



ALA CONFERENCE 2017 HOBART

Exploring possibilities - changing lives



TUESDAY 13 JUNE

MC Day 1	Sally Brennan – Board member <i>Adult Learning Australia</i>
8:30 am	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
9:15 – 9:30 am	WELCOME TO COUNTRY Alison Overeem – UAICC Tasmania-Leprena
9:30 – 9:40 am	OFFICIAL WELCOME Liz Jack – Director <i>LINC Tasmania</i>
9:40–9:50 am	SETTING THE SCENE DAY 1 Chris McCall – President <i>Adult Learning Australia</i>
9:50- 10:15 am	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Everyday you learn something Dr Trace Ollis, Deakin University <p>Dr Ollis has published both nationally and internationally in the areas of community development and adult education. Her presentation will involve sharing stories of formal and informal adult learning in Neighbourhood Houses. Through case studies and poetry, these stories will reveal the transformative nature of learning, and will also explore the transition from reluctant to confident learner and the resulting impact on communities. Dr Ollis will also share some of the findings of research that examines adult learning in the context of Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria.</p>
10:15 – 10:30 am	QUESTIONS
10:30 – 11:00 am	MORNING TEA

11:00 – 12:00 pm **SESSION 1A**
From surviving to thriving
Gillian Meek & Abiola Ajetomobi
Asylum Seekers Resource Centre – VIC
 Abiola is the Director of ASRC’s Innovation Hub. Gill has extensive experience in adult education and the NFP community sector. She is passionate about education initiatives that are underpinned by the principles of social justice. Abiola and Gill will explore ASRC’s approach to supporting people seeking asylum to advance their future through education. The ASRC’s education program enables people to build a new life in Australia. A committed team of education advisors and volunteers assist hundreds of people to improve their English language skills, build self confidence and develop personal and career goals.

SESSION 1B
Innovation through social enterprise: Finding new ways to solve old problems in rural areas
Karyn Bradford
Milang & District Community Association –SA
 As CEO, Karyn initiated many highly regarded and award winning programs for Milang and District Community Association. She is currently the project liaison for the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory project. The Lakeside Butter Factory and the adjacent workers cottage are historic and prominent buildings in this rural area of South Australia. Once restored, social enterprise businesses will be established on the site including a cafe, art gallery and eco tours. This project will ultimately become a community asset that will provide training, jobs, business opportunity and long-term sustainability in a district that is disadvantaged.



12:00 – 1:00 pm

SESSION 2A

Building a learning community

Kathleen Priestly

Devonport LINC

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International Confederation of Principals

The Devonport Community Live and Learn Strategy is a major commitment by the community to develop Devonport into a place to live and a place to learn. Learning is an enabler for vision and aspiration. It can also reinvigorate our social and economic outlook. The Learning Communities Group leads, inspires and motivates the community to engage in and embrace lifelong learning to build a better future for individuals and for the wider community.

SESSION 2B

Writing with conviction: Offenders, creative expression and rehabilitation

Melissa Iocco-Fischer & Simon Burrett

LINC Tasmania

Artists with Conviction is an annual art exhibition organised by the Tasmanian Department of Justice for prisoners and community based offenders. The exhibition includes a creative writing prize coordinated by the Department of Education LINC Literacy Coordinator and sponsored by 26TEN. This presentation will provide an overview of the writing prize, the way it has developed over the years and the benefits it has to offenders in terms of self-awareness, communication, family connectedness, community engagement and learning.

1:00 – 1:45 pm

LUNCH

1:45 – 2:30 pm

Learning through music and song

In conversation with Marcia Howard (musician, songwriter, educator, Aria Award winner)

Marcia Howard has over 30 years of performance experience. She is a triple Aria Award winning member of the band Goanna with her brother Shane Howard. Marcia has performed with James Taylor, Carlos Santana and Archie Roach. Marcia combines performing with her work as a music educator, where she shares her experience and knowledge of the industry recording, songwriting and business skills. Last year she completed her Masters of Education thesis, *Holy Wells to Waterholes: Belonging to Place Through Song*, which explores issues of belonging to place through the medium of song

2:30 – 3:20 pm

SESSION 3A

Including and valuing Indigenous perspectives in learning

Clair Andersen

Institute of Learning & Teaching University of Tasmania

Clair has Yanuwa and Gunggalida clan connections in the Gulf country of Northern Australia. She is the Aboriginal Higher Education Advisor at the University of Tasmania. In her presentation, Clair will develop participants' knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the impact of culture, cultural identity and linguistic background on the education of learners from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. She will also explore programs that have successfully engaged with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adult learners and achieved successful educational outcomes.

SESSION 3B

Working together on adult literacy and numeracy

Anita Planchon

LINC Tasmania

Anita Planchon is Manager of Literacy Services at LINC Tasmania, with responsibility for 26TEN – Tasmania's Strategy for adult literacy and numeracy and LINC Tasmania's adult and family literacy network. Half of all Tasmanian adults don't have the literacy and numeracy skills they need for everyday life. 26TEN – the 26 letters and the ten digits that we use for reading, writing and counting – is Tasmania's unique, community-wide approach to raising literacy and numeracy levels. It brings together businesses, community groups, government, educators, and individuals to work together to help adults get the skills they need. This workshop looks behind the statistics at what it really means to be an adult with low literacy, and how everyone can help.

