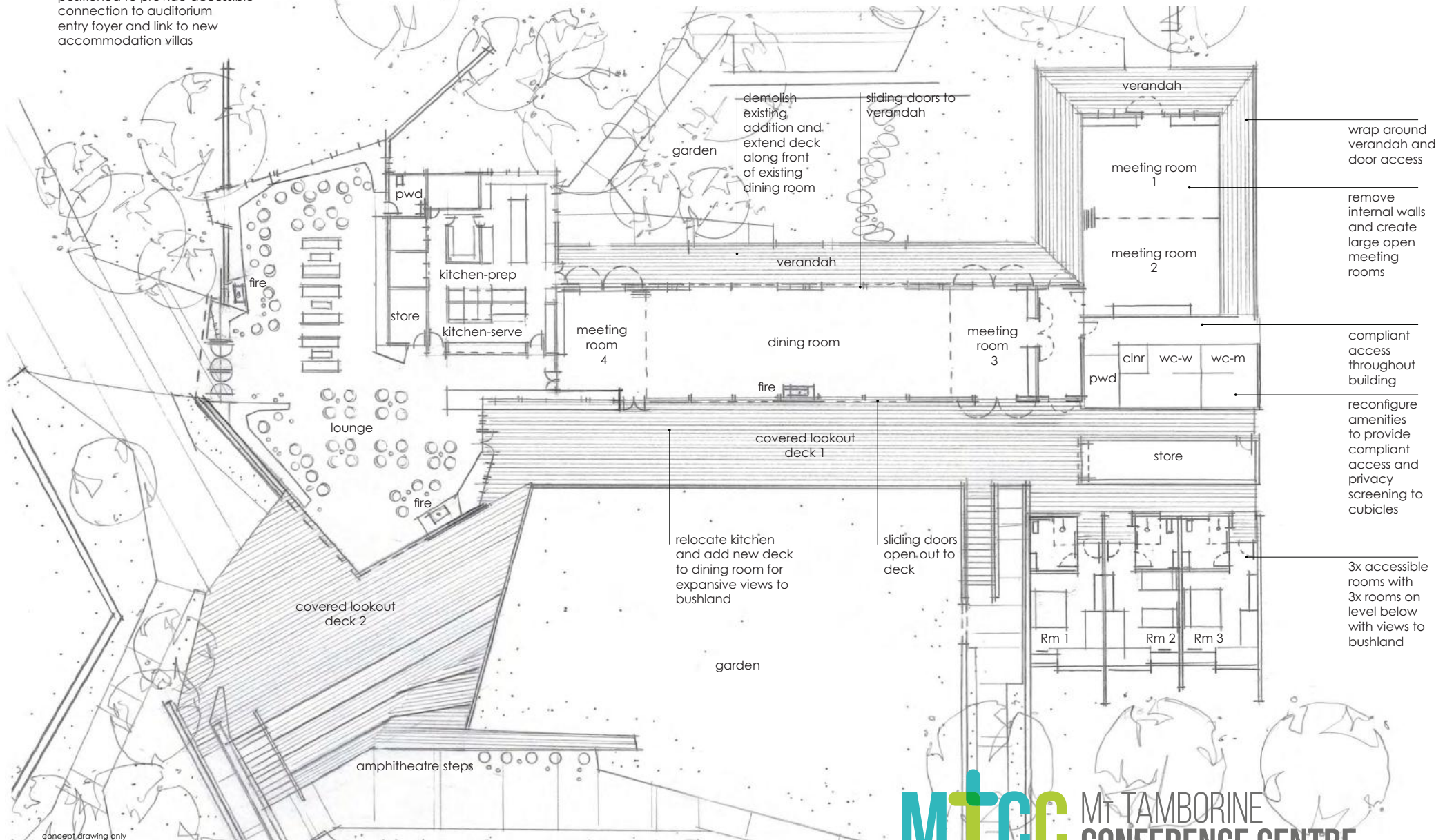


Water falls

NEW ENTRY ARRIVAL

positioned to provide accessible connection to auditorium entry foyer and link to new accommodation villas

PROPOSED RENOVATION | CAMP PANORAMA



concept drawing only

MTCC MT TAMBORINE CONFERENCE CENTRE

Camp Panorama Redevelopment

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The beauty of Mt Tamborine Conference Centre, the amazing land and space ordained for Christian witness and use in the late 1950's, has been the scene of many great Bible teaching events organised not only by MTC but by many other Bible focussed organisations.

