

18–21 May, 2014

Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne, Australia



THE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC) was delighted to welcome over 540 attendees to Canberra for Challenge Broaden Revolutionise.

The Conference made for a busy hub of activity in Canberra with delegates having the opportunity to attend keynotes, clinical and research paper presentations across a range of practice areas that challenged and broadened how speech pathologists practice with concepts aimed to revolutionise the future of speech pathology.

Masterclasses

Professor Nickola Nelson started the Conference week presenting her masterclass “Methods for using written expression as a context for curriculum-based instruction and intervention” to a large and keen audience. Participants engaged in discussions with many key and pertinent questions raised.

Professor Emeritus John (Jay) Rosenbek followed with an equally large and interested audience with his presentation on “Aphasia management: It’s the method and much more”. The audience was engaged in varied clinical discussions, learning many new practical methodologies to take back to the workplace.

The masterclasses were very well received with discussions continuing on into the Conference week. A number of delegates attended both sessions highlighting the esteem in which both presenters are held.



Opening Address

The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Sport ~~Photo of The Minister~~ formally opened the Conference acknowledging the final report and recommendations from the National Inquiry into the prevalence

of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in Australia and the Governments upcoming response to the report and recommendations. Minister Ley discussed the importance and need for speech pathology services in the community and detailed the funding commitments the Government have made to support access to speech pathology services.

Keynote and Invited Presenters



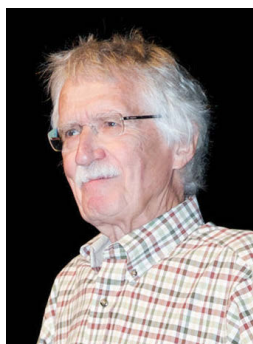
Professor Nickola Nelson’s keynote presentation “Language XX: What shall it be called? And why does it matter” was an excellent start to the Conference ensuring that the audience was immediately enmeshed with the Conference theme. Professor Nelson outlined the evidence and discussed the issues evident in the naming of language disorders.

Professor Nelson has encouraged speech pathologists world wide to provide meaningful comprehensive assessment practices and to participate in an international and interdisciplinary forum to develop diagnostic criteria and diagnostic label of language disorders.



Associate Professor Pamela Snow, the invited presenter of the 2015 Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture titled “Language is literacy is language: Positioning speech language pathology in education, policy, practice, paradigms and polemics”, ~~a very topical area for speech pathologists~~. Pamela’s comprehensive overview of the challenges of the “reading wars”

and her insights into the way we can “promote the translation of evidence into practice” to change the way we work was inspiring with many practical ideas to support the research base presented.



Professor Emeritus John (Jay) Rosenbek’s keynote ~~address~~ presentation

“The tyranny of the randomised clinical trial discussed broadening continuous improvement in the practice of speech-language pathology. Jay challenged speech pathologists to think beyond the ~~randomised~~ control trial and to consider all influences on quality practice including patient reported

outcomes. Jay set the scene for us all to revolutionise how we assess and measure the critical outcomes of speech pathology interventions.

I would like to extend a very big thank-you to the Board of Speech Pathology Australia and National Office staff for their ongoing support and advice during the Conference planning period.

Posters

There was an impressive array of 47 posters on display during the Conference. These were universally well-received and represented a very diverse range of clinical and research topics. Many poster authors were engaged in deep discussion during the formal poster sessions.

Congratulations to all authors on the high calibre of the work presented. However, a special congratulations goes to the Best Poster Award prize winners – Caroline Baker, Kate Falkenberg, Stephanie Hearnshaw and Lyndal Sheepway.

Best Student Presentation Award

This year the CPC included this prize and we would like to congratulate Abby Foster for her presentation “Communication’s taking a back seat: A qualitative meta-synthesis examining factors influencing aphasia management in the acute hospital setting”.

Conference Proceedings

Under the editorship of Dr Kirrie Ballard, the keynote presentations and selected research papers will comprise the Conference Proceedings and be published in the International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology.

Pre-registration



Many delegates took the opportunity to register, enjoy a ‘cocktail’ and catch up with friends and colleagues while visiting the exhibitor’s stands.

Welcome Reception The National Arboretum and Bonsai Deck

Delegates who had entered the ‘National Gallery of Australia \$200 voucher’ competition went into the drawer and the lucky winner was Tania Piper. We hope Tania enjoyed the shopping!

Annual General Meeting

Congratulations to all the deserving award winners announced at the AGM. It is always a wonderful occasion in which to share the amazing achievements of our colleagues. To those recipients of awards go our most sincere congratulations (refer to page 12 of this issue).