3:20 – 3:30 pm

AFTERNOON TEA



3:30 – 4:15 pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Creating better access to lifelong learning for young people

Deputy CEO Bronwyn Lee

Foundation for Young Australians

Bronwyn is passionate about redefining the role of young people in our society, ensuring they are prepared for the changing future and also how the not-for-profit sector can drive innovation in Australia. Bronwyn has a deep practical and theoretical knowledge of the community sector with over fifteen years experience working in non-profits. Prior to FYA, she was with World Vision Australia and is currently a non-executive director on the Board of the International Women’s Development Agency and the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Bronwyn’s presentation will explore ways to create better access to lifelong learning for young people.

4:15 – 4:30 pm

QUESTIONS

6:30 pm

OFFICIAL DINNER

(Marcia Howard performance)

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

MC Day 2

Helen Ebsworth – Manager – LINC Tasmania

8:30 am

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

9:00 – 9:05 am

SETTING THE SCENE DAY 2

Helen Ebsworth – LINC Tasmania

9:05 – 9:35 am

KEYNOTE 1

Contributing Lives, Thriving Communities

Dr Peggy Brown – CEO

Mental Health Commission

Dr Brown has been involved in mental health leadership and advocacy roles for 30 years. She has a deep understanding of the many challenges of meeting the social and health needs of people with mental health and substance use issues. Dr Brown advocates for improvements in service delivery and for the other supports necessary to enable people living with mental illness to lead contributing lives in socially and economically thriving communities.

9:35 – 10:05 am

KEYNOTE 2

Trump, Mezirow and the role of adult educators in the post-truth era

Dr Tony Brown

University of Canberra

Dr Tony Brown is an Associate Professor in the field of adult, community and higher education. He is the editor of the *Australian Journal of Adult Learning*, which promotes critical thinking and research in the field of adult learning. His research and teaching interests are concerned with the political economy of adult education and work; labour and social movement education and the practice and development of community based adult education.

10:05 – 10:10 am

QUESTIONS

10.10 – 10.40 am

SPECIAL GUEST

Poetry, literacy and the power of hip hop

Abraham Nouk

Creative Rebellion Youth

Abe Nouk is an acclaimed spoken word poet, community educator, and Founder and Director of the Creative Rebellion Youth. Sudanese-born Abe had very low literacy when he reached Australian shores as a refugee. From there he was empowered through hip hop music to improve his literacy and with his natural talent has achieved much acclaim in the Australian National Poetry Slam. Abe’s poetry is about opportunity, empowerment and what can be achieved through learning.

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Counterbalancing pessimism – changing lives through lifelong learning

Moderator: Dr Tony Brown

Abiola Ajetomobi, Director Innovation Hub – Asylum Seekers Resource Centre

In 2015, Abiola won the future Leader Award at the International Women's Day Awards. She is a strong leader and a fine example to people seeking asylum and an independent future here in Australia. The Asylum Seekers Resource Centre's Innovation Hub is all about empowering people seeking asylum to have genuine independence and self-determination. This is achieved through programs that are focussed on empowerment in terms of education, ESL, employment pathways, community development, leadership programs, VET, social enterprise and entrepreneurship.

Geoff Strempel, Associate Director – Public Library Services, State Library of South Australia

Geoff is the Associate Director for Public Library Services in South Australia. This business unit of the Libraries Board provides policy advice, leadership, project & program management and grants administration for the SA public library network. Prior to this role, he spent a decade at the City of Onkaparinga as Manager, Libraries, Arts & Cultural Development. He has also been a teacher and worked in special libraries and school libraries. He is responsible for managing the implementation of the State's public library strategic plan Tomorrow's Libraries, which is the catalyst for ongoing changes to all public libraries in the State.

Wendy Farmer, President – Voices of the Valley

The emergence of Voices of the Valley was sparked by the mine fire incident in Victoria's Latrobe Valley in 2014. It has since developed into a group that taps into the needs of the local community, advocates on behalf of the health and wellbeing of residents and identifies mechanisms that support the community to work together. Currently they are responding to the closure of the Hazelwood Power Station. Wendy Farmer is the President of Voices of the Valley. She is also a former Board member of Gippsland Employment Skills Training.

Malcolm Lobban, Assistant Principal – Hamilton Secondary College

Malcolm Lobban has been legally blind since he was 19, and has over 30 years experience in the workforce as a person with a disability. He is a staunch advocate for disability rights and anti-discrimination policy and legislation. He is also an educator and is in the final stages of the EdD thesis *Education for all ... careers for some? Second-chance education for disadvantaged adult learners*. Malcolm is passionate about lifelong learning and supporting disenfranchised adult second-chance learners.

John Hooper, CEO – Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania

John has spent the last 23 years working in community organisations focussed on community development and has seen first-hand how true place-based community development can transform individuals' lives, and that of their families and communities. He is particularly passionate about the role Neighbourhood Houses play in supporting people to transition back into work and learning, improve their confidence and wellbeing, as well as take on leadership and voluntary roles in their communities.

12:05 – 12:15 pm

REFLECTION AND STATEMENT

Supporting a new Ministerial Declaration on ACE for the 10 year anniversary in 2018

Jenny Macaffer – CEO

Adult Learning Australia



12:15 – 12:45 pm

Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 pm

SITE VISITS

After registering for the full conference or for the second day of the conference, you will be allocated one of the following options.

Glenorchy LINC to Puddleduck Vineyard, Richmond

Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood House to Frogmore Creek Vineyard, Richmond

Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery Exhibitions (guided tour), Lark Distillery, Hobart

Tour includes:

- *ningina tunapri* explores the journey of Tasmanian Aboriginal people and is a celebration of all Tasmanian Aboriginal generations.
- *Our land: parrawa, parrawa! Go away!* – an immersive journey through this dark period of history, with objects, contemporary historical accounts and specially commissioned films all helping to bring the story to life.

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