



Rethink, reset, reimagine

2018 VHA Annual Conference | 16-17 August - MCG

Working towards a stronger Victorian health system

DAY ONE

THURSDAY 16 AUGUST		SPEAKERS	LOCATION
8.30am	Registration		Betty Cuthbert Foyer
9.05am	Welcome and introduction	Mr Tom Symondson, Chief Executive Officer, VHA	Olympic Room
9.15am	Welcome to Country	Wurundjeri Elder	Olympic Room
9.20am	Welcome	Mr Gary Thomas, Board Chair, VHA	Olympic Room
9.25am	Keynote address Clare Keenan considers surviving a brutal stabbing in her 20s as a positive turning point in her life. Drawing on her advocacy work for victims around the world, as well as her public policy experience with former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark, Clare will explore how the health sector can rethink, reset and reimagine its approach to problem solving. She'll share her experiences, including helping build one of the largest Arab news agencies that produces anti-ISIS content globally, to demonstrate changes required to the traditional institutional responses and the importance of resilience within individuals and organisations.	Ms Clare Keenan, stockbroker and survivor	Olympic Room
10.20am	VHA Principal Partner address	Ms Debra Mika, General Manager Strategy and Product, First State Super	Olympic Room
10.30am	Political address Victoria will go to the polls on Saturday 24 November. Over two days, both major political parties, plus The Greens and REASON, will outline their health priorities. In their first term, Labor has made some big changes to the health system, hear Minister Hennessy speak about Victorian Labor's key health policy positions as they seek a second term.	The Hon. Jill Hennessy, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services	Olympic Room
10.45am	Morning tea		Betty Cuthbert Foyer
11.00am	A synchro-what? Building a capital case in the minds of stakeholders With a lack of strategic prioritisation and transparency around health infrastructure funding, it can be difficult to gain the attention of government and their investment in capital projects. Sharing an example from the research sector, Professor Peele will shine a light on a campaign that saw the Australian Government inject \$500 million, and other stakeholders invest some \$11 million, to secure that facility's future.	Professor Andrew Peele, Director, ANSTO Victoria and Australian Synchrotron	Olympic Room
Concurrent session	Aged care workforce plan To meet demand, Australia's aged care workforce will need to quadruple by 2050. Formed in November 2017, the Aged Care Workforce Strategy Taskforce has been tasked with developing a plan to address this need. With the strategy yet to be shared publicly, hear about its key strategic actions from Taskforce Chairman, Professor John Pollaers.	Professor John Pollaers OAM, Aged Care Taskforce Chairman, Workforce Strategy	Jim Stynes Grill
	Disadvantaged and cultural safety, are we doing enough? While the Victorian health system has many programs in place to support disadvantaged communities, we could be doing much better. Ian Hamm will explore some of the roadblocks to responding to disadvantage and ways in which the Victorian health system can take a leadership role in supporting these communities	Mr Ian Hamm, Chief Executive Officer, Vic- torian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation	Olympic Room

