

Dear Brother Deacons

I write to invite you to register for the 2017 Biennial National Association of Deacon's (NAD) Conference. The Tasmanian committee have been working hard to ensure that you have an enjoyable time in Hobart and Tasmania. We wish to advise you of some information you need to be aware. The conference can be registered at the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/205328>

PROGRAM

Over the last few months the Tasmanian Deacon's and the National Executive of the NAD, have been working on the program. The original advertised program has been slightly adjusted to accommodate some major events and occasions in the diaconate. These include the 50th Anniversary of the re-establishment of the permanent diaconate in the Latin Church and the release and launch of the new Norms and Guidelines for Australian Deacon's. A revised program is below.

Thursday March 23: (Best Western Hotel – The Terrace Room)

09:00-13:00 NAD Executive Meeting

(Best Western Hotel – Outside The Goulburn Room)

12:30-18:00 Registration *

(Best Western Hotel – The Goulburn Room)

16:00-16:15	Introduction	<i>Deacon Nick MacFarlane</i>
16:15-17:45	Evangelisation through marriage & family	<i>Dr Brigid McKenna, Archdiocese of Hobart</i>
18:00-19:00	Acknowledgement of Country & Welcome	<i>Deacon Nick Kerr, National Association of Deacons</i>
	Opening and Blessing	<i>Archbishop Julian Porteous,</i>
	<i>Archdiocese of Hobart</i>	
19:00-20:30	Convivium/Finger Food #	

Friday March 24: (Best Western Hotel – The Goulburn Room)

08:00-08:30	Registration	
08:00-08:30	Networking *	
08:30-09:00	Morning Prayer	
09:00-10:00	Go therefore and make disciples	<i>Archbishop Julian Porteous,</i>
	<i>Archdiocese of Hobart</i>	
10:00-10:30	Discussion	
10:30-11:00	Morning Tea *	
11:00-12:00	Called and Gifted Workshop	<i>Mrs Clara Geoghegan, Siena Institute Australia</i>
12:00-12:30	Discussion	
12:30-13:30	Lunch and Networking *	

13:30-14:00 National Council of Priests (NCP) **Fr Mark Freeman**
14:00-15:00 The five thresholds to intentional ***Mrs Clara Geoghegan,***
discipleship ***Siena Institute Australia***
15:00-15:30 Discussion

(Best Western Hotel – The Wellington Room)

15:30-16:30 a) Wives Forum (Including Afternoon Tea)

(Best Western Hotel – The Goulburn Room)

15:30-16:30 b) State of the Diaconate (Including Afternoon Tea)

(Best Western Hotel – The Goulburn Room)

16:30-17:00 c) Report
17:00-17:15 Walk to Cathedral

(Cathedral)

17:15-18:15 Adoration/Evening Prayer/Benediction (***Cathedral***)
18:15- Evening free (Dinner at own choice)

Saturday March 25: (Best Western Hotel – The Goulburn Room)

08:00-08:30 Networking *
08:30-09:00 Morning Prayer
09:00-10:00 Alpha ***Mr Kevin Bailey and***
Mrs Lorraine McCarthy,
Alpha Australia

10:00-10:30 Discussion
10:30-11:00 Morning Tea *
11:00-12:30 Evangelisation in the international ***Rev Professor Klaus Kiesling,***
Diaconal context ***International Diaconal Centre***

12:30-13:30 Lunch and Networking *
13:30-14:30 Evangelisation in the international ***Dr Stefan Sander***
Diaconal context ***International Diaconal Centre***

14:30-15:00 Discussion
15:00-15:30 Afternoon Tea *
15:30-17:00 ***An introduction to the new norms***
and guidelines ***Fr Paul Cashen MSC***
Rev Dr Michael McEntee
Australian Catholic Council for
Church Life and Ministry

17:00-17:30 Discussion
17:30-19:00 Free Time
19:00-22:30 Conference Dinner #
(Speaker) ***Mr Kevin Bailey,***
Alpha Australia

