



Diversional & Recreation Therapy Week
8th – 14th May 2017

Innovation and Expectation

Media Release

Earlier this year the Board announced an important step for the association with an adjustment to the name, reflecting the Therapeutic Recreation component of education along with the evolving membership base. Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia (DRTA) maintains its commitment to promote, foster and advance the profession nationally and internationally.

Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia have established the 2017 marketing campaign 'Innovation and Expectation'. DRT Week is a national event promoting the profession and role undertaken by Diversional Therapists/Recreation Therapists working with people who experience barriers to independent recreation participation as a result of illness, disability or disadvantage. This year's theme is an opportunity for the profession to demonstrate its leadership of and contribution towards meeting the changing needs of clients and the community within the various clinical speciality areas in which therapists work. With person-centredness front of mind, Diversional Therapists/Recreation Therapists harness ideas and develop new practice methods, processes and services ensuring positive client outcomes and improved job satisfaction. DRT Week is an interactive time to join with client groups, communities and stakeholders to advocate towards better leisure regardless of one's ability/health and personal or environmental factors.

Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia is the professional body representing Diversional Therapists/Recreation Therapists, Diversional Therapy Assistants and Recreation Activity Officers in Australia. DRTA comprises three levels of membership: Full Member Diversional Therapist (Degree Qualified), Full Member (Diploma Qualified) and Full Member (Certificate IV Qualified).

DRTA encourages all members to share how their role and interventions contribute towards the advancement of the profession. DRTA is also excited to celebrate those members who champion growth and leadership.

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