**REGISTRATION BROCHURE**

**NDS WA Conference 2019**

**What matters most!**

**16-17 September | Crown Perth**

Register Online Now: Visit www.nds.org.au

**Welcome**

The 2019 NDS WA Conference ‘What Matters Most – Solutions for Today and Tomorrow’ will provide a forum to consider and share what matters most for the disability sector and people with disability into the future, as the State continues its transition to the NDIS.

The Conference aims to inform, inspire and involve delegates by bringing together a diverse range of speakers and thought leaders to share their knowledge and experience, discuss strategies and showcase best practice and innovation.

Attendance at the Conference will provide you with the latest information and practical insights into how your organisation can operate innovate and succeed in the disability sector of the future. The Conference will cater to a diverse audience including disability sector CEOs, board members, managers, frontline staff, together with people with disability and their families.

For sponsorship queries, please contact Anneka Hancock, Conference & Events Assistant, on 02 9256 3192 or at confs@nds.org.au.

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**Registration**

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

Registrations for this conference will close at 5pm on Friday, 6 September.

**Application for conference funding for People with Disability**

People with disability can apply for funding to attend. Please register interest by 12 July by visiting the conference [web page](https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/all-events-and-training/nds-wa-conference-2019-3337).

**Participation Requirements**

If you have any additional requirements (e.g., special diet, hearing loop, interpreters, large print program) please inform us by Friday, 16 August to ensure availability. Delegates will need to organise their own personal support. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

**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

**Industry Supporter/ Research Affiliate**

Early Bird Full Registration\* $555

Standard Full Registration $610

Standard Day Registration $335

(all prices are per person and include GST)

\* Early Bird rate applies to registrations and payments received by Friday, 16 August.

\*\* Group rate is per person and applies to 3 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.

**Cocktail Function**

When 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Date Monday, 16 September

Where: Crown Perth

Great Eastern Highway Burswood

Cost $65 per person

(not included in registration fee)

**Conference Venue**

Crown Perth

Grand Ballroom

Great Eastern Highway, Burswood

Ph: 1800 556 688

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**Accommodation**

Conference participants are responsible for making their own accommodation bookings direct with the hotel of their choice. NDS has negotiated special conference rates with surrounding hotels, subject to availability as well as terms and conditions.

To book your room, please [click here](https://events.ozaccom.com.au/nds-wa-conference-2019/accommodation/Site/Register)

**Parking**

Crown Perth offers complimentary parking in P3, P6 and P8 parking bays.

Alternatively, there is the Multi-level Carpark (P2) and P4, which is attached to the Crown Casino from $20 per day.

For further information on Crown Perth parking visit: <https://www.crownperth.com.au/general/parking/information>.

**Terms and Conditions**

**Cancellations**

All cancellations should be made in writing to NDS and will be charged an administration fee of $20. No refunds will be made after Friday, 30 August. 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 nonattendance at the conference and conference cocktail function.

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**Preliminary Program Day 1**

Monday, 16 September | Disability beyond the NDIS

8.30am - 9.30am Registration / Arrival Tea and Coffee

9.30am - 9.35am Introduction / Housekeeping Julie Waylen, State Manager WA, National Disability Services

9.35am - 9.40am Welcome to Country

9.40am - 9.50am Welcome Address Joan McKenna Kerr, President & WA Chairperson, National Disability Services

9.50am - 10.00am Opening Address Honourable Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment, Disability Services

10.00am - 11:00am Lessons to be learnt for community services sector Robert Fitzgerald AM, NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner

11.00am - 11.20am Morning Tea

11.20am - 1.00pm Concurrent Sessions

**Communities & Influence**

Strategies to build communities & influence governments Kathy Hough, Far North & Robert Hicks, GIFSA (25 mins)

Is citizenship our business? Kate Fulton, Avivo (25 mins)

Innovative ways to support people to live life their way – short films Nicole Cox; Megan Taylor; Sarah Perkins; Karla Little & Michael Marr, My Place (45 mins)

**Lifestyle**

Passing the baton – brother & sister’s journey to independence Liam & Siobhan Dow-Hall (25 mins)

Why do you do art? Exploring the highs & lows of arts & disability in Australia?

