

## Master of Ceremonies/ Keynote Speaker:

**Robyn Moore** is a deeply committed Christian/Catholic and is Australia's most in-demand female speaker. After 40+ years in Education, Advertising and the Communication/Entertainment Industry, she has developed unique communication skills which enable her to 'tailor' presentations that are highly entertaining, inspiring and thought provoking. Through humour, powerful stories and life-altering distinctions she helps 'clear the way' for insights which will:



**Re-ENGAGE** you with your whole LIFE ... (Vocation, Purpose, Family, Relationships, Community ...YOU!)

**Re-ALIGN** you with your Mission, Vision, Values and Goals.

**Re-INVENT** attitudes and behaviours... increasing access to personal responsibility and self-determination. The by-products are Leadership, Integrity and Authenticity.

**Re-GENERATE** Passion, Energy, Productivity, Laughter and Work/Home balance.

**Re-MIND** you about what 'really matters' in your life! You'll get to experience Possibility, Optimism and Satisfaction again ...and the desire to pass this onto others.

**Re-STORE** confidence in the future ... by accessing Authorship and BEING.

Robyn is an Ambassador for the Australia Day Council, the Australian Childhood Foundation and has been National Patron of Make-A-Wish Australia for 18 years. Robyn is delighted to be MCing this Conference and looks forward to taking this personal journey with you into "The Ground of our BEING".

## Keynote Speakers:

**Stephanie Dowrick**, PhD, has been exploring our "human potential" and power for good in a number of ways for almost four decades. Formerly a publisher and founder of the London publishing house, The Women's Press, she is also a trained psychotherapist and an ordained Interfaith minister. She is now best known for her critically acclaimed and much loved books. They include Intimacy and Solitude, The Universal Heart, Forgiveness and Other Acts of Love, Creative Journal Writing, Choosing Happiness, In the Company of Rilke, Seeking the Sacred, Everyday Kindness and Heaven on Earth. She has written successful fiction but now writes and teaches on a variety of spiritual, psychological and ethical issues of vital concern. For ten years she was a columnist for Good Weekend magazine (Sydney Morning Herald and The Age) and still contributes to the ABC, to Australian media and to social media, including her inspirational public Facebook page.



Since 2006 she has led interfaith services for a large, diverse community at Pitt Street Uniting Church in Sydney and for many more years has led regular spiritually inclusive retreats in Australia and overseas. Dr Stephanie Dowrick is also a mother and grandmother, and has lived in Sydney since 1983. [www.stephaniedowrick.com](http://www.stephaniedowrick.com)

**Dr Chris Kavelin:** has taught 'Spirituality and Social Transformation' at Macquarie University for 10 years. He has worked with networks of traditional healers around the world including Native American, Maori and Aboriginal.

He has worked closely with Heads of State in the Pacific in helping create national systems of traditional health. His greatest interest is to facilitate the recognition in others that each person, culture and religion has a unique intrinsic form of spiritual genius that is a source of humility for us and inspires a genuine affection for all members of our common human family.



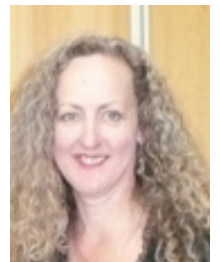
**Sr Michele Connolly** rsj: Academic Dean and Lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. She is an inspiring communicator who brings alive the sacred texts of Christians – especially the New Testament. One focus will be the awareness of understanding the time, culture and settings of sacred texts so that our 'modern' mind can break open their message more completely.



**Rev. Dr Sarah Bachelard:** An Anglican priest and theologian, Sarah is a former Rhodes Scholar with degrees in theology from Oxford University and philosophy from the ANU. She is the founder and director of Benedictus Contemplative Church, a research fellow at the Australian Catholic University and a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. She is the author of *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis and Resurrection* and *Moral Imagination*. One question she asks is 'How does meditation as a contemplative practice of the presence of God help us all – regardless of our beliefs?'



**Cheryl Holmes:** Cheryl has had extensive training and professional experience in healthcare and healthcare chaplaincy and pastoral care. She was a Speech Pathologist prior to embarking upon life in chaplaincy. In 1994 Cheryl was employed as the inaugural Chaplain Coordinator to Peninsula Health in Victoria (a large multi-site health facility). In 1999 she was appointed Coordinator for Health Chaplaincy for the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and became the Chief Executive Officer to Spiritual Health Victoria (formerly Healthcare Chaplaincy Council of Victoria) in 2002, becoming full time in the position in June 2007. Cheryl has held positions as the National President of the Australian Health and Welfare Chaplains Association and the National President of Spiritual Care Australia.



**Dr Abul Farooque** is the Flinders University Muslim Chaplain and adjunct senior lecturer in the School of Education. Abul was born in Calcutta, India. He gained a Masters Degree in Islamic History and Culture and a second Masters Degree in Modern Indian Language from Calcutta University. Abul worked briefly as a Deputy Magistrate in India, before departing to England, undertaking a PhD in the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. He finished his Doctorate degree at the Australian National University in Asian Studies. Abul taught at Flinders University in the School of Education and in the Department of Asian Studies for more than 27 years. He was one of the founder members of the Pakistani Australian Association of South Australia, and was President for eight years. With his wife, he founded an Urdu School in Adelaide, which they ran for 10 years; Abul was also President of the South Australian Multi-faith Association for eight years.



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