

Practitioners' Network Information Update May 2017

Meetings 2017

Practitioners Network Meetings

- Thursday 4 May 2017
- Monday 17 July 2017
- Thursday 14 September 2017
- Monday 20 November 2017

9.30-11.30am, Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill

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For up to date news about the Network, including all meeting dates, please go to our website:

<http://iepcp.org.au/key-project/practitioners-network/>

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Active Ageing

Digital health data launched: silver surf's up

Australians today are living longer, and the population is getting older. This puts complex pressures on the healthcare system—from an increase in chronic conditions, to growing demand for services that keep people healthier longer.

Digital health tools empower them to engage with the healthcare system as informed consumers, at a stage of life when health and wellness is a primary concern.

57 percent believe technology is vital to managing their health, and 52 percent say this is because technology helps them understand their conditions and medications. These trends show that health services could use digital channels—along with improvements in health literacy—to better engage with local aged populations.

To read more click [here](#).

Age-related macular degeneration - can we reduce the risk?

Research suggests the "Mediterranean diet" can cut the risk of macular degeneration by more than one-third. The Mediterranean diet is heavy in fruit, vegetables, legumes, whole grains, fish and lean meats. Caffeine, not traditionally included in the Mediterranean diet, may be especially protective against age-related macular degeneration, as it is high in antioxidants.

For further reading click [here](#) or to learn more about the Mediterranean Diet click [here](#).

2017 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

Nominate your organisation, colleagues, friends or family members for the 2017 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards and help recognise the enormous, valuable contributions that older

Victorians make to our state. Nominations close on **23 June 2017**. For more information visit [here](#).

Aged Care Reforms

Consultation underway on expanded aged care diversity strategy (By staff writers on April 20, 2017 in [Community Care Review](#), [Education & Training](#))

The Federal Government is urging aged care service providers, peak bodies and consumers to have their say on the development of a new framework for delivering care to older Australians with diverse needs. An online survey is now open and the sector has been invited to make a written submission to the review. The survey closes 28 April and more detailed submissions are due 12 May. For more information, visit [here](#).

Aged Care and older people

A new resource launched this week helps aged care workers to more meaningfully engage with older people

(Source: Community Care Review)

ConnectTo is a screening tool developed by Meaningful Ageing Australia and designed to support spiritual care for older people in a range of settings including residential, home and palliative care.

The resource, which can be integrated into existing communication processes, has been trialled at four different aged care facilities.

The tool allows for discussion on a range of areas and gives staff a way to more succinctly understand the older person's deeper needs.

The tool is available for non-members in August <http://meaningfulageing.org.au/connecto/>

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Hospital care for patients aged 85 and over, 2014–15

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has released a spotlight on hospital care for people aged 85 years and over, based on 2014–15 data.

The spotlight has information on: the amount of hospital activity for individuals and how this has changed over time; who uses hospital services; length of stay in hospital; overall type of care provided; types of conditions people receive care for; type of procedures undergone by people; and who funds the hospital stay.

To view the full report, click [here](#).

Carers

Victorian Carers Statement

Carers Victoria has been engaged by the Victorian Government to help develop the first Victorian Carer Statement which will outline how we can best support and recognise unpaid carers. A range of consultation options are available for people to get involved and provide valuable input:

On **Thursday 11 May**, Carers Victoria will host a morning consultation for representatives of **peak bodies and carer support agencies and an afternoon consultation for service providers**. You can register to attend [here](#).

When: Thursday 11 May. William Angliss, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne.

Peak Bodies/Organisations: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Register by Thursday 4 May [here](#).

Service Provider Consultation: 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Register by Thursday 4 May [here](#).

An **online Victorian Carer Statement survey** is available until 26 May via the Carers Victoria website [here](#).

Consultation paper

The consultation paper developed by the Victorian government to inform the Carer Statement can also be found on the Carers Victoria's website:

www.carersvictoria.org.au

Cultural Diversity

Connecting the Pieces

The Connecting the Pieces video articulates the unique aspects of diversity and person centred care and importantly, the relationship between these approaches, how they influence each other and the need for diversity and person centred care to be understood throughout the continuum of the client's journey.

The video is suitable for all staff and volunteers involved in service delivery who want to improve their understanding about the interrelationship between diversity, inclusive access and person centred care to improve outcomes for clients.