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11.50am	The pain of politics in infrastructure While Infrastructure Partnership's Australia's 2017 annual investment report showed a continuing appetite for infrastructure opportunities, it highlighted that Australia's solid reputation as an infrastructure investment destination is being eroded, as investors take stock of increasingly unpredictable political interventions by national and state governments. Cressida Wall will share her views on the politicised nature of infrastructure projects and outline opportunities for Victoria's health system to help shape future infrastructure decisions.	Ms Cressida Wall, Office of Projects, Victoria	Jim Stynes Grill
12.30pm	Lunch		Betty Cuthbert Foyer
12.40pm	Special lunchtime briefing - CEOs and Board members only Voluntary assisted dying: What is it and how will it be applied From 19 June 2019, Victorians at the end of life who are suffering and who meet strict eligibility criteria will be able to request access to voluntary assisted dying. What questions should boards and CEOs be asking and how will it impact their organisations. This special briefing will focus on the legislation and what it means for Victoria's public health services. Bring your lunch and join other leaders from Victoria's health system for this informative session.	TBC	Olympic Room
1:35pm	A smarter approach to funding This year's State Budget saw almost 30 per cent of total funding allocated to health. While this funding is essential to meeting the needs of a growing and more complex population, the spend on public health promotion went backwards. A longer-term and sustainable view to reducing the overall impact to hospitals and community health services brought about by the burden of avoidable disease is essential, but what will motivate this shift in thinking at budget time. Danielle Wood will share her thoughts.	Ms Danielle Wood, Budget Policy and Institutional Reform Program Director, Grattan Institute	Olympic Room
	Transitioning a workforce - organisational redesign in practice Flagged as the greatest social policy change in a generation, the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme has resulted in many significant impacts for providers of disability services. Hear from three leaders who will share their challenges and learnings as their organisations navigate organisational change focused on maintaining high quality care in the most efficient way within a decentralised, consumer-led model of care.	Ms Deborah Stuart, Chief Executive Officer, Central Bayside Community Health Service Mr Peter Birkett, Chief Executive Officer, Hesse Rural Health Ms Debbie Munro, Divisional Director Continuing Care, Austin Health	Jim Stynes Grill
2.30pm	Disrupting health...digitally The opportunities to enhance care and patient outcomes and staff training and development through digital tools are endless. But a lack of long-term planning and investment has resulted in Victoria's health sector falling behind, nationally and internationally and we now have a 'patchwork' of capability across the state. Simon Goodrich, Australian Ambassador for the New York-based Webby Awards (the Oscars for online) and board member of HISA, the digital health peak body, will share his knowledge on how we can do it better.	Mr Simon Goodrich, Co-founder, Portable	Olympic Room
	Keeping people healthy; the benefit of funding prevention With the capacity of health services bursting at the seams, it makes sense to focus on keeping people healthy and out of the health system but there is a lack of incentive from governments, brought about by a lack of evidence of the impact of a wellness system. Rosemary Calder will discuss how the Australian Health Policy Collaboration's Growing Brimbank program, a long-term collaboration between Victoria University and the City of Brimbank in Melbourne's west, has been working to improve the health and wellbeing of some of our most socially disadvantaged through the gathering of crucial evidence.	Professor Rosemary Calder AM, Director, Australian Health Policy Collaboration, Victoria University	Jim Stynes Grill
3.20pm	Political address In the 2016 Australian Election more than a third of the population voted for a party other than the Coalition or Labor in the Senate. Hear REASON leader, Fiona Patten, speak about the party's health policy positions as we approach the State Election.	Ms Fiona Patten MP, Leader, REASON	Olympic Room
3.30pm	Afternoon tea		Betty Cuthbert Foyer
3.50pm	Roads to social change The past four years has seen significant social reform through legislation in a number of parts of the healthcare system. This session will consider three different roads to reform, from the policy to the practice, through the prism of voluntary assisted dying, the introduction of a safe injecting room and the legalisation of medicinal cannabis.	Professor Margaret O'Connor, Member, Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board Mr Demos Krouskos, Chief Ex- ecutive Officer, North Richmond Community Health Service	Olympic Room

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3.50pm	The intersection of artificial intelligence, big data and healthcare From giving clinicians more time to spend with patients, to sharing insights from around the world, IBM Watson is transforming healthcare in countries including China, India and Australia. Terry Sweeney will explore how artificial intelligence (AI) and big data supports demand management. He will outline how IBM Watson is being used in several current healthcare situations and highlight other ways technology is disrupting the healthcare sector.	Dr Terry Sweeney, Managing Director, IBM Watson Health	Jim Stynes Grill
4.30pm	Special presentation: Responding to the challenges of antimicrobial resistance In July, the VHA's CEO, Tom Symondson, had the opportunity to interview Chief Medical Officer for England and Chief Medical Advisor to the UK government, Professor Dame Sally Davies about the impending antibiotic apocalypse. According to the World Bank, if no action is taken, by 2050 antimicrobial resistance will have overtaken cancer as the world's biggest killer and cost the global economy between \$60 and \$100 trillion. In this session, we will hear highlights from the interview with Dame Sally, followed by discussion with a local expert about what this means for Victorians and the role hospitals and community health can play in combating the issue.	TBC	Olympic Room
5.15pm - 7pm	Networking event The VHA invites all conference delegates to catch up with colleagues at this networking event.		Betty Cuthbert Foyer

DAY TWO

FRIDAY 17 AUGUST - DIGITAL HEALTH BREAKFAST		SPEAKERS	LOCATION
7.15am	Registration		Betty Cuthbert Foyer
7.30am	Welcome and introduction	Mr Tom Symondson, Chief Executive Officer, VHA	Olympic Room
7.35am	The evolution of digital health in Australia From patient-facing digital health solutions to using digital to support workforce planning and demand management, Australia is seeing an unprecedented growth in digital health solutions. Richard Royle will share insights from PWC's work with the health sector in Victoria and further afield.	TBC	Olympic Room
7.45am	Unlocking the world of opportunities in digital health Dr Ashby will explore the opportunities that can be realised through digital health and share insights into digital health programs occurring around the world.	Dr Richard Ashby, Chief Executive and Chief Information Officer, eHealth Queensland	Olympic Room
7.55am	Moderated panel discussion: Implementing digital change in a constrained environment. While there is global recognition of the importance of digital health initiatives, there are a growing number of roadblocks to their successful implementation. Digital health leaders will explore the biggest pressures on implementing digital health projects, from funding to community expectations, and explain how you can advocate for change against a backdrop of mounting pressures within the health system and beyond. This session will also draw on recent examples of implementations in Victoria as well as Queensland.	Moderator: Mr Richard Royle, Partner – Health, PwC Mr Glyn Teale, Chief Information Officer, Western Health Dr Richard Ashby, Chief Executive and Information Officer, eHealth Queensland Ms Jackie McLeod, Director, EMR Project, Parkville Precinct	Olympic Room

