

# Breathe



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# BREATHE 2019: CHOSEN BY BERYL LANDERS

The Breathe Women's Conference is such a special time for Sydney Adventist Women. It's true that we may not always feel it during preparations in the run up to the conference, but we never fail to recognise the ways in which God has blessed it when all is said and done. These are some of the things that stuck out to us this year.

**Raising Our Spiritual Temperature:** BREATHE 2019 was not just another gathering of the girls. Women were moved, inspired and challenged by the Word of God that was shared by our very own local women speakers. There were constant opportunities for connection with God and each other through the many meaningful prayer sessions, devotionals and anointing services in the Prayer Room in addition to the incredible days of powerful worship, stirring sermons and testimonies and workshops.

**Reclaiming Members:** Disillusioned by church life and various individuals, Sheila\* left Church a number of years ago but never let go her faith in God. Invited by a friend to attend BREATHE Conference, she cautiously accepted. Her experience was positive and impactful. The friendly atmosphere, meaningful activities and engagements pleasantly surprised her. She eagerly accepted an invitation at end of the Conference to attend the very next week to enjoy worship and fellowship again. (\*Name has been changed.)

**Baptisms:** The highlight of BREATHE CONFERENCE was the baptisms of four beautiful women making their public declaration to follow Jesus with more than 500 people cheering them on. One candidate came into our lives through the HOPE STAYZ program. The baptism was followed by an inspiring celebration worship service where many responded to the call for recommitment.

**Impacting the Community:** One of the core values of Adventist Women's Ministries is to be involved in and support community projects. We believe that when God's girls gather, we can make a difference. BREATHE Conference provides the platform to present projects and mobilize our women. This year women responded with great compassion to the appeal by giving \$21,000 to help rescue girls from trafficking in Nepal.

**Evangelistic Opportunity:** It is encouraging to see how comfortable our women are to inviting their non-church friends to BREATHE Conference. About 9% of attendees were from other Christian faiths and one Muslim woman attended with her three children. Our Little Breathers program, our kids program run by a dedicated Little Breather's team, provides a beautiful safe environment for our children to learn about Jesus and is unexpectedly boosting evangelistic efforts.

We can't wait for BREATHE 2020 where we will be "More than Conquerors" with Chaplain Adrienne Townsend. Friday, July 31 to Sunday, 2 August 2020 at the TOPS Conference Centre. SAW online at [bit.ly/2mkjMep](http://bit.ly/2mkjMep).