



# AGOSCI 13th Biennial Conference

17-20 May 2017

The Grand Hyatt, Melbourne, VIC Australia



## AGOSCI Pre-conference half day workshops May 17<sup>th</sup> 2017:

### Beyond the personal communication dictionary: Supporting people who communicate without symbols.



Dr. Sheridan Forster



Dr. Meredith Prain



Dr. Hilary Johnson

**Date:** Wednesday 17 May 2017

**Presenter:** Dr. Sheridan Forster, Dr. Meredith Prain and Dr. Hilary Johnson

**Workshop Fee:** \$150.00

**Time:** 1.00pm – 4.30pm

**Venue:** Grand Hyatt Melbourne, 123 Collins Street (Nearest train stations are Flinders Street Station and Parliament Station)

This interactive workshop will focus on supporting people, in particular teenagers to adults, who don't use or seem to understand speech or symbols. Sometimes these people are referred to as having a profound intellectual disability, or being emergent or unintentional communicators.

- Ready – Connect with the person
- Set – Explore preferences and choice
- AAction – Thrive in ongoing interaction using various methods including video

Interaction is possible with this population and meanings can be co-created through high quality interactions.

The workshop will provide strategies that can be used in the classroom, day service, group home and the wider community. The target audience is teachers and teacher's aides, speech pathologists, support workers, and families.

### 'I want to have my cake and eat it too' – a collaborative framework for mealtime decision-making



Cathy Willmot



Fiona Tang



Laura McElhinny

**Date:** Wednesday 17 May 2017

**Presenter:** Cathy Willmot, Fiona Tang and Laura McElhinny

**Workshop Fee:** \$150.00

**Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

**Venue:** Grand Hyatt Melbourne, 123 Collins Street (Nearest train stations are Flinders Street Station and Parliament Station)

People with disability should be at the centre of all their life decisions. However balancing duty of care and dignity of risk can be a difficult space for people with disability and speech pathologists to navigate together. This can be a particular issue at mealtimes when preference and choice can impact on an individual's health and well-being.

This workshop will assist speech pathologists to develop skills to support people with disability when their mealtime preferences and decisions do not match clinical recommendations.

- Ready – Gather the information from key stakeholders.
- Set – Share decision making process to develop a mealtime plan
- AAction – Use the mealtime plan when out and about.

Case studies and the lived experience of people with disability will be used to highlight the shared decision making process developed and used at Yooralla.