Watch Video

Visit <http://www.emralliance.org/connecting-the-pieces.html> to access the Connecting the Pieces resource, or to contact the developers and owners of Connecting the Pieces please email emr.alliance@each.com.au

Working with interpreters – New online resource!

A resource for practitioners working in a range of mental health settings, that aims to promote and enhance ways of working with interpreters.

Divided into three sections, 'Orientate', 'Practice' and 'Steps', the resource includes: an overview of roles, policy and accreditation standards; practice implications for the client, family, practitioner,

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and interpreter; and a step-by-step guide through the process from booking an interpreter, to debriefing at the end of a session.

Access the resource at <http://www.vtmh.org.au/education-and-training/learnonline>

Death and Dying

Consultation: Voluntary assisted dying legislation

(VHA Weekly Update | 30 March 2017)

The Victorian Government intends to legislate in favour of introducing voluntary assisted dying in Victoria in the second half of 2017.

To ensure that various contingencies and issues are understood prior to legislation being drafted, the Department of Health and Human Services is leading a community consultation to inform a discussion paper.

While many of the concerns relate to individual patients and clinicians, there are numerous considerations for hospitals and community health services to take into account.

The VHA will be providing a submission to the early stages of the process and will remain engaged throughout.

For further information about the consultation and to provide input to the VHA's submission contact Senior Policy Advisor Chris Templin on chris.templin@vha.org.au or 9094 7777.

Dementia

Support for organisations to make planning ahead routine in community

care (By staff writers on April 6, 2017 in [Community Care Review, Education & Training](#))

A series of online resources have been launched to assist community care staff to raise advance care planning with their clients, particularly those in the early stages of dementia.

The resources, funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council's Cognitive Decline Partnership Centre, have been developed and trialed with consumers and industry.

<http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/2017/04/06/support-organisations-make-planning-ahead-routine-community-care/>

New Resources to Improve the Delivery and Navigation of Respite Services

(Carers Vic E-News)

Two new resources aimed at improving the delivery and navigation of respite services for people living with dementia are now available. The new resources created by Alzheimer's Australia, in partnership with the University of Wollongong and Carers Australia, aim to promote best practice strategies for respite service providers and to assist people with dementia and their carers to navigate the system. There are currently 413, 1061 people living with dementia and as this number continues to rise, the need for flexible and quality respite care will increase proportionately. [More.](#)

Diabetes

Burden of lower limb amputations due to diabetes in Australia: Australian Burden of Disease Study 2011

In 2011, it was estimated that about 730,000 Australians had diagnosed diabetes, 1.7% (12,300) of whom experienced lower limb amputation. The health loss experienced as a direct result of diabetes-related lower limb amputation accounted for about 1% of total non-fatal burden estimated for diabetes in 2011. This represented 456 years of healthy life lost due to living with disability in Australia.

To read the full article, view [here](#).

Disability/NDIS

NDIS – Q&A

The NDIS Weekly Q and A is now live:

Click the image to the left for responses to what you've asked across social media. [#ndisqanda](#)

https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/QandA_31_March.html?utm_source=National+Disability+Insurance+Scheme+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=9eb5fb3493-3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_30&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_85b9cee0c8-9eb5fb3493-50664449

Workshop to prepare Aboriginal community for big reforms

A two-day workshop in Brighton has been held to help the Aboriginal community prepare for a big disability reform – the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The event was held recently to help Aboriginal people, who will be affected, get ready for the scheme. Nearly 200 people attended the two-day workshop which was

run by the Department of Family and Community Services.

To find out more about the NDIS, who it will affect and what it means for the Aboriginal community visit [here](#).

<http://www.theleader.com.au/story/4568183/photos-workshop-to-prepare-aboriginal-community-for-big-reforms/>

Disability Specialist Accommodation Residential Rights Review (By Respite East |

Wed, 19/04/2017)

Tenants, families and carers in specialist disability accommodation have been invited to share their views on how their rights can be protected in the transition to the NDIS when it comes to specialist disability accommodation. The current housing laws are not fit for an NDIS environment, as it is too difficult for residents to change service providers in their home.

To address this issue, the Victorian Government is undertaking public consultation around how the new laws will work. This consultation will happen hand in hand with the community so that people with disability, their families and carers, staff, service providers and advocacy groups can all have a say. In addition to taking formal submissions, the Victorian Government will also conduct sessions with affected residents to make sure that their views are front and centre of any new legislation.

