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Home Modifications Australia National Conference  
 ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park, 14-15 August 2017

## Home Modifications Australia (MOD.A) National Conference 2017 Program

<b>Times are approximate</b>	<b>Day 1 Monday 14 August 2017</b>
<b>0745 – 1700</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>
<b>0900 – 1700</b>	<b>Exhibition Open</b>
<b>0900 – 0930</b>	<p><b>Session 1 – Opening Ceremony and Conference Welcome</b></p> <p>MC - Glen Sorenson  <i>Welcome to Country</i>          Bryan Molan – Chairperson, Home Modifications Australia          Michael Bleasdale – CEO, Home Modifications Australia  <i>Conference Opening</i> – video presentation from the Hon Ken Wyatt MP, Minister for Aged Care</p>
<b>0930 – 1100</b>	<p><b>Keynote Speakers</b></p> <p><i>Quality: What are we missing in home modifications? (45 mins)</i>  <b>Dr Rachel Russell, University of Salford</b></p> <p><i>Keys to quality home modifications in the NDIS: the role of the building industry. (45 mins)</i>  <b>Dr Andrew Martel, University of Melbourne</b></p>
<b>1100 – 1130</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>

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<p><b>1130 – 1300</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2 – Panel Discussion</b></p> <p>Procuring quality home modifications in government programs.  <b>Roberta Flint, Director, NSW and ACT Department of Health; Tony Spano, Assistant Director Contracts Management, Department of Veterans’ Affairs; Scott Ambridge, General Manager, Enable NZ</b></p>	
<p><b>1300 – 1400</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	
<p><b>1400 – 1530</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 3.1 Systems which support quality</b></p> <p><i>It’s not all black and white: Supporting housing modifications in Aotearoa – a funder’s perspective. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Rachel Tatham and Allison McNamara, Enable NZ</b></p> <p><i>The Evolution of the Home Modifications Model at the TAC. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Darren Laidlaw and John Grinter, TAC Victoria</b></p> <p><i>Best Practice in Home Modifications Service Delivery Models. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Jeni Burton, SWEP.</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 3.2 Standards and compliance</b></p> <p><i>The big C of home modification – why compliance is so important to the health of any home modification. (30 mins)</i>  <b>David Brown, Home Modifications Victoria</b></p> <p><i>The NDIS regulatory framework: requirement for provider registration. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Natasha Cebalo, Attendant Care Industry Association</b></p> <p><i>The Home Modifications Australia Quality Standard. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Jennifer Barron and Michael Bleasdale, Home Modifications Australia</b></p>
<p><b>1530 – 1600</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>	
<p><b>1600 – 1700</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4 – Panel Discussion</b></p> <p>Creating the conditions for suitable housing.  <b>The Hon. Susan Ryan, former Age and Disability Discrimination Commissioner; Kristin Brookfield, Chief Executive Industry Policy, Housing Industry Association (HIA); Professor Roberta Ryan, Director, Institute of Public Policy and Governance; Michael Bleasdale, CEO, Home Modifications Australia</b></p>	
<p><b>1800 – 1900</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome Reception – on the field of ANZ Stadium</b></p>	

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Times are approximate	<b>Day 2 Tuesday 15 August 2017</b>	
0800 – 1630	<b>Registration Open</b>	
0900 – 1600	<b>Exhibition Open</b>	
0900 – 1030	<p><b>Session 5 – Plenary Keynote Speakers</b></p> <p><i>Ageing in Place: the role of home modifications in aged care reform. (45 mins)</i>  <b>Judy Gregurke, Council of the Ageing (COTA) Australia</b></p> <p><i>Riding the NDIS Rollercoaster. (45 mins)</i>  <b>Joseph Connellan, MC Two</b></p>	
1030 – 1100	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
1100 – 1230	<p><b>Concurrent Session 6.1 Quality in practice</b></p> <p><i>Setting a new standard for home modification assessment – OTs and Building Construction Professionals working together. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Toby Osborn and Aaron Stowe, Home Modification Victoria</b></p> <p><i>Grab Rails – making sure that a simple home modification doesn't go wrong. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Matthew Massy-Westropp, Stephen Sheppard and Agnieszka Kuna, Domiciliary Equipment Service, DCSI, South Australia.</b></p> <p><i>Sign here please – the perils (and how to avoid them) for building construction professionals signing off Part 6 of the NDIS Complex Home Modification Assessment Template. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Aaron Stowe, Architecture and Access, Victoria</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 6.2 Quality modifications in government programs</b></p> <p><i>Allianz Global Assistance Best Practice for Home Modifications. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Michael Reid, National Health and Lifecare Sales Manager</b></p> <p><i>Working in the NDIS – Legal Issues, challenges and possible solutions. (60 mins)</i>  <b>(Facilitated group discussion)</b>  <b>Michael Bleasdale, Home Modifications Australia</b>  <b>Hugh Watson, Moores Ltd</b></p>

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1230 – 1330	<b>Lunch</b>	
1330 – 1530	<p><b>Concurrent Session 7.1 Improving quality for consumers</b></p> <p><i>The health and participation outcomes of home modifications: A pilot study. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Dr Tammy Aplin, University of Queensland</b></p> <p><i>Determining the impact of home modification interventions on client occupational performance and participation within home modification services. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Jovana Dragicevic, Libby Strassmeir and Dr Kathrine Hammill, Western Sydney University</b></p> <p><i>Home Modification Schemes in Practice and Theory: Lessons from the Home Renovation Service in Victoria. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Mary Ann Jackson, and Dr Andrew Martel, Victoria</b></p> <p><i>Safeguarding consumer rights: state-based regulations and dispute handling mechanism. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Norm Foster, A/Director Mediation and Compliance, NSW FairTrading</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 7.2 Assistive Technology and Home Modifications</b></p> <p><i>Transformational housing – Home Modifications for housing choice. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Queenie Tran, Summer Foundation</b></p> <p><i>Ceiling Hoists – Let’s raise the requirements to the ceiling. (30 mins).</i>  <b>Agnieszka Kuna, Lisa-Marie Arthur and Matthew Massy-Westropp, Domiciliary Equipment Service, DCSI, South Australia</b></p> <p><i>Assessing for complex/major home modifications in rural locations. (30 mins)</i>  <b>Kate Kirkness, Scope Home Access</b></p> <p><i>A holistic approach to the home environment: integrating AT and modifications . (30 mins)</i>  <b>Danny Gibson, CEO, Hunter Home Modifications</b></p>
1530 – 1600	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
1600 – 1630	<p><b>Session 8 – Plenary Conference Close</b></p> <p>MOD.A CEO – Michael Bleasdale  MOD.A Chairperson – Bryan Molan</p>	
1630	<b>Conference concludes</b>	

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