

### 8th National Brain Injury Conference

The Abercrombie Building, The University of Sydney Business School, NSW

### Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th June 2022

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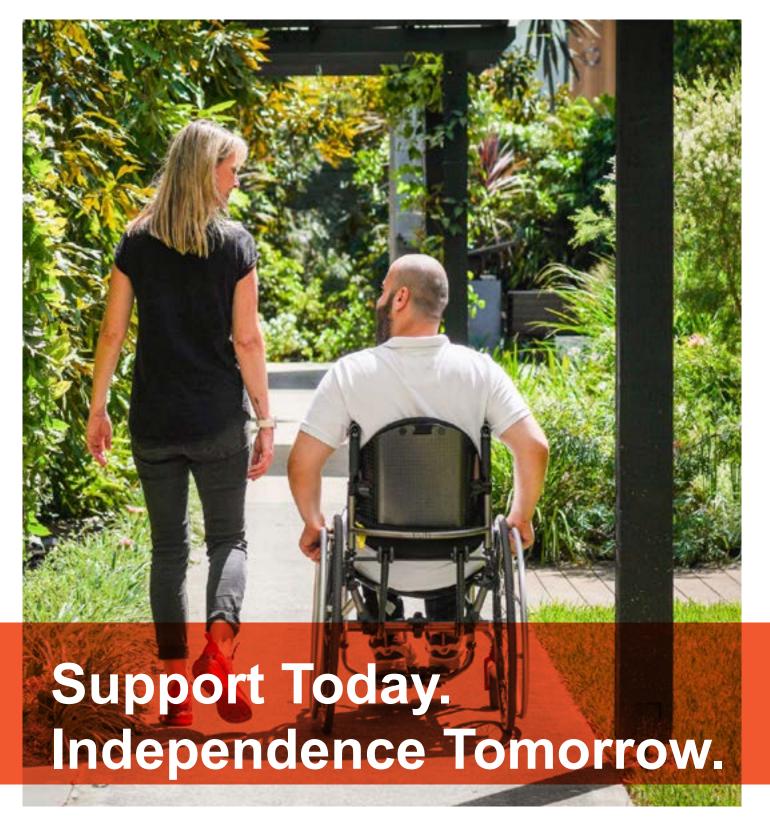












Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) is a for-purpose organisation supporting people with a spinal cord injury and other physical and neurological disabilities to live the life they choose.

Our community-based programs and services help people overcome barriers, achieve their goals and live fulfilling, independent lives.



On behalf of both the Conference's host - The University of Sydney - and Brain Injury Australia's Premier Partner - MAX Employment - I welcome you to Brain Injury Australia's 8th National Brain Injury Conference. And I wanted to especially thank the speakers to the Conference for not only giving of their time and sharing their experience, their expertise but, also, for their *patience*. This Conference has been two years in the making because it's been two years in the postponement - due to the pandemic's persistence. Every year, the National Brain Injury Conference relies upon the generosity of the academy, the professions, and people with lived experience of the disability. And Brain Injury Australia never takes that for granted.

The Conference has become one of the premier learning and development events on the disability calendar – driving improvements in services and supports for the over 700,000 Australians living with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). I'd like to especially acknowledge those speakers and delegates with lived experience of brain injury, their families and carers - the greatest number of both attending in the Conference's history. And it's a testament to both the strength of the Conference's content and its increasing popularity that, for the first time, this Conference includes three pre-Conference Workshops and Concurrent Sessions.

Founded in 1986, Brain Injury Australia is the nation's peak advocacy organisation. Alongside providing policy advice to Commonwealth, State and Territory governments, and representing people with a brain injury on a range of advisory groups, Brain Injury Australia also drives multi-year public education campaigns, on: women, Domestic and Family Violence and ABI; Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in the military (1 in every 10 Australian Defence Force personnel who served in the Middle East reported a post-deployment TBI); concussion in sport; the leading cause of death and disability in children who have been abused – inflicted TBI (sometimes referred to as "Shaken Baby Syndrome"); the leading cause of TBI throughout the developed world - falls, due to the ageing of populations; and people with a brain injury in the criminal justice system (as many as 80 per cent of Australia's adult prisoners report one or more brain injuries). Between 2017 and 2019, Brain Injury Australia also facilitated a national "community of practice" in brain injury for the National Disability Insurance Agency (the independent statutory agency whose role is to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme), being piloted in Sydney - regular meetings of Local Area Coordinators and Agency planners with senior Agency staff, a Clinical Lead and allied health representation.