Sunday March 26: (Cathedral Centre)

08:00-08:30 Networking *
08:30-10:00 ***Where to from here? Off to Mission!*** ***Dr Christine Wood,***

*Office of Evangelisation
Archdiocese of Hobart*

10:00-10:30	Vest for Mass (Alb and Violet Stole required)	
10:30-12:00	Mass St Mary's Cathedral	<i>Archbishop Julian Porteous, Archdiocese of Hobart</i>
12:00-12:30	Conference Wrap-up	
12:30-17:30	Site Visits – Bookings Essential	
12:30-16:00	a) L'Arche	
12:30-16:00	b) Richmond Sightseeing tour Boxed Lunch	
12:30-16:00	c) Cathedral tour & Bethlehem House visit Boxed Lunch	
12:30-17:30	d) Harbour Cruise Boxed Lunch	

* Tea/Coffee available

Refreshments available

ACCOMMODATION

The Best Western Hotel our accommodation and main conference venue have advised that a third of the held accommodation has been booked, so you need to make your accommodation booking directly with the Hotel on 03 6232 6255 and quote NAOD to be offered either King rooms at the rate of \$152 bed and breakfast (1 person) or \$170 bed and breakfast (2 persons) or Executive King Rooms at the rate of \$182 bed and breakfast (1 person) or \$200 bed and breakfast (2 persons). If you are planning to come to Tasmania earlier or stay after the conference, Best Western has advised that room bookings for after the conference are almost at capacity. Please contact the Best Western ASAP to secure your accommodation needs.

PRAYER

Booklets will be provided in your conference satchel for Morning Prayer on Friday and Saturday and Adoration/Evening Prayer/Benediction on Friday.

FINAL MASS

If you are wish to participate in the final Mass on Sunday morning you must bring your Alb and Violet stole.

TASMANIAN WEATHER

March in Tasmania is time of year to visit, but at any time it could become cool, so we encourage you that you might like to bring a jacket/jumper etc. with you.

Tasmania enjoys a temperate, maritime climate. Nights can be cool throughout the year, so some warm clothing is recommended.

The average summer temperature is a comfortable 21°C (70°F). Winter's average is 12°C (52° F).

TASMANIA

Tasmania has a special something that energises and inspires, making it the perfect place for hundreds of home-grown events and festivals as well as the ideal location for many national and international events.

Tasmania offers a combination of stunning natural landscapes, modern man-made venues and a culture that embraces the state's environment, food, wine, history and heritage. And if you want to drive, ride, run, raft, pedal, walk, sail or paddle we've got award-winning [roads](#), [tracks](#), [rivers and oceans](#) to choose from.

Tasmania is winning many awards both nationally and internationally not the least of which is Lonely Planet's ranking of Tasmania in the 10 coolest places to visit in 2015.

HOBART

Hobart and the south was named one of the top 10 cities in the world to visit in 2015 by the Lonely Planet's Best in Travel Guide; voted 'Best Weekend Away' in 2013 by Gourmet Traveller's Readers' Choice Awards; the second friendliest city in the world by Conde Nast Traveller readers. With spectacular Mt Wellington (Kunanyi) as its backdrop and situated along the shores of the beautiful River Derwent, Hobart's historic architecture and stately parks makes it one of Australia's most picturesque capital cities.

It's the combination of stylish venues with breath-catching views, Hobart's thriving food and arts culture, and an enviable events calendar that has everyone raving.

RETAIL

Most shops are open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday with reduced opening hours on weekends and public holidays.

An online directory of Hobart CBD shops can be found at <http://onehobart.com.au>.

Launceston is fast becoming renowned as 'the' destination in Tasmania for boutique shopping. Whether your taste lies in the latest fashions, you love homewares handmade by local artisans, or you are more the foodie type, your biggest problem will be finding luggage space for the journey home. Visit www.destinationlaunceston.com.au for your guide to our local treasures.

