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Weaving Wisdom & Wonder

Women's conference

2018 | Program

Welcome

UnitingWomen 2018 is a time for Christian women to gather, grow and be inspired.

UnitingWomen is a diverse event for young women, older women and women in-between ... a chance to share your wisdom and your story.

Whether you are a traveller on the way or a seeker, at UnitingWomen you will find acceptance, encouragement and revelation as women come together in God's name, weaving wisdom and wonder.

Thursday 27 September

Honour Room – Top level of Foundation Building #15 on map. Entrance via Gate 1, Graham Street, Somerville House Campus

- 5:00pm** **Registration** (*opens*)
- 5:45pm** **Light refreshments** (*served to 6:45pm*)
- 6:45pm** **Gather** (*make your way to the Honour Room and be seated*)
- 7:00pm** **Welcome**
 - Baringa Kukoyi (Welcome to Country)
 - The Honourable Di Farmer
 - Dr Deidre Palmer, President, Uniting Church in Australia
- 7:50pm** **Community Building and Worship**
- 9:30pm** **Close of day**

Friday 28 September

Building #10 – Valmai Pidgeon Performing Arts Centre [E Block]. Entrance via Gate 7, Graham Street, Somerville House Campus

- 7:30am** **Registration** (*continues*)
- 8:30am** **Gather** (*make your way to the Auditorium*)
- 8:45am** **Worship and Bible study**
Worship lead: Newlife Uniting Church
Bible Study: Victoria Lorrimar
- 9:30am** **Keynote: Strength and Resilience**
Eloise Wellings
- 10:30am** **Morning tea**
- 11:00am** **Keynote: Opening the Treasure Box**
Lyn Diefenbach
- 12:30pm** **Community Building / Check-In**
- 12:45pm** **Lunch**
- 1:45pm** **Weave** (*make your way to the workshops*)
- 2:00pm** **Workshops (90 minutes)***
- 3:30pm** **Afternoon tea**
- 4:00pm** **Workshops (60 minutes)***
- 5:00pm** **Close of workshops**
- 6:00pm** **Dinner**
6:00pm for 6:30pm dinner–Tongan Feast at Park Uniting Church (ticket holders only)
or Free Night

***see workshop selection on the back page**

Saturday 29 September

Building #10 – Valmai Pidgeon Performing Arts Centre [E Block]. Entrance via Gate 7, Graham Street, Somerville House Campus

- 8:30am Gather** (*make your way to the Auditorium*)
- 8:45am Worship and Bible study**
Bible Study: Jane Kennedy, UnitingWorld
- 9:30am Open Space / Unconference**
Introduction and Overview
Facilitator: Tina Lathouras
- 10:30am Morning tea**
- 11:00am Open Space / Unconference**
(*continued*)
- 12:30pm Lunch**
- 1:45pm Open Space / Unconference**
Reflections and Sharing
- 2:45pm Martha Yamsiu (Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu) in conversation with Bronwyn Spencer (UnitingWorld)**
- 3:30pm Afternoon tea**
- 4:00pm Beyond Wonder Women. What now for the next generation of women leaders in the church?**
Panel Members: President Deidre Palmer, President Elect Sharon Hollis, Thresi Mauboy and Sue Ellis; Panel
Facilitator: Heather den Houting
- 4:45pm UW18 Spectacular**
Mall and front of school area
• Marketplace
• 6:00pm dinner served
• 7:00pm Riverfire Spectacular (fireworks)
- 8:30pm Close of day**

Sunday 30 September

Building #10 – Valmai Pidgeon Performing Arts Centre [E Block]. Entrance via Gate 7, Graham Street, Somerville House Campus

- 8:45am Gather** (*make your way to the Auditorium*)
- 9:00am Story Sharing**
• Alison Cox and Jasmin Cox
• Kate Prowse
• Sheryl Scanlan
• Bec Reidy and Robyn Hardge-Scott
• Hayley Kitchener
• Sono Leone
- 10:00am UW18 Closing Keynote**
Brooke Prentis
- 10:30am Morning tea**
- 11:00am UnitingWomen 2018 handover UnitingWomen 2020**
- 11:30am Worship Service** (*full Communion service and Liturgy—open to the public*)
- 12:30pm Close of day**

Workshops

Friday 2:00pm (Auditorium and Level 3 Classrooms)

- 1. Getting to the Heart of Authentic Leadership**
Sonya Trau, *Auditorium*
- 2. Remembering the Circle**
Penelope Hamilton, *Level 3, room Yellow-E305*
- 3. Ethics and Worship Experience in Church Schools**
Anne Wright, *Level 3, room Black-E306*
- 4. Evocations from "Sisters in Scripture"**
Amelia Koh-Butler, *Level 3, room Red-E307*
- 5. Simulation activity: Experience the real-life challenges of people living in a remote village**
Sureka Goringe and Mardi Lumsden, *Uniting World, Level 3, room Pink-E308*
- 6. Holding the Space of Dying**
Amy Cadd, *Level 3, room Blue-E309*
- 7. You Can Ring My Bells**
Yvonne McRostie, *Level 3, room Green-E310*

Friday 4:00pm (Auditorium and Level 3 Classrooms)

- 1. God Woven Creativity—using our gifts wisely**
Sarah Hands, *Auditorium*
- 2. How to Build Community**
Tina Lathouras, *Level 3, room Yellow-E305*
- 3. Wisdom, Wonder and Wellbeing**
Mary O'Hara, *Level 3, room Black-E306*
- 4. Engaging with People on the Margins**
Bec Reidy, *Level 3, room Red-E307*
- 5. Friendship, Comfort and Fun (makeup: more than vanity)**
Leah Svanberg, *Level 3, room Pink-E308*
- 6. God as the Weaver of Mission and Fullness of Life**
Martha Yamsiu Kaluatman and Bron Spencer, *UnitingWorld, Level 3, room Blue-E309*
- 7. Singing Our Past and Future**
Ruth Ghee, *Level 3, room Green-E310*

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