

# TRANSFORMING WORK:

## Bridging the Sunday-Monday Gap

Join with us as we re-imagine what it might look like to follow Jesus in the everyday, ordinary context of the workplace



### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**David Benson**  
MALYON COLLEGE



**Lindsay McMillan**  
REVENTURE



**Kara Martin**  
RIDLEY MARKETPLACE INSTITUTE

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## Conference Focus

### Questions we will be exploring:

- Is God interested in the work we do and the people we work with?
- Do the 40+ hours we spend a week at work matter as much as the hours we spend in church related activities?
- Is there a gap between what we do and say on Sunday and how we live the rest of the week?
- Should our faith have any impact on our work?
- How might the time we spend when the church is gathered impact on what happens when the church is scattered – when we go to our workplaces?

## Who should come?

- Anyone who participates in paid work and is wondering how their Christian faith might impact and shape that participation.
- Young Christians at school or university who are about to enter the workforce and want a heads up on how their faith might prepare and sustain them in challenging workplaces.
- Church leaders with a passion to equip, encourage and empower Christian workers in their congregations to catch a vision for serving God in the workplace.

## How do I register for the conference?

All conference registrations and payments are able to be completed on line at

<http://www.trybooking.com/118020>

When registering, you will also be asked to select your workshop preferences, so please read the conference program carefully before commencing registration.

If you are making a group booking, please make sure you are aware of **workshop preferences** and **dietary needs** of fellow attendees before commencing the registration process.



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## What are the conference fees?

<b>Early Bird Registration</b> (prior to May 20).....	\$45
<b>Early Bird Group Registration</b> ..... (5 or more participants, prior to May 20)	\$40
<b>Standard Registration</b> .....	\$55
<b>Standard group registration</b> ..... (5 or more participants)	\$50

## What if I register but am unable to attend at the last minute?

If you find that you are unable to attend the conference and would like a conference fee refund, please email **Murray Wright** at [info@malyonworkplace.org.au](mailto:info@malyonworkplace.org.au)

A \$10 non-refundable administration fee will apply.

## What are the catering arrangements?

- All food and beverage costs are included in the conference fees.
- Morning, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.
- Coffee, tea and pastries will be available on arrival.
- If you have special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, gluten free), please let us know during the online booking process and we will do our best to meet your requirements.

## Where can I park?

Parking is available on site or in Prospect Road. Follow the directions to Malyon College.



## Where can I find out more information?

1. Full conference and booking information is available at <http://www.trybooking.com/118020>
2. Or, visit the Events page of the Malyon Workplace Website at <http://malyonworkplace.org.au/tag/events>
3. If your question is not answered there, please feel free to contact the conference convenor.

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8.30 am **Conference opens - registration / networking / tea & coffee**

Come early and enjoy a fresh coffee from the coffee van or a cuppa and a pastry so you are ready to go!

9.00 am **Conference welcome**



**Rev Dr John Sweetman**  
Principal of Malyon College

9.15 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

9.15 am **Working theologically - what on earth am I here for?**

All of life is for God's glory. This includes the highs and lows of our mundane existence. This includes our everyday vocation. In the current rush to transform work, though, have we slipped into triumphalism and forgotten Christ? In this keynote address, Dave will unpack Jesus' mission in Luke 4 and 10. Centred in the kingdom of God, we are invited to join Jesus in working for shalom and salvation. This expansive theological frame is a safeguard and a springboard for all we do. In the big story of creation, fall, and redemption, we discover what on earth we are here for.



**David Benson**  
Malyon College lecturer, Director Malyon Traverse

10.00 am **Working practically – what is the experience of work in Australia and globally in the 21st century?**

What does that mean for Christians today? What is the current experience of workers in Australia and globally? How do we as Christians interact with a dynamic world of work that is 24/7/365? Lindsay has recently concluded interviewing 50 business leaders worldwide to gain their understanding and observations of the current business landscape and the future of work and organisations. He will provide an overview of this research, the issues impacting Australians at work and frame a Christian world view of work. Why is there a gap? Lindsay brings a wealth of business experience and insights into this very practical topic.



**Dr Lindsay McMillan**  
Managing Director, Converge International

10.30 am **Personal reflection & workplace mapping – a facilitated activity**

10.50 am **MORNING TEA**

11.20 am **Working pastorally – how can churches support Christians on their workplace frontlines?**

How can churches encourage, equip and empower Christians for effective work and witness where they spend a large proportion of their waking hours? Kara has worked with churches to help them activate an integrated approach to connecting Sunday worship with Monday working, including by seeing that worship does not end on Sunday, but can be expressed through working.



