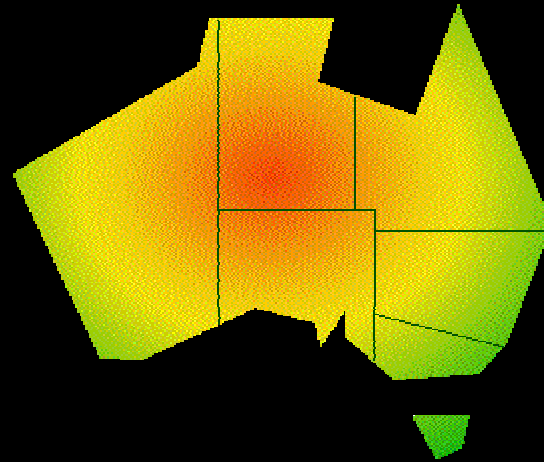


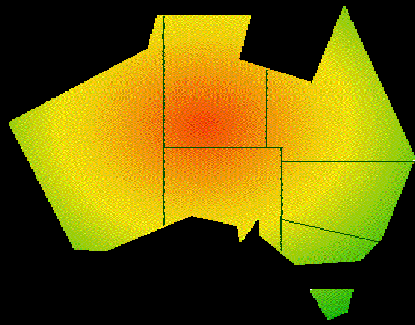
Connections for Life!



**Qualities That Matter in Building Healthy
and Effective Australian Churches!**

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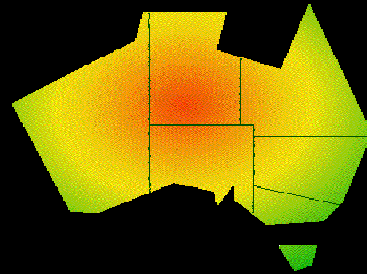
2001 National Church Life Survey Snapshot



- ✓ 435,000 attenders
- ✓ 7000 congregations
- ✓ 19 denominations
- ✓ 80% of regular Australian church attenders
- ✓ Largest survey of its kind in the world

Qualities That Matter

12 core qualities of healthy & effective churches



Health and effectiveness primarily measured by the church's integration of newcomers.

Qualities That Matter



1. An alive and growing faith

The importance of worship form/style that is relevant to the congregation and those we are seeking to attract.

43% of all attenders said their faith & relationship with God had grown significantly over the past year.



2. Vital and nurturing worship

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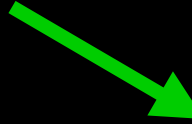


3. Growth in belonging and involvement

82% strong sense of belonging

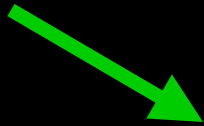
15% feel they do not belong.

Those who attend church infrequently is nearly the same as those who attend frequently



4. Active concern for people on the fringe of church life

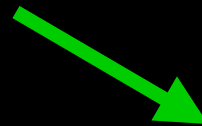
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5. Care for young people

**Building a positive
experience for
children**

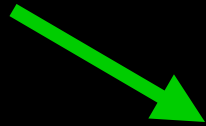
Youth/Young Adults



**Majority of churches
have a strong
internal focus**

**6. Focus beyond
ourselves**

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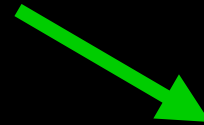
7. Serving the wider community

37% of attenders are actively involved in community service

52% feel at ease talking about their faith

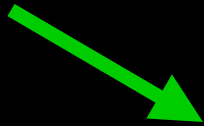
14% intentionally seeking opportunities to share

37% have invited someone, 23% wouldn't invite



8. Discussing faith and inviting others to church

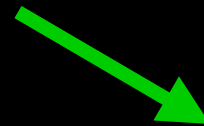
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9. Integrating newcomers

Important measure of growth

Only 6% have had no previous church attendance



A clear distinction between growing & declining churches

10. Clear and owned vision for the future

Qualities That Matter



11. Openness to new possibilities

The NCLS highlights the importance of creating an environment that inspires attenders, empowers those involved to develop their gifts and find their place in the church's ministry.

New wineskins are a key mark of vital Australian Churches.

The need to take risks in impacting the community.



12. Empowering and inspiring leadership

Qualities That Matter

What about us?

- ✓ **Strengths to build on ...**
 - ✓ **Areas for attention ...**
- ✓ **Questions to grapple with ...**