

DRTA Conference 2017 innovation + expectation Programme

Day 1 Friday 6th October



Welcome – 9:00am	
Keynote speaker Bryan Lipmann AM, CEO Wintringham, Specialist Aged Care <i>(Title to be confirmed)</i>	
Resident Movie Calendar Project 2017 Tara Plaisance <i>Twelve movies were recreated by the residents, resulting in a selection of photos that were turned into a 12 month calendar</i>	
Morning Tea 10:30am	
Taking DRTA to the World – we are all international DRTs! Facilitated by Darren Robinson, SA Includes a round up of DRTA international contacts, and SKYPE sessions with: Dr Mark Brown, Pikes Peak Motivation, Colorado USA who will speak on: We are part of the Family, all my assistants and ME: The Activity Professional, more than Bingo and Birthday Parties (as presented in April 2017 at the National Association of Activity Professionals, Denver, Colorado, USA and Casey Narusawa, Activity Director, will report in via Skype on what they have been doing at The Plaza Assisted Living at Pearl City in Pearl City, Hawaii	
Doll Therapy for Positive Approach Takako Serizawa, President DTA Japan <i>In a Brisbane Nursing Home in 1997 Takako was first introduced to Doll Therapy, a technique unheard of in Japan at the time. Includes interesting case studies of Doll Therapy from Japan using specially designed dolls.</i>	
Lunch 12:45pm	
DRT Case studies working with people with Brain Injury (title to be confirmed) Renee Rizzo, NSW <i>(further details to be confirmed).</i>	Family and friends: The missing link in communication in residential care Annemarie Kluvers, WA <i>Effective communication between family, staff and residents -- developing an App for better results</i>
DRT in Community Care settings: a golden opportunity Daniel Gray, VIC <i>Highlights the future growing opportunity from recent changes in the community sector and outlines Wintringham's rapidly expanding community department, discusses job options and showcases the amazing client outcomes that can be achieved.</i>	Creation of a Community /Family Tree Lesley Fox & Carima Dordoy, NSW <i>An interactive session where delegates will create a DRTA Conference Community Tree as an example</i>
	PARO Seals the deal! Christine Bourke, QLD <i>A family visit to The Netherlands, then big fundraising efforts, brought results for Aussie aged care residents</i>
Afternoon Tea 3:15pm	
CST - Cognitive Stimulation Therapy: What is it and Why do DRTs need to be Excited? Toni Wallwork, NSW <i>How CST helps our clients/residents and DRTs</i>	Juicing Activities for Added Value Astrid Heckler, QLD <i>Tells us how to 'squeeze' the sweetest result from activities you may (or may not) have already thought of</i>
'Prominiscing' – and what do you think happened next? Claudia Stephson, QLD <i>Instead of using props for reminiscing, to use them as prompts to 'think forward' for cognitive stimulation</i>	Paw Tales: One woman's journey to realising her potential as a creative writer Kim Macklin & Marie Sheahan, NSW <i>How a woman with an intellectual disability achieved her dream of becoming a published author</i>
Cocktail Party – 6:15- 8:15pm DTA Award for Excellence, Prizes, Poster Presentations & Networking Join delegates, DRTA Board, Trade Partners and special guests for a drink and substantial canapés and to celebrate the runners up and the winner of the DRTA Award For Excellence 2017 Don't miss this important (and fun) event – INCLUDED in your registration fee!	

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Day 2 Saturday 7th October



Welcome – 8:30am	
<p>Keynote Speaker – Dr Helena Popovic (Title to be confirmed) <i>Dr Helena Popovic is a medical doctor, leading authority on how to improve brain function, international speaker and best-selling author. Since 1995 she has been paving the way for a new paradigm in peak health for peak performance. Helena’s philosophy is that education is more powerful than medication and she believes in slow ageing despite fast living. She is exceptional in teaching the Neuroscience of Success and empowering people to live longer, stronger, healthier and happier. For Dr Helena, promoting optimal physical and mental health is not only her profession, it’s her passion, her purpose and her personal way of life.</i></p> <p><i>Helena is author of two books. Her best-seller, In Search of My Father –Dementia is no match for a daughter’s determination – is a warm, humorous account of how we can build a better brain at any age or stage of life.</i></p>	
<p>Stay Calm and Play with Yarn Shannon Azzopardi, NSW <i>An innovative – ‘outside the box’ answer to modernizing our response to diminishing skills and limited resources. Finding new ways to display and honour residents’ creativity.</i></p>	
Morning tea 10:00am	
<p>Baby Buddies a small dose of happiness Orquidea Mortera, NZ <i>Sharing between young mothers and seniors in NZ Rest Homes promotes resilience as stories are shared and a new sense of hope is created as loneliness fades</i></p>	<p>Diversional and Recreation Therapy – let’s get real about issues around Mental Health and Diverse Sexuality (To be confirmed) Trevor Skerry, VIC</p>
<p>Porcelain Petit Fours and Proactive People P4 Club Michelle Roche, QLD <i>Supporting residents who retreat from large scale events and probably never liked socialising in groups!</i></p>	<p>Off and Racing Linda Reidel, QLD <i>Creating a top resource for Melbourne Cup or Racing activities</i></p>
<p>Are You a Professional? Debra Reidel, VIC <i>How management and the DRT department worked over years to ensure that DRT roles were seen as professional</i></p>	<p>We are elderly, hear us roar Beth Sizemore, NZ <i>Showcasing the videos and radio show the residents of Radius Fulton starred in. Age is a number, not a barrier</i></p>
Lunch 1:00pm	
<p>Applied Tai Chi for Healthy Ageing Rod Ferguson, QLD <i>Evidence-based intervention of applied Tai Chi suitable for non-expert class leaders with understanding of their client group</i></p>	<p>How to be Innovative with Programming: Keep it fresh and interesting Glenda Kubler, QLD <i>A practical session to provide inspiration and ideas to reinvent and recharge programmes</i></p>
<p>Applications of Animal Assisted Interventions in an acute hospital setting Erica Stevenson, TAS <i>The relevance and uniqueness of the human-animal bond and how this is an important tool for DRT</i></p>	<p>Hosting a Themed Year in Your Workplace Lesley Fox, NSW <i>How themed years can build into the community spirit of a workplace using unique activities linked to the overarching theme of the year</i></p>
Final Prizes awarded, Close by DRTA and last minute Trade display 4:00pm Close	

Please note that circumstances beyond our control may force some CHANGES to this programme!

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