



# Annual Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

## 2017 REPORT

*I pray that they will all be one... so that the world will believe... John 17:21*

# Breakfast Purpose

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## Councillor Nuatali Nelmes, Lord Mayor of Newcastle

*The purpose of the Lord Mayor's Breakfast is to acknowledge God, the power of prayer and to invite the blessing of God over the Great Newcastle Region and her people.*

The Annual Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast brings together like-minded people and organizations to celebrate shared values that benefit our community. These values unite us and help all of the Greater Newcastle residents, irrespective of their background, feel a commonality of purpose and place.



## Rick Prosser, Kingdomworks Chairman

On Friday, 2 June 2017 hundreds gathered for what was a very significant time together and especially so as we honoured the outgoing Anglican Bishop Greg Thompson. The Lord Mayor Cr Nuatali Nelmes chose DALE young Parents School as the beneficiary and a short film about Newcastle, coal and faith was shared by professor Bob Loo. The Reverend Paul Whiting (New Vine Baptist Church) led a prayer of declaration and blessing over our region!

Than you to all the principals, students and schools, churches, businesses and charity leaders who participated. Thank you to all the sponsors for their financial support and thank you to all who attended. It is a great honour to be able to share this significant Church, Civic and Community event with you.

Blessings

  
KINGDOMWORKS CHAIRMAN



# Who Attended

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Since 2009 representatives from Newcastle churches, charities, schools, businesses and civic leaders have gathered for the Annual Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. By 6:45am on Friday morning the 2 June 2017 hundreds had gathered ready to pray and declare God's blessings over the city.

The breakfast was followed by the Student Leadership Forum. The forum was established in 2013 in conjunction with the Annual Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. The purpose of the student forum is to connect this generation of leaders with the next. Forum Panelist's including the Lord Mayor, Paul Green MLC and Andy Skidmore CEO of Burn Bright shared leadership and life principles with students.

Participating across the 2 events were:

- 400+ Guests
- 70 + Organisations

These organisations included:

- 10 High Schools
- 1 College
- 25 Churches
- 17 Charities / Christian Organizations
- 9 Businesses





# Program

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*Thank you to all who participated in the program.*

Student hosts from local high schools & Morling College: Plunge Gap Year.

Pastor Marty McCrindle from Generation City Church who was the Master of Ceremonies and who led prayer for the NSW Police Service.

Lord Mayor of Newcastle Councillor Nuatali Nelmes who brought the Official Welcome, awarded the beneficiary (DALE Young Parents School) and honoured Bishop Greg Thompson.

Pastor Sue Irwin from The Grainery Church whose team produced the morning.

The Connett Family performing and praying for families of the region

Pastor Stu Brown for leading the artists from combined churches.

Theo Rule and Professor Bob Loo's short film.

Steve Blake from Liberty for the Nation's leading prayer for churches and missions.

Pastor Ryan Croxford from C3 Church Newcastle leading prayers for Civic Leaders.

Sarah Nash from Sarah Nash Photography leading prayers for Business Leaders.

Pastor Paul Whiting from New Vine Church Maryland's for leading the prayer of declaration and blessing.

The Kingdomworks Team (Sarah, Jen, Tonya and Maria) for hosting the morning.

Matt Schultz for hosting the Student Leadership Forum.



# 2017 Breakfast Beneficiary

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Each year the Lord Mayor selects a charity to be the beneficiary of the breakfast. The 2017 beneficiary winner was the DALE Young Parents' School.

The submission was made by Jamie Boys who is on staff at the school. Jamie stated that “the support of the Lord Mayor’s Breakfast would demonstrate to our young parents that they are valued and crucial contributors to our community.” The award was received by school principal Bronwyn Thoroughgood who attended the breakfast along with staff and school graduate Abbie DeCosse.



The proceeds of the breakfast for the beneficiary are raised through sponsorship and donations made by guests for the breakfast table centerpieces. This year’s centerpieces were donated by the incredibly talented Rowena Proudlock who is the owner of ‘Divine Gemz’.

Beautiful scented candles and crystals.

**\$11,000**

was donated to DALE from the generosity of the sponsors, Divine Gemz and guests of the breakfast.



# In Honour of Bishop Greg Thompson

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*How good and  
how pleasant it  
is for brothers  
to dwell  
together in  
unity...for there  
the Lord  
commanded  
the blessing –  
Life  
forevermore.  
Ps 133*

The Lord Mayor and Ministers from Churches throughout the City came together at the breakfast to honour The Right Reverend Greg Thompson the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Newcastle.

Thanking him for his 3 years as Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle and for his courage and leadership that has led to deep cultural change in the church and the community around the protection of children and the support of victims of abuse.

Bishop Greg has led the Diocese to greater health. The Lord Mayor presented the Bishop with a certificate from the City of Newcastle and spoke of his courage and example to the community. Pastor Rick Prosser called the ministers of the city to come and stand with Bishop Greg and together they prayed for healing for the people of Newcastle, the church and the city.

All those present stood in unity in prayer with the Bishop and also stood and honoured him with a spontaneous and resounding standing ovation.



A gift from the churches was given to Bishop Greg Thompson presented by Pastor Sue Irwin, a beautiful painting by Lake Macquarie Artist Saretta Fielding.





# Prayer of Declaration and Blessing



**Together we give you thanks for this city, this region and her people.**

**Today we commit them to you.**

We speak healing and hope over this land.

We ask that the hand of the great physician go to work today that hardened hearts be softened, broken hearts be healed. Troubled minds find rest.

We declare the peace of God to reign in the hearts of every man, woman and child.

We ask that clouds of darkness and confusion be lifted off people today.

We ask for forgiveness to flow and reconciliation to reign.

We declare acts of wickedness to be bound and broken.

We declare healing to be released in Jesus name.

We ask that marriages and families to flourish.

We ask that every man, women and child be blessed with a hope for the future.

We ask that the creativity of heaven be released upon this city and her people.

Creativity that would give birth to solutions and pioneer new ways.

We declare you are a God who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly more than we can ask or imagine.

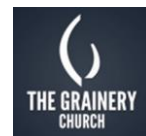
**Together we pray in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen**



# Thank You Sponsors

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The backing of Kingdom minded sponsors who contribute finance creates a foundation and unity of purpose that propels the purpose of the breakfast. Rick and his team appreciate greatly significant support, it also enables the breakfast to contribute significant funds to the beneficiary of the breakfast each year.



This event doesn't just happen but is the result of the commitment of many to ensure that it continues to be a bold statement to the city and region that the Christian believing community is one of great significance.

