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With the continued rollout of the NDIS, planning for change is something our sector understands.

At the 2017 NDS Victorian Conference we’ll be taking the conversation in the direction of exploring the realities, risks and opportunities of delivering change and creating great outcomes for both participants and provider organisations.

With a diverse variety of insightful keynote speakers, professional development workshops and exhibitors, you’ll learn innovative and practical strategies that you can implement to: enhance opportunities for NDIS participants in their daily lives, strengthen disability culture and develop your organisation in a market environment.

**Registration**

Registration includes all conference sessions, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, a delegate satchel, conference program and trade exhibition entry.

The conference cocktail function is not included in the registration cost.

**Register Online** [**Here**](https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/conferences/nds-victoria-conference-2017)

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| **NDS MEMBERS/ORGANISATIONAL ASSOCIATES**  Early Bird Full Registration \* $455  Standard Full Registration $500  Standard Day Registration  $275  Group Registration\*\*   $455\*  **INDUSTRY SUPPORTER/RESEARCH AFFILIATE**  Early Bird Full Registration\* $545  Standard Full Registration $600  Standard Day Registration $330 | **NON-MEMBERS**  Early Bird Full Registration\* $640  Standard Full Registration $700  Standard Day Registration $385 |
| (all prices are per person and include GST)  \* Early Bird rate applies to registrations and payments received by Monday, 27 February.  \*\* Group rate is per person and applies to 4 or more delegates attending the conference from the same NDS member organisation. If minimum requirements are not met for the group rate, an additional invoice will be issued for the difference between the full registration and the group rate. | |

**Registrations for this conference will close at 5pm on Wednesday, 22 March.**

**Participation Requirements**

If you have any participation requirements (e.g. hearing loop, interpreters, large print program) please advise us by **Monday, 27 February** to ensure availability. Delegates will need to organise their own personal support. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

**Cocktail function**

**When:** 5.00pm - 6.30pm

**Date:** Monday, 27 March

**Location:** Melbourne Park Function Centre

**Cost:** $60 per person (not included in registration fee)

**Conference venue**

Melbourne Park Function Centre

Batman Avenue, Melbourne, Australia

**Phone**: 03 9286 1118

**Fax**: 03 9650 3256

**Web:** http://www.melbournepark.com.au/

**Accommodation**

Conference participants are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation bookings direct with the hotel of their choice. NDS has negotiated special rates with nearby hotels over the conference dates. These hotels have limited availability of conference rate rooms and bookings are subject to cancellation clauses subject to the hotel’s discretion.

To book click [here](https://ep.ozaccom.com.au/public/NDV17/accommodation.aspx).

**Parking**

Participants are able to purchase parking online up until 11.59pm the day before the event to receive the parking rate of $20. Alternatively participants can pay $30 for parking on arrival. Accessible parking can be booked through Ticketek on 03 9286 1208. To purchase parking and for further information [click here](http://www.melbournepark.com.au/arriving-and-access/parking/).

**Terms and conditions**

**Cancellations**

Any cancellations should be made in writing to NDS and will be charged an administration fee of $50. No refunds will be made after Friday, 17 March. If you are unable to attend, substitute delegates from the same organisation are welcome. Please advise us of any cancellations or transfers in writing to Alyssa.mason@nds.org.au

No refunds will be made for non-attendance at the conference and conference cocktail function.

**Liability**

In the event of industrial disruption or other unforeseen circumstances, NDS is unable to accept responsibility for loss of monies incurred by delegates. Delegates should make their own arrangements with respect to both personal and travel insurance.

**Preliminary program**

**Day 1 – Monday 27 March**

8.30am- 9.30am Registration / Arrival Tea & Coffee

9.30am – 9.40am **NDS Victorian Chair Welcome** DrJennifer Fitzgerald, CEO, Scope

9.40am –10.00am **Opening Address** The Hon. Martin Foley MP, Minister for Housing Disability and Ageing

10.00am – 10.30am **National Reforms: The way forward** Ken Baker, Chief Executive, National Disability Services

10.30am – 11.00am **From self-doubt to self-belief; my life with Autism and OCD** Max Williams, Editor in Chief, I CAN Network

