

National Disability Summit-Agenda

DAY 1 - 20 August 2018

8:50 AM	<p>OPENING Opening remarks from the Chair</p> <p>Bronwen Jackman, LL.M; SAB Dip. Law Course Co-Ordinator Grad.Cert, NDIS Business Development (UNE), Lecturer School of Law, University of New England</p>
9:00 AM	<p>OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS An Update on the NDIS Journey...</p> <p>Alexandra Gunning, Acting Branch Manager, Participants Pathway Design, National Disability Insurance Agency</p>
9:30 AM	<p>KEYNOTE The New NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework – The Journey So Far</p> <p>Graeme Head, Commissioner, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</p>
10:00 AM	<p>Influencing Improvement in the NDIS: The Role of the Commonwealth Ombudsman in Safeguarding People with Disability</p> <p>Michael Manthorpe, Commonwealth Ombudsman</p> <p>The Commonwealth Ombudsman's role, particularly as it relates to programs delivered to or for people with disability</p> <p>Trends and issues arising out of complaints about the NDIA and the rollout of the NDIS</p> <p>How the Ombudsman's Office is working with the NDIA and other stakeholders to influence improvement in the NDIS</p>
10:30 AM	<p>Networking and refreshment break</p>
11:00 AM	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION Compliance with the Safeguarding Framework and Disability Service Standards</p> <p>Graeme Head, Commissioner, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</p> <p>Michael Manthorpe, Commonwealth Ombudsman</p> <p>The government has released the safeguarding framework. How will that process work? How will organisations demonstrate compliance with the safeguarding framework and disability service standards?</p>

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MENTAL ILLNESS | Bridging the Gap – Psychosocial Support for People with Severe Mental Illness
Tony Stevenson, National Chief Executive Officer, Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia

The total cohort of people needing support

The current system

Recommendations for the future, within the framework of the 5th National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan

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Disability Support Pushback – At What Cost?

Andrew Giles, National Policy Officer, Multiple Sclerosis Australia

Our take on the increasing difficulty in assisting people to get NDIS packages, Disability Support Pensions, Companion Cards, and other supports even if accompanied by medical evidence. The need for more tailored training for GPs, specialists and healthcare professionals as to how to help their patients get the support they need. How do we change this?

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Lunch and networking break

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CARERS | Maximising Choice and Control for People with Intellectual Disability, their Families and Carers

Sarah Judd-Lam, Manager Policy & Research, Carers NSW

Kelli-Ann Sives, Manager, Carer & Disability Support, Carers NSW

Families and carers need targeted support and training to assist with capacity building and supported decision making

The NDIS has the potential to increase choice and control for both participants, their families and carers, if family context is adequately taken into account

Carers NSW experience working with families and carers of people with intellectual disability, within and outside of the NDIS, indicates that individual support, group-based training and carer recognition are key to achieving this.

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The Ambit of Choice and Control for NDIS Service Providers – Why Organisational Capacity Matters
Bronwen Jackman, LL.M; SAB Dip. Law Course Co-Ordinator Grad.Cert, NDIS Business Development (UNE), Lecturer School of Law, University of New England

Discuss the status of choice and control for participants in the NDIS with specific reference to current research and outcomes

Highlight the importance of capacity building for service providers now and in the future

Outline why it is essential to the practical and legal requirements of 'choice and control' for people accessing services that service provision organisations be sustainable and able to maintain services over a period of time

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CASE STUDY | Choice and Control in Planning and Appeals for NDIS Participants

Tom Ballantyne, Principal Lawyer, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

A brief background into an ongoing appeal on behalf of an NDIS participant

A discussion of barriers to choice and control for the participant at the planning stage and at the appeal stage (with a focus on the impact of delays upon the participant)

Lessons learned and analysis of themes and practical tips for participants and their carers

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PANEL DISCUSSION | Planning for Individualised Care – Where is the NDIS at in Terms of an Individualised Approach?

Elena Katrakis, CEO, Carers NSW

Bronwen Jackman, LL.M; SAB Dip. Law Course Co-Ordinator Grad.Cert, NDIS Business Development (UNE), Lecturer School of Law, University of New England

Andrew Giles, National Policy Officer, Multiple Sclerosis Australia

Janine McIlwraith, Principal Lawyer, Slater and Gordon

Darren Ginnelly, Managing Director, My Place Foundation

Alexandra Gunning, Acting Branch Manager, Participants Pathway Design, National Disability Insurance Agency

New models for delivering services to people with disabilities aims to empower service users by allowing increased input in planning and selecting their care

How well do current systems address individual interests/needs?

What's changing to improve this?

Affordability – What's the current status of out-of-pocket expenses and future direction?

