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PROGRAM



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Map of the Venue



Note: Stairs to Restaurant are in the Lobby towards front door
 Creche & Lower Primary Programs: Davies and Tomkins Rooms
 Junior and Youth Programs: Meet at the stairs, Grand Vestibule.

Friday Program - upstairs in the Heritage Lounge

12.00	Registration	
12.30	Welcome	Liz Beales
12.35	The basics of Albinism – genetic cause of albinism and structural differences in those with albinism, including eye, optic nerve routing and skin.	Dr James Elder
1.05	What I see – the variations in functional vision of those with albinism, importance of sun protection and the specific challenges faced.	Liz Beales President of AFA
1.35	What parents find important and supportive in dealing with schools and teachers.	Fiona Bligh, Rebecca Bradley, Amy Mochi.
2-2.30	Afternoon Tea	
	Teacher program (parents welcome)	
2.30	Interesting Projects Currently in Progress: the education of vision impaired students	Dr Karen Wolffe
3.30	Access and Inclusion of Students with Albinism: Strategies for Classroom Teachers	Deb Davidson (SVRC)
	Parent and PWA program	
2.30	Informal panel discussion, Open question time.	Panel PWA/Parents
3.30	Informal networking / small groups	
4.00	Finish	

Overview of the Program Saturday – Main Ballroom

8.00am	Registration Opens
8.30	Creche and Lower Primary Programs open
9.00am	Opening: Julian Hill, MP and Liz Beales (AFA President) Practices that Build Resilience (Andrew Fuller).
10.30	Morning Tea Tech Talk Table (Ballroom A)
11.00	Keynote: The time is now - preparing children and youth with albinism for life and careers (Dr. Karen Wolffe). Lens correction and tech solutions (Mae Chong) Personal story: Stage Fright or Flight (JenniferR)
12.30	Lunch in Restaurant Tech Talk Table
1.30	Careers Panel - celebrating the careers of those with albinism (Gail, James, Glen, Kieran, Emina). Person Centred Practice (Briony). Travelling with Albinism (Kieran & Emina). OrCam MyEye (Stewart Andrews)
3.00	Afternoon Tea Tech Talk Table
Option A: Schooling years (Ballroom B)	
3.30	Early Childhood (Beth Glover) Early parent experiences (Daryl & Bec) Steps to Independence (Annette Godfrey-Magee) Parent advocacy (Amy & Fiona).
Option B Adults with Albinism (Ballroom A)	
3.30	Technology – Making the right Choices (Glen Morrow). Bioptics & distance magnification (Dr Alan Johnson). V Life (Ted). Personal story (Phil).
5.00	Finish
Evening in the Ballroom	
6.00	Kids Entertainment: Bushwahzee Band
7.00	AFA Dinner & Band drinks @ bar prices (Finish 10pm)

Overview of the Program Sunday – Main Ballroom

8.15am	AFA Annual General Meeting
8.30	Crèche and Lower Primary Programs open
9.00am	Latest surgical techniques for Albinism & non surgical interventions (Dr W. Marshman). How I see it (Liz) Personal stories (Julie & Glen). UV Sunscreen and you (Dr A. Lasocki). Albinism in Fiji (Vilisi Salafabisi)
10.30	Morning Tea Tech Talk Table
11.00	Performance (Sammy) Teens on Advocacy (Lucy, Sammy & Konna). Paralympic Experience (Chad Perris), Sports (Kieran, David, Shaun & Callum). Protective Behaviours (Fiona) Life with a Seeing Eye Dog (SEDA)
12.30	Lunch in Restaurant SEDA in Ballroom A
Option A Schooling years (Ballroom B)	
1.30	Physical health for young people (Ross Anderson & Dan Pritchard). Orientation and Mobility for Children with Albinism (Anita San Martin). Skills for Success (Dr Karen Wolffe).
Option B Adults with Albinism (Ballroom A)	
1.30	What to Do: When and How to Build or Rebuild Your Career (Dr Karen Wolffe). Personal Story (Lynne), Getting the most out of your O&M (Anita San Martin).
3.00	Afternoon Tea Tech Talk Table
3.30	NDIS – A brilliant idea, A bumpy implementation, A brighter intention (Jacqui Pierce, Linda Blaik) Self Funding Through NDIS (Amy Mochi). Children's presentation. AGM Report, Raffles and Wrap up!
5.00	Finish
	Coffee or drinks in the hotel bar/coffee shop.

