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## 2022 National Home Modifications Conference

Online via  
ZOOM

February 21 - 22, 2022

Conference Program

### DAY 1 - 12pm MONDAY FEBRUARY 21

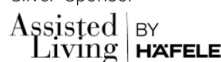
- 12.00pm Acknowledgement of Country** - June Riemer, Deputy CEO First Peoples Disability Network, 2021 NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year.
- 12.05pm Chair's Welcome** - Steve Pretzel, Home Modifications Australia.
- 12.10pm Keynote 1 - An International Perspective #1 (USA)**  
**Richard Duncan, Executive Director of the RL Mace Universal Design Institute USA** who will provide an update on the state of home modifications in the USA and the growing interest from the health care system in the avoided health costs from improved home environments.
- 12.45pm Keynote 2 - An International Perspective #2 (Canada)**  
**Don Fenn, President/CEO of Caregiver Omnimedia & Founder of Home Modification Canada, Stuart Teather Vice President and Marnie Courage, CEO at Enabling Access Canada** on the state of home modifications in Canada, the National Ageing in Place/Home Modification Research Study and work being done to raise awareness of the benefits of home modifications.
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- 2.15pm COMFORT BREAK AND HEAR FROM OUR SPONSORS**
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- 2.25pm Session 1 – Aspiration and Innovation**
- Articulating the aspirations and expectations of consumers for the home modifications they require to live functionally independent lives in their own homes, and the systems that need to be in place to make their visions a reality.
- Libby Calloway
  - Nick Schumi
  - Liz Ainsworth
  - Dr Andrew Martel
- 3.45pm Aspiration and Innovation – Panel Discussion and Q&A**
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- 4.15pm COMFORT BREAK AND HEAR FROM OUR SPONSORS**

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- 4.30pm**     **Connection and Commitment**  
**Senator Richard Colbeck, Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services** will address the conference in a session where we will consider the role home modifications will play in the reformed home-based aged care sector.
- 5.30pm**     **Day 1 Wrap Up & Close - Conference Host**
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### DAY 2 - TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22

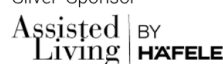
- 9.00am**     **MOD.A Chairperson's Address** - Steve Pretzel, Chairman Home Modifications Australia
- 9.15am**     **Keynote 3 - Availability & Equity**  
**Ben Gauntlett, Disability Discrimination Commissioner** on how home modifications is a key strategy in ensuring housing is available, equitably, to people with disability across all markets.
- 10.00am**     **Session 2 – Envisioning and Delivering**  
**Keynote 4 - Envisioning and Delivering**  
**Doug McDonald and Dr Lloyd Walker, National Disability Insurance Agency** will provide information on how the scheme will work to meet the expectations of its participants, and innovate in the delivery of home modifications outcomes.
- 10.30am**     **NDIS: Envisioning and Delivering Panel Discussion and Q&A**
- Libby Callaway ● Danny Gibson ● Nick Schumi ● Laura Davy ● Joseph Connellan
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- 11.15am**     **COMFORT BREAK AND HEAR FROM OUR SPONSORS**
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- 11.30am**     **Keynote 5 - Aged Care: Envisioning and Delivering**  
**Dr Nick Hartland, Department of Health:** Dr Hartland will provide information on how aged care reform will support innovation in home modifications that in turn enables more older people to remain living at home, and receive services in place as they age.
- 12.10pm**     **Aged Care: Envisioning and Delivering Panel Discussion and Q&A**
- Anne Reeve ● Trish Lapsley ● Ash Osborne
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- 12.50pm**     **LUNCH BREAK AND HEAR FROM OUR SPONSORS**
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### 1.30pm **Session 3: Investing and Innovating**

#### **Keynote 6 - An International Perspective #3 (UK)**

**Paul Smith, Director Foundations UK** provides a UK perspective on the investment made by the UK Government in a Home Modifications peak body, and the quality and innovation outcomes that are expected as a result of that investment.

### 2.05pm **Keynote 7 - Research and Innovation**

**Emeritus Professor Catherine Bridge**, Home Modifications Information and Research Centre of UNSW on research and innovation that is occurring in Australia, and worldwide.

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### 2.45pm **COMFORT BREAK AND HEAR FROM OUR SPONSORS**

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### 3.00pm **Keynote 8 - Quality and Training**

**Liz Ainsworth, Proprietor at Home Design for Living in Queensland** and co-author of *An Occupational Therapist's Guide To Home Modification Practice*, will inform the conference about the work being done to develop training for handymen, builders and other tradespersons who do home modification work.

### 3.15pm **Quality and Training: Panel Discussion and Q&A**

A panel of experts to discuss the status of research, innovation and training in Australia, what is working, what needs to happen from here and the role of MOD.A.

- Liz Ainsworth
- Emeritus Professor Catherine Bridge
- Associate Professor Phillippa Carnemolla

### 3.45pm **Day 2 Wrap Up - Conference Host**

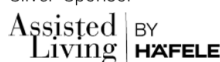
### 4.00pm **Close the Conference - MOD.A Chair**

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