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Networking Function

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DAY 2 - 21 August 2018

8:50 AM	<p>OPENING Opening remarks from the Chair Edward Birt, Chief Operating Officer, The Disability Trust</p>
9:00 AM	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS Every Opportunity: Victorian Economic Participation Plan for People with Disability 2018-2020 Peter van Vliet, Assistant Director, Disability and NDIS Branch, Children, Families, Disability and Operations Division, Department of Health and Human Services</p>
9:30 AM	<p>Cross Sector Collaboration for Early Intervention Outcomes in Indigenous Early Childhood Dylan Reynolds, Executive General Manager, Growing Potential Joseph Archibald, Manager Aboriginal Service Development, Growing Potential The roll out of the NDIS is establishing an environment that encourages organisations to develop new and innovative approaches to the engagement of service users, and to the provision of service. Windaan Aboriginal Services has developed partnerships with a range of Aboriginal controlled organisations throughout NSW for the purposes of delivering support coordination and early childhood early intervention disability services. These initiatives effectively integrate a cultural model of care and community connectedness with integrated multidisciplinary allied, and primary, health services.</p>
10:10 AM	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION Mental Health and Disability Tony Stevenson, National Chief Executive Officer, Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia Kate Heine, Managing Director & Founder, Heads Together for ABI Sara James, Journalist & Author Alexandra Gunning, Acting Branch Manager, Participants Pathway Design, National Disability Insurance Agency Mental health and the NDIS Current provisions for individuals with a mental illness, either primary or secondary to a physical injury Current challenges and how to overcome these</p>
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An Update on NDIS Cases and Practical Tips

Janine McIlwraith, Principal Lawyer, Slater and Gordon

This presentation will provide an overview of the key published NDIS Appeals from the AATA and the Federal Court.

What are the key points of contention?

The wide discretion afforded the NDIA in assessing what is 'reasonable & necessary'

The leading decision of McGarrigle

Decisions post McGarrigle – Has there been any change?

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The 94% Question – A Community Housing Provider's Exploration into Addressing Housing Need for Non-SDA NDIS Funded Customers

Bruce Woodhouse, Projects Manager, Innovation and Impact Team, SGCH

Kate Smith, General Manager, Civic

How can community housing providers meet the needs of nonSDA funded NDIS customers seeking housing independence, but needing some level of SIL site support?

What sort of 'mixed community' can be created for this potential group in collaboration with a common SIL service within medium density buildings?

Customers – What system, policy and procedural changes will be needed?

'Pain points', the risks and the costs

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Technology, Housing and Support: User Experiences and Evaluation Approaches

Libby Callaway, Occupational Therapist, School of Primary and Allied

Healthcare, Monash University

Associate Professor Kate Tregloan, A/Prof Teaching and Learning, Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning, University of Melbourne & Adjunct A/Prof (Research), Faculty of Art Design and Architecture, Monash University

Current and emerging technologies being used in accessible housing design

Findings from evaluation of user (tenant) experiences of technology

Key considerations in application of integrated, assistive and smart technologies in housing and support design

'My Home Space' – Interactive virtual housing tool for exploring and planning housing, technology and support design

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PANEL | Balancing the Market for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA)

Anthony Ryan, CEO, Youngcare

Edward Birt, Chief Operating Officer, The Disability Trust

Faye Minty, SDA Manager, Hume Community Housing

In responding to the opportunities presented by Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) developers and housing providers face a range of risks and challenges in assessing and understanding demand, responding with both current and planned supply of suitable housing stock, managing vacancy and tenancy issues, as well as staying on top of maintenance responsibilities. How can developers and housing providers ensure this is managed and costed?

3:00 PM

Children with a Disability Facing Family Violence – Silent No More

Emma Gierschick, Family Violence Specialist for Children with a Disability

The invisibility of children with a disability in family violence situations and government reports

The reality of life as a carer of a child with special needs in a family violence situation

The multiple additional challenges to be faced

Introducing the Special Needs Assessment Template – A solution to saving lives

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A Picture of Social and Economic Participation of People with Disability in Australia

Lucy McCrossen, Disability, Ageing, Carers and Mental Health Section, Australian Bureau of Statistics

Participation of people with disability in the labour force, the reported types of employment restrictions, and the support and assistance available to enable participation in the labour force

Participation of people with disability in education and the positive affect that support, assistance and available equipment can have on participation in education

Reported experience of discrimination for those living with disability and the source of that discrimination

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CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Using My NDIS Funding to Create a Big Life

Thomas Banks, Managing Director, Centre for Access

Not fitting into any boxes

Maximising my choice and control

How using my NDIS funds helped me to realise my potential

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End of Conference

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