



**Key Note
Speakers**



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**13th to 14th
September 2019**

(& pre-conference workshop 12th September)

**Novotel Surfers Paradise
Gold Coast QLD**

Thriving on Change

Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia is the peak professional body for those working in the field. DRTA's annual conference is open to all diversional therapists, recreation or leisure therapists, activity officers, DT assistants, academics, researchers, students and those interested in the professional practice of Diversional and Recreation Therapy and care through leisure. The conference will showcase best practice, update knowledge and skills, provide networking with your peers from across Australia and reinvigorate your professional life.



"Thriving on Change" asks us to embrace the changes across the profession, our client groups and organisations. It also speaks to a new acknowledgement of the need for self-care. More than ever before we see that we cannot fulfil the expectations and needs of all the stakeholders in this field if we are not dedicating time and attention to self-care. Ideas and inspirations will come from across and beyond the field of Diversional and Recreation Therapy. As practitioners, support workers, consumers and professionals in and around our field we are all seeking new ideas, skills and perspectives to bring to future practice.

A Trade Exhibition with a range of exhibitors from around the country will provide opportunities to find new and innovative resources, services, learning opportunities or perhaps even pick up something brilliant directly from the supplier.

Key Note Speakers

Opening Speaker Day 1 Friday 13th September 2019

Renee Smith, Consultant, Dementia Support Australia



Cultivating and finding growth is not only about having a "green thumb" - what's your fertiliser so you Thrive on Change?

In an ever-changing professional arena, Renee has long been involved in providing guidance and leadership around Diversional Therapy. Renee graduated from Western Sydney University (formerly the University of Western Sydney) with a Bachelor of Applied Science in 2003. During these first years of study, it wasn't unusual for others within the allied health realm to call DTs 'basket weavers'. Others would see DTs as the 'jack of all trades' and 'babysitters' in the industry. They were often asked the question, "Sorry - what is a Diversional Therapist?". It was this kind of misunderstanding of the profession that added fuel to Renee's drive for change and led her to thrive on change.

Over the past 16 years within the aged care industry Renee has worked as an independent Diversional Therapist, a Diversional Therapy Manager, an Allied Health consultant, private consultant, TAFE teacher and currently, Renee is a Consultant with Dementia Support Australia. Each role provided experiences, challenges and opportunities to learn and to teach as well as motivating her to change and grow within an ever-changing industry. As part of that change, Renee completed the Bachelor of Dementia Care in 2017, which complements her DT and Dementia Consultant position. As a member of DRTA since university, Renee served as a board member for DTA NSW, worked with a team of members within the professional body as National Chair through the birth of Diversional Therapy Australia, our National Association, in 2009. Although over the last number of years, Renee had taken a step back from DRTA Board roles, her passion to start those conversations and promote the profession never waivers. She is constantly finding ways to explain and promote the value of the roles we all fulfil in supporting people across every area of Diversional Therapy practice.

A question will be posed to you - one that Renee has always asked of herself - What is the one thing I can commit to now, in my personal quest to Thrive on Change? You will come away with your own plan!

Opening Speaker Day 2 Saturday 14th September 2019

Dr Cindy Jones, Associate Professor of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine, Bond University



It ain't too late! Sexuality, Ageing & Dementia

Dr. Cindy Jones is an Associate Professor of Behavioural Sciences at Bond University and a Research Fellow with the Menzies Health Institute Queensland, Griffith University. The focus of her work includes an exploration of relationships in long-term care; expression of sexualities by older people with/(out); psychosocial interventions using social robots and telepresence robots for people with dementia; and quality of and evidence-based dementia care. Dr Jones has been the leading educator on sexualities and dementia in Australia (a neglected aspect of care for people with dementia).

In collaboration with the Dementia Training Australia (DTA - formerly known as Queensland Dementia Training and Study Centre), she developed a resource titled 'Sexualities & Dementia: Education for Health Professionals'. This work has received extensive media coverage in Australia, as well as significant research and policy interest. As part of the dissemination of this education resource, Dr Jones has delivered hundreds of workshops, seminars and webinars on this topic for health professionals and staff from aged care organisations nationwide and internationally. In 2019, she has received a grant funding from Dementia Australia Research Foundation to develop and evaluate a tool to improve the care and support of people with dementia in long-term care settings from a person-centred approach.

