

Ageing Brain Focus Group



Presents:- An Exciting One Day Forum

ASSESSING CAPACITY

Date: - Thursday, 25th March 2010

Venue: - The Auditorium, Kollings Building
Royal North Shore Hospital,
St Leonards, 2065

Time: - 8.30am – 5.00pm

Please note: Parking on site is very limited. Public transport is strongly recommended.
Closest train station: St Leonards
Bus stops – Pacific Hwy Gore Hill.

The conference will include speakers from Occupational Therapy ,Social Work, Psychology and Psycho-geriatrics as well as representation from the Guardianship Board and the Attorney General's Department.

The conference will be addressing issues such as:-

- **What is capacity?**
- **Functional vs legal capacity**
- **Where there is a discrepancy, how is it addressed?**
- **What assessments and interventions are used and**
- **How bad does it have to get before action is taken?**

Program:

8: 30 - 9.00 am	Registration
9: 00 - 9.15 am	Introduction
9: 15 - 10.15 am	Jenna MacNab-AG Office
10:15 - 10.30 am	Morning Tea
10: 30 - 11.30 am	Assoc.Proffesor Carmelle Peisah – Psychogeriatrics
11: 30 - 12.30 pm	Tasha Cabeide - Psychologist.
12: 30 - 1.15 pm	Lunch
1: 15 - 2.15 pm	Diane Turner/ Robin Turnham – Social Workers
2: 15 - 3.15 pm	Esther Cho - Guardianship Tribunal
3: 15 - 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea
3: 30 - 4.30 pm	Delaune Pollard – Occupational Therapist
4: 30 - 5:00 pm	Conclusion

Speaker Profiles

Jenna MacNab:- is a Senior Policy Advisor in the NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG). She is the author of the 'Capacity Toolkit: Information for government and community workers, professionals, families and carers in NSW' for which she was awarded the 2008 NSW Attorney General's Departmental Annual Achievement Award for Innovation. Jenna was also nominated for both the 2008 NSW Excellence Award in Government Legal Service and the 2009 NSW Premier's Public Sector Award for her work on the Toolkit. DJAG is currently working with other states and territories to roll out the Toolkit across Australia. Jenna is interested in elder law, disability issues and decision-making capacity.

Carmelle Peisah:- Is a Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist and research fellow at the Academic Department of old Age Psychiatry, Prince of Wales Hospital and Conjoint Associate Professor at the University of NSW. She is a Member of the Guardianship Tribunal and an expert in medico legal cases related to capacity issues in older persons. She is also an expert in family therapy.

Tasha Kvelde is a Clinical Neuropsychologist who works in Geriatrics at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney. She has extensive experience in the assessment of decision-making capacity with inpatients and in the community, including cases requiring application for Guardianship and Financial Management.

Esther Cho:- Is the legal Advisor for the Guardianship Tribunal.

Delaune Pollard:- has 40 years experience as an Occupational Therapist based in Queensland. She has worked in Pediatrics, Forensic Psychiatry and now runs an advisory service in aged care and the insurance industry. Delaune is a founding member of the Allens Cognitive Network and a consumer representative on the Queensland Statewide Dementia Clinical Network. She has also written 5 books for both caregivers and Professionals.

Diane Turner:- is Social Work Professional Leader and Multicultural Access Coordinator at Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney. She has 30 years experience as a Social Worker. Her past experience has been in the voluntary sector working with elderly people, migrants and refugees. While at Royal Rehab she has worked with inpatients and those living in the community with spinal and traumatic brain injury, stroke and other non traumatic onset disabilities. She is an accredited reviewer of Social Work programs for the Australian Association of Social Workers, and a peer reviewer for the International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation.

Robin Turnham is a Social Worker with over thirty years of experience, mostly in adult protection of some kind: including six in aged care where she managed a dementia care unit for three years, and the last fifteen years in the (financial) guardianship field with the former Office of the Protective Commissioner (now NSW Trustee and Guardian), operating initially as a Court Visitor and then with the Disability Advisory Service where she happily remains mostly in the capacity of Senior Disability Advisor. After gaining qualifications as a SW she has a Masters in Management (Community- UTS), and is currently enrolled in a USyd. Doctor of Social Work program, attempting to finalise research on the community care industry. She has a strong interest in how community care agencies and their workers deal with the inherent risks in care work - abuse of and by the people they support, usually in the privacy of their homes. One of those risks is undue influence, a huge challenge for social workers and other human service professionals in their work with vulnerable people. Another often unrecognised risk factor is that the community care industry itself is not regulated, unlike child care or residential aged care.

Registration

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* Affiliated Associations:

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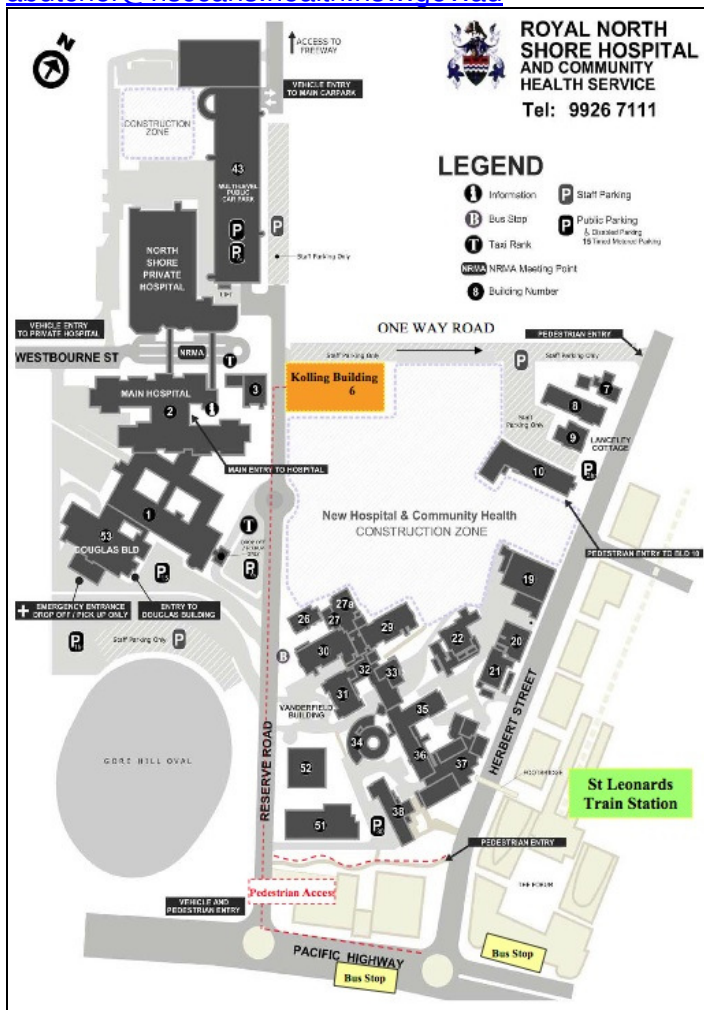
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Registration Form

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- OT Association NSW student member: \$50 Student non-member: \$100
- Member of affiliated Association *\$75

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