Whilst we have an amazing site that speaks so clearly of the Creator's skill, our accommodation no longer meets convention needs and community expectations. In order to continue to be relevant into the future, we need to take action now. As part of our standard operations, we have routinely asked for feedback on our programs and accommodation, to which you have repeatedly told us that our accommodation needs to be updated and modernised.

Currently the Mount Tamborine Convention (MTC) Board is considering what a future redevelopment of Panorama Homestead could look like.

To date, along with our architects, we have held two visioning sessions to test proposals that canvas what aspects of Panorama can be maintained and enhanced, along with new build options to complement the existing footprint.

In the near future, plans and proposals will be tested, firstly with our membership and key stakeholders, then more broadly.

What we can tell you is that the initial proposals are very exciting and represent a quality retreat centre, which will be relevant well into the future.

A main focus of the redevelopment will be the inclusion of accommodation, suitable for wheelchair and disability access. Key to future proofing the accommodation is provision of ensuite and flexible room layouts. The architects have taken into account the natural beauty of the site which is reflected in the design proposals. It is planned to build following the contours of the land with the built environment blending with the surroundings looking out to the rainforest behind Panorama.



How can you help?

There are many ways you can help the convention see this project into reality:

1. Please pray with us that through this process we can discern what God wants for this magnificent site and let us walk by faith and not by sight.
2. Encourage your church or organisation to book a retreat and stay at one of our sites. By doing so you help provide much needed funds for the upkeep of our beautiful properties.
3. Get away and relax, book one of our chalets and have some 'mountain time'.
4. Financially support the redevelopment process. There will be many costs to be incurred including architects, surveyors, specialist reports and development application.



Thank you for walking with us as we jointly seek to ensure Mt Tamborine Conference Centre remains relevant and a place of inspiration, until Jesus returns.

What are the Electives about?



Lorraine Walker:

Topic: " Old Age Ain't For Sissies"

Do you have an Enduring Power of Attorney? An Advance Health Directive? Would your Executor know what to do with your estate, or even where to find your computer password? Find answers to these and more such perplexing questions that we encounter as we age.



Graham & Andrea Sercombe:

Topic: "Retire to Refire"

Graham has pioneered and developed Life Bridge Community Chaplaincy to serve in large shopping centres in Brisbane. This has proven to be a great opportunity for chaplains to "Be there..." to listen, care and share with people who pass by.

Other retirement opportunities for ministry will also be presented during this elective.



Wendy Francis:

Topic: "There but by the grace of God" - speaking the truth in love

Those who understand the depth of God's love should be the most loving of all. Sadly, a well-meaning commitment to truth can sometimes be misunderstood by others as hateful. In this elective, Wendy will share examples of how she has learnt to "Speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15), in some challenging circumstances.



Carmen Cheong-Clinch

Topic: "Joy of Music in Healthy Ageing"

Carmen is a music therapist with the Qld Children's Hospital & Adolescent Mental Health Units, where her work is in doctoral research around music & youth mental health. Her research has expanded to ongoing research in music & positive mental health & well-being for adults in healthy aging.

MTCC Seniors' Get-Away Program

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Thursday

- 3:00pm** Arrive at the Auditorium Check-In desk.
3:30pm Afternoon tea - auditorium refreshments area
4:30pm Get-Away Band members' sound check in auditorium
5:30pm **Dinner** (in your house party or as directed)
7:15pm **Hymn Sing in the auditorium** -
 Graeme Carnell - song leader, Carly Nisbett - pianist,
 Cliff Bingham - organist and "The Seniors' Get-Away Band."
8:15pm **Meet and greet** - Informal welcome to speakers and guests.
8:45pm **Supper** - in the auditorium refreshments area.