11.00am – 11.30am Morning Tea

11:30am – 12:15pm **Concurrent sessions**

Concurrent session 1: **Disability Housing: Prospects &**

**Opportunities** What is the future of disability housing in Victoria in the NDIS context? Joseph Connellan, Director, MC Two Pty Ltd & Dr Andrew Martel, Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning, The University of Melbourne

Concurrent session 2: **Client Complexity** Presenters will explore issues arising in supporting NDIS participants with complex needs & circumstances. Annerliegh Parkinson, Australian Community Support Organisation. Cat Lancaster, Lancaster Consulting

Concurrent session 3: **Panel: NDIS – The nitty gritty** Our panel discuss their real life experiences of transitioning to the NDIS & their hopes for the future. Kathryn Clayton, Pinnacle, Chris O’Connor, Windarring, Tamie Fitzgerald, Leisure Networks, Veronica Pardo, Arts Access Facilitator: Facilitator: Bruce Argyle, NDS

12:15pm – 1:00pm **Concurrent sessions**

Concurrent session 1: **Exploring examples and opportunities for workforce innovation under the NDIS, improving workforce performance and practices** Yumi Stamet, Workforce Advisor; Caroline Alcorso, National Manager, Workforce Development, NDS, Mary-Jane Stolp, The Bridge

Concurrent session 2: **Contribution, relationships & working together – rethinking community participation** Liz Collier, James Bannister, NDS, Anne McCormick, Outlook, Holly Bridges, Zebr

Concurrent session 3: **Experiences of Support Coordination** Mel O’Meara, Mel O’Meara Consulting. Sally Hoffman and Lorraine Flannery, Dianella Community Health. Clover Laurier, NDS

1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch

2.00pm – 2.20pm **Plenary Address** Shadow Minister (invited)

2.20pm – 3.20pm **Panel: Cultural considerations when working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities** Esme Bamblett, Aborigines Advancement League, Matthew Duggan, DHHS, Petr Malapanis, Agapi Care, Olivia Killeen, ECCV, Sasha James, NDIA. Facilitator: Bruce Argyle, NDIS Sector Transition Manager, NDS

3.20pm – 3.50pm Afternoon Tea

3.50pm – 4.20pm **Achieving sustainable growth and relevance to the customer through business model innovation and adaptation** Beverly Smith, Chief Commercial Officer, Kangan Institute and Bendigo TAFE

4.20pm – 4.40pm **What CEOs Need to Know About Preventing Abuse & Neglect** Miranda Bruyniks, Deputy Disability Services Commissioner

4.40pm – 4.55pm **projectABLE – workforce recruitment program** Kerrie Harrison, John Gee, Richard Colman, Simone Stevens – projectABLE Vic Team

4.55pm – 5.00pm **Closing Address** David Moody, VIC State Manager, NDS

5.00pm – 6.30pm Cocktail Function **Hope, challenge and resilience: My journey of transformation** Jessica Smith, Paralympian, Author & Motivational Speaker

**Day 2 – Tuesday 28 March**

8.30am - 9.00am Registration / Arrival Tea & Coffee

9.00am – 9.05am **NDS Victorian Chair Welcome** DrJennifer Fitzgerald, CEO, Scope

9.05am – 9.30am **Human rights: My plan for inclusion for people with disability** Carly Findlay, Writer, speaker and appearance activist

9:30am – 11:00am **Masterclasses**

**Masterclass 1: Leading organisations through disruptive**

**change – how to survive and thrive** Mark Priede, Principal Consultant, Bendelta

**Masterclass 2: Person-centred principles of preventing, preparing for and responding to a crisis.** David Hawkins, Stina Webb, Socom

**Masterclass 3: Mergers and Acquisitions – Let’s Talk about it**

Paul Gleeson, Managing Principal, Solomon Miller, Principal, Corporate & Commercial and Libby Pallot, Principal, Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, Russell Kennedy

11.00am – 11.30am Morning tea

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1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch

2.00pm – 2.30pm **NDIS Update** Mark Sweeney, Acting General Manager Regional Implementation, NDIA

2.30pm – 3.30pm **Panel: What the NDIS experiences so far can tell us about the future** Mark Sweeney, NDIA, Graeme Kelly, EW Tipping. Facilitator: Christine Mathieson, Vicdeaf

3.30pm – 3.45pm **Closing Address** David Moody, VIC State Manager, National Disability Services

3:45pm Afternoon Tea

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