The Conference has only been made possible through the generous support of sponsors and exhibitors - The University of Sydney and its Brain and Mind Centre, Victoria's Transport Accident Commission, Insurance and Care NSW (icare), Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, the Agency for Clinical Innovation of NSW Health and NSW Health's Prevention and Response to Violence, Abuse and Neglect Unit, Drake Medox, BrightSky Australia, Regal Health, the Housing Hub, the Brain Injury Association of Tasmania, and Taylor Made Outcomes.

Brain Injury Australia is also grateful for funding received from the Australian Government's Department of Social Services' National Disability Conference Initiative, to support the Conference attendance of people with a brain injury, their families and carers.

Thank you for taking the time to attend. So it can continuously improve, if there's anything you didn't like about the Conference please let *me* know. And if you liked the Conference please let *somebody else* know to attend the 9th National Brain Injury Conference - to be held in Adelaide in 2024, with the support of the Government of South Australia - and beyond.

Nick Rushworth Executive Officer Brain Injury Australia Conference Chair

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# **Tuesday 28th June 2022**

9:30-5:00

### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

#### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT FOLLOWING BRAIN INJURY ROOM 1040

– Dr. Tim Feeney (Chief Knowledge Officer at Belvedere Health Services, United States), Professor Jennie Ponsford AO, Dr. Kate Gould, and Amelia Hicks (Monash University) and Nadine Holgate.

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Prof. Jennie Ponsford AO



Dr. Kate Gould



Amelia Hicks



#### DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND BRAIN INJURY ROOM 1050

– Rachel Ramirez, Ohio Domestic Violence Network, Director The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury (United States), Paula Walters, Founder of Standing Courageous Inc. CONCUSSION/ "MILD" TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ROOM 1060

### Breakout Sessions: 1140, 1150, 1160, 1100

– Professor Gary Browne, the Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine in Westmead, Sydney and Associate Professor Rhonda Orr, The University of Sydney, Dr. Miriam Priglinger-Coorey and Vicki Evans AM, Royal North Shore Hospital Sydney, Dr. David Jefferies, Tina Bogg, Nancy van Doorn, Andrew Fyffe and Maree Cassimatis.

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Dr. David Jefferies





Tina Bogg



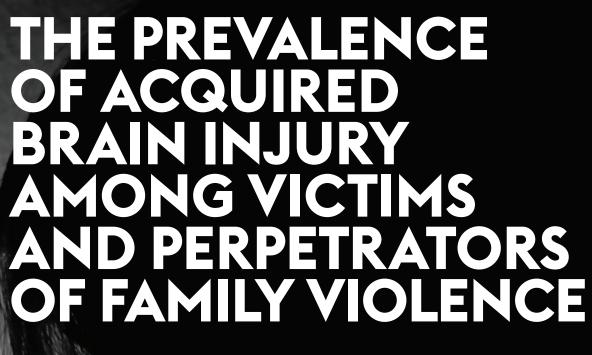
Vicki Evans AM







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"Domestic and Family Violence is a significant cause of brain injury. Around 40 per cent of the 16,296 victims of family violence attending Victorian hospitals over the 10 years from July 2006 to June 2016 sustained a brain injury."

