

# Conference program

## Power of imagination

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### Monday 20 May 2019

4.30pm **Women's Leadership Forum**

Rev. Dr Melinda Cousins

This optional event has been designed with women in mind, but is open to everyone. It's an opportunity to reflect on your own leadership journey, be inspired by and encourage others. Join Rev. Dr Melinda Cousins who will share her leadership journey in a refreshing new light. All are welcome - just sign up when you register for the conference.

6.00 **Welcome reception**

Start the conference on a high note with old and new friends. Sponsored by HESTA, the reception includes an engaging Welcome to Country ceremony.

7.30 Finish

### Tuesday 21 May 2019

8.30 Registration



9.00 Welcome, opening and morning reflection

9.30 **Access your inner innovator**

*Charlotte Rush, Inventium*

One of Australia's leading innovation experts, Charlotte Rush, explains the latest science about what really drives highly inventive and disruptive thinking - and how you can apply these findings to your work right away. She'll also explore how you can help create a culture where innovation thrives and ideas flourish.

10.30 Morning tea

11.00 **Radical redesign**

*Chris Vanstone, The Australian Centre for Social Innovation*

Chief Innovation Officer of the Australian Centre for Social Innovation, Chris Vanstone, shares how design principles and social innovation are creating the social systems of the future by putting bold ideas to work. From disrupting multigenerational disadvantage to reinventing how we age, community-led initiatives are starting small and scaling up to create big changes. Hear how these ideas are being put into practice right now, and how you can take action to imagine, develop and scale up new ways to make a difference to people and communities.

12.00 Platinum sponsor address

12.20 **Reimagining Australia**

*Marcia Balzer, Baptist Care Australia*

Marcia Balzer, Executive Director of Baptist Care Australia, reviews the latest in policy and politics and asks the question - what would you change to create the Australia you'd like to live in?

1.00 Lunch

1.45 Concurrent sessions 1

**A. Opportunities in aged care reform**

*Pat Sparrow, ACSA*

*Craig Gear, Older Persons' Advocacy Network*

*Derek Dittrich, ACSA*

What opportunities for a sustainable and thriving aged care sector are emerging with our current political and policy environment? How might the Royal Commission lead to a better future? And what opportunities for innovation will be unlocked if the recommendations of the Resource Utilisation and Classification Study are adopted? Hear insights from a panel of aged care policy experts on what might be possible in the near future.

### **B. Raising the bar for children and families**

*Paul Nixon, Baptist Care SA*

Paul Nixon is Baptist Care SA's Lead Practitioner and formerly New Zealand's Chief Social Worker. He'll lead a thought-provoking and interactive session around family group conferencing and restorative practice to inspire new ways of thinking about supporting children and families.

### **C. How to join the fight against modern slavery**

It's estimated that there are 15,000 people living in slavery or some kind of forced servitude in Australia. And forced labour probably exists in the supply chain of most businesses according to KPMG. Join this session to understand how Baptist Care organisations can do their part to ensure slavery-free supply chains, and what the opportunities might be to help identify and support forced workers in our communities.

3.00 Afternoon tea

3.30 Concurrent sessions 2

### **A. Innovation lab**

*Charlotte Rush, Inventium*

Everyone can be innovative, and this is your chance to learn how! This workshop will let you understand and practise the tools and approaches that can turbo-charge your creative thinking and innovation efforts. Join keynote speaker Charlotte Rush to learn the value of turning your assumptions on their head, and how to boost productivity and ideas in meetings.

### **B. Design and innovation for faith-based people and organisations**

*John Beckett, Seed*

A practical workshop with John Beckett, CEO of Seed, to help faith-based people and organisations create services and products that show the world what Jesus is like. Come prepared with your biggest current work problem, and be prepared to help others to look at their world from new perspectives.

### **C. Artistry unleashed**

*Andrew McDonough, Baptist Care SA*

Join our conference artist in residence for an opportunity to express yourself through the visual arts. This will be an opportunity to unleash your creativity, and process your conference experiences and thoughts through artistic expression.

5.00 Finish

7.00 **Conference dinner**

Sponsored by Baptist Insurance Services, the conference dinner is a chance to catch up with those people you've wanted to chat with all day, and to share your conference stories over good food.

## **Wednesday 22 May**

8.45 Registration

9.00 **Christian imagination and social innovation**

*John Beckett, Seed*

Founder and CEO of Seed, John Beckett, offers a reflection on connections between design/innovation and the Christian faith. How do we engage a Christian imagination to move faith beyond a set of beliefs into tangible expressions of the Christian Story that provide solutions to problems we face in society?

9.45 **Innovating dementia care in Denmark**

*May Bjerre Eiby, Dagmarsminde Denmark*

May Bjerre Eiby is working at the forefront of dementia care in Denmark. Her care home, Dagmarsminde, is founded on a philosophy of community and caring that is disrupting care models and challenging concepts of what is possible for people with dementia. Her techniques are delivering significant reductions in dementia symptoms and the need for medication. Hear the story of her inspiration, her journey, the proof of her vision, and her latest expansion to take on a second service for people with dementia.

10.45 Morning tea

11.15 Concurrent sessions 3

**A. Principles and practice of healthy partnerships with Indigenous organisations and communities**

*Christine Hill, Carinity*

*Karen Glover, SA Health and Medical Research Institute*

The South Australian principles for healthy and productive involvement of Aboriginal communities in research projects offer a comprehensive guide for establishing partnerships with Indigenous organisations to deliver community services together. You'll hear a case study from Carinity's education experts about how they work alongside communities to provide culturally-appropriate services to Indigenous children, and the strategies they use to connecting with young people from marginalised backgrounds. The session finishes with an opportunity to actively reflect how you might be able to use these principles and approaches in your own work.

**B. Back to the future of dementia care**

*May Bjerre Eiby, Dagmarsminde Denmark*

*Dr Duncan McKellar, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network, SA Health*

May Bjerre Eiby describes her toolkit for person-centred dementia care, setting out the evidence for its effectiveness in reducing dementia symptoms and improving quality of life. She is joined by Dr Duncan McKellar who will reflect on his experience reviewing Adelaide's Oakden facility and incubating the next phase of care for residents. He established the new Northgate House care home, implementing new care approaches and cultural transformation.

**C. Funding for social impact**

*Michael Lynch, Social Ventures Australia*

*Matt Gardiner, The Benevolent Society*

*Josephine Toral, HESTA*

Government, the social sector, and business are thinking differently about how to create and fund social impact. But knowing which innovations to use, and when, is not always easy. Michael Lynch from Social Ventures Australia offers his insights on finding the right funding options to achieve the results you want to create. Michael will then join a discussion panel including Matt Gardiner from the Benevolent Society with lessons from the NSW Resilient Families Social Impact Bond, and Josephine Toral from HESTA offering an experienced investor's perspective on how to make impact investing a reality.

12.30 Lunch

1.15 **The future I want**

Hear the thoughts of an inspiring young person about the future they would like to be part of.

1.50 **Impossible is just an opinion**

*Peter Yao, Thankyou*

Social enterprise Thankyou has taken the business world by storm with its success competing with global multinationals and its bold vision of using 100% of profits to end poverty. Chief Impact Officer, Peter Yao, is at the cutting edge of Thankyou's intersection between business, profit and doing good. Hear his insights about what it took for Thankyou to get there, and what we can learn about working at the crossroad between commerce and purpose. Be inspired by how a roomful of changemakers can turn the impossible into the possible.

3.00 Finish