

# Being Person-Centred is Everyone's Business

A two day seminar series for individuals,  
families and paid workers committed to  
positive change and real inclusion



**Thurs. 10th & Fri. 11th of May 2012**

at

**Rydges Event Centre, Bell City, 215 Bell St, Preston**



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## The Road Ahead.....



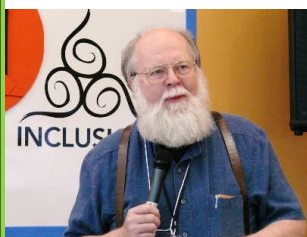
It is a time of great promise for Australians with disabilities. Ratification of the UN *Convention the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* and its Protocol commits Australia, among other things, to assuring adequate personal assistance to an included life in community in a home of their choice (Art. 19). The Government's acceptance in principle of a better way of providing support through the *NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme)* opens the possibility of more reliable funding. Plus in *Victoria the Disability Act* 2006 has paved the way for support to be provided in an individualised and person-centred manner that promotes self-determination.



**How real these promises and possibilities.....** become for people with disability (or impairment) that call for well developed long term supports depends not just on law and policy but on the exercise of leadership and the creation of social innovations by families, people with disabilities and their allies, and organizations. ....New forms of assistance and support for self-direction need to be designed and delivered, many service organizations will need to undergo transformational change if they are to fully support inclusion and choice. New alliances are required in order to build an inclusive and sustainable community that creates new opportunities for all people to contribute and have valued lives. This seminar will provide opportunity to discuss these issues.



## Presenters



**John O'Brien & Connie Lyle-O'Brien** John and Connie say that they learn about building more just and inclusive communities from people with disabilities, their families, and their allies. They both work across the world in partnership with a group of friends from 12 countries. Their work continues to be sharing what they are learning from others and contributing what we can by helping people dream, problem-solve, collaborate and work toward more desirable futures for people with disabilities and their communities.

John is affiliated with the Center on Human Policy (US), the National Development Team for Services to People with Learning Difficulties (UK), and the *Marsha Forest Centre: Inclusion. Family. Community (Canada)*.

Connie is a part of the Responsive Systems Associates in collaboration with John, and others. They have: developed methods for helping people learn about the principle of normalization through PASS, assisted people in implementing and evaluating citizen advocacy programs, developed person-centred methods for planning and implementing program change, created *Framework for Accomplishment*, an intensive learning experience for people concerned with improving service program quality.



### Jack Pearpoint & Lynda Kahn

Jointly with John O'Brien and Marsha Forest (deceased), Jack created person-centered approaches such as PATH, MAPS and Circles of Friends.

Jack is the founding director of the Marsha Forest Centre: Inclusion, Family and Community and remains it's Executive Director. Jack with his wife and partner, Lynda

Kahn, consult and learn with people with disabilities and their families, and organizations engaging in positive change, through planning events and workshops.

Lynda served as Rhode Island's Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (1996-2005). Her experience has taken her from institution to community settings, involving values-based person-centered practice as a means to facilitate individual and organizational change.



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## OVERVIEW OF STREAMS

**NOTE:** *Discounts apply if you book multiple streams/sessions*

### Stream 1.

#### Person-Centred Ways to Build Community

### What's new with PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows to Hope) and MAPS (Making Action Plans)?

**Presenters: Jack Pearpoint & Lynda Kahn**

Date: Two day seminar\* - Thursday 10 & Friday 11 May

Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm

Cost: \$869 (full) \$220 (conc.) - *incl. GST*

This includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a copy of "The PATH & MAPS Handbook -

Person-Centered Ways to Build Community" by *John O'Brien, Jack Pearpoint and Lynda Kahn*



These person centred planning tools may be well known to many of you, and for others they will be new. This is a skills based workshop suitable to both groups. This is a unique opportunity to learn person-centred planning skills from the original authors.

- Jack and Lynda will utilise the new (Jan. 2010) "PATH and MAPS handbook: Person Centered Ways to Build Community". This handbook will be provided to each participant.
- They will explore the new additions to PATH and MAPS, and guide people in the practice of having these conversations both sensitively and effectively.
- This workshop will benefit people who have experience in any role - pathfinder/map-maker (person who the plan is about), participant, family members and plan facilitators.
- Those new to PATH and MAPS will gain a good understanding of the tools.

**\*NOTE: This is a 2 day program & cannot be interchanged with sections of Stream 2 & 3.**



## Stream 2.

### Session 2a Person-Centred Support

**What are we learning about person-centred support as a process of social invention?**

**Presenters: John O'Brien & Connie Lyle-O'Brien**

Date: Thursday 10th May

Time: 9.30 - 4.30pm

Cost: \$385 (full) \$66 (conc.) - *incl. GST*

*This includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea*

What are the commitments and conditions necessary to realise the promise of person-centred planning and extend the benefits of employment and individualised support for living in one's own home to people who need significant assistance. For all those interested in person-centred approaches

### Session 2b Direct Support Making a Difference

**What are we learning about how direct support workers can make a positive difference?**

**Presenter: John O'Brien**

Date: Friday 11th May

Time: 9.30 - 12.30pm

Cost: \$187 (full) \$55 (conc.) - *incl. GST*

*This includes lunch, morning tea.*

The commitment and competence of direct support workers is essential for the people who rely on them. Alongside people with disabilities and direct support workers, we have developed several approaches to improving direct support. For direct care workers, team leaders, managers and all those interested in improving the positive impact direct support workers make in the lives of individuals.

