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**NDS NSW Conference**  
15-16 February 2018  
Hilton Sydney



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As we fast approach the full implementation of the NDIS in NSW in July 2018, the NDS NSW conference will focus on how service providers are finding ways to deliver high quality supports to people with a disability in an NDIS context.

Drawing on the experience of a broad range of experts, providers and people with a disability, the conference will tackle some of the difficult issues that have threatened to derail the delivery of the promise of the NDIS. Sessions will include a focus on themes such as housing, transport, employment and workforce. The conference will highlight how providers are working together, with government and with the people that they support to find innovative ways to address these issues.

The conference will include key note speakers, plenaries and practical workshops and sessions. A meeting for CEO's of NSW providers with senior NDIA staff and Ken Baker, Chief Executive, NDS will also be held as part of the conference.

A large range of exhibitors will be on hand to showcase their products and services to delegates. The 2018 NSW NDS conference represents a not to be missed opportunity for anyone with an interest in the future of the disability sector and NDIS supports, to hear the latest information and research, and share learnings and experiences with colleagues. The conference will also challenge delegates individually and collectively to identify the way forward for their organisations.

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## REGISTRATION

Registration includes all conference sessions, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, a delegate satchel, conference program and trade exhibition entry.

The conference cocktail function is not included in the registration cost.

### [Register Online Here](#)

Registrations for this conference will close at 5pm on Friday, 9 February.

## PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

If you have any participation requirements (e.g hearing loop, interpreters, large print program) please advise us by Monday, 15 January to ensure availability. Delegates will need to organise their own personal support. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

### COCKTAIL FUNCTION

<b>When</b>	5.00pm – 6.30pm
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, 15 February
<b>Where</b>	Hilton, Sydney
<b>Cost</b>	\$65 per person (not included in registration fee)

### NDS MEMBERS/ORGANISATIONAL ASSOCIATES

Early Bird Full Registration*	<b>\$455</b>
Standard Full Registration	<b>\$500</b>
Standard Day Registration	<b>\$275</b>
Group Registration**	<b>\$455*</b>

### NDS INDUSTRY SUPPORTER/ RESEARCH AFFILIATE

Early Bird Full Registration*	<b>\$545</b>
Standard Full Registration	<b>\$600</b>
Standard Day Registration	<b>\$330</b>

### NON-MEMBERS

Early Bird Full Registration*	<b>\$640</b>
Standard Full Registration	<b>\$700</b>
Standard Day Registration	<b>\$385</b>

(all prices are per person and include GST)

\* Early Bird rate applies to registrations and payments received by Monday, 29 January.

\*\* Group rate is per person and applies to 4 or more delegates attending the conference from the same NDS member organisation. If minimum requirements are not met for the group rate, an additional invoice will be issued for the difference between the full registration and the group rate.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

### Hilton, Sydney

Centrally located in the CBD, Hilton Sydney is close to shopping, entertainment and only a short walk from Darling Harbour. The hotel features deluxe accommodation including the luxurious and much-talked about relaxation rooms and suites. Few restaurants can match the inspired elegance of glass brasserie where highly awarded restaurateur/Chef Luke Mangan has created the definitive Sydney dining experience. With contemporary design and a rooftop terrace, enjoy cocktails in Zeta Bar or visit the heritage-listed Marble Bar renowned for its opulent Victorian decor and live bands. The hotel is also home to LivingWell Premier Health Club, the city's largest hotel gym, featuring the latest interactive equipment, group fitness studios, saunas, steam rooms, spa and 25m swimming pool.

See more here: [www.hiltonsydney.com.au](http://www.hiltonsydney.com.au)

## ACCOMMODATION

Conference participants are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation bookings direct with the hotel of their choice. NDS has negotiated special rates with Hilton Sydney, to make a booking with the conference rate, please [click here](#)

### Hilton Sydney

488 George Street, Sydney

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## PARKING

Hilton Sydney offers conference delegate parking rates through Secure Parking from \$57.50 for self-parking or \$81.00 for valet parking which is based on per entry. There is also secure parking available in close proximity to Hilton Sydney located at

259 Pitt Street. For rates and further information please phone (02) 8912 4900 or visit [www.secureparking.com.au](http://www.secureparking.com.au).

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### Cancellations

All cancellations should be made in writing to NDS and will be charged an administration fee of \$50. No refunds will be made after Thursday, 1 February. If you are unable to attend, substitute delegates from the same organisation are welcome. Please advise us of any cancellations or transfers in writing to [confs@nds.org.au](mailto:confs@nds.org.au)

No refunds will be made for non-attendance at the conference and conference cocktail function.

