



Northside Elders Election Nominees 2025



Benjamin Crow

Benjamin and his wife Niki first joined Northside at the Crows Nest campus in 2017. After a brief period living in Tokyo from mid-2019 to late 2020, they returned to Crows Nest for a bit over a year before moving to the Turrumurra campus where they've been joined by their daughter Ember (1.5).

Ben was born in Australia, while Niki was born in Japan and moved to Australia when she was six. Ben was blessed to grow up in a Christian household, with church a key part of his life from a young age. Niki came to faith as a teenager at Christian holiday camps. As God would have it, the two met and began dating when Ben spent a number of years working at that same campsite. Ben also completed a Diploma of Ministry at SMBC during that time before going on to work in a ministry role at another conference center.

Over the years they've been pleased to serve Northside in a range of capacities. Most recently, Benjamin and Niki have hosted a young families Community Group, facilitated for the Alpha course and contributed to the worship team.

The desire of our church to stay true to the Gospel, always pointing to Jesus, is a big part of what motivates Benjamin to serve as an Elder.

Benjamin now works as a Software Developer for Culture Amp, when he's not caring for his young daughter, and hopes to bring a fresh perspective to Northside.



Nigel Hicks

Nigel, his wife Kayla and their two children Millar (9) and Carter (6) have attended Northside (Crows Nest) since they arrived in Australia nearly 13 years ago. Originally from New Zealand, Nigel was blessed with strong Christian values and a family that was heavily involved in Christian ministry. With service in ministry modelled from a young age, Nigel has served in many church roles, growing up leading youth groups, worship teams, bible studies and service planning teams.

Most recently at Northside Nigel and Kayla have led several young adult community groups, contributed to the worship team, and been involved in the children's ministry. The potential our church has to make an impact throughout our community is a big part of what motivates Nigel to serve as an Elder.

Nigel works in product marketing for Apple and hopes to bring his unique perspective and qualities developed throughout his career and Christian journey, to help in the growth and outreach of Northside.