



PRESENTING THE 5TH ANNUAL

National Acquired Brain Injury Conference

24 – 25 October 2017 | Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne



CONFERENCE DAY ONE Tuesday 24th October 2017

09:00 **OPENING | Opening remarks from the Chair**

Nick Rushworth, *Executive Officer, Brain Injury Australia*

09:10 **CONSUMER OPENING ADDRESS | Scams and brain impairment: Perspectives from a survivor and his therapist**

- The internet helps connect people but a downside is losing money to sophisticated scammers
- Anyone can be affected, but having a brain injury increases this risk
- We will present our experience as well as current research and suggestions for treatment

Colin Brokenshire, *Consumer*

Dr Kate Gould, *Clinical Neuropsychologist, Thinkfully*

09:50 **Changing service models within the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS): Optimising participation outcomes for people with ABI**

- Focused on building participation outcomes following ABI, this presentation will:
- Demonstrate approaches to use of allied health assistant and support coordination roles within the NDIS
- Provide practical resources to assist with service model planning and implementation
- video-based consumer presentations to demonstrate application of capacity building approaches

Sue Sloan, *Director & Principal Neuropsychologist & Occupational Therapist, Osborn Sloan & Associates*

Jan Mackey, *Director & Principal Speech Pathologist, Applied Communication Skills*

Libby Callaway, *Director & Principal Occupational Therapist, Neuroskills Pty Ltd*

10:30 **Networking and refreshment break**

11:00 **Enabling consumer choice and control**

11:40 **Understanding and Treating Behaviours of Concern after Acquired Brain Injury**

- Understanding behaviour from questionnaires with people with brain injury and family members/carers
- The lived experience of behaviour change from in-depth interviews with people with the injury, family members/carers and clinicians
- An overview of a trial of Positive Behaviour Supports for people with behaviour change after brain injury

Dr Kate Gould, *Clinical Neuropsychologist and Research Fellow, Monash Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre*

Amelia Hicks, *Research Fellow, Monash Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre*

12:20 **Lunch and networking break**

13:20 **Alcohol and other drug-related brain injury**

John Eyre, *CEO, arbias*

Martin Jackson, *Chair, arbias*

14:00 Conversations with consumers and carers to inform a guideline on pharmacotherapy for neurobehavioural difficulties following traumatic brain injury

- The consumer-carer perspective is often sought from few individuals
- Many individuals who sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI), will experience neurobehavioural difficulties. Pharmacological management is frequently inadequate. We are developing a clinical guideline to guide the pharmacological management of neurobehavioral symptoms in adult's post-TBI
- In 2016, a half-day meeting was held with twelve (consumers-carers) to discuss their lived experience of TBI. The diversity of experiences raised helped inform the questions for the clinical guideline. Attendees described the meeting as therapeutic

Dr Fiona Clay, *Research Project Manager*, **University of Melbourne**

14:40 Networking and refreshment break

15:10 Beyond Rehab: Support workers (SW) shared experience with clients following brain injury

- 57 SWs shared their perception of their role in home and community rehabilitation.
- Factors impacting decision-making include the client, context, knowledge (theoretical/practical) and personal experience.
- Nurturing the untapped potential of SW capacity will be presented.

Dr Belinda Shepherd, *Occupational Therapist*, **Cognoscere Therapy Pty Ltd**
Judith Courts, *Registered Nurse*, **Judith Courts Consulting**

15:50 PANEL | Sexual expression and ABI

Narelle Higson, *Occupational Therapist*, **Outside the Square OT Solutions**
Sandra Lever, *Clinical Nurse Consultant - Rehabilitation*, **Ryde Hospital & Sydney Sexuality Group**
Dr Rene Stolwyk, *Lecturer and Clinical Neuropsychologist*, **Monash University**

16:30 DEMONSTRATION | Regaining independence after ABI-related vision loss: a demonstration by Guide Dogs Victoria

This demonstration will show the specific issues/techniques that Guide Dogs are trained for to assist people with ABI-related vision loss

Shelley Pannier, *Client Services Manager*, **Guide Dogs Victoria**
Aaron Horsington, *Team Leader – Guide Dog Mobility Instructor*, **Guide Dogs Victoria**
Ross de Vent, *Independent Guide Dog Traveller*

16:40 CLOSING | Closing remarks from the Chair

16:50 NETWORKING FUNCTION | Networking Drinks



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CONFERENCE DAY TWO Wednesday 25th October 2017

09:00 OPENING | Opening remarks from the Chair

09:10 **Advances in Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Clinic – Concussion, Spasticity & Anosmia**
Professor John Olver, *Director of Rehabilitation, Epworth Healthcare*

9:50 **CASE STUDY | Living with brain injury: A veteran's journey on the road to recovery after ABI - The struggles and the triumphs**

- A case study will be presented to demonstrate the complexity of recovery of brain injury for a serving member of the armed forces, the journey of recovery from injury and transition into civilian life.
- Presentation of veteran's injury and presenting problems
- The rehabilitation and recovery journey
- The struggles and the triumphs

Brooke Kooymans, *Director/Social Worker, Reability Australia*

10:30 **Networking and refreshment break**

11:00 **Assault-related injury in children**

11:40 **Out of hospital at last- Now what? A pilot project to evaluate specialist brain injury transitional rehabilitation**

Areti Kennedy, *Service Manager, Acquired Brain Injury Transitional Rehabilitation Service*

12:20 **Lunch and networking break**

13:20 **HOPES – A cooperative living model for people with an ABI**

- The seemingly paradoxical notion of cooperative living for people with an ABI.
- Brief history of how and why HOPES came about
- How can a cooperative living model work to increase the skills, independence and inclusiveness of people with an ABI?

Chris Oriel, *Coordinator, HOPES Inc.*

14:00 **Accommodation services for Indigenous Australians with ABI**

Thomas Jia, *Manager - Community Living-CAIRNS Based, Synapse*
Adam Schickerling, *National Disability Reform Manager, Synapse*

14:40 **Network and refreshment break**

15:10 Building collaborative relationships between Health-based rehabilitation teams and DES Providers: the VIP experience

- Return to work post ABI is a complex intervention, requiring specific expertise and close working relationships between all parties
- There is an under-representation of people with ABI in the DES system reflective of a degeneration of specialist skill base and multiple barriers to program entry.
- In NSW, a pilot program (“The VIP”) has partnered rehabilitation teams with employment service providers to provide an integrated model of service delivery to 75 individuals with positive results.

Philippa McRae, *Project Manager*, **The Agency for Clinical Innovation (NSW Health)**

15:50 PANEL | Return to Work

Professor Jacinta Douglas, *Research Chair (Living Well with Brain Injury)*, **Summer Foundation**

16:30 CLOSING | Closing remarks from the Chair

16:40 END OF CONFERENCE