The consultation period will close on Friday 23 June 2017.

For more information on the consultation, or to make a submission, please visit <https://engage.vic.gov.au/sda>

For further details about the NDIS rollout in Victoria, please visit www.vic.gov.au/ndis

Elder Abuse

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

June 15, 2017 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), the United Nations designated day to voice our opposition to abuse inflicted on older people.

Sometimes family, friends and carers may not know that their actions amount to elder abuse. In 2017, Whitehorse City Council in partnership with Forest Hill Chase will be providing information to the local public about elder abuse via a guest speaker and a free morning tea at Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre on Thursday June 15, 2017. Box Hill Town Hall Purple will also be lit purple, as in previous years.

For more information please contact **Kim Rosenfeld** - Community Development Officer – Healthy Ageing
Email: kim.rosenfeld@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

'The Many Faces of Elder Abuse'

Melanie Joosten, Policy Officer with Seniors Rights Victoria has written an interesting article which describes how elder abuse in Australia is both prevalent and multi layered. The article also contains useful links to research and elder abuse related information.

To view the article click [here](#).

Health

Older people and knowledge of epilepsy

Epilepsy is a common neurological disease with a high prevalence in people aged 65 years or older, therefore an understanding of the disease is important. Older people with epilepsy need more

information on their condition to facilitate better care management. The objective of this article was to determine older people's knowledge of epilepsy. Electronic or paper-based surveys were completed by people aged 65 years and older. 572 surveys were completed, including 100 from people with epilepsy.

The full study can be viewed [here](#).

Achieve affordable parking at Victoria's hospitals

As we know parking at Victoria's hospitals is a very large problem for those living with chronic illnesses.

The Chronic Illness Alliance started the petition "Premier of Victoria The Hon Daniel Andrews MP: Achieve affordable parking at Victoria's hospitals". Their goal is to reach 1000 signatures and they need your support. [You can read more and sign the petition here](#)

The Healthy Active by Design

The Heart Foundation has launched a new National website for Australians concerned with, or working in the creation of, liveable places and spaces. The website provides the best available evidence, practical advice, checklists and case studies to assist with the development of healthy neighbourhoods that promote walking, cycling and public life.

The Healthy Active by Design website will be a useful tool to enable urban planners to consider principles that make it easier for people to make healthier choices and encourages all Australians to eat well and be more active.

<http://www.healthyactivebydesign.com.au/>

Muscle, Bone & Joint Health

Anti-Inflammatory Diet shown to Reduce Bone Density Loss

Jean Hailes naturopath Sandra Villella says growing evidence has shown that higher quality diets are associated with stronger bones (better bone mineral density) and reduced risk of fracture in older adults. A dietary pattern that focuses on the intake of fruit, vegetables, wholegrains, poultry and fish, nuts and legumes, and low-fat dairy products are thought to be beneficial for bone health.

A large US study published in the Journal of Bone and Mineral Research has revealed that an anti-inflammatory diet can help reduce the loss of bone mineral density in some postmenopausal women.

To read more about the study click [here](#).

Read more about [bone health](#) or visit the [Jean Hailes Kitchen](#) for recipe ideas.

New Guide to Managing Pain

Persistent pain is a common problem affecting 1 in 5 Australians. The good news is there are many things you can do to take control of your pain.

[Managing your pain: An A-Z guide](#) provides information, tips and practical examples of things you can do to manage your pain.

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Michelle Nicolle Trio concert at Wesley St Mark's

Wesley Mission Victoria and Melbourne Recital Centre invite you to attend a performance by award winning jazz vocalist Michelle and musicians Sam and Frank. Be sure to prepare your song requests from the 1920s to the 1970s!

Session 1: Commences at 11am (45 minutes)

Session 2: Commences at 2pm (45 minutes)

Date: 17 May 2017

Location: Wesley St Mark's, 7 Edward Street, Chadstone.

Free entry. Free parking on site. Free transport for eastern region.

RSVP to stmarks@wesley.org.au or call 9807 3634 by 11 May

Access Health & Community Carer Support Programs in May

Opportunities include – Men's group outings, Mothers Day activities, Morning Melodies and much more.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact our program planner Normin Sulemin or team leader Samantha Deer on 9006 6580.