Available from: www.braininjuryaustralia.org.au











INTRODUCTION, HOUSEKEEPING – Nick Rushworth, Conference Chair WELCOME TO COUNTRY – Uncle Allan Murray **ROOM 1040** 

9:15



### CONSUMER OPENING ADDRESS - ROOM 1040

"The Professional as Patient" – moderated by Nick Rushworth, Conference Chair

Three people with lived experience of severe Traumatic Brain Injury – an anesthetist, an exercise physiologist and an occupational therapist – share what they've learnt from being both sides of "the bed". – Dr Bruce Powell, Scott Painter, Nick Johnson

9:30

10:30

11:00







MORNING TEA

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS - ROOM 1040

Dr. Harris Eyre -"Boosting Global Brain Health" Introduced by Professor Roger Chung, Macquarie University Centre for Motor Neuron Disease Research, Deputy Dean Research and Innovation, Macquarie Medical School, Chair – Brain Injury Australia





Noon

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

CONCURRENT 1 - ROOM 1050 INFLICTED TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IN CHILDREN

Inflicted Traumatic Brain Injury, inclusive of "Shaken Baby Syndrome", is the leading cause of death and disability in children who have been abused. Infants are at the greatest risk.

1. "Abusive Head Trauma and Strangulation: a 'Hidden Acquired Brain Injury'

- Dr. Dimitra Tzioumi



2. "Preventing Infant Abusive Head Trauma: experience from Rural and Remote Australia" – Dr William Liley



Dr. William Liley

CONCURRENT 2 - ROOM 1060 THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EXPERIENCE

Rates of brain injury among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can be as much as three times that of the rest of the population. Despite a raft of policy reforms, the experience of brain injury among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people remains further complicated by lack of culturally appropriate services and supports.

1. "The Guddi Way Screen: Developing a culturally sensitive cognitive screen for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples" - Dr. Michelle McIntyre



Dr. Michelle McIntyre

2. "Responding to Acquired Brain Injury in Remote Indigenous Communities: Getting the Foundations Right"

- Dr. Anthea Krieg



3. "Australia's First Yarning Circles for Aboriginal People with a Brain Injury' Kerri Colgate and Professor Beth Armstrong



Kerri Colgate



CONCURRENT 3 - ROOM 1170 CONCUSSION

Concussion – or "mild" Traumatic Brain Injury – is the most common kind of brain injury, accounting for as many as 90 per cent of hospitalisations for Traumatic Brain Injury. The provision of best practice assessment and management of concussion remains a public health challenge.

"Taking the Guesswork out of Concussion: Applying Brain Injury Biomarkers to Australian Footballers

- Associate Professor Sandy Shultz, Dr. Stuart McDonald, Professor Meng Law, Georgia Symons and Dr. Brendan Major





Dr. Stuart McDonald



Prof. Meng Law



Georgia Symons



1:00

LUNCH

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - ROOM 1040

Dr. Charlie TEO AM; "Minimising Damage, Maximising Potential Hope for Recovery from Brain Injury"



2:00



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Your sneakers, jeans and hoodie might feel better than your protective gear at the pub, but out on the road it's a different story. In a motorcycle crash, casual clothes only protect you for a split second. Protect your entire body on every ride.







3:00

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### CONCURRENT 4 - ROOM 1050 POST-CONCUSSION SYNDROME

While most people recover from concussion -  $\alpha$ "mild" Traumatic Brain Injury - as many as 2 in every 3 will experience disabling symptoms lasting longer than 3 months. Post-Concussion Syndrome is a major public health concern in urgent need of health and disability-funded service responses and evidence-based interventions.

1. "The Ripple Effects of a Traumatic Brain Injury" – Charlotte Stocker



2. "Post-Concussion, Post-Me: a Personal Account of Post-Concussion Syndrome" - Meaghan Arundell



Meaghan Arundell

3. "Life in the Post-Concussion Lane" - Talie Van Piper



Talie Van Piper

CONCURRENT 5 - ROOM 1060 "IT TAKES A VILLAGE...": PARTNERS, PARENTS, PEERS AND CARERS

1. "Day in the Life of the Wife of a Husband with a Brain Injury'



Melissa Bruce

2. "Support for Carers of People Living with Brain Injury: The Importance of Personal and Social Support"

- Dr. Lukas Hofstaetter and Melissa Docker



3. "An Ordinary Life" - Cheryl McDonnell



Cheryl McDonnell

4. "The Power of Peer Connection: How Heads Together for ABI' Supports and Connects Young People with Acquired Brain Injuries and their Families"

– Kate Heine



CONCURRENT 6 - ROOM 1170

"USING THE NeuroBITE DATABASE TO FIND EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENTS FOR BRAIN INJURY'

#### - Dr Paul Gertler

This Session will show attendees how to find treatments for a range of symptoms and conditions associated with brain injury from a database that catalogues over 6,000 studies.