Special thanks also goes to our **Conference sponsors:**



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Conference Dinner and photo booth



Online Conference Program




The exhibition hall for this year’s Conference was again filled with a range of novel, intriguing and high quality products and services. Thank-you to the many exhibitors for their ongoing support of our National Conference – and for the wonderful prizes donated that were drawn at the Conference Dinner. Congratulations to the lucky winners. We would like to also congratulate SimplyThick for winning The Best Exhibition Stand prize, which is one complimentary exhibition stand at the 2016 National Conference in Perth.

This year's Conference culminated in the "Botanical" themed Gala dinner at the National Gallery of Australia. Thank you to everyone for embracing the theme and turning out in botanical attire. Many of those at the dinner took the opportunity to capture their style (with a few embellishments) in the very popular photo booth which was kept very busy the entire night.

To the meticulous Kate Swan who chaired the Scientific Planning Sub Committee (and who spent hours reading all of the 400+ submitted abstracts) and the other fabulous members of the CPC, Eleanor McMillan, Anna Russell and Bethany Wagg, thank you for enthusiasm, commitment, work-ethic and fun, as a team we were awesome.

In addition a big 'Thank you' must go to the student volunteers who worked alongside Pam at the Conference registration desk, assisted the session chairs and ensured that delegates found their intended sessions. Without you the Conference would not run as smoothly.


Challenge Broaden Revolution  so would not have come to fruition without the dynamic Pamela Richards, National Conference Manager. Pam is what enables the Speech Pathology Australia Conference to be – she provides leadership, direction, strength, and timelines that enable the Committee to start and successfully complete the Conference planning process. The Conference Committee appreciated Pam's support and enjoyed working with her. The Committee would also like to thank Tayla Hope, an event management student from Victoria University, who worked with Pam leading up to the Conference.

Delegate feedback Survey

Thank you to the 350 members who took the time, to complete and submit their survey. Congratulations to Gail Bennell from Tasmania, who was the lucky winner of the complimentary Conference registration to the 2016 National Conference in Perth, **MAKINGWAVES**.



ALL information, be it good or bad, has been carefully collated and identified and will form the basis for a detailed report to Board in August. There will also be direct feedback to the 2016 Perth CPC to assist them in their planning processes.

Finally, on behalf of the CPC we would like to thank all delegates who attended Challenge Broaden Revolution  in Canberra in 2015. Delegates produced a vibrant, positive, and engaging atmosphere that made for an enjoyable and memorable event.

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2014 Conference Convenor

PAMELA RICHARDS
National Conference Manager

Conference media and publicity

THE 2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE generated a great deal of media interest. Highlights include: all the major television stations' film crews present for the Health Minister's opening address; a story on National Nine News on the eve of the Conference about speech pathology and communication difficulties; and a 20-minute interview on ABC Canberra morning radio with outgoing President Prof Deborah Theodoros and keynote presenter Prof Emeritus Jay Rosenbek.

With the Conference following hard on the heels of the 2015 Federal Budget, there was sizeable media interest in a joint media release – issued by the Association and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners – on the decision to end the payment of Medicare benefits for Healthy Kids Checks. Interest in this story included a front-cover photograph and story in the Fairfax newspapers, including *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Social media activity generated by the Association during the Conference included 1,295 likes on Facebook (reaching 51,338), 20 photographs and 297 likes on Instagram, and 24 tweets and 1,517 social media interactions.



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These refreshing drinks come in ergonomically designed cups for ease of grip providing "must have" convenience. Flavours are available in the three recognised viscosities – mildly, moderately, and extremely thick – with colour coded labels. There's nothing to prepare, just peel and serve.