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Date/Time	Event	Information	Location	Contact/Registration
Monday 1 st May, 2017, 10.30am-12pm.	Come and Learn about the National Disability Insurance Scheme -VALID	The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way to help people with disability get care and support. This information session is for people with intellectual disability or other cognitive difficulties to learn more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme – you are welcome to bring someone with you. The presenter is Rick Ruiu from VALiD Inc	Room 2, Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna (Next to Knox Shopping Centre) Bus Numbers : 732, 737, 755	Contact: If you are coming please call Michelle on 9298 8343 More Information
Tuesday 2 nd May, 2017. 2:00pm-3:00pm	Webinar for Identifying the signs of elder abuse	Home care providers are well placed to recognise and prevent elder abuse in the community and the issue will become increasingly important as more older people choose to age at home. Consultant Kathy Day, an expert in elder abuse prevention, will present on the topic and share examples of good practice from Australia and overseas.	Webinar	Cost: Free For more information and to register for this webinar, visit the Home Care Today website .
Thursday 4 th May, 2017, 8.45am to 4.30pm	Assessment, Care Planning & CDC	At this one-day evidence-based workshop you will learn: > Effective strategies in person-centred practice, health literacy and cultural safety to assist in working in a partnership with your clients > The fundamentals and complexities of assessment, to ensure the client’s needs are being met	National Ageing Research Institute Building 9 Seminar Room Gate 4, 34-54 Poplar Road, Parkville, VIC	Cost: \$410 (incl GST) per person https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=241789 Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea and all workshop materials provided.

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		> How to undertake goal directed care planning – setting goals and developing care plans in partnership with the client		
May 9 th 10:00am- 12:00pm	Virtual Dementia Experience	This 2 hour workshop presented by Alzheimer's Australia Vic, aims to give participants an immersive experience in the interactive dementia learning centre (DLC), and encourage them to think, feel and see what it may be like living with dementia. Suitable for all staff providing support for people living with dementia in various care settings.	155 Oak Street Parkville VIC 3052	Cost: Member: \$110.00, Non Member: \$125.00 Register: 9th May or 15th June
Wednesday 10 th May, 2017. 10:00am - 12:30pm	Social Media is a Powerful Tool: How Can I Use It?	This workshop will offer you the opportunity to piece together a social media plan for your peer support group or organisation. An overview of the main social media platforms and tools will be given as well as an in-depth look into the pros and cons of using each. You will be guided on how to create a safe space for your communities to interact online and learn how to build savvy content to maintain members and attract newcomers.	Maurice Blackburn Level 10, 456 Lonsdale St Melbourne, Victoria 3000	Click here for more information and to register. Cost: Free
10 th & 11 th May, 2017	Dementia + Community Care Conference	A forum for CEOs, Managers, Senior Clinicians, Health Care Professionals, Academics, Researchers & other interested professionals/staff working with people with dementia in Community Care settings. The Conference focuses on both policy & practice issues and aims to deliver sessions	Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne	Cost: \$726 for Full Conference Click here for more information or to register.

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		which have genuine relevance to both organisations & staff.		
11 May, 2017 9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Health Literacy for clinical and non-clinical staff	<p>Health Issues Centre is offering a half-day workshop on health literacy for health and community services, condition-specific organisations, local government and clinical and non-clinical staff.</p> <p>Who is the workshop for: team leaders, executive and middle managers, project managers, clinical and non-clinical staff.</p> <p>What is covered: definitions of health literacy, the dimensions of a health literate organisation, cross-sector collaboration techniques, how to work with consumers as partners to address low level health literacy, how to monitor and evaluate your health literacy work.</p>	Health Issues Centre, Level 1 255 Bourke Street, Melbourne Australia 3000	<p>Fee: \$200-350</p> <p>To register: http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/training-events/health-literacy-for-clinical-and-non-clinical-staff</p>
Thursday 11th May 2017, 1.00pm - 5.00pm	Falls and Cognitive Impairment Workshop	<p>At this half day evidence-based workshop you will learn how cognitive impairment impacts on falls and falls risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the evidence on what works to prevent falls in people with cognitive impairment • how adherence impacts on the effectiveness of falls prevention interventions • how to apply the evidence in real settings • how others deal with the challenging combination of falls 	National Ageing Research Institute Building 9 Seminar Room Gate 4, 34-54 Poplar Road, Parkville, VIC	<p>Cost: \$240 (incl GST) <i>(10% discount for early bird registrations before 21st April, 2017)</i></p> <p>https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=254583</p> <p>For further information: Contact: Marcia Fearn, Education Coordinator. Phone: (03) 8387 2305 Email:education@nari.unimelb.edu.au</p>