SUPERMARKETS

Most convenience stores and supermarkets are open for extended trading hours, seven-days-a-week (7am – 7pm or later).

TOURING AND ATTRACTIONS

Hobart, Tasmania's capital city, offers a blend of heritage and lifestyle with world class activities and attractions nearby.

In Hobart, explore the converted colonial warehouses of Salamanca and on Saturdays there's [Salamanca Market](#), Tasmania's most visited attraction. From here it's a short walk to the [Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery](#).

South of Hobart are the clear waters and stunning coastline of Bruny Island and the beauty of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. An alternative route passes through the Huon Valley alongside the tranquil Huon River and on to the rugged Hartz Mountains National Park.

To the east are the wineries of the Coal River Valley and further on is Tasman National Park, with its spectacular coastline and historic convict sites.

Heading west, the road follows the beautiful River Derwent through the Derwent Valley and on to the grandeur of [Lake St Clair](#) in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

And if you're travelling north to Launceston, the Midland Highway, dubbed the Heritage Highway, offers many opportunities to learn of Tasmania's heritage past, with homesteads and country cottages revealing the state's early colonial history along the way.

Pennicott Wilderness Journeys: Offers 6 different experiences, including the Bruny Island Cruise - winner of Australia's best Tourist Attraction 2014 and 2015 <https://www.pennicottjourneys.com.au/about>.

Par Avion wilderness Tours: Offers a variety of spectacular tours by air showcasing the Tasmanian World Heritage wilderness. Aircraft are also available for charter <http://paravion.com.au/>.

Port Arthur Historic site: One of Australia's most important heritage sites and tourist destinations. Taking out the Tasmanian Tourism Award for Major Tourism Attraction along with Heritage and Culture Tourism, this attraction was visited by over 270,000 people in 2015 <http://portarthur.org.au/>.

Bonorong Wildlife Park: An Australian animal wildlife sanctuary perfect for individuals or groups. Giving the opportunity to meet the animals up close, enjoying a traditional Australian barbeque and be part of an inspiring conservation story <http://bonorong.com.au/>.

Lark Distillery: Located in the CBD, the award winning Lark Distillery offers a cellar door, whisky bar and tours. In 2015 at the World Whisky Awards in London, founder Bill Lark was inducted into the Whisky Hall of Fame (the first distiller in the Southern Hemisphere to achieve this and only the 7th person not from Scotland or Ireland) Larkdistillery.com.

The Cascade Venue Visitor Centre (Cascade Brewery Co): The ideal location for your event. Nestled in the foothills of the panoramic Mt. Wellington surrounding bushland, with the sandstone facade of Australia's oldest brewery as its backdrop, the venue is situated only a 7 minute drive from Hobart CBD. The centre is a fusion of colonial past with modern contemporary with over 3 acres of award-winning heritage gardens. <https://cascadebreweryco.com.au/>

Barilla Bay Tasmania: Established in 1980 by the Forrest family. Initially operating as an oyster producer and exporter, the business has expanded to incorporate both hospitality and tourism industries. <http://www.barillabay.com.au/>

Hobart Walking Tours: Offers history, stories, colonial buildings, hidden gems, walking around beautiful Hobart with knowledgeable guides and some of the best food, wine, whisky and cider in Tasmania <http://hobartwalkingtours.com.au/>.

Mawson's Huts Replica Museum: Hobart's newest tourist attraction. A full-scale replica of the historic huts used by Douglas Mawson's Australasian Antarctic Expedition (AAE) 1911-14. Located on the waterfront just 50 metres from Constitution Dock and only a few minutes' walk. The replica provides an important link with Australia's Antarctic history and presents an intimate glimpse of how 18 men lived and worked in such confined conditions. Built and operated by the Mawson's Huts Foundation not-for-profit charity to generate funds for the ongoing conservation of the historic buildings in Cape Denison, Antarctica. <http://www.mawsons-huts-replica.org.au/>