Pre conference workshop

Thursday 12th September 2019

Activities, Activities, Activities - a **NEW** Feast of Takeaway CAFÉ (Creative Activities For Everyone) ideas (includes booklet of Activities to keep) A day of activities - workshoping through many activities with extras to take away with you.

The DRTA Takeaway CAFÉ's are an integral part of DRTA workshops. We know the demand for more activity ideas is high on the list of what we need as Diversional Therapists and Recreational Officers and this workshop delivers just that.

This hands on workshop will work through another swag of our popular Takeaway café ideas including some practical, hands on experiences working the activities and with demonstrations of other activities that you can do with no or very few resources. If you attend this workshop you will take away a booklet of all the activities (all different from last year's workshop) as a resource that you can refer back to. Don't miss out on this excellent practical workshop that will feed your need for activity ideas and more!

Stephania Bejma - DRTA National Education Coordinator will guide the day giving hands-on experience of the activities and ideas - you can go back to your clients and confidently introduce the activities demonstrated.

Novotel Surfers Paradise

Surfers Paradise QLD

DRTA Special Accommodation Rates

Use Booking Code DRTA2019

There are limited rooms available so please book directly with the venue as soon as you can.

Superior Room Only – King or Twin - \$140/night or ADD Breakfast for \$20/night per person

Deluxe Room Only – King or Twin - \$170/night

Deluxe Room incl breakfast for 1 person \$180/night – extra special!

Deluxe Room incl breakfast for 2 persons \$200/night – extra special!

Other room types may be available on request.

This special rate is available for up to 3 nights before and after event – subject to availability.

The best contact for bookings is Ann-Marie, Groups Reservation Coordinator

Direct Tel: +61 7 5579 3400 email ha7po-re5@accor.com

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How to get to Novotel Surfers Paradise

Gold Coast Airport (Coolangatta) is the nearest airport to Novotel Surfers Paradise

By Car, shuttle bus, bus or tram

The drive distance from Gold Coast Airport to the hotel is about 22km and should take about 25 to 40 minutes via the Gold Coast Highway.

There are shuttle buses available from Coolangatta Airport.

The hotel is situated on the Glink tram line and there are bus routes that will take you to the hotel from the airport

Car Parking

Car Parking is available on site through Secure Parking, entry via Hanlan St.

A special discounted rate is available for single exit tickets at \$8 per day for conference delegates. You will need to have these validated at reception before you leave each day.



DRTA 2019 Awards Celebration and Cocktail Party

Friday 13th September 2019

The DRTA Awards for Excellence celebration has become an important event of itself! A unique award directed at DRTA Members offering the prestige, recognition and showcasing of your best programmes and events.

There are usually three runners up selected before conference with the valuable first prize Awarded on the night. All runners up are presented with a certificate and their project is described to the attendees on the night – an exciting evening with finger food and a drink to celebrate (a bar will be available to purchase further drinks and keep networking).

Remember - This year marks DRTA's 10th Anniversary as our national professional body!

The cocktail party awards night will sparkle as we celebrate 10 years of networking, learning and sharing with amazing colleagues....and sheer hard work by members and volunteer boards! Add some sparkle to your attire to help set the mood!

Queensland's own Leah Sullivan, (DRTA Queensland Board Rep) will be our host after the official awards and she will add fun prizes, dancing and who knows there may even be a special cocktail on offer!

This event is included in any 2 day registration. If you would like your guest/s to attend please purchase extra cocktail party tickets to cover their attendance. Single day registration does NOT include the special cocktail event. This event provides us with social and networking opportunities and a chance to unwind after a BIG conference Day 1. Delegates then have the opportunity to take in the iconic Surfers Paradise nightlife, maybe have a meal or just relax and prepare for the next conference day!

Conference Package

Full registration to attend the conference includes morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch on Friday and morning tea and lunch on Saturday. The exciting DRTA Award for Excellence presentation Cocktail Party event is also included. In addition, delegates will receive an abstract booklet, delegate tote bag and access to the trade and poster exhibition.

Pre Conference Workshop

Activities, Activities, Activities Workshop registration on Thursday is separate and includes morning tea, lunch and Activities Booklet

www.diversionaltherapy.org.au



Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia National Conference 2019



GO ONLINE to SELF-REGISTER NOW!

