



Please note days, timings and topics may change.

Autism West Symposium 2019 – Program

| Day 1: Friday 1 st November 2019 | | | |
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| 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 | Mr Reece Whitby MLA Secretary to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs | |
| 9:20am | Plenary | Andrew Whitehouse | The Future of Autism Research in Australia: Meaningful and Proud |
| 10:20am | Morning Tea | | |
| 10:50am | Keynote speech | Payam via video link | Educate, Empower and Empathy: The Power of Belief |
| 12:00pm | Breakout sessions: | Option 1: Emma Goodall | Interoception and Behavioural Management Tools for Teachers |
| | | Option 2: Ben Milbourn & Silvana Gaglia | Navigating the NDIS – A Guide for Families |
| | | Option 3: Jilen Patel & Joanna Granich | Looking through a dental lens: Optimising oral healthcare for autistic people |
| 1:00pm | Lunch | | |
| 2:00pm | Breakout sessions | Option 1: Kiah Evans & Angela Chamberlain | Caring for the Carers: Strengths-based Strategies |
| | | Option 2: Louise Sheehy, Sarah James & Valeska Berg | Organisational skills for engagement and learning in the Classroom - Workshop |
| | | Option 3: Meredith Hunter & Ursula Stevens | Family Court – Achieving Best Outcome for Your Family |
| 3:00pm | Breakout sessions | Option 1: Tori Haar | Future Leaders Program |
| | | Option 2: Louise Sheehy, Sarah James & Valeska Berg | Organisational skills for engagement and learning in the Classroom - Workshop |
| | | Option 3: Jaquie Mills | Complex Communication Needs |
| 4:00pm | Plenary | Wenn Lawson | Understanding Object Permanence: A Path to Reducing Anxiety and Changing Lives for the Better |
| 5:00pm | Close & Networking | | |

Day 2: Saturday 2nd November 2019

| Time | Event | Speaker | Topic |
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| 8:00am | Registrations/venue open | | |
| 8:30am | Fireside chat | Judy Singer interviewed by Cian O'Clery | Neurodiversity – The Birth of an Idea |
| 9:30am | Plenary | Emma Goodall | The Importance of Self-Awareness in Advocacy |
| 10:15am | Breakout sessions | Option 1: Guy Hall, Ian Croft & Joseph Poprzeczny | Panel Discussion: Parenting – A Dad's Perspective |
| | | Option 2: John Schad & Tracey Hughes | Autism units at Samson Primary School and Southern River College – Lessons Learnt and Teaching Approaches |
| | | Option 3: Youth Advisory Council | Growing Up: Understanding Me and My Autism |
| 11:15am | Morning Tea | | |
| 11:45am | Breakout sessions | Option 1: Theresa Kidd | Supporting Young People with Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) at School |
| | | Option 2: Ana Palacios, Rhona Bolger & Ritu Campbell | Women and Complexity of Diagnosis |
| | | Option 3: Evelyn McKay | Be My Koorda – Be My Friend: Development and Delivery of Culturally Appropriate Services |
| 12:30pm | Closing remarks | Siobhan & Liam Dow-Hall Charlie & Mikey Paganin | Siblings and Support – A Personal Perspective |
| 1:15pm | Close | | |