

DRTA Conference 2019 Programme

Day 1 Friday 13th September



9:00	Welcome - Kylie Rice, DRTA President	
9:15	<p>Keynote speaker: 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? <i>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 is a Consultant with Dementia Support Australia. She is constantly finding ways to explain and promote the value of the roles we fulfil in supporting people across every area of DRT practice.</i> <i>Renee will pose a question to us that she 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!</i></p>	
10:15	<p>Self-advocating and the Diversional Therapist Jade Gilchrist</p>	
10:30am Morning Tea		
11:15	<p>To tick or not to tick: the implications of seeking the ‘Rainbow Tick’ for clients and staff Trevor Skerry</p>	<p>Kids in care and their leisure Nicole Peel This presentation will overview the outcomes of a study involving young people in foster care and their leisure.</p>
12:00	<p>Short video game play influences executive function the oldest old living in residential care Alex McCord et al.</p>	<p>Ageism and Empowerment Nita Joy, Elder Abuse Liaison and Helpline Officer, Advocacy Tasmania with elder empowerment strategies for DRTs</p>
12:15pm	<p>New Aged Care Standards and their Application! From the perspective of the Leisure and Lifestyle team What the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission want you to know to pass your accreditation Stephania Bejma</p>	<p>Clinical Reasoning – what it is and how does it work? Charlise Bennett Asks us “As a profession, is our clinical reasoning in diversional therapy/ therapeutic recreation practices unique, the same or similar to another health profession? “</p>
12:45pm Lunch		
1:45pm	<p>Create a Creature Janine Warne an initiative to incorporate facilities, including families, friends and community to engage in a community event.</p>	<p>The Bow and Curtsy Aged Care Music Program Jade Gilchrist, Dr Kym Watling, Geoff Bates <i>Giving the DT a deeper understanding of why we do what we do and to recognise therapy in action.</i></p>
2:30pm	<p>Come cruising with me Richard Cummins & Kate McFarlane <i>Cruise week gives residents something to look forward to and boosts staff morale.</i></p>	<p>The new Aged Care Quality Standards in Action Lesley Jones Delegates will have an overview of the standards, consumer outcomes, and ways to meet them.</p>
3:00pm	<p>Benefits/outcomes of secondary intergenerational programme in an aged care setting Keirston Whelan</p>	<p>Alice in Oz Program Michele Roche A cultural aged care exchange program via a skype between Ozcare Burleigh heads and Alice House Nagoya Japan</p>
3:15pm Afternoon Tea		
3:45pm	<p>National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification – an overview Anne Richard, Executive Director, NCTRC New York; Robin McNeal NCTRC</p>	<p>Music to Remember myself By: Workshopping targeted song and dance sessions Ruth Leach Dance counteracts age-related gray matter decline. It links to improved mood balance, positive behavioural changes and lowered dementia risk.</p>
4:00pm	<p>NCTRC Eligibility Paths Anne Richard, Exec Director, NCTRC; Robin McNeal NCTRC</p>	
<p>Cocktail Party 6:00pm-8:00pm DRTA Award for Excellence, Join delegates, DRTA Board, and special guests for a drink and canapés to celebrate the runners up and winner of the DRTA Award For Excellence 2019 and DRTA’s 10th Anniversary – Come dressed to sparkle (a lot or a little, up to you!) Don’t miss this important, fun event INCLUDED in your registration fee!</p>		

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Day 2 Saturday 14th September



8:35am	Welcome DRTA	
8:45am	<p>Keynote speaker: Dr Cindy Jones, Associate Professor of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine, Bond University <i>It ain't too late! Sexuality, Ageing & Dementia</i> <i>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. In collaboration with Dementia Training Australia (DTA – formerly known as Queensland Dementia Training and Study Centre), she developed a resource '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 sessions on this topic for health professionals and staff from aged care organisations nationwide and internationally.</i></p>	
9:45am	<p>The Royal Commission into Aged Care: A report from a DRT perspective Kim Bromley & Kayla Davies <i>Important round-up and latest news from The Royal Commission</i></p>	
10:15am Morning Tea		
11:15am	<p>Cultivating a new path within the NDIS Yasmin & Alana Pringle <i>This presentation follows our journey and the inception of AnY Support, an approved National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service provider. When you love what you do everyone benefits!</i></p>	<p>Australian trial of Meeting Centre Support Program: Report for DRT perspective Kumi Maehata <i>MCSP is a Dutch based dementia care program promoting quality of life of people with early to moderate dementia stages and their carers living in the community.</i></p>
12:00pm	<p>Multisensory Environments in Dementia Care Shannon Azzopardi <i>shares the change journey Garrawarra Centre embarked on in creating these environments for people with dementia. It will discuss implementation strategies, assessment tools, outcome measures and sustainability considerations to ensure residents thrive.</i></p>	<p>Research and evidence-based practice in Australia with TR/DT Charlise Bennett <i>A challenge for DT/TR practitioners arises when key research terms are used differently across related fields making it difficult to determine what the research is saying and if it is valid to use in our context.</i></p> <p>Ageless Play – developing community inclusion through service collaboration Penny Allen <i>Intergenerational playgroup in an aged care program developed with Playgroup Queensland and those working in aged care.</i></p>
12:45pm Lunch		
1:45pm	<p>Depression to Dementia to DELIGHT Natalie White <i>Discusses what has helped her be a survivor of depression, and what studies and research have shown can help our clients live a happy and quality-filled life while living with depression and dementia.</i></p>	<p>Photo Project at Corumbene Lynette Kent</p> <p>The Mary Poppins Bag for DRTs Glenda Kubler, Diversional Therapist & Therapeutic Music Specialist</p>
2:15pm	<p>There's never been a better time to be a Diversional Therapist Meryl Christian</p>	<p>Happiness and Laughter Diana Rizos</p>
2:30pm	<p>You CAN teach an old dog new tricks Gwen Korebrits, CEO & Co-Founder, Dance Health Alliance</p>	<p>Tech Savvy Programming Leah Sullivan</p>
3:00pm	Conference Close and Presentation of remaining Awards and Prizes	
3:15pm	<p>DRTA Annual General Meeting <i>All DRTA financial members invited to this session (to vote if needed). Non-members are welcome as observers. Close at 4:00pm</i></p>	

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