



Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

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The Anglican Church Creates Community

350 members of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle will learn about the importance of developing community connections as well as growing communities within the church at the Diocese's annual convention, held this weekend.

Clergy and laity will gather together to hear encouraging stories from around the Diocese and learn from guest speakers about ways to reach the community.

Anglican Bishop of Newcastle, Dr Brian Farran said, "The idea of the convention is to invest more carefully in the community life we have within the Diocese as well as learn how to further our links with the community."

"Within the Diocese we have growth corridors on the Central Coast, in the Maitland area and also in the Manning as people come to the area for tree change and sea change lifestyles and we believe it's important the church connects with these communities," he said.

Guest speaker at the Convention, Allan Tranter is a Director and founder of the organization, Creating Communities in Perth. He will discuss how the church can be an important part of the broader community as well as how community can be created within the Diocese.

Mr Tranter said, "These days the world has so many options that organizations, including the church, really need to connect with the community to make an impact and I will be discussing how this can be achieved."

The event will also highlight many of the exciting activities taking place around the Diocese of Newcastle including, presentations on the Newcastle African Australian Learning Activities at the Parish of Merewether and the community op-shop run by the parish of Wingham.

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