Tahune Airwalk: Is where you walk through the three-storey high canopy of a Tasmanian wet forest - home to amazing flora, including Eucalyptus Regnans - the world's tallest flowering plant! Set in Tasmania's magnificent Tahune Forest Reserve, the Tahune AirWalk is an experience you will not want to miss. Journey through the heart of the southern forests on this secure walk which is suspended high above the forest floor and offers a spectacular panoramic outlook of Tasmania's unique tree species. The Tahune AirWalk extends for 597 metres, taking you on an amazing tour through the treetops of naturally regenerated forests. Discover the changing scenery of this gorgeous forest through different stages of its lifecycle. Open daily: 9am-5pm November to March, 10am-4pm April to October (closed Christmas Day and during hazardous weather conditions). www.tahuneairwalk.com.au

Russell Falls: One of Tasmania's most treasured places. The falls delight every visitor and can be reached by a very easy track that may suit some wheelchair users and those with strollers. You can return from the Falls via the same track or follow the creek back by crossing the bridge below the Falls. Located in [Mt Field National Park](#), this easy walk will take you through a mixed forest comprising towering swamp gums, the tallest flowering plant on Earth, and species typical of wet forests and cool temperate rainforests, such as dogwood, musk and myrtle. Towards the Falls, the track is framed by stunning tall tree ferns. The Falls themselves are impossibly picturesque. At night time [glow worms](#) can be seen among the vegetation on the approach to the Falls; however, you will need to turn torches off. A handrail will help you move along the track in the dark. <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/?base=1494>

TRANSPORT

Most accommodation venues are in easy walking distance of shops, restaurants and attractions. Quality transport providers are readily available for large groups. Public transport in the form of taxis, ferries and buses is reliable and of a high quality.

Airport transfers via shuttle bus, taxi, coach, chauffeured car or limousine are reasonably priced and readily available. Transfer via amphibious seaplane is also available.

Daily sailings from Melbourne to Devonport on the Spirit of Tasmania ferry with your car (and then drive to Hobart – 3hrs 30min) providing the perfect opportunity for pre and post touring.

Metro Tasmania is the State Government operated Government Business Enterprise known as Metro to undertake public passenger bus services in the major urban areas. The extent of

Metro operations can be found on its website, along with information on routes, timetables, fares and other relevant information <http://www.metrotas.com.au/>.

Regional and Statewide Connections around the State are provided by private bus operators, and some areas also have supplementary services provided by tourist bus operators. Please check with the [Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre](#) for further information.

Taxis operate within most metro areas, although they are not always readily available in the smaller towns around Tasmania. Taxis with larger capacity, or with wheelchair carrying ability are generally available on request.

- Taxi Combined Services 13 2227
- United Taxis 13 3222
- Yellow Cab Maxi Taxi 13 6294
- Airport Taxi Service Group 0418 179 202
- Chauffeured Cars & Coaches 1300 308 000
- Executive Taxi Service 0411 488 734
- Tascabs Hobart incl. Prestige Taxi Service 0406 106 067
- Uber (refer to the app)

Experience Tasmania is a local charter and tour company and Grayline Agent. Vehicles can take from 4 – 53 passengers and include 4wd Landcruiser, Tarago, Mini Coaches (up to 12 persons), Mid-range Coaches (20 – 34 persons) and large coaches (48 – 53 persons) <http://experiencetas.com.au/tasmania-bus-tours/bus-coach-hire>.

Bargain Car Rentals as well as the normal range of car rentals, Bargain Car Rentals also offers an 8 seat van, 12 seat mini bus, 25 and 28 seat coach and luggage trailer. The local Hobart office can also offer local touring itineraries and group quotes <http://www.bargaincarrentals.com.au/locations/hobart>.

Red Decker is a local double decker city sightseeing business also offering charter services for up to 220 persons. Entertaining local commentary <http://www.reddecker.com.au/>.