Friday

- 7:15am** **Prayer meeting** in your house party.
8:00am **Breakfast** in your house party or caravan
9:30am **Session #1** "Growing in faith through uncertainty"
 Andrew Prince - Gen 12:1-7; 22:1-19; Heb 11:8-12
10:20am **Morning tea** - auditorium refreshment area
10:55am **Session #2** "John the Baptist - a voice"
 Phil Thomas - John 1:6-37
12:30pm **Lunch** (in your house party or as directed)
2:00pm **Electives:** - Lorraine Walker, and Graham & Andrea Sercombe
3:15pm **Afternoon tea** - auditorium refreshments area
4:00pm **Electives Repeated:** - Lorraine Walker, and the Sercombes
5:30pm **Dinner** (in your house party or as directed)
7:15pm **Session #3** "Growing in forgiveness through mistreatment"
 Andrew Prince - Gen 37:1-18; 44:1-45:14; 1 Pet 3:8-12
8:15pm **Campers' Concert** - Maurice Smith MC, Carly Nisbett,
 Cliff Bingham, "The Seniors' Get-Away Band" and other performers
9:00pm **Supper** - in the auditorium refreshments area

Saturday

- 7:15am** **Prayer meetings**
8:00am **Breakfast** in your house party or caravan
9:30am **Session #4** "Epaphroditus - a supporter"
 Phil Thomas - Philippians 2:25-30
10:30am **Morning tea** - auditorium refreshments area
11:00am **Session #5** "Growing in thankfulness through suffering".
 Andrew Prince - Ruth 1:1-7, 19-22; 2:19-22; 4:13-17;
 Matt 1:1-18; Heb 5:7-9; 12:2
12:30pm **Lunch** (in your house party or as directed)
1:30pm **Self Drive Outings:** As per General Information (page 6)
2:00pm **Electives:** - Carmen Cheong-Clinch and Wendy Francis
3:15pm **Afternoon tea** - auditorium refreshments area
4:00pm **Electives Repeated:** - Carmen Cheong-Clinch
 and Wendy Francis
5:30pm **Dinner** (in your house party or as directed)
7:00pm **Saturday Night Concert:-** Featuring a Silent Movie and the
 "Toowoomba Gospel Band" with Michael Schmidt.
9:00pm **Supper** - in the auditorium refreshments area

Sunday

- 7:15am** **Prayer meetings**
8:00am **Breakfast** in your house party or caravan
9:30am **Communion Service** - Phil Thomas
10:15am **Morning Tea** - auditorium refreshments area
11:00am **Session #6** "Growing in perseverance through adversity"
 Andrew Prince - Dan 1:1-21; 6:1-28;
 Heb 11:32-12:3; 1 Pet 4:12-19
11:50am **Official close**
12:30pm **Lunch** & house party closing comments



Enjoying This Convention?

Don't forget to save the date For SGA 2023
Speaker: Stephen Gaukroger

The 9th Annual Seniors' Get-Away Convention
9-12 November 2023.

Registrations open 1 August 2023.



Stephen Gaukroger

Over his 40 years in Christian leadership, Stephen has had opportunities to preach, teach and consult in more than 50 different countries.

His ministry began in a local church context, after gaining a degree in business and then a theological degree and pastoral diploma from Spurgeon's College. For 14 years he oversaw remarkable church growth as Senior Pastor of Stopsley Baptist Church, Luton, before spending 12 years as Senior Minister of Gold Hill Baptist Church in Buckinghamshire – one of the largest Baptist churches in England.

Stephen was also President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (1994-1995). This role grew Stephen's passion for preaching and teaching internationally and laid the groundwork for the ministry of Clarion.

Stephen is also hugely involved in a wide variety of Christian initiatives. He is a Vice-President of the Bible Society and holds positions on a number of Councils of Reference, both as a member and as Chair, including Open Doors, Jews for Jesus and The Rooftop International Ministries. He works closely with Agape Europe in an advisory capacity. He's also Patron of Viva - an international organisation that works with vulnerable children round the world.

He enjoys spending time with his family – his wife Janet, their three adult children and their five grandchildren.

We'd love to see you again next Year!

What's on at MTCC?

2023

(Check www.mtcc.org.au for Events and Registration details)

PARTNER	MTCC	PARTNER	MTCC
 Capernway Teaching	<i>Combined Churches of Mt Tamborine Christmas Carols</i>	 CMS	EASTER CONVENTION 2023
18-20 NOV 2022	25 NOV 2022	6-11 JAN 2023	6-10 APR 2023

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SENIORS PLUS CONVENTION 2023	 MISSION Matters	 CWCI AUSTRALIA	SENIORS' GET-AWAY 2023
5-8 MAY 2023	22-24 SEPT 2023	18-20 NOV 2023	9-12 NOV 2023

2022 This is my story, this is my song

"Blessed Assurance" is a well-known Christian hymn. The lyrics were written in 1873 by blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby to the music written that same year by Phoebe Knapp.

