

National Dementia Conference

12 – 13 June 2024 | Crown Promenade Melbourne

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE:



Sorting Out the Three D's: Delirium, Depression and Dementia

Dr Beth Nolan, *Director of Research and Policy,*
Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Dementia Care

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



A/P Mark Yates, *Dementia Care in Hospitals Program,*
Grampians Health, Clinical Associate Professor,
Deakin University



Camilla Rowland, *Chief Executive Office,*
Palliative Care Australia



Dr John Russell, *Retired Urologist / Living with dementia*



Dr Denise Keenan, *Psychologist, Managing Director,*
Cognition



Amal Madani, *General Manager - Aged Care,*
Disability & Allied Health, 3 Bridges



David Cox, *Managing Director, Curtin Heritage Living*



Isabelle Meyer, *Executive Director,*
Dementia Training Australia



Bobby Redman, *Dementia Advocate, Chair,*
Dementia Australia Advisory Committee



Naomi Moylan, *Younger Onset Dementia Project*
Coordinator, Brightwater Care Group



Darryl Steff, *Chief Executive Officer,*
Down Syndrome Australia



Dr Hassan Kadous, *Principal Allied Health Advisor,*
NSW Ministry of Health



Dr Michelle King, *Research Fellow, Queensland Aphasia*
Research Centre, University of Queensland



Dr Anita Goh, *Clinical Neuropsychologist and Principal*
Research Fellow, National Ageing Research Institute



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Positive Approach to Dementia Care Workshop

By the end of the session, learners will be able to:

- Identify the important role that words and actions play in the behavior and responses of people living with dementia
- Describe several of the critical factors for optimizing positive interactions

- Identify several specific techniques that improve the potential for successful communication
- Demonstrate use of positive communication strategies in an interaction

WORKSHOP FACILITATOR:

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Wednesday 12 June 2024

DAY 1

8:30 Registration & Morning Coffee

9:05 Opening remarks from the Chair

Dr Anita Goh, *Clinical Neuropsychologist and Principal Research Fellow, National Ageing Research Institute*

9:10 OPENING ADDRESS | My journey with Dementia

Dr John Russell, *Retired Urologist / Living with dementia*

9:40 KEYNOTE | Down syndrome and Dementia

Amelia Sloan, *Health Ambassador, Down Syndrome Australia*

Darryl Steff, *Chief Executive Officer, Down Syndrome Australia*

10:10 Quality Care requires Quality Training

Isabelle Meyer, *Executive Director, Dementia Training Australia*

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10:40 Networking Break

11:10 INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE | Sorting Out the Three D's: Delirium, Depression and Dementia



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11:40 Younger Onset Dementia (YOD) Model of Care and Service Delivery Model

Naomi Moylan, *Younger Onset Dementia Project Coordinator,*
Brightwater Care Group

12:10 Software Spotlight Session – How can technology help to give quality care?

12:40 Networking Lunch

13:40 Using AI in the care of residents living with dementia

David Cox, *Managing Director, Curtin Heritage Living*

14:10 Societal Change and its Impact on Dementia:

Cathy Roth OAM, *National Chairman,*
PALZ – Professionals with Alzheimer's and related diseases

14:40 Software Spotlight Session - Assistive devices and digital solutions

15:10 Networking Break

15:40 Filling The Gap

Kerrin Beecher, *Board Director and Green Connect Dementia Respite Project, Site Coordination and Support,* Heathcote Dementia Alliance

Nan Yu, *Founder & Chief Executive Officer,*
My Dementia Companion

16:10 CLOSING PANEL | Strategies for developing dementia-friendly and inclusive communities

— How can we raise better awareness and understanding about dementia?

— Are there any initiatives or programs that have been successful in creating inclusive environments?

— Is the healthcare system adapting to better serve individuals living with dementia and their carers?

— New ways? Future outlook?