Budget Rent A Car has a wide range of vehicles to suit all your travel needs from the economical Hyundai Getz to the exhilarating Ford XR6. <https://www.budget.com.au/locations/carrental/tasmania/hobart>

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Avis Australia is the leading car rental company in Australia servicing both leisure and business travellers. With over 240 locations around the country, including all major airports, Avis is conveniently located close to your holiday or business destination. <http://www.avis.com.au/car-rental/html/Landing/sem/au/tas/hobart/hbt.html>

RESTAURANTS

Tasmania is renowned for great food.

To explore Tasmania's many restaurants, download the 'Dining Out Tas' iPhone app FREE from the [iTunes App Store](#).

Embers: Embers bar-pizza-grill serves a seasonal menu of contemporary Australian cuisine from the grill, coupled with fresh wood-fired pizza showcasing the best locally-grown produce.

The restaurant is open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Each morning guests are able to enjoy Embers' espresso coffee with an extensive breakfast buffet, either continental or cooked, or to choose from our a-la-carte menu. Alternatively, guests are welcome to dine in their room with 24 hour room service on offer. <https://www.bestwestern.com.au/hobart/hotels/best-western-hobart/restaurant/>

Me Wah: Fine dining, Chinese <http://www.mewah.com.au/hobart/>.

The Glass House: Exceptional floating dining bar on Hobart's waterfront <http://www.theglass.house/>.

Aloft: Fine dining and impeccable credentials also located in the floating Brooke St Pier <http://aloftrestaurant.com/>.

Pancho Villa Restaurant and Bar: Newly opened in North Hobart's food hotspot. Creative cocktails and menu <https://www.facebook.com/Pancho-Villa-Restaurant-and-Bar-435728769948228/>

Frank: Newly opened waterfront restaurant with Argentinian share menu <http://frankrestaurant.com.au/about-frank/>.

Ristorante Da Angelo: Well established reliable Italian restaurant in historic Battery Point <http://daangelo.com/ristorante/>.

Jack Greene: Casual dining in Salamanca Place featuring craft beers and gourmet burgers <http://www.jackgreene.com.au/>.

Customs House Hotel: Sandstone heritage listed pub on Hobart's waterfront <http://www.customshousehotel.com/>.

Roaring Grill: Showcasing the best of Tasmanian beef and located in North Hobart <http://roaringgrill.com/>.

Drunken Admiral Seafarers Restaurant: Established for over 30 years, and serving the freshest of Tasmanian Seafood <http://drunkenadmiral.com.au/>.

Smolt: Featuring beef, lamb, venison, wallaby and Tasmanian Salmon with Italian and Spanish influence. <http://smolt.com.au/>.

Jackman and McRoss: Iconic bakery located in historic Battery Point <https://www.facebook.com/Jackman-and-McRoss-139201119459938/>.

Daci and Daci: French patisserie and restaurant on Hobart's waterfront <http://www.dacianddacibakers.com.au/>.

Ball and Chain Grill Restaurant: Situated in the heart of historic Salamanca Place. It is the ideal location for your next offsite dinner or corporate incentive. From an intimate private dining room for 8 to a seated formal dinner for 60, we have several spaces we can customise to deliver the perfect Tasmanian experience for your guests or clients.

OTHER INFORMATION

To find out what's on in Tasmania, download the 'What's on in' iPhone app FREE from the [iTunes App Store](#).

To find out more of what experiences you can enjoy in Tasmania, the following links will be helpful and informative:

Discovertasmania.com.au is the state's official tourism website which offers all the information about where to go, what to do and travel information. You can also find out what events are happening while you are in Tasmania.

www.hobarttravelcentre.com.au is the website for the Tasmanian Travel & Information Centre located in Hobart which can also provide valuable travel and itinerary information.

The Tasmanian Deacons/Candidate and wives are looking forward to welcoming you on behalf of the NAD to Hobart and Tasmania in a few short weeks.

Tasmanian Organising Committee