

COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY 2017

YOUNG ADULTS | PARENTS | TEACHERS



SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2017

Stockland Building, Level 17
133 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

PRESENTED BY SAVE SIGHT INSTITUTE

PROGRAMME



9:00am - 12:30pm

9:00am Registration and tea and coffee

9:30am **Matt O’Kane:** Welcome and Introduction

9:45am



Nathan Hulls: “Decide your own destiny”

Nathan is a high school motivational speaker and youth coach. He travels the country sharing his experiences in overcoming adversity and disability, inspiring young adults to do the same

10:45am BREAKOUT INTO SESSIONS

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

PARENTS & TEACHERS

11:00am **Susanne Andrews**
The Post School Transition

Peter Hickey
NDIS for young adults with low vision

11:45am **Jessica Buhne**
Pursuing Further Education

Luke Seesink
The Patient Care Coordination Service

12:30pm **LUNCH & NETWORKING**

1:30pm - 2:10pm

1:30pm **Matt O’Kane:** Welcome and Introduction to **Bart Bunting**

1:35pm



Bart Bunting

Bart is an Australian dual-Paralympian blind alpine skier, competing in the 2002 Salt Lake City and 2010 Vancouver Paralympics.

2:10pm BREAKOUT INTO SESSIONS

PROGRAMME



2:15pm - 4:00pm

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

PARENTS & TEACHERS

2:15pm **Kerrie-Ann King**
Disability Services at the NSW
Department of Family & Community
Services

3:00pm **Dr Blake Hamilton**
Keeping your heads healthy

Vicki Papageorgopoulos
Helping kids keep their heads healthy

Associate Professor John Grigg
Save Sight Institute Updates

Professor Robyn Jamieson
Ophthalmology Research Updates

Josie Howse
What the Department of Education can
offer your child

4:00pm - 5:00pm

4:00pm **Associate Professor John Grigg, Professor Robyn Jamieson, Dr Blake Hamilton, Josie Howse and Luke Seesink**
Q&A Panel Discussion

4:20pm **Matt O'Kane**
Conclusion and close of formal programme

4:25pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

5:00pm **CLOSE**

SPEAKERS



Matt O'Kane

Matt has a strong background in community service, having led CanTeen NSW (The Australian Teenage Cancer Patients Society) and volunteering for a decade with Vision Australia assisting blind and visually impaired children and teenagers. Matt has been nominated twice for Young Australian of the Year in the "Community Service" and "Career Achievement" categories. Matt has been actively involved in the Community Information Day since its inception and regularly shares his story at the Discipline of Clinical Ophthalmology annual Impact of Blindness lecture, given to medical students.



Nathan Hulls

Nathan is a high school motivational speaker and youth coach. He travels the country sharing his experiences in overcoming adversity and disability, inspiring young adults to do the same.

His presentation "Decide your own destiny" will focus on finding motivation and self-esteem, overcoming bullying, defining success and the power of your choices in determining your destiny.



Bart Bunting

Bart is an Australian dual-Paralympian blind alpine skier, competing in the 2002 Salt Lake City and 2010 Vancouver Paralympics. At the 2002 Games, he won two gold and one silver medal and his achievements saw him carry the Australian flag at the closing ceremony of the Games.

Bart has completed a degree in computer science and currently works in IT satellite networking.

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Susanne Andrews (Post School Transition Advisor, NSW Department of Education)

Susanne works for the Department of Education in disability learning and support. She is currently the state Post School Transition Advisor for students with a disability. Susanne has worked in public education since 1976. Her background in education spans classroom teaching and supporting students and staff in regular and special settings at a local and state level. Her career has included 10 years in TAFE NSW supporting young people with disability in their vocational courses and their transition to the workforce.



Jessica Buhne (National Disability Coordination Officer, University of Sydney)

Jessica has completed a Bachelor of Social Science and a Diploma of Counselling and currently works as the NDCO for the Sydney Region. The program works to assist people with disability to reach their full potential through capacity building and equal access to opportunities in the tertiary education sector.



Peter Hickey (Team Leader - Local Area Coordination NDIS, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW)

Peter Hickey is a Team Leader at St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, responsible for the Local Area Coordination (LAC) of the NDIS.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is gradually being rolled out across New South Wales. People with permanent and significant disability are eligible to participate in the scheme, which involves a plan, tailored to meet individual needs.

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Luke Seesink (Patient Care Coordinator, Save Sight Institute)

Luke is an orthoptist and the Patient Care Coordinator (PCC) at the Save Sight Institute Clinic. As PCC, Luke liaises between patients, and their families or carers, ophthalmologists, visual support agencies, and health care and education professionals to assist patients navigate the support services.

Luke specialises in providing information about diagnoses and treatments, emotional support and holistic care for his patients.



Kerrie-Ann King (Department of Family and Community Services)

Kerrie-Ann works as an Independent Consultant for the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS). FACS works with children, adults, families and communities to improve lives and help people realise their potential. With particular expertise working with individuals with a disability, Kerrie-Ann works to provide better and more integrated services for vulnerable clients in NSW.