Registration Form

Full registration for the conference includes morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch Friday and morning tea and lunch on Saturday, abstract booklet, delegate tote bag, awards cocktail event and trade & poster exhibition

Prices do not include accommodation or meals outside conference times.

Name: _____

Receipt required in this name

Organisation Name: _____

Receipt required in this name

Postal Address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone W: () _____

Phone H: () _____

Mob: _____

Email: _____

Special requirements (dietary, medical or other) _____

I require (please tick): All prices inclusive of GST

Early Bird (Paid before 30th June 2019) DRTA Member \$459.00
Membership # _____

DRTA Member (Paid after 30th June 2019) \$509.00
Membership # _____

DRTA Student Member \$399.00
Membership # _____

**Rock bottom price
for students**

Presenter \$429.00

Non Member \$599.00

Early Bird Non Member \$559 **New Offer!**

Thursday attendance only \$309.00

Friday attendance only \$309.00

Contact the office for special group rates for 5 or more delegates

Pre-conference workshop

Workshop – Activities, Activities, Activities a Feast of Creative Activities For Everyone to take away – includes booklet of Activities to keep. Workshop \$179 members \$229 non members

Additional Tickets are required to bring guests to the Cocktail Party (Friday 13th September) or to attend Cocktail Party on Day Rate which does not include Conference Cocktail Party ticket)

\$55.00 - extra guest tickets

Number of tickets: _____

Guest name/s: _____

Payment Total Amount _____

Fastest, easiest way to pay!

Go to DRTA Website to register directly – remember to log in if you are a member for those special member rates!

www.diversionaltherapy.org.au/event-calendar

OR pay by

Direct deposit to: Commonwealth Bank

Account name: Diversional Therapy Australia

BSB: 062 281 Account number: 1031 8600

Please include your FAMILY NAME followed by the INITIALS of your first names i.e. SMITH J.D in the deposit details.

Direct Deposit – Transaction # _____

Credit Card - Visa/Mastercard

Name on Card: _____

Card No.: _____

Exp: / _____

Signature: _____

Cheque attached

(Payable to Diversional Therapy Australia)

Please ensure all details are recorded on back of cheque.

If paying by direct debit or cheque complete this Registration Form and post/email/fax with payment details to:

Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia
Convention Convenor

PO Box 83 North Ryde NSW 1670

For further enquires T: (02) 9887 5035 Toll Free 1300 113 395

Fax: (02) 9887 5036 Email: enquiries@diversionaltherapy.org.au

ABN: 84 066 487 821

Important - Conditions of Registration

The following is a condition of your registration for this event: To the extent permissible at law (and no attempt is made to exclude or limit liability imposed by statute, such as the Trade Practices Act, which cannot be excluded or limited), Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia (DRTA) excludes liability for and you agree to release DRTA from all loss damage and injury suffered by you as a result of:

- the negligence, occupier's liability or other tort of DRTA and any third party involved in staging the convention, including but not limited to the owner or operator of the venue,
- caterers, sponsors, speakers exhibitors and providers of accommodation
- any changes to the format, timing or content of the conference or the identity of any speaker;
- any utterance of any speaker or delegate at the conference, including any defamatory utterance; and
- cancellation of the conference due to circumstances beyond the control of DRTA.

You acknowledge and agree that the owner or operator of the venue, caterers, sponsors, speakers exhibitors and providers of accommodation and other third parties who are involved in staging the conference are not the agent of DRTA and DRTA will not be vicariously liable for their acts and omissions. Also, while DRTA is proud to have the trade exhibitors, the fact of their presence at the conference may not be interpreted as an endorsement of or assertion of affiliation or sponsorship with the exhibitors by DRTA.

You acknowledge and agree that information provided in this brochure (including but not limited to information concerning possible accommodation) is provided for convenience and information only and you will make your own enquiries as to the suitability and cost of such things. DRTA may make changes to the format, timing or content of the conference or the identity of any speaker without notice. DRTA will make reasonable endeavours to provide suitable replacements if speakers cannot attend, but will not be liable in that event.

CANCELLATION POLICY To be eligible for a 75% refund, cancellations must be submitted in writing prior to 13th August 2019. No refund will be made for cancellations after this date. If a delegate is unable to attend due to work or personal circumstances, a substitute is welcome to attend in their place, please notify the DRTA of the change ASAP to ensure all documents have correct names on them.