



# Aged Care Reform Forum

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28-29 APRIL 2026 | CROWN CONFERENCE CENTRE, MELBOURNE

## SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



Treasure Jennings, *Aged Care Complaints Commissioner, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission*



Anne Muldowney, *Senior Policy Officer, OPAN*



Duncan McKimm, *CEO, Clarence Village*



Philip Mackney, *Chief Operating Officer, Bupa Villages and Aged Care*



Luke Greive, *CEO, Infin8te Care*



Lani Carter, *Special Counsel, Sparke Helmore Lawyers*



Diana Horvatovic, *CEO, St Basil's NSW/ACT*



Faye Spiteri OAM, *CEO, Fronditha Care*



Kim Whiteley, *CEO, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council (NATSIAACC)*



James Chen, *Director of Aged Care Costing, Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority*



Anna Theophilos, *PSA Vaccination Ambassador*



Lara McIntyre, *Nurse Practitioner & Senior Palliative Care Lead, Catholic Healthcare, Chair, Palliative Aged Care Network (PACN)*



Susan Wray, *CEO, Edgarley Assisted Living*



Dr Simon Grof, *Chief Medical Director, JewishCare*



Tara Veldman, *Managing Director, Billard Leece Partnership*



Dr Stephen Ginsborg, *GP and Board Member, Compassionate Communities Australia*



James O'Keefe, *Fund Manager - Aged Care Property, Australian Unity Wealth and Capital Markets*



Lauren Williams, *GM Business Systems, Australian Unity*

## NATIONAL DEMENTIA POST-CONFERENCE HALF DAY WORKSHOP | 9:00AM - 1:00PM | 30 APRIL 2026

### A Positive Approach to Care- Practical dementia training for a practical workforce

Workshop Facilitators: Kathy Kirby, *Director & Registered Nurse, Thrive Aged Care Consultants*  
Kate Lamont, *Director & Registered Occupational Therapist, Thrive Aged Care Consultants*  
Gaby Brodbeck, *Trainer & Registered Nurse, Thrive Aged Care Consultants*

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## JOINT PLENARY KEYNOTE SESSION: HALL 1

- 8:30** Registration & Morning Coffee
- 8:50** **DAY ONE OPENING**
- 8:55** Opening remarks from the Chair
- 9:00** **OPENING ADDRESS | Living with Alzheimer's: My Personal Journey**  
Tim Moore, *Retired Small Business Owner & Active Senior Member - Rotary International, Living with Alzheimer*
- 9:20** **KEYNOTE | National Dementia Policy Update**  
Daen Dorazio, *First Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing*
- 9:50** **EXECUTIVE PANEL | Navigating the New Aged Care Act: Impacts on Providers and Consumers**  
Treasure Jennings, *Aged Care Complaints Commissioner, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission*  
Isabelle Meyer, *Executive Director, Dementia Training Australia*  
Sarah Yeates, *Chief Executive Officer, Caladenia Dementia Care*  
Dr Kaele Stokes, *Executive Director Services, Engagement & Research, Dementia Australia*
- 10:30** **SESSION SPOTLIGHT | Are we there yet? The journey to improving Dementia diagnosis and care.**  
Isabelle Meyer, *Executive Director, Dementia Training Australia*
- 11:00** Networking Break & Morning Tea | *Hosted with National Dementia Conference in the pre-function area*