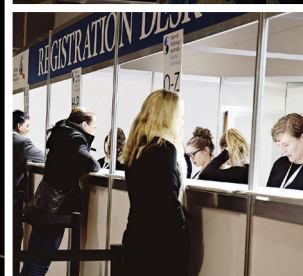
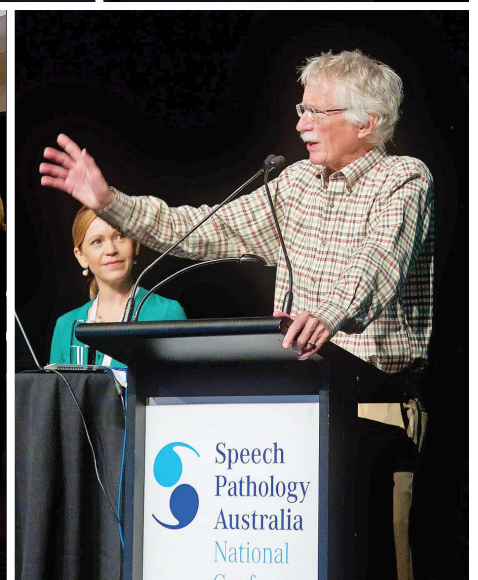
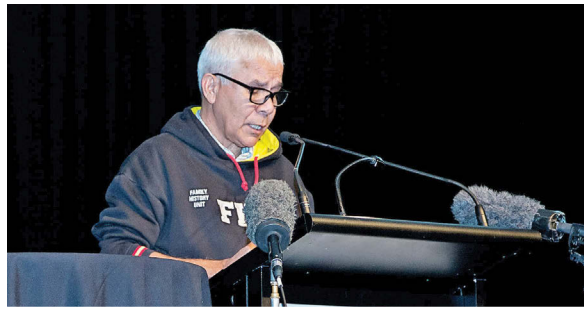


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Launch of MAKING WAVES

MAKING WAVES was officially launched in Canberra. Delegates enjoyed the 'Mexican wave' and congratulations to Megan Storm who won the night's accommodation at Crown Metropol Perth. The 2016 Conference Planning Committee (CPC) will look forward to bringing you updates about the National Conference in each issue of *Speak Out*.

Keynote & Invited Speakers

Once available, the 2016 CPC is looking forward to introducing to you the Keynote Speakers.

Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture

The CPC 2016 put forward their preferred recipient to the Board which has been confirmed. Therefore I am pleased to announce that **Winthrop Professor Andrew Whitehouse** has accepted the invitation to present the Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture and receive the Award for 2016.



PhD, Head, Developmental Disorders Research Group

Professor Andrew Whitehouse directs the

Autism Research Team at the Telethon Kids Institute (University of Western Australia), and one of the youngest ever Professors at the University of Western Australia. His research team use a range of methodologies to investigate the early identification and intervention of children with ASD, including molecular genetics, neuroscience, endocrinology and behavioural experiments. Andrew has published over 100 peer-reviewed journals and attracted over \$35 million in competitive research grants. He currently writes a popular column on child development for *The West Australian* and the news website *The Conversation*, which have attracted over 1 million hits since 2012.

Andrew has published one edited book with his twin-brother (Ben), and a popular science book that examined the science behind some of the myths of pregnancy and child development (Will Mozart Make My Baby Smart?). Prior to coming to the Telethon Kids Institute,

Andrew was a Fellow at the University of Oxford.

~~We are currently researching names for the Keynote presentations and will look forward to announcing them to you shortly.~~

Call for Papers

The Online submission is available at www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au and the **Current National Conference**. I would encourage you to 'spread the news' through your many networks, colleagues and friends, wherever they are in the world. Send them this link to the Associations' website where they can read more about the National Conference and submission process.

We have also included, on the Conference website, **instructions and guidelines** for making submissions, which we hope will give you some assistance before you proceed to the actual submission process. Please remember that delegates will only have access to the title of the paper and author(s) names when they register and select sessions they wish to attend, so please carefully think about your presentation title. This will help ensure



the audience you wish to attract and have the greatest interest in your topic will attend.

While the close date for submissions is **Wednesday 16 September 2015**, there is no need to wait until the due date to submit your proposal. With the Online submission process we are able to allocate proposals to reviewers as they come in. This will assist the Scientific Program Sub Committee in managing the review process and help us develop the Conference program in a timely manner. Early review will also give authors more time to consider any reviewer comments.

Call for Reviewers

The Scientific Program Sub-Committee (SPSC) is becoming increasingly active as papers, posters and workshops are now being submitted. These submissions need to be reviewed, and the SPSC is encouraged by the response so far. However there are a few 'areas' that need reviewers. If you are working in critical care, early intervention, health promotion & prevention, Indigenous health, management, mental health, paediatric feeding, private practice, public policy or rural and remote and would be

interested in reviewing papers for the Conference and assisting the SPSC, please email a brief CV and your areas of interest/expertise to Pamela Richards at conference@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au no later than **Monday 24 August 2015**. Please note this invitation is **only open to Speech Pathology Australia members**.

Feedback

The 2015 CPC has shared with us the feedback from this years Conference survey. Over the next few months we will read through the information and where possible incorporate the suggestions/recommendations. We would like to congratulate **Gail Bennell** from Tasmania who won the complimentary 2016 National Conference Registration.

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