

# OPEN BAPTISTS

# 2026

## Annual Conference



Open Baptists is a new movement of Baptist churches in Australia and New Zealand, open to the diversity of people God gathers into our churches and open to the diversity of ways that God calls us to respond in our local contexts. Our 2026 conference will be a live-in event and include a dedication service for the first group of pastors accredited by the Open Baptists Committee for Ministry. Our conference is based on the Open Space Technology method where conference participants bring their own questions and ideas for group discussion, as we explore:

**HOW DO WE, AS OPEN BAPTISTS,  
EXPLORE, AND COURAGEOUSLY  
AND GENEROUSLY SHARE LIFE  
LIVED TO THE FULL?**

## 12-14 JUNE

**LIVE-IN CONFERENCE  
6PM FRIDAY TO  
2PM SUNDAY**

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE  
247 ST ANDREWS ROAD  
VARROVILLE NSW

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**DR TANYA RICHES**

Our keynote speaker (7pm Friday) and preacher (11am Sunday) will be Dr Tanya Riches, Director of the Master of Transformational Development, Eastern College Australia. Tanya will be exploring how we, as Open Baptists build a resilient, courageous, and generous faith - and how we do this together. How do we encourage drawing on community - rather than withdrawing - when the journey is long and arduous? What does it mean to be part of the communion of the saints?

### REGISTRATION:



To register, and for information about the range of affordable accommodation, scan the QR code or visit [www.openbaptists.org](http://www.openbaptists.org)