

Dementia Network SC Conference 2024 Speakers and Organizations Presenting

There are many other organizations which have trade displays and Q&A booths at lunchtime

10 am – 11.25 am

INTRODUCTION & LECTURE:

The Dementia Journey and its changes. **Dr Sam Hutson**, Geriatrician

WORKSHOP: *Dementia Art and Craft (practical).* **Heidi Gerschwitz**, Art Therapist

Funded by Talented Friends by Laura Gallery and Art Space, Caloundra

11.30 am – 12.25 am

LECTURE:

Philanthropy and Partnership in research. **David Muir AM**,

Chair of the Clem Jones Group and Chair of the Clem Jones Foundation.

Shielding brain cells from damage. **Dr Igor Bonacossa Pereira**, Professor Massimo

Hilliard's Lab, Queensland Brain Institute at the University of Queensland

WORKSHOPS:

1. Considering legal and advocacy aspects in dementia and aged care. **Peter**

Porcellini, Special Counsel, Elder Law, Estate Planning, Estate Administration (MMLaw)

Matilda Marsh, Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia; **Sophie Brewster**, Relationships Aust

2. Technology and Aids

Research: intelligent robots to encourage interaction for people living with

dementia in aged care facilities. **Dongjun Wu**, PhD Candidate, Robotics & Dementia

Care, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Griffith University, Nathan

Discussion of equipment to support people with dementia. **Lakeside Mobility&**

Leah Dillon, Ramsay Health

3. Exercises for a healthy brain & enjoyment (practical). **Vicki Doolan, Vicki Howell**,

Ageless Grace

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

LECTURE

Death, Dying & Donuts **Dr Colin Dicks**, Radiology Oncologist, Author of book

Death, Dying & Donuts. Q & A: JDoulaz, End-of-Life Doulas; Vince O'Rourke post

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WORKSHOPS:

1. Finances in Aged Care

Katie Spence, Aged Care Specialist, Sage Care Advice; **Aged Care Specialist Officers**, Services

Australia (Centrelink)

2. Understanding Respite

Carer Gateway - Wellways, Range Care, Staffing Options, Nursing Home input

3. Relaxation Techniques and Aromatherapy (practical). **Vanessa Drewery**, Social

Worker, My Care Specialist