

# **Celebrating in the Centre - the 50th and 80th Anniversaries of the John Flynn Memorial Church and Adelaide House**

## **Programme Details**

### ***Friday 5th May***

**3-5pm Meet and Greet in the Church Grounds** Register your participation in the weekend, and find out who else is here! Enjoy time in the John Flynn Memorial Uniting Church, chat over a cuppa at Adelaide House, and take in the Art and Craft Exhibition in the Hall. Musical entertainment will draw you to make your own pilgrimage back to the Heart of Australia.

**5.30pm Memorial Service at John Flynn's Grave** Recall the man and his vision, commemorating the 55th Anniversary of his death.

**8pm Welcome Celebration in John Flynn Memorial Church** Be treated to a rich 'welcome' from Alice Springs to launch our weekend of celebrations, followed by...

**8.30pm Damper, tea, coffee in Church Grounds** Real Bush hospitality!

### ***Saturday 6th May***

**9am Pilgrimage Tour of John Flynn Memorial Church sites** Revisit memorial sites of significant ministries of the John Flynn Memorial Uniting Church, including Mission House, the Church, Adelaide House, Griffiths House, and plaques commemorating the Methodist Church site. Mark out your own sites of significance as we go! At each of these, be part of dedicating the Vision for Ministry of John Flynn Memorial Church

**10am – Sausage sizzle** A big community breakfast on the lawns!

**10-11.30am – Guided tours of Adelaide House** Be treated to history first hand with our volunteer guides, and enjoy their hospitality over morning tea.

**12-2pm – Guided tours of the Traeger Museum, Old Timers Village** See the most extensive collection of Central Australian Historical artefacts in the Territory, and enjoy some warm soup in the grounds of Old Timers Village.

**2.30-4.30pm – Guided tours of The Fred McKay Education Centre and St Phillips College** See and hear what has grown out of Griffiths House, from the perspective of the students themselves! Enjoy the grounds while you have afternoon tea.

**6.30 for 7.00pm – Celebration Dinner at Wagglers restaurant at the Alice Springs Gold Club** A Celebration Spectacular with storytelling and the best of company, shared over a fabulous meal while you take in a view of the Centre's night sky. Bookings Essential.

***Sunday 7th May***

**10am Worship Service, John Flynn Memorial Uniting Church** The main event. With God, and with each other, we give thanks for the past, celebrate the present, and dedicate ourselves to the future. A gathering for all, in the flesh, and in spirit.

**Lunch – A picnic together on the Church Lawns with a variety of TakeAway food from the Todd Mall Markets** Stay around, peruse the market stalls and come back with delicious foods from many cultures to eat together at tables on the church lawns or Adelaide House verandahs. Catch up on local life in the Alice.

**7pm – Slides and Song evening, Church lawns** Come along with a chair or a blanket and picnic supper, to sing old favorites and see old faces. What a way to finish the weekend, remembering who we have been, and enjoying who we are.