4:00 AFTERNOON TEA

4:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS** 

#### CONCURRENT 7 - ROOM 1050 "RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY'S BRAIN AND MIND CENTRE AND ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY COMMUNICATION LAB"

– Professor Leanne Togher, Dr. Melissa Brunner, Dr. Rachael Rietdijk, Petra Avramovic, Melissa Miao, Alex Salomon, Ben McCulloch and Sophie Brassel







Dr. Melissa Brunner









Melissa Miao

Alex Salomon



Ben McCulloch



CONCURRENT 8 - ROOM 1060 "COVID-19 AND BRAIN INJURY"

- Professor Steven Faux, Rehabilitation and Pain Medicine St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney and Professor Bruce Brew, University of NSW.

New research suggests that as many as onethird of people infected by COVID-19 may have sustained brain injury.





CONCURRENT 9 - ROOM 1170 THE LONG TERM

- 1. "Factors Facilitating Recovery Following Severe Traumatic Brain Injury: A Qualitative Study"
- Amelia Hicks



2. "A Qualitative Exploration of the Long-Term Journey after Traumatic Brain Injury" - Professor Jennie Ponsford AO



Prof. Jennie Ponsford AO

- 3. "The Women's Healthy Aging Project: a Sign of Early Cognitive Aging Decades after Community Brain Injury?"
- Stefanie Bird



Stefanie Bird

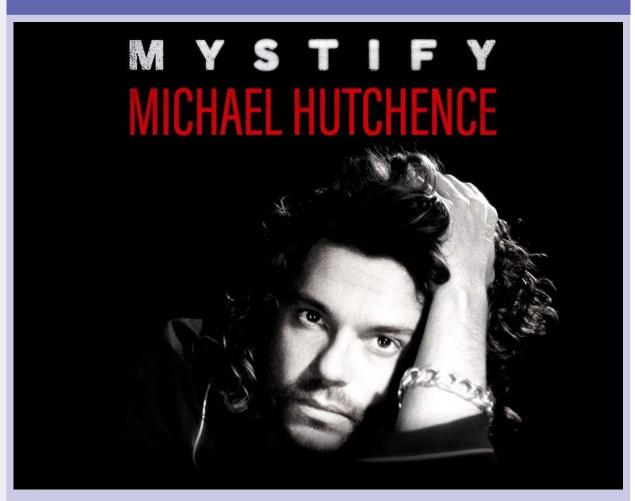
- 4. "Does Cognitive Decline Occur Decades after Traumatic Brain Injury? A Prospective Controlled Study'
- Amelia Hicks



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5:45 - 7.30

FILM SCREENING



### ROOM 1040

"Mystify Michael Hutchence" is a journey into the heart and soul of the internationally-renowned lead singer of rock band INXS, a complex and shy man who spent the bulk of his life in the public eye, rarely revealing his true self to anyone except his very close friends. This award-winning documentary portrays Hutchence's life journey from his beginnings in a fractured family, to the peaks of rock stardom, followed by the life-altering challenges he faced after sustaining a Tramautic Brain Injury (TBI) from a violent assault in 1992.

The documentary will be introduced by its writer, director, producer and editor, Richard Lowenstein, pictured below.

Richard will also answer questions from the audience following the screening.