**Kara Martin**  
Associate Dean, Ridley Marketplace Institute, Melbourne

11.50 am **Working Transformationally – Personal stories of how a biblical understanding of work has transformed the experience of work**

12.10 pm **Personal reflection & workplace mapping – a facilitated activity**

12.30 pm **LUNCH**

1.30 pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 1\***

<b>A</b>	Artwork with the head, the heart and the hand	Lindsay Farrell
<b>B</b>	Transforming teaching: a workshop on educating for shalom	David Benson & Ann Farrell
<b>C</b>	Business As Mission (BAM) as a basis of transforming work	Rod St Hill
<b>D</b>	I am what I do? How the Gospel changes the way we think about who we are and what we do	Andrew Laird
<b>E</b>	Resources to go!	Kara Martin & Murray Wright
<b>F</b>	Leading for life in the life of work	Liam Glover
<b>G</b>	Can Jesus get a hearing in the boardroom and the lunch room?	Glenn Hohnberg
<b>H</b>	Work experience: learning from success and failure	Graham Hooper

2.30 pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 2\***

<b>A</b>	Fostering a Christian workplace culture in the health sector	Geoff and Anne Mitchell
<b>B</b>	God and science in the workplace: UFC title fight or epistemological bro-mance?	Paul Berkman
<b>C</b>	Meaningful or meaningless? Where is God in my work as a tradie?	Richard Morris
<b>D</b>	I am what I do? How the Gospel changes the way we think about who we are and what we do <i>(Repeat session)</i>	Andrew Laird
<b>E</b>	Resources to go! <i>(Repeat session)</i>	Kara Martin & Murray Wright
<b>F</b>	Leading for life in the life of work <i>(Repeat session)</i>	Liam Glover
<b>G</b>	Can Jesus get a hearing in the boardroom and the lunch room? <i>(Repeat session)</i>	Glenn Hohnberg
<b>H</b>	<i>A Big Year – A journey in following Jesus every day</i>	Steve Drinkall
<b>I</b>	Making an impact for God in the Workplace	Wes Leake

3.20 pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

3.45 pm **Plenary - panel discussion & response**

4.15 pm **Reflection & prayer**

4.30 pm **Conference concludes**

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Malyon houses three Centres which are at the national forefront of writing, networking and training in several key areas. At the Malyon Centre for Transforming Work (which we call Malyon Workplace) we understand that most Christians don't work in churches. In fact, most Christians spend most of their time in their workplace, wherever that happens to be – in an office, a hospital, a school on a construction site, in their own business or in a mine!

But many Christians are not sure how to live out their faith deeply and effectively at work. They are not sure how to connect their faith with their daily workplace issues. And they are not sure how their work makes any difference to God.

So Malyon Workplace offers coaching (seminars, mentoring, conferences, roundtables), a community (of Christians committed to engaging with issues of work/faith integration), and resources (check out [www.malyonworkplace.org.au](http://www.malyonworkplace.org.au)). We seek to equip Christians to transform both their personal experience of work and their workplace culture.

Malyon Workplace also supports church leaders in growing fruitful disciples who have a commitment to whole-of-life discipleship.

# WORKSHOP OVERVIEWS

Let's learn together with speakers and presenters who will share biblical wisdom and real world experience.



Scan QR Code to read Speaker Biographies

## 1A Artwork with the head, the heart and the hand Associate Professor Lindsay Farrell



How can artwork be an important way of partnering with God's work of renewing and saving His world?

## 1B Transforming teaching: a workshop on educating for shalom David Benson and Professor Ann Farrell



If God is the great educator, leading us out from death to life, how might this transform our teaching? If Christ is about total salvation, healing what is broken and calling us to flourishing in all life's facets, how should schools and curriculum be structured? In this session, you will have a chance to re-imagine education from a kingdom perspective. In dialogue with Ann and Dave, we will chart how teaching today reflects the very good of creation, the messiness of the fall, and carries the hope of redemption. In turn, we'll strategise together so that our teaching truly serves shalom.

## 1C Business as Mission (BAM) as a basis of transforming work Dr Rod St Hill



This workshop addresses the importance of Business as Mission (BAM) in transforming work in nations that lag in economic development and are often closed to missionaries. Participants will be introduced to the history and importance of BAM, its current state of development, and potential in the future with reference to examples. They will have an opportunity to develop a rudimentary BAM plan for a business that might transform work in a nation in which they are interested.

