

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Symposium:
Neurodiversity at Macquarie – Today and Tomorrow



Thursday 20 March, 2025 - Room 330, 17 Wally's Walk, Michael Kirby Building

Time	Session	Speaker
10am – 11.20am	Visions of a Neuroinclusive Macquarie University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote address - <i>The importance of visible neurodivergent leaders</i> Professor Sandy O'Sullivan, <i>Centre of Critical Indigenous Studies</i>• Formal launch of the Neurodiversity Community of Practice Dr Diana Tan, <i>School of Education</i> Rebecca McNeil, <i>Dept of Linguistics; MQ Health</i>• The MQ Neurodiversity Initiative – A conception of a neuroinclusive future for our university Prof. Michael Steel, <i>Faculty of Science and Engineering</i>• Reflections on a neurodiverse Macquarie Prof. Leonie Tickle, Executive Dean, Macquarie Business School Co-Chair of the Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Steering Committee
11.20am – 11.50am	MORNING TEA	
11.50am – 1pm	Workshop on neuroinclusive practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lightning talks from Macquarie staff and panel discussion (30 mins)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trends in neuroinclusive teaching○ Neuroinclusive research○ Neuroaffirming clinical practices○ Neuroinclusive workplaces• Breakout discussions (40 mins)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Identifying and addressing resources gaps for building a more neuroinclusive university○ Understanding and building safe spaces for neurodivergent staff and students

1pm – 1.45pm

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