INTRODUCTION, HOUSEKEEPING – Nick Rushworth, Conference Chair

9:15



INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Dr. Tim Feeney; "Reimagining Rehabilitation: Moving from Medicine to Meaning" ROOM 1040

9:30



For decades brain injury rehabilitation has focused on the physical and medical aspects of recovery of function; as a result, rehabilitation has been viewed as an endeavour that is driven by clinicians and professionals who work with patients to overcome disabilities. It's past time to look beyond this kind of rehabilitation. This Address is an invitation to rethinking what constitutes "good" rehabilitation.

10:30

MORNING TEA

11:00

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CONCURRENT 10 – ROOM 1050
THE LIVED EXPERIENCE: WHAT "WORKS"

1. "From the Accident to 'By Accident'" – Eva Sifis



Eva Sifis

2. "Wally's Traumatic Brain Injury Journey"
– Daniel Wallekers



Daniel Wallekers

3. "You Don't Know What You've Got 'Til It's Gone"



CONCURRENT 11 - ROOM 1060 POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Each year, around 1,000 Australians sustain a severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). And for as many as half of them, they will also manifest "challenging behaviours": impulsivity; irritability; verbal, and sometimes physical, aggression.

 "Towards Personalised Neuroscience -Guided Rehabilitation of Behavioural Deficits in Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury"
 - Professor Karen Caeyenberghs



CONCURRENT 12 - ROOM 1170
DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND
BRAIN INJURY

In research commissioned by the Victorian Government, Brain Injury Australia found 2 in every 5 of the 16,000 victim-survivors of Domestic and Family Violence attending Victorian hospitals over a decade had sustained a brain injury.

1. "Repetitive Brain Injuries are Serious and Hidden Dangers for Women Too: Understanding the Invisible Dangers of Intimate Partner Violence"

- Associate Professor Eve Valera



Associate Professor

2. "Key Insights from a Traumatic Brain Injury and Domestic and Family Violence Roundtable"



4. "The Role of Athletics Training in Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Neuroplasticity" – Alexandria Eves and Mark Reed





2. "'I've Never Been Positive. I Am Now.' Positive Behaviour Support for Adults with Acquired Brain Injury: Results from a Randomised Controlled Trial, Goal Attainment and Participant Perspectives"

- Prof. Jennie Ponsford AO, Dr. Kate Gould and Amelia Hicks







3. "The Role of Brain Injury in Family Violence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples" – Professor Marcia Langton AO and Dr. Kristen Smith





4. "Neuropsychology and Domestic and Family Violence; the RE-FOCUS Study" - Dr. Caroline Fisher and Dr. Toni Withiel





3. "Use of Sensory Modulation Intervention in a Community Adult Acquired Brain Injury Population to Reduce Behaviours of Concern" - Katie Hall



Amelia Hicks

4. "Meet Me In the Middle: Facilitating Positive Behaviour Support Success Between Practitioners and Workers"



Dr. Toni Withiel

12:30 LUNCH

> LAUNCH, BRAIN INJURY AUSTRALIA'S WEBSITE - Nick Rushworth, Conference Chair, Executive Officer Brain Injury Australia **ROOM 1040**



1:20



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Care



Rehabilitation



Vocational

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - MAKING THE INVISIBLE DISABILITY VISIBLE - Professor Stuart Grieve, with Paddy McCartin

1:20





The potential long-term effects of concussion - a "mild" Traumatic Brain Injury - remain the white-hot conversation in sport. World-leading neuroradiologist Professor Stuart Grieve's Keynote Address - in collaboration with Paddy McCartin, the number one pick in the 2014's Australian Football League (AFL) draft, whose eight concussions playing for St. Kilda almost forced his early retirement - will share what cutting-edge Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) reveals about the often subtle, sometimes disabling, effects of "mild" brain injury.

#### 2:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CONCURRENT 13 - ROOM 1050 PANDEMIC, AND OTHER, PIVOTS TO ONLINE DELIVERY

Some surveys have found people with a disability are happy with the move to remote delivery of services and supports as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Others have found that face-to-face delivery remains preferred. Regardless, funders are finding remote delivery cheaper. So, the push is on.