Dr Blake Hamilton (headspace Camperdown)

headspace is a national organisation dedicated to supporting young people aged 12 to 25. Dr Blake Hamilton is a clinical psychologist and researcher. In 2005, he was awarded a NSW Institute of Psychiatry research fellowship and in 2008 he completed a Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Master of Science degree at the University of Sydney. His clinical and research interests are the assessment and treatment of mental health problems in Aboriginal people, young people's mental health and fatigue syndromes.

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Vicki Papageorgopoulos (Community Development & Engagement Officer, headspace Camperdown)

Vicki has been the Community Development & Engagement Officer at headspace Camperdown for over 5 years and has extensive experience working with young people in the community. Vicki holds a Bachelor of Education, Secondary Education from the University of Western Sydney and has presented at several of our Community Information Days.



Associate Professor John Grigg (Save Sight Institute)

Associate Professor John Grigg is passionate about helping children and adults with blinding eye conditions. He is involved in caring for patients, researching new ways to save sight and teaching the next generation of eye doctors.

John is Head of the Discipline of Ophthalmology at the University of Sydney's Save Sight Institute. He is a Paediatric Ophthalmologist and consults at Sydney Eye and Westmead Children's Hospital.



Professor Robyn Jamieson (University of Sydney)

Professor Robyn Jamieson is Head of the Discipline of Genetics at the University of Sydney and is an expert in the clinical genetics assessment of patients with ocular disorders, molecular genetic techniques and the analysis of mouse models of human disease.

Her research has led to insight into the genetic basis of hereditary cataracts, glaucoma and microphthalmia.



Josie Howse (Manager of Braille & Large Print, Department of Education)

Josie has been working in the field of vision impairment since 1979 and has extensive experience in braille code development at an international level. Josie was editor of the “braille bible” for all vision teachers and support staff in Australia. She has published and presented internationally, has been listed in Who’s Who of Australian Women since 2007 and was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities in 2012.

DISABILITY SERVICES

	<p>Blind Citizens NSW is represented by Krystel Keller, current Executive Officer. Blind Citizens NSW is operated and managed by people who are blind or visually impaired and works to improve the quality of life for members of their community through peer support and services, advocacy relating to blindness and vision impairment, promotion of local activities, education initiatives and vocational opportunities and aims to break down barriers of social isolation.</p>
	<p>Blind Sports NSW is represented by CEO, Murray Elbourn. Murray is also the Disability Inclusion Manager at Sport NSW. Blind Sports NSW assists people who are blind and vision impaired to participate in sports and recreation in NSW, and act as an advisory body for many sports, including cricket, goalball, futsal, athletics, swimming, soccer, NRL, AFL, netball and triathlon. Blind Sports NSW run holiday camps and community competitions.</p>
	<p>Guide Dogs can provide assistance to anyone with vision loss in a variety of services, including, training in using a cane, canines and electronic aides to improve mobility, the training of companion dogs for children and adults and advocating on behalf of their clients and community. Guide Dogs is also a registered provider of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Guide Dogs is represented by Jennifer Moon, Sarah Farrugia-Martin, Jessica Taylor and Tiffany Mitchell.</p>

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 <p>Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children</p>	<p>Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC) is represented by Harzita Hashim and Alison Byrne. RIDBC provides education, therapy and cochlear implant services for children and adults with vision or hearing loss. Services are delivered by diverse professionals including health practitioners, teachers, occupational therapists, technology consultants and social workers. RIDBC aims to provide quality and innovative education and services for people with hearing and/or vision loss to achieve the best outcomes for their clients.</p>
	<p>The Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation is represented by Jean-Claude Legrand. In 1985, Save Sight Institute was established with seed funding provided by the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation. This support has continued over the years, with the Lions providing critical funding for clinical equipment and technology to support excellence in service delivery through the Save Sight Institute Clinic. The generous and hard-working volunteers have played a key role in making Save Sight Institute what it is today.</p>
 <p>SIGHT FIGHTER Supporting research at Save Sight Institute</p>	<p>At Save Sight Institute, we have a large number of different research groups which cover all aspects of eye disease and vision loss, and our findings help real people and take us all one step closer to accessible eye care that prevents vision loss, and restores sight already gone. SightFighter's are on this journey with us. Most often, they are patients or family members.</p>
 <p>Vision Australia Blindness. Low Vision. Opportunity.</p>	<p>Vision Australia is represented by Jane Wicks and Stephanie Micallef. Vision Australia works in partnerships with individuals who are blind and visually impaired to access services and resources to live as independently as they choose. Vision Australia have 28 centres, 30 clinics and outreach programmes across Australia. Vision Australia can provide employment assistance, low vision assessments, seeing eye dogs and support for newly diagnosed patients.</p>

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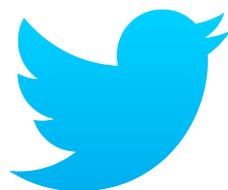
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