The tune was written first, then the lyrics. Knapp played the tune to Crosby - remember she is blind.

When Knapp asked Crosby, "What do you think the tune says?", Crosby replied, "Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine." ... The popular song reflects Crosby's walk of faith, as expressed by the apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (ESV).



What does the hymn Blessed Assurance say to you?

Throughout 2022 you will have the opportunity to share as much or as little as you want. We want to hear how God impacted your life through attending MTC conventions, camps and retreats. Maybe it is memories of family time at MTC, or you gave your life to Jesus through the ministry here at MTC. Is there an experience or convention speaker that comes to mind?

There are plenty of ways in for you to share your stories. If you don't know where to start, why not use the questions below as a guide, or go back through your old snapshots or slides.



Some ideas to help capture your stories from Mount Tamborine Convention

1. What are your earliest memories of MTC?
2. What do you recall as being your special moment(s)
3. How did Jesus work in your life through your experiences at MTC?
4. Is there a convention speaker that has particularly impacted you?
5. What were some of the hymns/music that you loved to hear whilst at convention? Who were the song leaders, musicians or music team?
6. Any funny or memorable moments you can share?
7. Your name(s) - happy if you want to remain anonymous!

Please send in PDF, Word or just in an email when you are finished to:

bookings@mtcc.org.au

We really want to hear from you!

Lined area for taking notes.

Announcing –

MTCC Seniors Plus Conference May 5-8, 2023.

An extended weekend of teaching and fellowship.

For those 75 years and older.

- For encouragement in the Word.
- For singing the great old hymns.
- For renewing great friendships.
- For upholding missions in prayer.
- For personal preparation for Glory.

Seniors Plus is designed for our elderly friends who fit better into a less busy program and a smaller group. This 2023 MTCC conference includes:

- 4 Bible teaching sessions.
- 2 Hymn Sings with testimonies & items.
- 3 Electives, and 3 Missions focussed Prayer Meetings.

As we see ourselves getting closer to meeting the Lord Jesus face to face, there are times when we need to sharpen our trust in the eternal promises of God. We are not left to wonder *if* we will to heaven, but we can actually face the future confidently because the resurrection of the body is one of the greatest promises in Scripture. We need

not hope so; we can indeed *trust* so, because the Lord Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you," In another place Paul wrote "If we believe Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus." We have a wonderful future to actively anticipate – an eternity with Christ. *This is one emphasis of Seniors Plus 2023!*



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Meet The People

who produce the audio and video programs

Sound engineering is an art in itself, and being an I.T. Professional requires study, experience and the ability to innovate when things go wrong. We are grateful to have these two, Chris Nainby and David Vine who have that blend of ability, and added to that a love for the Gospel and the work of the Mt Tamborine Convention.

Chris and Dave have worked together in the Recording & I.T. business for more than 35 years. They have been serving separately and together on sound and now video at many MTCC conventions since Chris returned from missionary service in Austria in 2006. The Vine/Nainby team not only provide the sound equipment and control the PA in the auditorium, but they also record all audio and video, then edit and produce the MP3 and MP4 recordings for streaming later. During conventions they are the first to arrive each morning and the last to leave the auditorium each night, often not till 11pm.

Note:

This year we are asking that the **auditorium be vacated by 9:30** each evening, so the audio editing can be done in relative quietness. Chairs and some tables will be in the fellowship tent between the auditorium, bookshop and office, so that attendees can enjoy their suppers with their friends, and not be worrying about time constraints.

If you know of some younger I.T. enthusiasts, who would love to be learning from – while assisting Dave & Chris at conventions here, please let CEO Ross Dinnar know. MTCC is a good place to serve the Lord.



Chris and Margaret



Dave and Deb

Helping our ministry...

Here are some ways which you can help to support Mount Tamborine Convention's Bible teaching ministry:

Commit to prayer how you can support this amazing ministry potential, talk with your friends and people you know who have experienced MTCC before and know how important the precinct is;

Direct deposit to our special bank account (regular or one off gift):
Westpac BSB 034 051 Account 641436
(use your first/last names as a reference)

Credit card: See one of the friendly MTCC team or -
Click on the 'Support Us' button on the MTCC home page and look for 'Donate' and follow the instructions, alternatively call the office on 07 5545 1419

Cheques:

Addressed to Mount Tamborine Convention, PO Box 38, North Tamborine, Qld 4272



Thank you



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