

Autism West Symposium 2017 Program: The Big Picture

*All information is subject to change

Day 1: Friday 3rd November 2017			
Time	Event	Speaker	Topic
8.00am	Registrations open		Art Exhibition
8.45am	Welcome	Louise Sheehy, Acting CEO Autism West	
8.55am	Welcome to country	Richard Walley	Welcome to Country
9.05am	Opening	Representative of Premier	
9.15am	Keynote speech	Graeme Simson, writer and best-selling author	Reflections on researching autism for his award winning novels The Rosie Project and The Rosie Effect (All)
10.05am	Breakout sessions	Option 1: Carla Burn, Network Leader and Mentor at the I CAN Network Option 2: John Schad, Consulting Teacher-Autism Education Service, School of Special Educational Needs: Disability (SSEND) Option 3: Jeanette Purkis, Author, Speaker, Autism Advocate	Option 1: The profile and benefits of mentoring young people on the spectrum (Individuals, families) Option 2: Developing strategies to address behaviours of concern for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Educators) Option 3: Education to employment transition (All)
11am	Morning Tea		Art Exhibition and Various Exhibitors
11.35am	Panel discussion	Panel: Sonya Girdler, Silvana Gaglia, Kerry Magro, Darin Cairns Facilitator: Andrew Whitehouse	Work, life, play: Keys to success
1pm	Lunch		Exhibitors

2pm	Plenary	Jacquiline den Houting - Psychologist	An introduction to the neurodiversity movement (All)
2.50pm	Breakout sessions	Option 1: Jay Hobbs, Assessment & Support Manager, Provisional Psychologist, Specialisterne Australia Option 2: Louise Sheehy, Operations Manager Autism West Option 3: Barb Cook, Founder and Editor in Chief of Spectrum Women Magazine	Option 1: Autism & Employment: Finding and keeping your dream career by Jay Hobbs Option 2: Supporting strengths and interests in and out of school (Educators) Option 3: Living independently within society (Indiv, families)
3.35pm	Fireside chat	Graeme Simson, Writer and Best-selling Author interviewing Kerry Magro	
4.15pm	Close	Silvana Gaglia, Chairperson Autism West	Closing remarks
4.30pm	Networking		Esplanade Hotel lobby

Day 2: Saturday 4th November 2017

Time	Event	Speaker	Topic
8.30	Open	Jeanette Purkis, Author, Speaker, and Autism Advocate	Autism and mental health: Strategies for clinicians, individuals, carers and family members (All)
9.15am	Keynote speech	Kerry Magro, Breakthrough Advocate & International Speaker	Defining Autism: From non-verbal to international speaker (All)
10.15am	Breakout sessions	Option 1: Naomi Ward, Child Psychologist Option 2: Young WA Artists on the Spectrum	Option 1: Parental stress: why self-care needs to be at the top of the to-do list (Families, health professionals) Option 2: Young digital artists map their unique DADAA journeys using visual presentations (All)

		Option 3: Matt Schneider, CEO Optika Solutions	Option 3: Autism in the Workplace (Individuals, families, employers)
11am	Morning Tea		Exhibitors
11.30am	Breakout sessions	Option 1: Holly Bridges, Author, Speaker, and Therapist Option 2: Curtin University Research Option 3: Christina Holly, Lecturer at Edith Cowan University	Option 1: Autism and the polyvagal theory (health professionals, individuals) Option 2: Autism Research Snapshot (All) Option 3: Differentiating teaching to engage and include students with autism in the classroom (Educators).
12.15am	Plenary	Lyn Beazley	(All)
1.15pm	Close		