**Queensland**

**Disability Conference**

**2024**

**Imagining Possibilities:**

**Shaping an Inclusive Queensland**

**Agenda**

**Friday, 16 August, 9:30am – 4:30pm**

**Time Activity**

9:30am **Acknowledgement of Country:** Uncle Willie Prince

9:40am **Conference opening:** MCs Karin Swift and Allycia Staples

9:45am **Minister’s address:** The Honourable Charis Mullen MP, Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs

10:00am **Panel 1: Shaping the possibilities for the future – Disability Reforms**

* Elizabeth Bianchi – Senior Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Legislation – Seniors and Disability Services, Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services
* Geoff Rowe – CEO, Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia
* Luke Mansfield – Group Manager, Disability Reforms and Royal Commission, Department of Social Services
* Dr Sharon Boyce – Chair, Queensland Disability Advisory Council and Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) Board

**Facilitator: Michelle Moss, CEO, QDN**

10:40am **Panel 2: Shaping an inclusive future – First Nations**

* Uncle Paul Calcott – Co Vice-Chair, Mob4Mob
* Melanie Siulai – Coordinator of Advocacy Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network Queensland (ATSIDNQ)
* David Harmer – Acting Deputy CEO, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC)

**Facilitator: Semah Mokak-Wischki, First Nations and Disability Advocate**

11:15am **Table conversations**

11:25am **Morning tea**

11:45am **Keynote Panel: Imagining the possibilities of 2032 – laying the foundations**

* Emma Thomas – Interim CEO, Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority
* Ruth Mackenzie – Artistic Director, Adelaide Festival
* Wayne Gerard – Founder and CEO, Partner Ventures
* Michael Dobbie-Bridges – Paralympian and Strategic Advisor, Disability, APM

**Facilitator: Dr Sharon Boyce, Chair, QDN Board**

12:45pm **Lunch:** includes two screenings of the Bus Stop Film ‘We’ll Always Have Dance’

1:45pm **Panel 3: Research and data to shape an inclusive Queensland**

* Dr Kelsey Chapman – Research Fellow, The Dignity Project, Inclusive Futures: Reimagining Disability, Griffith University
* Kevin Cocks AM GAICD – Executive General Manager, Accessible Transport Network, Office of the Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads
* Dr Talitha Kingsmill – Research Fellow, Griffith University/Research Lead, Queensland Disability Research Network
* Professor Julian Trollor – Director, National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health and Donna Best – Member of National Council for National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health

**Facilitator: Nerine Williams, Director, QDN Board**

2:35pm **Table conversations**

2:50pm **TedX talk:** Video of Donna Best and Kathy Ellem celebrating 40 years of self-advocacy in Queensland

3:05pm **Afternoon tea**

3:25pm **Panel 4: Shaping inclusive disability and mainstream systems**

* Joanne Jessop – Group CEO, Multicap Ltd.
* Angela Masson – Deputy Director-General, Housing and Homelessness Services, Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works
* Ainsley Robertson – Family member, Community Resource Unit (CRU)

**Facilitator: Peter Tully, Director, QDN Board**

4:00pm **Table conversations**

4:15pm **Summary remarks from** the Honourable Charis Mullen MP, Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs

4:20pm **Thanks and close**

4:30pm **Networking event:** Boulevard North Terrace

**Jazz duo:** Dr Jeff Usher and Ella Doneman

5:30pm **Finish**