



Nick Rushworth has been Executive Officer of Brain Injury Australia since 2008. In 1996, Nick sustained a severe traumatic brain injury as a result of a bicycle accident. Before joining Brain Injury Australia, Nick worked for the Northern Territory Government setting up their new Office of Disability. Formerly a producer with the Nine Television Network's "Sunday" program and ABC Radio National, Nick's journalism has won a number of awards, including a Silver World Medal at the 2003 New York Festival, a National Press Club and TV Week Logie Award.



Hans Reinders is Bernard Lievegoed Professor of Ethics and Mental Disability at the Free University of Amsterdam, and has written extensively on the theological and philosophical foundations of caring for cognitively impaired persons. He held a research fellowship at the Dutch Organization of Advanced Scientific Research for four years and earned his PhD in theology cum laude in 1988. He has been a visiting scholar in philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and a resident scholar at the Center for Theological Inquiry at Princeton University.



Vicki Lovegreen OAM. Prior to being hit by a car on a pedestrian crossing in 1991, 35 year-old Vicki was a full-time manager, a mother, a wife and an active sportswoman. She emerged from a three-month coma unable to walk or talk and with memory loss, and being told by doctors any further improvements were unlikely. Due to her courage and self-belief, the unrivalled support from friends and family and the unparalleled, full-time, support of a loving husband of 30 years, Vicki can now not only walk and talk but is also a qualified Social Worker and has also completed Diplomas in Aged Care and Disability.



Natasha Lannin is an Associate Professor in Occupational Therapy at Alfred Health and La Trobe University, and Honorary Research Fellow at The John Walsh Institute for Rehabilitation Research at The University of Sydney, The George Institute for Global Health and Florey Neurosciences at The University of Melbourne. Working within the Alfred Health hospital network, she conducts clinical trials investigating the effectiveness of rehabilitation interventions as well as translation research into improving the long-term outcomes for those living with an acquired brain injury from stroke or traumatic causes.



Ian Maynard is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer – Operations for the National Disability Insurance Agency, based in Geelong. His previous roles have been Director-General of Queensland Health and Chief Executive of the Queensland Public Service Commission, Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Urban Utilities, Chief Operating Officer for the Brisbane City Council, and in senior risk management and strategic procurement roles with Fonterra, the world's leading exporter of dairy products.



Gwynnyth Llewellyn is an occupational therapist and international leading authority on family and disability, the Director of the Centre for Disability Research and Policy (CDRP) and the Director of World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre in Health Workforce Development in Rehabilitation and Long Term Care. Her work on parenting with intellectual disability has led national strategies in Australia, Sweden and The Netherlands. Professor Llewellyn is widely published in both national and international journals, and is an editorial board member of several journals including the Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research



Kerry Stafford is the Executive Director of Acquired Brain Injury Services NSW, the largest specialist service provider for people with acquired brain injury in New South Wales. Kerry has worked in disability service provision, sector development and advocacy for 27 years. In addition to her work with Acquired Brain Injury Services, Kerry serves as a Director of Brain Injury Australia and Headway Adult Development Program.



Rachael Alderton-Smith is Case Coordinator and Training Coordinator with Headstart ABI Services in the Hunter Region of New South Wales. For the last three years, Rachael has supported people with a brain injury identify their goals and strategies to pursue their ambitions. Prior to working with Headstart, Rachael worked in a case management role with long-term unemployed people with complex needs. Rachael holds a Diploma in Community Services, and Certificate IVs in Disability, Training and Assessment and Business (Human Resources).



Mary Hawkins is Director – Engagement, New South Wales Central for the National Disability Insurance Agency. Prior to this role, Mary worked nationally with the Agency in setting up of arrangements for Scheme providers. During her career, Mary has occupied senior positions in Workcover NSW, the Motor Accidents Authority of New South Wales and the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service. In 2008, Mary was the recipient of the inaugural Award for Outstanding Contribution to Injury Management by an Individual from the Personal Injury Education Foundation.



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MORNING PROGRAM

9:30am - 10:00am	Registration Coffee and Tea Available
10:00am - 10:15am	Acknowledgement of Country, Introduction to Forum Nick Rushworth, Executive Officer, Brain Injury Australia Welcome to Royal Rehab, The Rehabilitation & Disability Support Network Steve Lowndes, CEO, Royal Rehab
10:15am - 11:15am	Keynote: Choice and Control Presenter: Professor Dr Hans Reinders, Professor of Ethics and Mental Disability, Free University, Amsterdam
11:15am - 11:45am	Morning Tea
11:45am - 12:00pm	Consumer perspective Vicki Lovegreen, NDIS participant
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Exploring a client-centred approach to goal-setting: evidence of benefits, difficulties in practice and recommendations for people living with brain injury, their families and their clinicians Associate Professor Natasha Lannin , Alfred Health and La Trobe University

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch Optional tour of Royal Rehab including Brain Injury Unit
2:00pm - 2:45pm	NDIS update, guided planning and the "First Plan" Ian Maynard, Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Operations, National Disability Insurance Agency
2:45pm - 3:45pm	Panel Discussion: Perspectives on ensuring choice and control for people with acquired brain injury Moderator: Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn , Director, Centre for Disability Research and Policy Panelists: Kerry Stafford, Executive Director, Acquired Brain Injury Services NSW Rachael Alderton-Smith, Case Coordinator and Training Coordinator, Headstart ABI Services, Newcastle Vicki Lovegreen OAM, NDIS participant Ian Maynard, Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Operations, National Disability Insurance Agency Mary Hawkins, Director – Engagement, New South Wales Central, National Disability Insurance Agency
3:45pm - 4:00pm	Summary of Themes of the Day – Actions to Take Forward Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn
4:00pm - 4:15pm	Closing session Nick Rushworth

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and people with brain injury: ensuring choice and control

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