

## 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