## AGED CARE REFORM FORUM: CONFERENCE CENTRE HALL 3

- 11:30** **Opening remarks from the Chair**  
Lani Carter, *Special Counsel, Sparke Helmore Lawyers*
- 11:35** **Caring for Country and Island Home, Caring for Elders and Older People: Embedding First Nations Voices in Aged Care Reform**  
Kim Whiteley, *CEO, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council (NATSIAACC)*
- 12:05** **Beyond Compliance: Building GP-Provider Partnerships to Minimise Restrictive Practices in Aged Care**  
Dr Simon Grof, *Chief Medical Director, JewishCare*
- 12:35** **FIRESIDE CHAT | Recognizing Dying: Voluntary Assisted Dying in Aged Care**  
Lara McIntyre, *Nurse Practitioner & Senior Palliative Care Lead | Practice Quality and Risk, Catholic Healthcare, Chair, Palliative Aged Care Network (PACN)*  
Dr Stephen Ginsborg, *GP and Board Member, Compassionate Communities Australia*
- 13:20** Networking Lunch  
*Hosted with the National Dementia Conference in the pre-function area*
- 14:20** **Building Trust and Choice: Supporting Consumer Rights in Aged Care**  
Diana Horvatovic, *CEO, St Basil's NSW/ACT*  
Maryanne Gray, *General Manager, St Basil's NSW/ACT*
- 14:50** **Residential In-Reach Plus: Supporting Successful and Timely Transitions from Hospital for Patients with Complex Care Needs**  
Dr Richard Kane, *National Clinical Director, St Vincent's Virtual & Home, St Vincent's Health Australia*
- 15:20** **Compassionate Communities – Another Way to Reform Aged Care**  
Dr Stephen Ginsborg, *GP and Board Member, Compassionate Communities Australia*
- 15:50** Networking Break & Afternoon Tea  
*Hosted with the National Dementia Conference in the pre-function area*
- 16:20** **CONSUMER PANEL | The Consumer Voice: Journey to Rights-Based Care**  
**National Older Persons Reference Group**  
Moderated by Anne Muldowney, *Senior Policy Officer, OPAN*
- 17:05** Closing remarks from the Chair
- 17:10** Networking Drinks  
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Wednesday 29 April 2026

# DAY 2

**8:20** Registration & Morning Coffee

**8:50 DAY TWO OPENING**

**8:55** Opening remarks from the Chair

Duncan McKimm, *CEO, Clarence Village*

**9:00 OPENING KEYNOTE**

Treasure Jennings, *Aged Care Complaints Commissioner, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission*

**9:30 The Best We Can Do – What Reforms Are Needed to Deliver Quality Care Over the Next 20 Years?**

Duncan McKimm, *CEO, Clarence Village*

**10:00 SPOTLIGHT SESSION | Section 153 and the New Aged Care Act: Is Your Immunisation Program Accreditation Ready?**

From 1 July 2025, Section 153 of the Aged Care Act 2024 places explicit obligations on providers to ensure residents have access to recommended vaccination. Under the Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards, vaccination is no longer a seasonal initiative. It is a governance requirement. This session is designed to equip aged care leaders, clinical governance teams and IPC leads with a clear framework to assess current programs, identify risk gaps and ensure their immunisation strategy is defensible, measurable and accreditation ready.

Anna Theophilos, *PSA Vaccination Ambassador*

**10:30 EXECUTIVE PANEL | The Big Picture: Shaping the Future of Aged Care with Industry Leaders**

Philip Mackney, *Chief Operating Officer, Bupa Villages and Aged Care*

James Chen, *Director of Aged Care Costing, Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority*

Dr Kaele Stokes, *Executive Director Services, Advocacy & Research, Dementia Australia*

Moderated by Faye Spiteri OAM, *CEO, Fronditha Care*

**11:10** Networking Break & Morning Tea

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**11:40 Innovating Aged Care: Transformative Technology for Exceptional Outcomes**

- **Technology as a Game Changer:** Leading the way in aged care, a top 25 Australian operator is harnessing the power of artificial intelligence and a mobile-enabled workforce. This innovative approach redefines residential care delivery, particularly across regional hubs, ensuring that residents receive personalized, efficient and effective services.
- **Strategic Solutions for Sustainable Growth:** In the face of industry funding challenges, this forward-thinking provider is adapting to Australia's evolving aged care reform landscape and are pioneering new care models that not only bridge funding gaps but also enhance the quality of care.

Luke Greive, *CEO, Infin8te Care*

**12:10 End-to-End Aged Care Reform Implementation: Technology Infrastructure, Operations, and Customer Impact at Australian Unity**

Lauren Williams, *GM Business Systems, Australian Unity*

**12:40 FIRESIDE CHAT | Regional and Rural Providers meeting the Aged Care Challenges**

John Baillie, *CEO, ADSSI Limited*

Susan Wray, *CEO, Edgarley Assisted Living*

**13:10** Networking Lunch

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**14:10 CLOSING PANEL | Building Better Futures: Property Investment, Construction, and Design in Aged Care**

Tara Veldman, *Managing Director, Billard Leece Partnership*

James O'Keefe, *Fund Manager - Aged Care Property Trust, Australian Unity Wealth*

**14:55** Closing remarks from the Chair

**15:00** End of Conference & Afternoon Tea

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