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		<p>and cognitive impairment for older people, carers and healthcare providers.</p> <p>Presenters/Facilitators: Dr Frances Batchelor (NARI) & Ms Sue Williams (NARI)</p> <p>Who should attend: Healthcare providers; Allied health, nursing, clinical and medical staff; Researchers and academics</p>		
<p>Thursday 18th May, 12.30pm to 5.00pm.</p>	<p>Medicinal Use of Cannabis Forum</p>	<p>The aim of the forum is to try to answer some of the common questions around medicinal cannabis by providing general information about it including evidence around its use and the access pathways including clarification of who is eligible to use it and the process for doing so.</p> <p>For more information go to https://www.tga.gov.au/access-medicinal-cannabis-products where there are a number of facts sheets and some very informative question and answer sheets.</p>	<p>Melbourne CBD – more details to follow</p>	<p>Costs covered Interstate travel costs will be met and reasonable travel costs within Melbourne and regional Victoria will be reimbursed.</p> <p>Expressing interest in participating in the forum If you would like to be considered as a forum participant complete the EOI form at - https://chf.org.au/medicinal-use-cannabis-eoi-and-travel-booking-details and submit it by COB Friday 21 April. For more information please contact Dr Christine Walker, Chronic Illness Alliance, Tel: 0402416868 or 03 9016 3670, www.chronicillness.org.au</p>
<p>Thu 18th May, 2017, 11:00am - 4:00pm,</p> <p>Tue 21st Nov, 2017: 11:00am - 4:00pm,</p>	<p>Advocacy Sector Conversations Forum dates</p>	<p>This forum series provides a space for advocates to gain practical information and share knowledge by participating in topical, interactive sessions. It's more imperative than ever to keep abreast with the ever changing disability services and supports landscape with the introduction of the NDIS and to understand the impact this will have on the practice of disability advocacy.</p>	<p>Melbourne</p>	<p>http://www.daru.org.au/event/advocacy-sector-conversations-forum-2</p>

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<p>Thursday 18 May</p>	<p>Managing the Minefield – VHA Governance Conference</p>	<p>Victoria's first Health Complaints Commissioner Karen Cusack, previously the Royal Women's Hospital lawyer, will be a special guest speaker at the VHA Governance conference on Thursday 18 May. For the first time, the commissioner can take complaints about health services from anyone - not just patients - and can investigate without receiving a complaint.</p> <p>Former Federal Health Minister and chair of the CANCEL Council Nicola Roxon will be keynote speaker for the one-day conference.</p>	<p>NAB @ The Village 700 Bourke Street.</p>	<p>For more details and to register click here</p>
<p>22nd May 12:30pm to 5:00pm</p>	<p>End-of-life care - the next steps</p>	<p>The discussion about End-of-Life care is gaining momentum in Australia. In National Palliative Care Week, the Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research will bring together researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and consumers for a workshop that will build on the policy issues brief ‘Improving end-of-life care in Australia’, published by the Deeble Institute, and previous events convened in 2016 and 2017.</p>	<p>Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston Street, Melbourne</p>	<p>Cost: Member: \$180, Non-member: \$320</p> <p>For more information or to register: http://ahha.asn.au/events/end-life-care-next-steps</p>
<p>23rd May 9:00am to 5:00pm</p>	<p>Think Tank - Hospital avoidance and prevention</p>	<p>This Think Tank is seeking to answer the question: How should the health system respond to the growing pressure to reduce the rates of preventable hospitalisations?</p>	<p>Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston Street, Melbourne</p>	<p>Cost: Member: \$300, Non-member: \$540</p> <p>For more information or to register: http://ahha.asn.au/events/deeble-institute-think-tank-hospital-avoidance-and-prevention</p>