1. "Blending Technology and Creativity to Adapt Cognitive Rehabilitation Strategies for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury"



2. "The Carers' Way Ahead; a New Online Resource to Assist Families of People with Traumatic Brain Injury and 'Challenging Behaviours"

- Professor Skye McDonald



3. Minimally Invasive Brain-Computer Interface for Severe Paralysis: First-In- Human Experience" - Tom Oxley



#### CONCURRENT 14 - ROOM 1060 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

As many as 80 per cent of adult prisoners report histories of brain injury. And while an association between brain injury and, sometimes violent, offending is now not only undeniable but uncontroversial, offenders with a brain injury are regularly ineligible for programs of diversion or rehabilitation due to restrictive legislation or access criteria.

1. "Identifying and Responding to Cognitive and other Disabilities in Indigenous Prisoners"

- Dr. Michelle McIntyre



Dr. Michelle McIntyre

2. "Acquired Brain Injury and the Queensland Mental Health Act"

Raymond Horn



3. "Prisoners with Brain Injuries: What do we Know and What Should We Do?' – Associate Professor Molly Townes O'Brien



CONCURRENT 15 - ROOM 1170 RE-EDUCATION

1. "The Hairy Bikie and other Metacognitive Strategies – Dr. Jeffrey Baron Levi



2. "Birth Complications and their Impact on Learning in the Classroom"

– Jane Andrew



3. "Stimulating the Brain, Through Study" - Tish Peiris



#### AFTERNOON TEA- ROOM 1060

BOOK LAUNCH by Professor Simon Rice, Kim Santow Chair of Law and Social Justice at The University of Sydney, "Nobody Home: My Brain Injury and Recovery from Pavement to Podium" by Associate Professor Molly Townes O'Brien.



4:00

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### CONCURRENT 16 - ROOM 1050 "IT TAKES A VILLAGE..." - PEERS AND FRIENDS

Surveys following people living with severe brain injury have found half report having lost friends, becoming more socially isolated since their injury. This session shares success stories of finding peer supports, keeping friends.

- 1. "Making and Keeping Friends after Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): The TBI Friendship Project"
- Dr. Melanie Moses and Samantha Grant





Dr. Melanie Moses



2. "Peer Support Groups; Validating the Lived Experience" - Brent Alford



**Brent Alford** 

3. "A Problem Shared is a Problem Halved: Group-based Therapy and Integrated Management in Repeat Concussion and Traumatic Encephalopathy Syndrome" - Dr. Rowena Mobbs



CONCURRENT 17 - ROOM 1060 EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH BRAIN INJURY

Long-term surveys have found only 40 per cent of people with severe brain injury are employed 5 years post-injury. This session shares success stories of finding, and keeping, employment.

- 1. "The Vocational Intervention Program: a Profile of Participants and Preliminary Employment and Wellbeing Outcomes'
- Philippa McRae



Philipa McRae

- 2. "Achieving Better Employment Outcomes for People with Brain Injury: The 'Who What Where When Why' Project"



Deborah Byrne

- 3. "Jobseeking after Brain Injury Tips and Tricks for Injury Disclosure and Sources of Support"
- Alexa Locke



Alexa Locke

4:00

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### CONCURRENT 18 - ROOM 1170 CONCUSSION

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- 1. "Women versus Brain Injury"
- Katherine Snedaker



2. "Injury Reduction Exercise Programs which Include Neck Exercises can Decrease the Incidence of Head and Neck Injuries including Sportrelated Concussion in Contact Sport Athletes: A Systematic Review" – Dr. Kerry Peek



3. "Look to the Eyes; Eye Movement (Dys)function in Mild Traumatic Brain Injury"

– Dr. Carlo Rinaudo



Carlo Rinaudo

CONCURRENT 19 - ROOM 1070 THE LIVED EXPERIENCE: THE DIVERSITY

Brain injuries occur not only as the result of trauma. Given both the range of external causes, and ages at injury, brain injury is the most disparate and diverse of all disability types.

