

Keynote speakers

Dr Jim Howe

Dr Jim Howe graduated from Queens University Belfast, and completed his neurology training in Newcastle upon Tyne and Leeds, and has been living and working in Australia for over a decade. Jim works as a neurologist in the Statewide Progressive Neurological Disease Service based at Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Hospital (CHCB) in Caulfield, Victoria which provides secondary consultation, care and support for people living with MND and other progressive neurological conditions.

Dr Fiona Fisher

Dr Fiona Fisher is the Senior Clinical Neuropsychologist in the Statewide Progressive Neurological Disease Service at CHCB. Fiona provides cognitive and behavioural assessment, positive behavioural support, psycho-education, supportive counselling to patients with progressive neurological disorders and their families and specialist consultation and education regarding the management of behaviours of concern to other service providers. Fiona has conducted a range of clinical research projects and published a number of papers.

Professor Naomi Wray

Professor Naomi Wray is the co-director of the Centre of Neurogenetics and Statistical Genomics at the Queensland Brain Institute and National Health and Medical Research Council Principal Research Fellow. Naomi and her team study the genetic contribution to a range of common diseases and disorders. Together with Associate Professor Ian Blair, Naomi leads the team awarded the MND Australia Ice Bucket Challenge Grant to establish the Sporadic ALS Australian Systems Genomics Consortium, the largest collaborative MND project to be undertaken in Australia.

Dr Bradley Turner

Dr Bradley Turner is a Senior Research Fellow and neuroscientist who heads the MND Laboratory at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health at the University of Melbourne. Bradley has a PhD in biochemistry from University of Melbourne and trained in mouse functional genetics at the University of Oxford. Bradley and his team investigate the molecular basis of MND using cutting edge techniques in cell culture, animal models and patient samples and are conducting preclinical trials in animal models to evaluate potential drug, gene and stem cell therapy approaches for MND.

2016 NATIONAL MND CONFERENCE

Monday 12 September 2016

Melbourne, Victoria

Registration

Conference program and registration is available online
Visit: www.mndaust.asn.au/national-conference/

Conference cost

Registration fee \$180.00 including GST

Venue

The conference will be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre Clarendon Auditorium, South Wharf
www.mcec.com.au/

Pre Conference Networking Event

Sunday 11 September 5pm to 7pm,
Boatbuilders Yard, South Wharf
www.theboatbuildersyard.com.au/

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Workshop

Date: Tuesday, 13 September 2016

Venue: Calvary Health Care Bethlehem,
476 Kooyong Road, Caulfield

Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Cost: \$165

Practical management to enable people to live well with MND

This will be a practical management workshop for health and disability sector staff. It will improve their ability to help people with MND and their families to live well within the context of their disease progression.

More information about the workshop is available on the registration form <http://mndaust.asn.au/national-conference>

This workshop is only open to conference registrants

Online registrations close on Friday 2 September

After this date please contact 02 8385 2966 or email info@mndaust.asn.au



2016 NATIONAL MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE CONFERENCE

Program and Registration

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Melbourne, Victoria



MND Australia is pleased to announce the 8th National Motor Neurone Disease Conference

Conference Themes

Care

- Advances in knowledge and clinical care
- Models of support for people with MND
- Carer Support
- Maintaining independence and quality of life

Collaboration

- Working together in a changing service sector environment
- Working at the interface – disability, aged, health and palliative care
- Collaborative approaches to care
- Experiences working with National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

Communication

- Innovations in technology
- Approaches to effective engagement with people living with MND and their families
- Using technology to provide education and information models of support for people with MND

For

Allied health professionals
 Case managers
 Community care providers
 General practitioners
 Government representatives
 Medical specialists
 NDIA staff
 Nurses
 Palliative care staff
 People Living with MND
 Personal Care workers
 Residential aged care staff

Monday 12 September 2016 - National MND Conference Program

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome <i>David Ali, National President, MND Australia</i>
9.10am	Opening Address
9.20am	Keynote Session 'He is no more use to me than the milkman', A personal survey of how far we have come and how we might improve our care for people living with MND. <i>Jim Howe, Neurologist, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem</i>
10.15am	Morning tea and poster displays
10.45am	CARE Rate of Disease Progression: A Prognostic Biomarker in ALS. <i>Julie Labra, St Joseph's Hospital, Auburn, NSW</i> Genetic Counselling for MND: what do we know so far? <i>Ashley Crook, Genetic Counsellor, Macquarie University</i> Exploring experiences of hidden aspects of care in MND. <i>Lois Quick, CNC Chronic Disease Brisbane South, Metro South Health</i> Keynote Speaker Keeping up the conversation: social cognition and social communication changes in Motor Neurone Disease. <i>Fiona Fisher, Senior Clinical Neuropsychologist, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem</i>
12.20pm	Lunch and poster displays
1.15pm	COMMUNICATION Voice Banking - Growing Need For People Especially With Bulbar Onset MND. <i>Janet Mostovo, Speech Pathologist, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem,</i> A Clinical Reasoning Framework for Implementation of Eye Gaze Technology for Individuals with Motor Neurone Disease. <i>Rachael Russell, Occupational Therapist, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem</i> Regain Control with Grid 3. <i>Jess Wright, Smartbox</i> Keynote Speaker Sporadic ALS research needs data! <i>Professor Naomi Wray, Centre of Neurogenetics and Statistical Genomics at the Queensland Brain Institute and National Health and Medical Research</i>
2.45pm	Afternoon Tea
3.00pm	COLLABORATION Getting comfortable with managing pain and pressure care in people with MND. <i>Stephanie Williams, Occupational Therapist, Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem</i> Carers and the NDIS. <i>Kylie Preston, NDIS Project Manager, Carers Australia</i> Mind Resilience Training that Creates Community: A Case Study of MND Carers in Queensland. <i>Samantha Graham</i> Keynote speaker Towards gene therapy for MND. <i>Bradley Turner, Senior Research Fellow and neuroscientist who heads the MND Laboratory at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health at the University of Melbourne.</i>
4.30	Closing remarks