### Combination Registrations

All Stream 2 - session 2a, 2b & 2c	Full	\$660	Conc.	\$110	<i>incl. GST</i>
Combination of 2a & 2c OR 2a & 2b	Full	\$528	Conc.	\$77	<i>incl. GST</i>
Combination of 2b & 2c	Full	\$330	Conc.	\$77	<i>incl. GST</i>

## Session 2c Organisational Transformation

### What are we learning about leadership and organisational transformation?

**Presenter: John O'Brien**

Date: Friday 11th May

Time: 1.30 - 4.30pm

Cost: \$187 (full) \$55 (conc.) - *incl. GST*

*This includes lunch and afternoon tea*

*Discounts apply if you book multiple streams*

Organisations across the world are making the difficult journey from providing group homes, sheltered workshops, and day centres to offering individualised supports for community life. What strategies have helped this journey? This will be of particular interest to those in organisational leadership positions.

## Stream 3.

### Transition for Young People

### What are we learning about young people & their families building a good future after high school?

**Presenter: Connie Lyle-O'Brien**

Date: Friday 11th May

Time: 10am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$226 (full) \$66 (conc.) - *incl. GST*

*This includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea*

- This workshop is aimed at **families and their supporters**.
- You will hear the stories along with the learning's of groups of families who have planned and acted together to create new opportunities and make the best of service resources; what helps them set direction and brings out their creativity?
- It will also be of interest to school staff, Futures Transition Workers and others assisting young people with disabilities in their journeys towards adulthood.

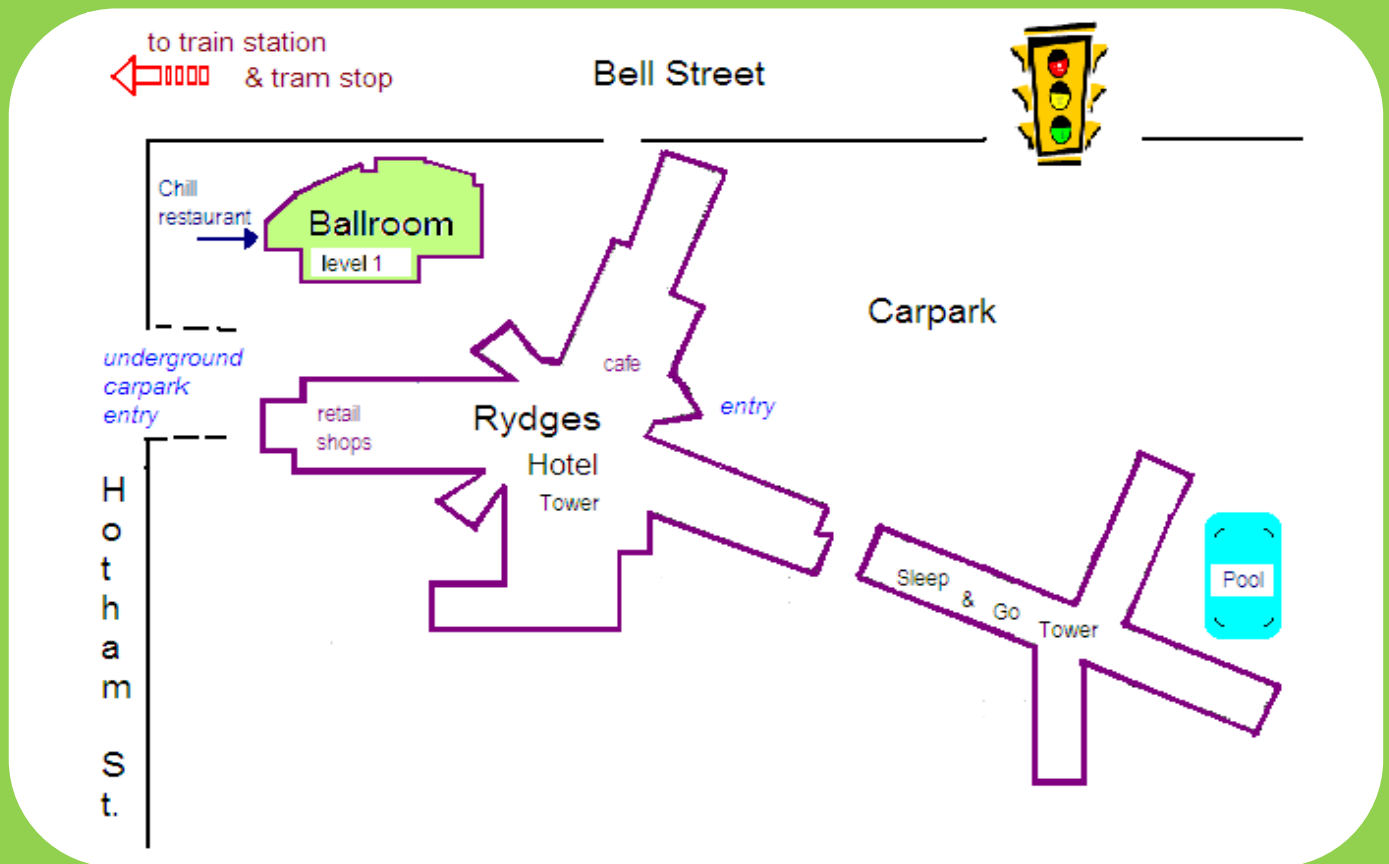
## Combination Registration

Session 2a plus Stream 3

Full \$550

Conc. \$77 *incl. GST*

## VENUE



## ACCOMMODATION

Book prior to 31st March & Quote **VALID** event to receive discounted rates: Budget (Sleep & Go \$119 per room) or 1 bed Manhattan \$179 per room; plus other options Bell City Rydges ph: 9485 1000

[Rydges.com/BellCity](http://Rydges.com/BellCity)

## PARKING

Parking free on-site at front OR off Hotham Street.



## TRANSPORT

Tram & train stops are located within 2 blocks; map available



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