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8.30am	Registration		Betty Cuthbert Foyer
9.00am	Welcome	Mr Tom Symondson, Chief Executive Officer, VHA	Olympic Room
9.10am	Political address The Hon. Mary Wooldridge was the Minister for Mental Health, Women and Community Services from 2010-2014. Now the Shadow Minister for Health, hear her speak about the Liberal Coalition's plans for health in the lead up to the November State Election.	The Hon. Mary Wooldridge, MP, Australian Liberal Party	Olympic Room

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9.35am	A digital health revolution in the sunshine state The Queensland Government has embarked on an ambitious program of healthcare transformation, harnessing the power of data and technology for improved quality of care, patient safety and productivity. Dr Richard Ashby is one of Queensland's most experienced clinicians and health service administrators. Drawing on his experience leading digital transformation at Princess Alexandra Hospital and now as the CIO and CEO of eHealth Queensland, Richard will outline how Queensland is transforming its digital health operations and share lessons for Victoria to reimagine its own digital health transformation.	Dr Richard Ashby, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Information Officer, eHealth Queensland	Olympic Room
10.10am	Creating an argument for value for digital health solutions What questions do you need to answer in order to build the case for digital health solutions with consumers, politicians and health professionals? In two case study presentations, you will gain insights into creating an argument for value from the perspective of a metropolitan and a community health service. Jackie McLeod will draw on her experience of successfully implementing a number of EMRs in Victoria over the past decade. She will also share insights from the Parkville EMR project where	Mrs Jackie McLeod, Executive Director, EMR Project, Parkville Precinct Mr Steven Strange, Chief Executive Officer, Health Metrics Mr Phillip Harris, General Manager Infrastructure, Merri Health	Olympic Room
Concurrent session	Innovation lessons from WayOut Wodonga - Gateway Health's gender service How did a regional community health organisation develop an innovative program to promote the rights, health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ young people in their area? Find out when Gateway Health share insights from their popular program WayOut Wodonga, which provides information, support and advocacy for LGBTIQ+ young people in Albury Wodonga and surrounds.	Ms Loretta Foster, Community Inclusion Program Manager, Gateway Health Dr Alana Hulme Chambers, Research Fellow, Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health Dr Rachel Richardson, member, Wayout Wodonga Community Reference Group	Jim Stynes Grill
11.00am	Morning tea	Betty Cuthbert Foyer	
11.15am	Examining the social determinants of health The conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age are what the World Health Organization defines as the social determinants of health. They are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources and a growing body of evidence shows that they have a significant impact on the avoidable differences in health status seen within and between communities. Professor Rob Moodie will share his insights with a focus on effective strategies that achieve health equity.	Professor Rob Moodie, Academic Specialist, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne	Olympic Room
Concurrent session	Bringing tele-psychiatry to the emergency department Eastern Health's Dr Euan Donley will share findings of an international first study that drew on telehealth for mental health consultations in the emergency department. The program has the potential to improve access to services for people in rural and remote areas or in situations where face-to-face consultations are impracticable.	Dr Euan Donley, Clinical Specialist, Mental Health Access Team, Eastern Health	Jim Stynes Grill
11.15am	Political address The Greens hold three seats in the Victorian lower house. With the pundits predicting a close election in November and the real possibility of a minority government the Greens may prove essential for the major parties. Hear Greens spokesperson for health, Nina Springle, speak about her vision for health in Victoria.	Ms Nina Springle, MP, The Victorian Greens	Olympic Room
12.10pm	Keynote address - The new age of politics - the good, the bad and the not so attractive Sara James covers a mix of politics, business, culture and social issues on her ABC News Breakfast segment, An American in Oz. Sara will explore the new age of politics from Trump to Trudeau and what's happening in our own backyard in the lead up to the State Election. Along with her extensive knowledge of politics, Ms James will draw on her personal experience as a mother of a daughter with severe epilepsy living in country Victoria, offering a unique perspective on what a parent of a child with significant health problems, needs from the health system in regional and metropolitan Victoria.	Ms Sara James, award winning foreign correspondent and presenter of An American in Oz on ABC News Breakfast	Olympic Room
1.05pm	Conference wrap up	Mr Tom Symondson, Chief Executive Officer, VHA	Yarra Room