# NDS NSW Conference 2017

Turning Plans into Outcomes

Thursday, 23 February – Friday, 24 February 2017

Hilton, Sydney

# Registration Brochure

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# Introduction

REGISTER ONLINE NOW! Visit <https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/conferences/nds-nsw-conference-2017>

The 2017 NSW conference will combine contemporary evidence, research and practical conversations to support providers. It will address topics such as complex needs, safeguarding, social inclusion, disability employment as well as achieving outcomes, for participants, for organisations and for our rapidly expanding workforce.

This conference will feature keynote addresses from Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Alastair McEwin and key government agencies including the National Disability Insurance Agency and the NSW Ombudsman. You will also hear from NDS Chief Executive Ken Baker, panels of NDIS providers and participants. The first day of the conference will conclude with the presentation of the NSW Industry Innovation Awards to showcase the innovative practices of disability service organisations and individuals working with people with disability.

Attendance at the NSW Conference 2017 will provide you with the latest information and valuable insights into how your organisation can operate and innovate in the NDIS marketplace. Disability service CEOs, managers, staff and board members will gain a great deal from attending. Government staff will also find the conference program rewarding.

# 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-nsw-conference-2017)

**NDS Members/Organisational Associates**

Early Bird Full Registration\* $455

Standard Full Registration $500

Standard Day Registration $275

Group Registration\*\* $455

**Industry Supporters / Research Affiliates**

Early Bird Full Registration\* $545

Standard Full Registration $600

Standard Day Registration $380

**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 Friday, 20 January.

\*\*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 Friday, 17 February.**

**Participation Requirements**

If you have any participation requirements (e.g special diet, hearing loop, interpreters, large print program) please inform us by **Friday, 20 January** 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:** Thursday, 23 February

**Venue:** Hilton, Sydney

**Cost:** $65 per person (not included in registration fee)

**CONFERENCE VENUE**

**Hilton, Sydney**

Centrally located in the CBD, Hilton Sydney is close to shopping, entertainment and only a short walk from Darling Harbour. The hotel features deluxe accommodation including the luxurious and much-talked about Relaxation Rooms and Suites. Few restaurants can match the inspired elegance of glass brasserie where highly awarded restaurateur/Chef Luke Mangan has created the definitive Sydney dining experience. With contemporary design and a rooftop terrace, enjoy cocktails in Zeta Bar or visit the heritage-listed Marble Bar renowned for its opulent Victorian decor and live bands. The hotel is also home to LivingWell Premier Health Club, the city’s largest hotel gym, featuring the latest interactive equipment, group fitness studios, saunas, steam rooms, spa and 25m swimming pool.

See more here: [www.hiltonsydney.com.au](http://www.hiltonsydney.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 Hilton Sydney, to make a booking with the conference rate, please [click here](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SYDHITW-GGNDS-20170222/index.jhtml)

**Hilton Sydney (5 star)**

Address: 488 George Street, Sydney

Phone: 02 9265 6050

**PARKING**

Hilton Sydney offers conference delegate parking rates from $50 for self-parking or $65 for valet parking which is based on per entry. There is also secure parking available in close proximity to Hilton Sydney located at 259 Pitt Street. For rates and further information please phone (02) 8912 4900 or visit [www.secureparking.com.au](http://www.secureparking.com.au/).

**Terms and Conditions**

**Cancellations**

All cancellations should be made in writing to NDS and will be charged an administration fee of $50. No refunds will be made after Thursday, 16 February. 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 Claire.blackmore@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 - Thursday, 23 February**

8.30am - 9.30am Registration / Arrival Tea & Coffee

9.30am - 9.35am Welcome to Country

Aunty Norma Ingram

9.35am – 9.45am NDS NSW Chair’s Address

Anne Bryce, Chief Executive Officer, Achieve Australia

9.45am – 10.15am Tracking our progress – business confidence and financial sustainability

Penny Knight, Curtain University Not-for-Profit initiative

10.15am – 10.45am Keynote Speaker

Alastair McEwin, Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission

10.45am – 11.15am MORNING TEA

11.15am – 12.00pm National Reforms: What is the way forward?

