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Conference & Expo – 7 to 10 October 2010

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CONFERENCE CENTRE

Only opened in September 2008, the Rydges Bell City Event Centre, based in Melbourne's inner north is conveniently located just 20 minutes from the CBD and only 15 minutes from the Tullamarine Airport. It is just out of the busy city and yet within easy reach of all major attractions and activities.

Bell City Event Centre offers a range of accommodation, a vibrant retail precinct with over 40 outlets including a café and convenience store, newsagency, Australia Post and health and beauty salon to name a few, plus Chill Restaurant and Bar.

The accommodation complex also includes a fully equipped gym and sauna, guest laundry and dry cleaning on site, Melbourne's largest outdoor hotel swimming pool, lounge and recreational room, internet kiosk and ATM. The venue also has a daily shuttle (Monday to Friday) to and from Melbourne's CBD.

SPEAKERS

We are very lucky to have a fantastic array of speakers. Some of our speakers include:

Dr Elaine Saunders, RMIT



Elaine has a degree in Chemical Physics, a Masters in Audiology, a PhD in auditory electrophysiology, a Graduate Diploma in Management and is Graduate member of the AICD. Originally from the UK, Elaine is a Churchill Fellow, a founding member of the Audiological Scientist Profession in the UK, and she held senior roles in the development and management of hearing services in the British hospital system. She moved into research and research management roles, first at Southampton University and then at the University of London. Elaine was awarded the State and National Prizes at the 2004 Telstra Business Women on the Year Awards in the Australian Government Private and Corporate Sector. She is currently the Executive Director of Industry Engagement at RMIT, as well as the Chairman of Australia Hears Pty. Ltd and Director at Alfred Health.

Senator Rachel Siewert, Chair, Enquiry on Hearing Health in Australia

Before being elected to the Senate in 2005, as the fourth in a line of strong Green women Senators from the West, Rachel Siewert spent sixteen years as the coordinator of the Conservation Council of WA and played a role in a number of national and state forums tackling pressing environmental and social justice issues. Coming from this NGO background, Rachel has been a key advocate for the role of the third sector in policy development and for strengthening the role of civil society in the governance of the nation.



Michael Uniacke, Department of Planning and Community Development



Michael was born deaf to hearing parents, in a family in which four of five children were likewise born deaf. He holds an Arts degree with a major in literary studies, with other qualifications in welfare and in workplace training and assessment. Michael previously worked with the Rural Access and Deaf Access programs in Central and Northern Victoria. He was a part of the disability rights movement in Melbourne during the 1980s, and is a writer and journalist including newspaper and magazines subeditor and as a magazine columnist, often specialising in deafness-related and disability issues. Michael works for the Victorian Government specialising in disability policy.

Sue Clutterbuck, EARtrak

Sue is currently the Project Director at EARtrak, as well as the Director at Gippsland Audiology Services and Director / Clinical Audiologist at Gippsland Audiology Services. With a career in audiology spanning 40 years, Sue is committed to the need for professional accountability for delivering the highest standard of hearing care. Her work in independent Audiological practice has led to the development of EARtrak.



SPEAKERS

Natalie Collins, Media Access Australia

After completing a double degree in Politics and Media from Swinburne University, Natalie spent 13 years working for Infoxchange. She began her career as the web designer; however her passion for information technology saw her grow to eventually become the General Manager at Infoxchange. Through her fascination with technology, Natalie built on her skills and developed a desire to ensure everyone in society has the ability to access technology. Natalie has extensive experience in project management and business development

Ross McKeown, Tinnitus Association

Ross is currently serving his 13th year as President of the Tinnitus Association of Victoria (TAV). Now retired, Ross worked for 27 years in the Victorian education system as a teacher, teachers' college lecturer and School Principal. He developed severe tinnitus in 1990 and was forced to prematurely end his teaching career. Ross is also hearing impaired. During his time with the TAV he helped establish a telephone counselling service and has counselled hundreds of people annually with tinnitus. He has also conducted tinnitus management seminars throughout Victoria.



Caitlin Barr, University of Melbourne

Caitlin is a current PhD student as part of the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Melbourne. Her PhD thesis title "Obtaining a better aural rehabilitation outcome by matching client and clinician beliefs and goals" deals with linking the needs of the hearing impaired adult to the thoughts and behaviours of the audiologist.

Janette Thorburn, Australian Hearing

Janette Thorburn is Principal Audiologist (Adult Services) of Australian Hearing. She is responsible for clinical policy, procedures and quality in Australian Hearing Centres around Australia. Janette has been an Audiologist for 25 years and has trained numerous Audiologists, Audiometrists and support staff in this field. She is regularly invited to present lectures and papers. She has managed audiology clinics, worked as a Paediatric Audiologist, a Complex Adult Specialist Audiologist and in the administrative side of the Federal Government Hearing Services scheme. She has had a diverse career in this specialised area. Her particular interests lie in information and psycho-social counselling. How do we reach people with a hearing loss and provide information about the amazing choices they have today? How do we help them make choices that suit them?



EVENTS

Welcome Cocktail Function - Thursday 7 October at 6pm

A great way to meet everyone. Held at Rydges in the Bell Room Foyer.



Better Hearing Victorian Branch Cocktail Function - Friday 8 October 6pm

Courtesy buses leaves from the Rydges Hotel at 6pm and takes you to Better Hearing House in Prahran. On arrival, you will be greeted with a range of local wines together with wines especially produced by the Adelaide Branch of Better Hearing. A fantastic opportunity to tour the building including the old dairy, clinic and assistive device facilities. Enjoy the finger food while viewing our latest art gallery exhibition. An opportunity not to be missed.

Gala Dinner—Spring Racing Carnival

Saturday 9 October at 6pm

Commencing with pre-dinner drinks, a great way to finish the formal conference program. Be entertained over a three course meal with wines, beer and soft drink. Better Hearing awards will also be presented. Wear your favourite Spring Racing Carnival outfit and come along to this fantastic event.



REGISTRATIONS

Refer to the registration form and get in quick to secure your place at the Better Hearing event of the year.

