



Please note days, timings and topics may change.

## DRAFT Autism West Symposium 2019 – Program

Day 1: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019			
Time	Event	Speaker	Topic
8:15am	Registrations open		
9:00am	Welcome	Louise Sheehy, CEO Autism West	
9:05am	Welcome to country	Richard Walley	
9:10am	Opening	Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs	
9:20am	Plenary	Andrew Whitehouse	<b>The Future of Autism Research in Australia: Meaningful and Proud</b>
10:20am	Morning Tea		
10:50am	Keynote speech	Payam via video link	<b>Educate, Empower and Empathy: The Power of Belief</b>
12:00pm	Breakout sessions	Emma Goodall	<b>Interception and Behavioural Management Tools for Teachers</b>
		Ben Milbourne & Silvana Gaglia	<b>Navigating the NDIS – A Guide for Families</b>
		Jilen Patel & Joanna Granich	<b>Looking through a dental lens: Optimising oral healthcare for autistic people</b>
1:00pm	Lunch		
2:00pm	Breakout sessions	Louise Sheehy & Sarah James	<b>Organisational skills for engagement and learning in the Classroom - Workshop</b>
		Kiah Evans & Angela Chamberlain	<b>Caring for the Carers: Strengths-based Strategies</b>
		Meredith Hunter & Ursula Stevens	<b>Family Court – Achieving Best Outcome for Your Family</b>
3:00pm	Breakout sessions	Louise Sheehy & Sarah James	<b>Organisational skills for engagement and learning in the Classroom - Workshop</b>
		Tori Haar	<b>Future Leaders Program</b>
		Jaquie Mills	<b>Complex Communication Needs</b>
4:00pm	Plenary	Wenn Lawson	<b>Understanding Object Permanence: A Path to Reducing Anxiety and Changing Lives for the Better</b>
5:00pm	Close		
5:00pm	Networking		

**Day 2: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
8:00	Registrations/venue open		
8:30	Keynote speech	Judy Singer	<b>Interview with Judy Singer: Neurodiversity – The Birth of an Idea</b>
9:30am	Plenary	Emma Goodall	<b>The Importance of Self-Awareness in Advocacy</b>
10:15am	Breakout sessions	Guy Hall & Joseph Poprzeczny	<b>Panel Discussion: Parenting – A Dad’s Perspective</b>
		John Shad & Tracey Hughes	<b>Autism units at Samson Primary School and Southern River College – Lessons Learnt and Teaching Approaches</b>
		Youth Advisory Council	<b>Growing Up: Understanding Me and My Autism</b>
11:15am	Morning Tea		
11:45am	Breakout sessions	Theresa Kidd	<b>Supporting Young People with Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) at School</b>
		Evelyn McKay	<b>Be My Koorda – Be My Friend: Development and Delivery of Culturally Appropriate Services</b>
		Ana Palacios, Rhona Bolger & Ritu Campbell	<b>Women and Complexity of Diagnosis</b>
12:30pm	Closing remarks	Siobhan & Liam Dow-Hall Charlie & Mikey Paganin	<b>Sibling Presentation</b>
1:15pm	Close		