

**PROGRAM - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017**

**The University Of Sydney – Jane Foss Russell Building, Darlington Campus**

**Jane Foss Russell Building (G02), Level 5, Room 514/516**

**Map for reference -** <http://sydney.edu.au/maps/campuses/?area=CAMDAR>

**Register online:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/atend-nsw-professional-development-day-thursday-26-october-2017-tickets-38316385340>

Registration is $10 for students $60 for ATEND Members or $80 for Non-ATEND Members.

**9:00AM - 9:30AM Registration**

**9:30AM - 9:40AM** Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, Housekeeping

**Michelle Kerr (UNSW) –** President, ATEND NSW

**9:40AM - 10:15AM Dagmar Kminiak,** Manager of Disability Services & **Stephanie Palermo,** Senior Disability Services Officer, University of Sydney

**10:15AM – 10:40AM Nickolas Vakas,** Disability Consultant for students with a Neurological Disability, Physical Disability and or Chronic Illness, TAFE NSW OTEN

**10:40AM - 11:00AM Morning tea**

**11:00AM – 12:00PM Margaret Steggles,** Orientation & Mobility Specialist & **Natalie Kaine,** Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Vision Australia

Natalie is a paediatric occupational therapist with Vision Australia, based in Epping, Sydney.  For almost 17 years she has worked with school aged children who are blind or have low vision and their families, in metropolitan regional and remote areas of Australia.  Her particular areas of interest are promoting independence, social competence and career awareness through individual and group programs.  She has taken this interest one step further by enrolling as a PhD candidate with The University of Sydney’s Faculty of Health Sciences, investigating career education for children and adolescents who are blind or have low vision.

Margaret is an orientation and mobility specialist with Vision Australia, based in Epping, Sydney. For the last 8 years she has worked with adults and children of all ages who are blind or have low vision in the Sydney region. Along with promoting independence and movement she is interested in creating awareness around accessible and inclusive environments.

**12:00PM – 12:45PM Hamish Fibbins,** Exercise Physiologist & PhD candidate, NSW Health

*Keeping the body in mind: exercise and mental health*

Hamish is an Accredited Exercise Physiologist working with Keeping the Body in Mind, a NSW Health team working to improve the physical health inequalities of people living with severe mental illness. Hamish works with clients in South Eastern Sydney Local Health District providing exercise interventions alongside mental health dietitians and clinical nurse consultants. He is also completing postgraduate research at the University of New South Wales focusing on mental health and exercise.

His presentation will focus on the background of his team’s research and clinical work, the benefits of exercise for people with mental illness, and guidance for staff when providing exercise advice for their clients with mental illness.

**12:45PM - 1:30PM**   **LUNCH**

**1:30PM – 2:20PM Wafa Chafic,** Senior Counsellor TAFE – Western Sydney Region

*Facilitating a session on mental health*

**2.20PM - 2:30PM What’s going on in TAFE/Uni/NDCO sectors?**

**General business**

**2:30PM Finish**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

* You must register through the ATEND online link as it is essential for seating, catering and support purposes.
* All payments must be made in advance.
* **We are unable to accept cash, cheque or credit card payments on the day.**
* Registrations will close at **12:00 noon, Wednesday 25 October 2017** or earlier if maximum numbers are reached. **Places are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.**
* If you require any special dietary requirements or special requirements such as alternative formats or sign language interpreters, please register as soon as possible in order for these services to be put in place.
* If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Kerr on (02) 9385 4685 or email [michelle.kerr@unsw.edu.au](mailto:michelle.kerr@unsw.edu.au) or Jack Crane - [Jack.Crane@sydney.edu.au](mailto:Jack.Crane@sydney.edu.au)

**LOCATION & TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS**

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**Two options to get there:**

1. Enter the Jane Foss Russell Building (G02) from Maze Crescent, take the lift from street level to level 1. Go inside the SciTech Library and take the lift to level 5. Walk through to your left as you exit the lift to room 514/516. **(Only option accessible via wheelchair)**
2. If you're coming along city road, walk up the stairs to level 3 and enter the Student Centre. Take the lifts down the back right to level 5. Walk through to your left as you exit the lift to room 514/516.

***By Train:*** USYD is a short walk from Redfern Station.

***By Car:*** USYD, Jane Foss Russell is located just off City Road. Parking nearby is limited but can be found in Redfern, Darlington, Newtown and Glebe or on campus.

***By Bus:*** Please check the NSW Transport Info website <http://www.131500.com.au/plan-your-trip>