1. "The Hidden Nature of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder" - Jessica Birch



2. "My Recovery after a Yachting Accident in 1995 left me with Hypoxic Brain Injury and a life in Rehabilitation Units, Nursing Homes and Hostels"

- Mark Thompson



Mark Thompson

3. "Life Lessons from Eating an Acquired Mussel" - Dominic McDonald



Domenic McDonald

4. "Brain Aneurysm: the Lived Experience, the Prevalence and Lack of Awareness'

Cynthia Burke



5:00

**CLOSING REMARKS ROOM 1040** 

5:15

CONFERENCE CLOSE



### **Brain Injury Association of Tasmania**

The Australian Government Department of Social Services funded the Brain Injury Association of Tasmania (BIAT) to expand its brain injury identification card program nationally. The project is The National Assistance Card Service. The National Assistance Card is a personalised card to assist people with disability and health conditions in the community.

The Card is available to all people in Australia living with brain injury. In Tasmania, the Card is being trialled with autistic people, and people with other disabilities and health conditions.

The National Assistance Card includes a cardholder's details, unique areas of difficulty and a QR code providing access to additional personalised information.

Website: www.nationalassistancecard.com.au



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This understanding guides the creation of a personalised neuro-rehabilitation program that incorporates a broad range of innovative therapies such as neuro-navigated transcranial magnetic stimulation, photobiomodulation, cognitive training, breath work and more.

Website: www.cingulumhealth.com



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Drake Medox has grown to be one of the most respected providers of homecare support services and healthcare recruitment across Australia. We have extensive experience in home and community care, providing registered nurses and support workers for families and individuals who require all levels of support at home or in the community.

Drake Medox is a name synonymous with quality healthcare recruitment, and for the last 50 years, it's a name that many have come to trust and rely on when it comes to person-centered homecare support services and healthcare recruitment.

Website: www.drakemedox.com.au

# **Housing Hub**

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### **Housing Hub**

The Summer Foundation has established a service called the Housing Hub to connect people with disability to suitable housing. The Housing Hub website (housinghub. org.au) lists around 2,000 accessible houses, apartments and other properties that may be suitable for people with disability to rent or buy.

The Housing Hub team supports people with high disability support needs to understand their housing options, access appropriate SDA funding from the NDIS and apply for an SDA vacancy that they're interested in.

Website: www.housinghub.org.au



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Website: www.icare.nsw.gov.au



Spinal Cord Injuries Australia

### **Spinal Cord Injuries Australia**

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) is a for-purpose organisation that has supported people with spinal cord injury and other neurological conditions for over 50 years.

Our community-based programs and services help people overcome barriers, achieve their goals and live fulfilling, independent lives.

We were founded by people with a spinal cord injury and 25.5% of our staff live with a disability, including the majority of our Board.

Our members and clients include people living with disability, their families, carers and professionals in the sector. We work collaboratively and deliver our services with integrity, quality and empathy.

Website: www.scia.org.au



### **TAC – Transport Accident Commission**

The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) is a Victorian Government-owned organisation whose role is to support those injured on our roads and promote road safety.

The TAC's mission is to be the world's leading social insurer, providing medical, rehabilitation and financial support to help people get their lives back on track after a transport accident.

The TAC works closely with Victoria Police, the Department of Justice and VicRoads to promote road safety. It develops campaigns that increase awareness of road safety issues, change behaviour and ultimately reduce the incidence of road trauma.

Website: www.tac.vic.gov.au





### **NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation**

The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Network is primarily focused on improving health and social participation outcomes for children, young people and adults of working age with severe acquired brain injury and their families. The Network is coordinated by the Agency for Clinical Innovation (NSW Ministry of Health), which works collaboratively with consumers, clinicians, other service providers and the broader community to research, develop and support the implementation of system wide improvements.

The Network is primarily made up of the NSW Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program (BIRP) which includes 15 facilities spread across metropolitan and regional NSW. BIRP includes inpatient, transitional and community specialist rehabilitation services delivered by multidisciplinary teams.

