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Where are we headed in disability and aged care?

Northern NSW Community Care Conference, 25-26th May

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

The second annual Northern NSW Community Care Conference, hosted by Mid Coast Communities, Northern Rivers Social Development Council and NESST, aims to help delegates to navigate the new world of aged care and disability funding. Following on from last year's inaugural conference held in Coffs Harbour, this year's event boasts an exciting line up of speakers to update our Northern Region's Managers and frontline staff on policy and practise reforms affecting both sectors.

The program for the event brings together a broad range of speakers covering the major issues confronting aged and disability service providers as we enter the next stage of the aged care reform and the rollout of the NDIS.

Delegates will hear directly from people with lived experience, will have the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of decision makers, and can attend master classes.

The conference will address what upcoming changes will mean for delegates and their organisations; how we can support services through times of transition; and will look at reforms in aged care and where we are headed in 2016.

Facilitated by writer and trainer, Glen Sorensen, this year's conferences speakers include:

- **Kathryn Greiner AO** – Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing
- **Melinda Petrie** – Acting Disability and Ageing, Unit Head, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- **Professor Michael Woods** – Centre for Health Economic Research & Evaluation and former Deputy Chairman of the Productivity Commission
- **Senator Jan Barham MLC** – Greens NSW Spokesperson for Ageing, Disability, Housing and Homelessness
- **Sheree Conway** – Hunter Sector Support & Development Officer
- **Jennene Buckley** – CEO, Feros Care
- **The Public Guardian** – Department of Justice
- **Brendan Moore** – General Manager for Policy, Research & Information, Alzheimer's Australia
- **Elizabeth Ervine** – Services Our Way Manager, Family and Community Service
- **Gillian McFee** –Expert Advisory Panel of the Business Council of Co-ops & Mutuals



Registrations are now open at:

https://www.stickytickets.com.au/37457/the_northern_nsw_community_care_conference_2016.aspx

The 2016 Northern NSW Community Care Conference is hosted by Mid Coast Communities, Northern Rivers Social Development Council and NESST, and sponsored by Lifetime Connect and Coffs Home Mods.

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