Overview of Children's Programs

Note that detailed information will be sent to parents via email. In all sessions children will be encouraged to advocate for themselves in a positive way and celebrate their albinism.

RMIT Crèche for 1 to 4 years

This will be run by RMIT University in the Davies or Tomkins Room (off the Atrium) from 8.30 on Saturday and Sunday. It will be Supervised by Julie Carmel the head of their Early Childhood program with student teachers undertaking a practicum at the event. All activities will be educationally based, designed to engage all individuals (as in a crèche or kinder). There will be a visit from Vision Australia Felix Library for story telling on Saturday morning. Special instructions will be sent to parents separately via email.

RMIT Junior Primary Program for 5 to 7 year olds

This will also be run by Julie Carmel and her students in the Tompkins or Davies Room with activities geared to the age group. On Saturday at the end of lunch, the 6 and 7 year olds and their staff will join the two older groups to go to Goal Ball by bus. This will be run by the Goal Ball Association at Scotch College. The 5 year olds will join the Crèche for this session.

Vision Australia Junior Program for 8 to 11 year olds

This will be run by Vision Australia OT's Bryony and Jackie in the Bresnan room upstairs (children will meet in the grand vestibule at the start of each session). They have planned a mix of activities including tactile, craft, games, and group activities. There will be a visit from international para-athlete, Chad Perris (White Tiger) with his medals. On Saturday after lunch they will attend the Goal Ball (see above) and Sunday they will go Bowling (see below).

Vision Australia Youth Program for 12 plus teens

This will be run by Vision Australia O&M instructors Jessica and Nicky with additional VA volunteers (both here and in Junior group). This program will be fairly informal, giving the group an opportunity to get to know each other and chat about what interests them. They will attend the first session in the main Ballroom to hear Andrew Fuller and form as a group at the end of morning tea. After lunch they will attend goal ball with the other two groups and have an opportunity to assist with the younger ones. On Sunday they will go by bus to the 10 pin bowling alley at Crown, where we have 4 lanes booked.

Over the two days they will have the opportunity to talk with adults with albinism about a range of topics as they arise. They will include Glen Bracegirdle, Chad Perris, Kieran O'Brien, Emina Hubanic, Fiona Bligh and others, with interests covering technology, travel, careers, tertiary study, protective behaviours, adaptive and mainstream sports, nursing and music. They will be encouraged to talk about goal setting, advocacy and leadership opportunities.

Catering arrangements for children and delegates

Children will join parents for all breaks except when they are on the excursions. Babies who are sleeping will be able to stay in the crèche supervised.

Morning and afternoon tea will have stations in the Atrium and Grand Vestibule where you can visit our exhibitors. There will be children's platters for the 2 to 7 year olds in the Atrium.

Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant downstairs – but don't forget to visit exhibitors on the way past.

Special diets notified to us will be catered for.

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Guide Dogs NSW: working in partnership to present keynote speaker Dr Karen Wolffe.



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About our Exhibitors at the conference

Vision Australia

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Humanware

Humanware provide a range of highly intuitive and intelligent solutions that empower people who are blind or with low vision by giving them the independence to participate effectively within a sighted world.

Pacific Vision

Pacific Vision International are a leading provider of assistive technology for blind and sight impaired technology users. Our mission is to ensure that we are providing the best assistive technology solution to suit the requirements of the person. By providing suitable equipment, we can help bring about independence and give freedom to complete tasks for their leisure, work, or school with ease and confidence.

Quantum

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Guide Dogs Victoria

Guide Dogs Victoria is More Than Dogs - providing a large range of services for children and adults with vision loss. Orientation & Mobility Services, Occupational Therapy, Technological Services, Individual and family camps, and of course our iconic Guide Dogs.

Statewide Vision Resource Centre (School students)

Find out about the type of education support and services available to children with albinism.

Short Term Tables in Ballroom

Saturday morning Special Table in Ballroom A – **Andrew Fuller** will sell his books

Sunday lunchtime Special Table in Ballroom A – **Seeing Eye Dogs Australia**

Make sure you visit our Exhibitors Tables

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