Website: www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au



### **NSW Health PARVAN**

The Prevention and Response to Violence, Abuse and Neglect (PARVAN) Unit within the NSW Ministry of Health, works to ensure NSW Health delivers evidence-based, culturally safe and trauma informed services to children, young people and adults who have experienced violence, abuse and neglect.

PARVAN supports and drives NSW Health policy and practice and supports violence, abuse and neglect services to respond to domestic and family violence, adult and child sexual assault, child physical and emotional abuse, child neglect, and children and young people with problematic or harmful sexual behaviours.

PARVAN is engaged in a program of work to improve NSW Health responses to domestic and family violence, including the provision of state-wide evidence based clinical guidance on responding to non-fatal strangulation and acute and cumulative head and brain injury.

Website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/parvan



### **Regal Health**

At Regal Health, we provide a range of in home clinical and support services in Greater Metropolitan Sydney. Our goal is to promote the independence of members of our community and enable them to live safely in their own homes with supports tailored to suit their lifestyle.

Regal offers a range of clinical, personal care, and domestic services which are delivered by Regal Nurses and Support Workers. Regal is a registered NDIS and icare Attendant Care provider and can offer a wide range of support services funded by these schemes.

Website: www.regalhealth.com.au





### Support through the NDIS

### **Taylor Made Outcomes**

Taylor Made Outcomes is proudly serving just shy of 700 NDIS participants, through the provision of Plan Management, Support Coordination (including Specialist) and Psychosocial Recovery Coaching. The team of Support Coordinators all possess significant skills, experience and for most also lived experience of living with disability, either personally or within their close network.

By providing only two support models through NDIS, Taylor Made Outcomes focuses on quality delivery of these specific service types.

Owner and Director, Mandy Drain was presented with the 2021 Businessperson of Year at the Illawarra and South Coast Business Awards on the 23rd February 2022, as an acknowledgement of the passion and dedication she has to Taylor Made Outcomes and the greater disability support sector.

Website: www.taylormadeoutcomes.com.au



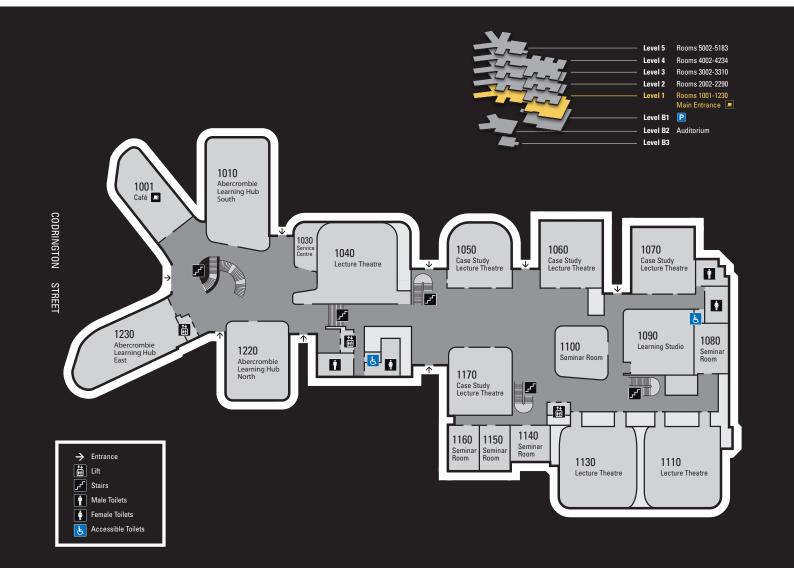
# The University of Sydney Acquired Brain Injury Communication Lab

The University of Sydney Acquired Brain Injury Communication Lab is a team of researchers investigating communication disorders following acquired brain injury. We work with research participants with traumatic brain injury, aphasia following stroke, dementia and other acquired neurological communication disorders.

Our team is led by Professor Leanne Togher, and includes experienced researchers, early career researchers, PhD candidates, and honours students.

Talk to us to find out about opportunities to participate in our research, to learn about the evidence-based interventions we have developed, or to discuss your research ideas.

Website: https://abi-communication-lab.sydney.edu.au































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