## 1D I am what I do? How the Gospel changes the way we think about who we are and what we do Andrew Laird



### 2D

In our world today "I am what I do" is a philosophy that many live by. We measure our value and worth by what we achieve and accomplish through our daily labour. But this can be a miserable and even deadly philosophy to live by. In this seminar Andrew Laird will explore the culture changes that have occurred in the last 100 years which have resulted in our identity being so caught up in our work. He'll also explore how the Gospel transforms the way we think about ourselves in relation to our work.

## 1E Resources to go! Kara Martin and Murray Wright



### 2E

As a Christian it is easy to feel isolated in the workplace, not sure of how to find help when facing challenges to your faith. As a church leader, you can feel out of touch with the modern workplace, and unsure of how to relate your teaching and care to the workers in your congregation. Murray and Kara will demonstrate the variety of resources available to help you inform your working: in the workplace and the church. There will be ideas for books, websites, videos, podcasts, teaching and small group resources, interviews, Facebook sites, songs, liturgy etc.



## 1F Leading for life in the life of work Liam Glover



Jesus suggests he came that we may have life in all its fullness – including our life of work! As leaders we can influence or lead people in vocational contexts to experience life in its fullness and create environments where those with whom they work experience the same. God's redemptive purpose of seeing humanity flourish can go beyond merely making an organisational profit to empowering workers to contribute uniquely for the ultimate benefit of communities. Let's explore ways we can lead so that workers in our organisations experience life in all its fullness.

## 1G Can Jesus get a hearing in the boardroom and the lunch room? Glen Hohnberg



Church statistics tell us we are going backwards in reaching Australia. We need to rethink reaching Australia and central to this understanding is the necessity of sharing Jesus in the 21st Century Australian workplace. We'll explore this necessity and how Christians can share Jesus in the lunch room and the boardrooms of Australia.

## 1H Work experience: learning from success and failure Graham Hooper



If I had sent you a greeting message at the beginning of the year and wished you 'every success in the year ahead'... what would have come into your mind? How would you measure success in this coming year? How would you measure success at work? We may strive for success but how do we deal with it when it comes? How do we deal with failure? All of us fail at some time in some way, either to achieve what we want to achieve or to be the person we want to be. What do we learn from failure? How do we recover?

## 2A Fostering a Christian workplace culture in the health sector Professor Geoff Mitchell and Anne Mitchell



Working with patients constantly raises the issue of when and how to bring up faith issues with patients. The health of the work environment is profoundly affected by the culture of the workplace. When working with vulnerable people, it is critical this is done well or our patients will suffer. This workshop will explore how to honour God in a health services workplace by influencing the culture and environment.

## 2B God and science in the workplace: UFC title fight or epistemological bro-mance? Paul Berkman



Science and Faith are pitted against each other in the public dialogue as if selling the modern intellectual WWF Smackdown. But is it really so? For Christians in science professions, this dialogue can be a daily challenge. This workshop will provide space for us to wrestle with questions on how we know what we know, what might God have to do with science, and how to deal with the plethora of responses that arise in science workplaces to this multi-faceted issue.

## 2C Meaningful or meaningless? Where is God in my work as a tradie? Richard Morris



Join your tradie mates and explore some challenging questions: Is gathered church overrated? Is the scattered church undervalued? Who am I in business? What does integrity look like in the world of a tradie? Is following Jesus good or bad for business? Does God value tradies? What might be the bible's foundation and scaffolding for our work?

## 2H A Big Year: a journey in following Jesus every day Steve Drinkall



If you have ever wanted to introduce some 'Jesus-like focus' to your workplace but have never quite been able to sustain the old Bible study in the lunchroom then you may need to consider doing 'a big year'. 'A Big Year' is a simple resource and frame that publishes practical challenges each month around the key themes of Jesus teaching. It can be done with as few as 3 colleagues and focuses people on living out the way of Jesus in their particular workplace. It is free, portable and driven completely from an app on your phone. Steve Drinkall will be talking us through how you can have a discipleship focus in whatever place you find yourself. Offices, job sites, prisons, schools or retail.

## 2I Making an impact for God in the workplace Wesley Leake



As Christians we are called to be salt and light in the workplace. That is not just about sharing the gospel at every given opportunity but about living out our faith in the marketplace. It includes praying for the answers to the problems that are being faced and seeking God for solutions. It is how to treat your boss and other staff members. Coming to grips with what St Francis of Assisi said when he said "preach Christ and only if necessary use words". During this session you will think through practical ways in which we can be Christ in the workplace.