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2005 ANGLICARE NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
YEPPOON, QLD  
**SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER – TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2005**

### **‘Making Connections Inspiring Change - Conversations to Challenge’**

The Anglicare Australia National Conference opened today at the Capricorn Rydges Resort, Yeppoon. The Conference is inviting **conversations to challenge** the ways Anglicare Australia agencies think about and do their work of care for people in a variety of circumstances and locations.

Anglicare Australia agencies work with some of the most disadvantaged, vulnerable and isolated people in the nation. Staff and volunteers work to connect them with the care and support that brings hope and new possibilities to their lives.

The newly elected Chair of the Anglicare Australia Council, Dr Ray Cleary said, “The current political, social and economic climate is producing a range of new issues and tensions for Anglican welfare agencies as they seek to define their mission and partnership with government and community in this new millennium. The challenge is to find the way, which honours and values the traditions of our past while engaging and embracing with the emerging global world, to ensure the common-wealth is shared amongst all and our common humanity acknowledged and enriched. This is a task and responsibility we share with all Australians”.

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