### Liability

In the event of industrial disruption or other unforeseen circumstances, NDS is unable to accept responsibility for loss of monies incurred by delegates. Delegates should make their own arrangements with respect to both personal and travel insurance.

### Program Disclaimer

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Thursday, 15 February **DAY 1**

8.30am – 9.30am **Registration / Tea & Coffee**

9.30am – 9.35am **Welcome To Country**  
Aunty Norma Ingram

9.35am – 9.45am **NDS NSW Chair’s Address**  
Anne Bryce, Chief Executive Officer, Achieve Australia

9.45am – 10.30am **Keynote Address**  
Louise Milligan, Investigative reporter for the ABC’s 7.30 program

10.30am – 11.00am **Morning Tea**

11.00am – 12.00pm **Panel: ‘Do more dollars equal better outcomes? Perspectives from participants, advocates & providers on using NDIS budgets to drive innovation** Gordon Duff, NDS. Facilitated by Libby Ellis, InCharge

12.00pm – 1.00pm **NDIS Quality & Safeguarding Commissioner**

1.00pm – 2.00pm **Lunch**

2.00pm – 3.30pm **Concurrent Sessions**

	Quality & Practice	Workforce challenges	Sustainability
2pm – 3pm	<b>Developing the NDIS Practice Standards - The new standards in action: What did we learn from the trial?</b>	<b>Are high performing workplace practices the answer? Providers share what they have learnt</b> Denise Heath, NADO; Kathy Wonderly, ACES & Kate Smith, Civic	<b>How is the sector really performing financially &amp; what can they do about it?</b> Penny Knight, University of Western Australia
3pm – 3:30pm	<b>Privacy law &amp; principles: recent reforms &amp; implications for providers</b>	<b>Attracting the future workforce: What do young people really think about working in the disability sector: Reflections from ProjectABLE</b> Sarah Hirst, ProjectABLE team, NDS	<b>Is growth the secret to financial sustainability? Discussion about financial &amp; strategic implications</b> Penny Knight, University of Western Australia

3.30pm – 4.00pm **Afternoon Tea**

4.00pm – 5.00pm **Panel: Meeting the transport needs of people with a disability under the NDIS: Is there a way forward?** Barbara Wise, NSW Point to Point Commissioner & Margaret Bowen, The Disability Trust. Facilitated by Helen Bouropolous, NDS

5.00pm – 6.30pm **Conference cocktail function**

Friday, 16 February **DAY 2****8.30am – 9.00am Registration / Tea & Coffee**

- 9.00am – 9.10am **State Committee Deputy Chair Address**  
Chris Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, The Junction Works
- 9.10am – 10.10am **National Keynote**  
Ken Baker, Chief Executive, National Disability Services
- 10.10am – 11.00am **NDIA Keynote**  
Robert De Luca, Chief Executive Officer, NDIA (invited)

**11.00am – 11.30am Morning Tea****11.30am – 1.00pm Concurrent Sessions**

	<b>Mainstream interfaces</b>	<b>SDA &amp; innovation in housing</b>	<b>Addressing emerging gaps in the NDIS</b>
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Challenges for providers when participants can't make planning &amp; contract decisions</b> Anna Gauci, NSW Office of the Public Guardian; Malcolm Schyvens, NCAT; Necta Minas, NSW Trustee & Guardian & Chris Faulkner, NDIA	<b>Specialist Disability Accommodation: What do the design categories mean for providers: opportunities &amp; challenges</b> Joe Manton, Access Institute	<b>Developments in Policy, practice &amp; resources: The NDIS &amp; Mental Health Interface</b> Jim Simpson, NSWCID
<b>12:30pm – 1pm</b>	<b>Admissions 2 Discharge Initiative: Streamlining the hospital journey of people with disability</b> Lif O'Connor, South East Sydney Local Health District & Catherine Mulcahy, Northcott	<b>Future options for accommodation support: The role of parent-lead initiatives</b> Steve Anthony, Para Co-operative & Faen Burrows, Supported Independent Living Co-operative	<b>Gaps in services for children, young people &amp; their families</b>

**1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch**

- 2.00pm – 2.40pm **Panel: Employment for people with a disability - what might the future look like?**
- 2.40pm – 3.15pm **Closing Keynote**  
Nas Campanella, Journalist & newsreader with the ABC & Triple J
- 3.30pm **Conference concludes**



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