Fallon Forbes, *Service Manager (Environments),*
Dementia Training Australia

Lindsay Bent, *Clinical Lead, Communications Centres, Operational Communications Division,* Ambulance Victoria

Olivia Geary, *Graduate,* Deakin University

Moderator: Dr Anita Goh, *Clinical Neuropsychologist and Principal Research Fellow,* National Ageing Research Institute

16:55 Closing Remarks from the Chair

17:00 End of Day 1 & Networking Drinks 🍷🍹

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Thursday 13 June 2024

DAY 2

8:30 Registration & Morning Coffee

9:05 Opening remarks from the Chair

9:10 **OPENING KEYNOTE | Dementia Advocates – The diversity of advocacy work...the challenges and benefits**

- What is a dementia advocacy?
- This presentation will look specifically at dementia advocacy completed by those directly impacted by dementia – those living with dementia and their care partners – the challenges and the benefits
- Stronger Connections – a project designed to strengthen networks for dementia advocates

Bobby Redman, *Dementia Advocate, Chair, Dementia Australia Advisory Committee*

9:40 **KEYNOTE | Introducing Complex Change in Hospitals – the Dementia Care in Hospitals Program (DCHP)**

- The origins of the DCHP – the role of the consumer
- Key elements and drivers for change
- Achieving change, supporting sustainability, and driving spread
- Outcomes from the National Rollout
- Learnings for implementation

A/P Mark Yates, *Dementia Care in Hospitals Program, Grampians Health, Clinical Associate Professor, Deakin University*

10:10 **Mild cognitive impairment, mental health and the workplace: Could this be the next frontier?**

This paper raises issues associated with cognitive decline and the workforce from a variety of perspectives: the affected individual, their colleagues and supervisors, supporting workers who have carer responsibilities, organisational practices and the role of the workplace in helping shift the attitudes and knowledge base of the Australian population regarding cognitive decline.

Dr Denise Keenan, *Psychologist, Managing Director, Cognition*

10:40 Networking Break

11:10 **Mindful Dementia Care: Redefining the approach to dementia support programs for people with dementia and their carers**

- 3 Bridges has implemented an innovative approach to dementia care seeking to reduce the impact of common changes associated with dementia, increase clients' quality of life and support carers in their caring journey
- Extending the capacity of people with dementia to remain at home requires a comprehensive approach to social care involving carers and the social environment in which people with dementia live
- Measuring the impact of dementia care programs in the community needs to consider not only the ability of clients to remain at home for longer but their quality of life and the wellbeing of their carers and family members providing support

Dr Beatriz Cardona, *Senior Research Fellow, 3 Bridges, Associate Researcher, Macquarie University*

Amal Madani, *General Manager - Aged Care, Disability & Allied Health, 3 Bridges*

11:40 **Quality Palliative Care for people with Dementia – are we there yet?**

- There are many additional considerations when considering preparing and delivering a person-centred palliative care plan for a person with Dementia – does the Australian health and community care sector have the right tools? Are our carers prepared for this role?
- The gaps in the health and aged care system are still being addressed through the work of the aged care reforms – how far have we progressed to embed palliative care in aged care for people with dementia across Australia? Where are the gaps? What can care providers do?

Camilla Rowland, *Chief Executive Office, Palliative Care Australia*

12:10 **The increasing role of allied health in Dementia care now and in the future**

Dr Hassan Kadous, *Principal Allied Health Advisor, NSW Ministry of Health*

12:40 Networking Lunch

13:40 **The Self who Decides? Precedent Autonomy, Supported Decision-making and Dementia**

Dr Michelle King, *Research Fellow, Queensland Aphasia Research Centre, University of Queensland*

14:10 **CLOSING PANEL | Psychotropic medications and restrictive practices**

- How do psychotropic medications affect individuals living with dementia differently?
- What are the primary behavioural symptoms in dementia where psychotropic medications are often used, and are there non-pharmacological approaches that could be equally effective?
- How prevalent are restrictive practices in managing behavioural symptoms, and what are the ethical considerations associated with their use?
- Are there alternative strategies or interventions, beyond medication and restrictive practices?

A/P Margaret MacAndrew, *Associate Professor, Faculty of Health, School of Nursing, Queensland University of Technology*

Katrina Crump, *Dementia & Behaviour Specialist, Uniting NSW/ACT*

14:55 Closing Remarks from the Chair

15:00 End of Conference & Evening Tea

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