Panel of artists with disability Facilitated by Meagan Shand, Arts Access Australia (35 mins)

Individualised approaches leading to better outcomes Panel Facilitated by Richard Orr, Inclusion WA (35 mins)

**Workforce**

A supervision model for professional staff – 2020 & beyond Caroline Paine, Senses Australia (25 mins)

Collaborative Assessment Centres - utilising Values Based Recruitment Sharon Parcell, Talent Consortium (25 mins)

Compassion & hope – meeting needs of diverse communities Marcia Gadre, Richmond Wellbeing (25 mins)

Building your Aboriginal workforce Romain Pignataro, NDS & Mandy Gadsdon, Collective Connections and Solutions (25 mins)

1.00pm – 1.50pm Lunch

1.50pm - 3.05pm Concurrent sessions

**Employment for people with disability**

Is your workplace autism ready? Louise Sheehy, Autism West (25 mins)

Leading from the front – achieving 32% employment of people with disability in a disability service organisation Dawn McAleenan & Rob Cousins, Essential Personnel & Guest (25 mins)

Customised Employment – a total team effort Gaelen Williams, NDS; Margaret

Lawlor, Down Syndrome WA; & guest from City of Cottesloe (25 mins)

**Mainstream interface**

Strategies to improve the experience of people with disability in mainstream health related services Dr Kelly McKenna-Kerr, Psychiatrist & Danielle Aubrey (25 mins)

Reintegration of Aboriginal people with disability from justice system Larissa Muir & Thomas Worrigal, Uniting Care West (25 mins)

Working with prisons to achieve positive outcomes for people with mental illness & complex needs Lin Holker, 360 Health + Community (25 mins)

**Co-design**

You’ll never know unless you ask – & have fun in the process! Melissa Young & Jenny McAllister, TADWA (35 mins)

Doing it together – co design for better business & customer experience

Samantha Jenkinson, PWdWA & Ben Scherza (40 mins)

3.05pm - 3.25pm Afternoon tea

3.25am - 4.25am Department of Communities – State Disability Plan & other new developments Michelle Andrews, Director General

4.25pm - 4.55pm Exploring a world of immersive, accessible technologies Vithya Vijayakumare & David Vosnacos, Visability

4.55pm - 5.00pm Wrap up Julie Waylen, State Manager, National Disability Services

5.00pm - 6.30pm Conference cocktail function – Crown, Perth

**Preliminary Program Day 2**

Tuesday, 17 September | Disability within the NDIS

8.30am - 9.30am Registration / Arrival Tea & Coffee

9.30am - 9.35am Introduction / Housekeeping / Review of Day 1 Julie Waylen, State Manager WA, National Disability Services

9.35am - 9.50am What Matters Most to NDS & its role in supporting the sector David Moody, Acting CEO, National Disability Services

9.50am - 10.00am Opposition Address Honourable Peter Collier MLC, Shadow Minister for Housing; Disability Services

10.00am - 11.00am NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission Commissioner Graeme Head AO, National Quality and Safeguards Commission

11.00am - 11.20am Morning Tea

11.20am – 12.05pm Setting the NDIS pricing & rules Dr David Cullen, Chief Economist, NDIA

12.05pm – 12.45pm The NDIS – possible futures Professor David Gilchrist, The University of Western Australia

1.00pm - 1.45pm Lunch

1.30pm – 2.30pm Concurrent sessions

**Law & Independence**

Understanding Consumer Law & the NDIS David Hillyard, Commissioner for Consumer Protection (40 mins)

Independent living transitions Lee-Anne Brensell, IdentityWA (20 mins)

**Quality & Safeguarding**

Quality & Safeguarding – a whole of organisation approach Britta Meyer, IdentityWA (20 mins)

Embedding a culture of Positive Behaviour Support Christine Figueiredo, Nulsen Group (20 mins)

Improving the safety of at-risk people in emergency situations Sonia Michelon, DFES (20 mins)

**Managing in difficult circumstances**

Building psychological flexibility to deal with everyday challenges Dr Natasha Lazareski, PsyFlex (40 mins)

Mergers – due diligence & due care Paul McMullan, Outcare & Gordon Trewern, Nulsen (20 mins)

2.30pm - 3.30pm Panel: What’s good about our sector and what can we look forward to? Facilitated by Nadia Mitsopoulos, ABC Radio broadcaster and journalist

3.30pm - 3.35pm Closing remarks Julie Waylen, State Manager, National Disability Services

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