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<p>25 May 2017, 8.30 am – 5pm</p>	<p>Partnering With Consumers 2017: Workshop 1 - An experience based co-design masterclass</p>	<p>The Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) and the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) are pleased to present the first workshop in our 2017 Partnering with Consumers Series - an experience based co-design masterclass.</p> <p>This Masterclass will provide participants with an understanding of the evidence, benefits and a range of effective tools and approaches to engage staff, consumers and family members to co-design health and care services.</p> <p>Who Should Attend? Anyone interested in developing their skills in engaging meaningfully with consumers and particularly those involved in creating health services will find this workshop of interest.</p> <p>The Masterclass will be presented by Dr Lynne Maher, Director of Innovation, Ko Awatea. Lynne has had an extensive health care career ranging from critical care nursing, operational and board posts at local and national level during which she has been able to support teams to create significant improvement in health systems.</p>	<p>Venue: PwC Office, 2 Riverside Quay, Southbank</p>	<p>http://ahha.asn.au/events/partnering-consumers-2017-workshop-1-experience-based-co-design-masterclass</p>
<p>Various dates 2017</p>	<p>MOVE muscle, bone & joint health - various topics</p>	<p>2017 Education and Training Program for health professionals and service providers:</p>	<p>Various venues and webinars</p>	<p>Go to MOVE website or links below: 'Musculoskeletal Health' webinar series</p>

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				<p>Group exercise leader training (warm water exercise, chair-based exercise, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Nordic Walking)</p> <p>Group exercise leader update training (warm water exercise, chair-based exercise, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Nordic Walking)</p> <p>Consultancy training service</p>
<p>27 July</p> <p>Time: 8.45am – 5.15pm</p>	<p>Law for Aged Care Managers Seminar</p>	<p>The seminars feature invaluable insight from the Coroners Court (<i>VIC, QLD, WA</i>), practical insight from aged care providers and in depth legal knowledge from leading aged care solicitors and barristers.</p> <p>Who should attend: aged care managers, including general managers, directors of care, facility managers, residential care managers, clinical managers, nurse managers, operations managers, risk and compliance managers, quality managers, complaints investigators and lawyers.</p>	<p>Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne</p>	<p>Cost: \$695.00</p> <p>Click to: View Program or Register Now</p>
<p>30 August</p>	<p>Active Ageing Conference</p>	<p>The Active Ageing Conference is a one day event which aims to shares the latest evidence on restorative care, reablement and wellness, and aims to equip aged care providers with strategies to meet their new requirements.</p>	<p>Bayview Eden Melbourne 6 Queens Road Melbourne, Victoria 3004</p>	<p>Register: http://activeageingconference.com.au/</p> <p>Contact: Melanie Robertson melanie@intermedia.com.au</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th September, 9am-5pm</p>	<p>Preventing and Responding to Abuse - Guidance for Victorian</p>	<p>This one-day forum run by the Disability Services Commissioner is a must-attend event for all those in the Victorian disability sector. The Victorian Government's response to the 2016 Parliamentary Inquiry</p>	<p>Melbourne Convention Centre</p>	<p>'Save the date'</p> <p>Register your interest</p>

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	<i>disability service providers</i>	into Abuse in Disability Services listed a number of measures designed to strengthen the oversight of disability services as part of the transition to the NDIS. At this forum, you will learn more about preventing and responding to abuse in Victorian disability services.		For more information, please contact Disability Services Commissioner on contact@odsc.vic.gov.au or 1300 728 187.
4-6 October, 2017	7th International Carers Conference	Carers Australia is pleased to announce that registrations for the 7th International Carers Conference are now open. The conference will feature high-profile national and international speakers, thought-provoking presentations, challenging debates, interactive workshops and a cutting-edge exhibition zone.	Adelaide Convention Centre	Registrations Open Early Bird Closing Date: 4 August. More.
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th October 2017	3rd National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference – 2017. It's About Time: Rethinking LGBTI Ageing in Australia	Organised by Val's @ GLHV. Held across two days, this conference explores the changing lives and rich histories of older LGBTI people, presenting new opportunities to share personal stories, discuss policy and practice in the aged care sector, and reflect the challenges and celebrations of this diverse community. Older LGBTI people, aged care experts and service providers can come together to share experiences and ideas, and work together to promote healthy ageing for older LGBTI people.	Novotel Melbourne on Collins - 270 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000	To be confirmed