

4th MND Connect Program



Saturday 10th November 2018

MND, one disease with many faces

Ian Potter Auditorium, Kenneth Myer Building, The University of Melbourne

Arrival and Morning tea – 9.30 am

- 10:10 am **Welcome**
David Ali, President MND Australia
- 10:15 am **Opening address – *MND, one disease with many faces***
Dr Susan Mathers, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem, Victoria

Session 1: Chair - Dr Susan Mathers

- 10:25 am ***A Carers Perspective***
Maria Nanfra
- 10:35 am ***A personal perspective: Living with MND***
Ewa Weinzieher
- 10:45 am ***The MND jigsaw: patterns within the puzzle***
Dr Thanuja Dharmadasa, University of Sydney
- 11:05 am ***Cognition and behaviour and MND***
Associate Professor Gail Robinson, University of Queensland
- 11:25 am ***Managing Bulbar Symptoms and advances in communication technology***
Roxanne Maule, Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem, Victoria
- 11:45 am ***Breathing life into MND***
Professor David Berlowitz, The University of Melbourne, Victoria

12:05 – 1 pm Lunch

Session 2: Chair - Dr Shyuan Ngo

- 1:00 pm ***Genes and the environment: The Different Causes of MND***
Associate Professor Ken Rodgers, University of Technology Sydney
- 1:20 pm ***Multidisciplinary care and palliative care***
Dr Peter Allcroft, Flinders Medical Centre, South Australia
- 1:40 pm ***Voluntary Assisted Dying:***
Emeritus Professor Margaret O'Connor AM, Monash University, Melbourne

- 2:00 pm ***The Role of Stem Cells in Screening Drugs as Potential Therapies***
Associate Professor Bradley Turner, Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, University of Melbourne
- 2:15 pm ***Clinical Trials Update***
Associate Professor Rob Henderson, University of Queensland
- 2:30 pm **Panel discussion** – led by Rob Henderson
- 2:50 pm Closing remarks, Dr Susan Mathers and Carol Birks, CEO MND Australia
- 3:00 pm Lab visits, Associate Professor Bradley Turner

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