Ken Baker, Chief Executive, National Disability Services

12.00pm – 1.00pm Panel: Is simply doing good, good enough? How disability providers are focusing on delivering outcomes under the NDIS

Hugh Packard, Valmar Support Services; Liz Forsyth, Northcott; Gordon Duff, National Disability Services. Facilitated by Alan Hough, National Disability Services

1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch

2.00pm – 3.30pm **Concurrent Session: Organisational Outcomes**

2.00pm – 3.30pm **Workforce Innovation**

Room: Ballroom B

High performing workplace trial – teams and innovation

John Faithfull and Andrew Bowell, ACES; Robyn Kaczmarek; Victor Tyler and Lesley Geodknegt, The Co-operative Life

Casualisation and job quality in disability support work

David Carey, ConnectABILITY; Anthony Mitchell, Leap Frog Ability and Diana Allen, Sunshine

2.00pm – 3.30pm **Technology and outcomes**

Room: Level 4

What can technology offer to the disability sector?

Professor Simon Darcy and Professor Hung Nguyen AM, UTS and Peter Horsley, Remarkable (A Division of Cerebral Palsy Alliance)

2.00pm – 3.30pm **Outcome data and measurement**

Room: Ballroom A

NDIS outcomes framework

Sarah Johnson, NDIA

What’s the point? Making the best use of outcome data

Lena Etuk and Stephen Bennet, Centre for Social Impact and Emily Albert, Incus Group. Facilitated by Adrian Marshall, National Disability Services

3.30pm – 4.00pm Afternoon Tea

4.00pm – 5.00pm NSW Disability Industry Innovation Awards

Presentation by Minister Ray Williams MLC, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Multiculturalism (unconfirmed)

**5.00pm – 6.30pm COCKTAIL FUNCTION**

**DAY 2 – Friday, 24 February**

9.00am – 9.30am Registration / Arrival Tea & Coffee

9.30am – 9.35am NDS NSW Deputy Chair’s Address

Chris Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, The Junction Works

9.35am – 10.15am NDIS Keynote Address

Vicki Rundle, Markets and Supports Group, NDIA

10.15am – 11.00am Serious Reportable Incidents: Lessons learned, future actions

Steve Kinmond, Community and Disability Services Commissioner and Deputy Ombudsman, NSW Ombudsman

11.00am – 11.30am Morning Tea

11.30am – 1.00pm **Concurrent Sessions: participant outcomes**

11.30am – 1.00pm **Employment Outcomes**

Room: Ballroom B

**NDIS and the future of Employment**

Peter De Natris, NDIA; Kyllie Tegg, Mai-Wel & Peter Broadhead, DSS

**Supported Employment: The challenge, vision and practice**

Kerrie Langford; Katherine McLellan and Helen Bouropoulos, National Disability Services

11.30am – 1.00pm **Community inclusion and social participation**

Room: Level 4

**A new frontier: Inclusion of people with intellectual disability at university**

Professor Patricia O’Brien& Friederike Gadow, Centre for Disability Studies; Amrita Ramjas; Stephanie Walker, Christopher Bunton and their family members

**Disability sports and social inclusion**

Jenni Cole, Disability Sports Australia and Athletes

11.30am – 1.00pm **Complex needs and achieving outcomes**

Room: Ballroom A

**Achieving outcomes through collaboration**

Dr Angela Dew, UNSW; Lenore Dodd, House with No Steps; John Le Breton, Greystanes and Pamela Rutledge, Flourish Australia. Facilitated by Pauline Stanley

1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch

2.00pm – 2.50pm – Blue Skies Panel: What should the disability Sector look like by 2030?

Michael Pegg, Jobs Australia; Cath Mahoney, Community Disability Alliance Hunter; Natalie Lang, Australian Services Union and Sarah Judd-Lam, Carers NSW

2.50pm – 3.15pm – I Can, I Am: A film series about people with disability at work

Nathan Basha, Nova 96.9, Don’t DIS my ABILITY Ambassador and Iz Connell, Don’t DIS my ABILITY Ambassador

3.15pm – 3.30pm – Afternoon Tea

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