**From Obstacles to Opportunities**

**NDS Victorian Conference**

**4-5 March 2018**

**Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne**

**Registration Brochure**

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**The NDS Victorian Conference 2019**

The theme of the NDS Victorian Conference 2019 ‘From Obstacles to Opportunities’, defines our focus: working together to understand where we’ve come from and where we want to get to as a sector.

The conference offers members the opportunity to network with colleagues, explore examples of good practice in service delivery, better understand the implications of NDIS policy and

current practice, hear from speakers from outside our sector whose perspectives may lend themselves to adoption within our sector, and reflect on what has been a challenging period for disability and community mental health providers in Victoria, and around Australia.

**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-andhttps%3A/www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/conferences/nds-victorian-conference-2019-3073-training/conferences/nds-victorian-conference-2019-3073)

**Participation Requirements**

If you have any participation requirements (e.g. Auslan Interpreters, Hearing loop, large print program) please inform us by **Friday, 1** **February** to ensure availability. Delegates will

need to organise their own personal support. The venue is wheelchair accessible. (all prices are per person and include GST)

**Cocktail Function**

**When** 5.05pm-6.35pm

**Date** Monday, 4 March

**Where** Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne

**Cost** $65 per person

(not included in registration fee)

**NDS Members/ Organisational Associates**

Early Bird Full Registration\* **$465**

Standard Full Registration **$510**

Standard Day Registration **$280**

Group Registration\*\* **$465**

**Non-Members**

Early Bird Full Registration\* **$650**

Standard Full Registration **$715**

Standard Day Registration **$390**

**NDS Industry Supporter/ Research Affiliate**

Early Bird Full Registration\* **$555**

Standard Full Registration **$610**

Standard Day Registration **$335**

\* Early Bird rate applies to registrations and payments received by **Friday, 8 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, 27 February.**

**Conference Venue**

**Crown Conference Centre Melbourne**

Level 1, Crown Promenade Melbourne,

8 Whiteman Street, SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

(Queensbridge Street end of the Crown complex)

(03) 9292 8888

Crown Melbourne is located in the city’s lively Southbank precinct, alongside the Yarra River.

It is ideally located just 24 kilometres from Melbourne Airport, and is easily accessible by car, bus and taxi. It is also within walking distance to the CBD, the Melbourne Exhibition Centre and many of the city’s premier arts and sporting facilities including the MCG and Rod Laver Arena.

**Accommodation**

NDS has negotiated conference rates with surrounding Hotels of the Crown Conference Centre. To book one of these Hotels, please [**click here**](https://ep.ozaccom.com.au/public/NDS19/accommodation.aspx)

**Parking**

The Crown Centre offers full day parking starting from $17. For all rates and further information please visit [**https://www.crownmelbourne.com.au/general/parking/information**](https://www.crownmelbourne.com.au/general/parking/information)

**Terms & Conditions**

**Cancellations**

Any cancellations should be made in writing to NDS and will be charged an administration fee of $50. Full refunds will be paid up to **Monday, 18 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

confs@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.

**Program Disclaimer**

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**Preliminary Program**

**DAY 1 Monday, 4 March**

8.15am – 9.15am **Registration/ Arrival Tea and Coffee**

9.15am – 9.25am **Welcome** Christine Mathieson, Victoria Chair, National Disability Services

9.25am – 9.45am **Opening Address** Victorian Government (invited)

9.45am – 10.15am **From Obstacles to Opportunities** Chris Tanti, Chief Executive Officer, National Disability Services

10.15am – 10.40am **Working with change**

10.40am – 11.10am **Morning Tea**

11.10am – 11.30am **Plenary**

11.30am – 12.30pm **Panel: Quality and Safeguards** Liz Collier, Project Lead – Zero Tolerance Initiative, National Disability Services & Arthur Rogers, Disability Services Commissioner. Facilitated by Dave Relf, Victorian Manager, Quality and Safeguarding, National Disability Services

12.30pm – 1.30pm **Lunch**

1.30pm – 1.55pm **NDIA Address**

2.00pm – 2.45pm **Masterclasses**

**How to make audit part of your practice** Rebecca Bradshaw

**Managing teams in a time of change** Yumi Stamet, National Disability Services

**Marketing for impact – How do you know your marketing is**

**working?** Jen Sharpe and Jane Emery, Lumin

2.45pm - 3.15pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.15pm – 4.00pm **Masterclasses**

**Putting your customer at the centre of what you do** Amy Whelan, MeshCommunications

**What will a deregulated market me for providers**

**Innovative approaches to Transport (presentations)**  Surasak Saetang, KKRewind; Gail Foster, Focus; Nick Kotsonis, StreetFleet & Janine Simpkin, Marriott Support Services

4.05pm – 5.05pm **Panel: Thinking differently about workforce** Ann-Maree Davis, Amicus; Tracey Donnarumma, Life Without Barriers & Elaine Jackson, Spectrum Clarity. Facilitated by Yumi Stamet, National Disability Services

5.05pm – 6.35pm **Conference Cocktail Function**, Crown Conference Centre

**Preliminary Program**

**Day 2 Tuesday, 5 March**

9.00am – 9.05am **Welcome** Terri Carroll, Victoria Deputy Chair, National Disability Services

9.05am – 9.25am **Opening Address**

9.25am – 9.55am **Plenary**

9.55am – 10.45 am **Making employment work** Michelle Wakeford, National Ticket to Work Manager & Mohammed El Antaki, Project Administrator Buyability, National Disability Services

10.45am – 11.15am **Morning Tea**

11.15am – 12.45pm **Masterclasses**

11.15am – 12.00pm

**Unpacking consumer law in the context of NDIS Terms of**

**Business** Jonathan Teh, Russell Kennedy Lawyers

**Pathways to Employment (Presentations)** Kath Moodie, MiLife; Ian Tsolakis, Crownability

**Making SIL work (Presentations)** Mark Heeney, Mind Australia & Ian McLean, Golden City Support Services

12.00pm – 12.45pm

**Having conversations of influence** Anette Glenister, National Disability Services

**Putting your customer at the centre of what you do** Amy Whelan, MeshCommunications

**How to make audit part of your practice** Rebecca Bradshaw

12.45pm – 1.45pm **Lunch**

1.45pm – 2.30pm **Panel: A consumer Perspective**

2.30pm – 3.15pm **Insights into how the tribunal are making decisions** Darren O’Donovan, Researcher, La Trobe University

3.15pm – 3.30pm **Closing Address** David Moody, State Manager Victoria, National Disability Services

3.30pm **Conference concludes**

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