

2023 Australian Camps Association National Conference

PROGRAM



Day One – Wednesday 20th September

Major Sponsor:

Time	
8am on	Registration Opens
9:15am (5min) (10min)	Welcome to Country - Peter McDougall, CEO, Australian Camps Association Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Tourism and Multicultural Affairs South Australia
9:30am (1hr)	Keynote 1: Dan Aubin 'Balancing Powerful Change' <i>Dan Aubin offers a daring pathway for dealing with change. His diverse career in education, performance, business, and health, have given him a unique perspective as someone who helps others develop high-performance cultures and consider what it is to be a 'daring human'. As someone who has had to find and re-find balance in his life in quite dramatic ways, Dan's stories are packed full of adventure and practical tools for adaptability, resilience and growth. He also has a background in elite gymnastics and circus so there might be a spectacular performance as well.</i>
10:30am (30mins)	Morning Tea Venue: Exhibitors Hall - Hindmarsh 4 and Foyer
11:00 – 12:00 (1hr)	Session & Workshop 2: Anna Rickards "How humans work best"- Understanding Human Performance: Neuroscience and Behaviour <i>In this session, we will explore:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The neuroscience factors that influence behaviour patterns, performance, stress response, burnout, cognitive function (short and long term), mental health, immune system function, and physical health.</i> • <i>Stress Response Systems: Examining why individuals within a team may respond differently to a given workplace situation or life event.</i> • <i>Brain Reward Systems: Understanding how they work and how they are influenced by human interactions, challenges, work pressures, stressful events, and lifestyle factors such as sleep, exercise, and nutrition.</i> • <i>A toolkit of ideas and strategies to enhance individual and team health, performance, and mental well-being.</i>
12:00pm	LUNCH Venue: Exhibitors Hall - Hindmarsh 4 and Foyer
1:00 – 1:45pm (45min)	Session 3: Peter McDougall <i>After seven months as CEO of the Australian Camps Association, Peter will provide an insight into his background and his initial observations working in the sector; the challenges, opportunities and his strategic vision for the future working in collaboration with all ACA Members and key stakeholders.</i>
1:45pm – 2:30pm (45min)	Session 4: Nick Payne - \$44 Million Reasons to Think Big, Plan Big and Ask Big <i>The Y NSW was successful in the NSW State Government Westinvest Grant, receiving \$44,000,000 towards a \$49,000,000 redevelopment project. This success is a game changer for the Y NSW and has the ability to be a game changer for the outdoors industry. The presentation will cover why we should think big as well as: 1. Master planning, 2. Community Impact, 3. Core element to the successful grant submission.</i>
2:30pm (30min)	Afternoon tea Exhibitors Hall - Hepburn Ballroom and Foyer
3:00pm - 3:45pm (45min)	Session 5: – Helen Hatherly (OAM), Neisha Gange "Facilitating experiences for students presenting with behaviours of concern" <i>In this presentation conference participants will learn about a program that takes school age children with intellectual disabilities and some with severe behaviour disorder out of the classroom and into the real world where they 'participate to learn' to understand themselves, their fears, their enjoyment and their ability to face their challenges.</i>
3:45pm - 4:15pm (30min)	Updates and Close Day
(1hr 15min)	<i>Free Time. Delegates make own way to Adelaide Oval for 5:30pm</i>
5:30pm - 8:30pm (3hrs)	Conference Cocktail Event – Entertainment: Duo - Andy & Emily Venue: Adelaide Oval

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Day Two – Thursday 21st September


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Time	Venue / Topic
9:00am (15mins)	Introduction -
9:15am – 10:15am (1hr)	Keynote 6: Katrina Webb OAM, Paralympic Gold Medallist. "Newday Leadership – the art of leading yourself for the greater good." <i>In her presentation, Katrina will take delegates on a personal journey, sharing with them the skills she mastered to become a triple gold medallist and global leadership expert. Through the art and science of self-mastery, Katrina has identified three foundational elements for impact – purpose, performance and potential. Delegates will complete a personal audit, as well as learn powerful leadership 'hacks' to help them perform at their best, whilst inspiring them to lead for the greater good.</i>
10:15am – 10:45am (30mins)	Morning Tea Venue: Exhibitors Hall - Hindmarsh 4 and Foyer
10:45am – 11:30am (45mins)	Session 7: Shawn Wilkey 'Implementing a Reconciliation Action Plan: Lessons from across business, government, education and sport' <i>This session will explore reconciliation efforts across business, government, education and sport to support camps and associated providers with their own reconciliation efforts, including Reconciliation Action Plans.</i>
11:30am-12 Noon (30mins)	Session 8: Joel Thompson and Brendan Smith "How to take your camp Carbon Neutral – a case study from Island Energy and YMCA Discovery Camps Victoria" <i>YMCA Discovery Camps in Victoria, Australia, is responsible for more than 78,000 campers and guests every year. The Y has been on the road to carbon neutrality for the last 18 months and this presentation will show you how your own camp can benefit from our research.</i>
12 noon	LUNCH Venue: Exhibitors Hall - Hindmarsh 4 Room and Foyer
1pm – 2:00pm (1hr)	Session 9: Lori Modde, Navigating the Challenges in Business <i>We are faced with interesting times in social demography, economics, cultural transformation that all have impact on business. This session will aim to bring these current trends, issues and opportunities to the attention of participants whilst tailoring it to the outdoor camp environment. The content will help businesses make informed choices that can impact better outcomes for their future.</i>
2:00pm – 2:30pm (30mins)	Afternoon tea Venue: Exhibitors Hall - XXXX Room and Foyer
2:30pm – 3:15pm (45mins)	Session 10: Jeffrey Lehrer "Micro-Credentials for the Outdoors Sector" <i>Using examples from Scouts Australia and the wider outdoors industry we explore how qualification packaging rules and clustered units of competency are delivered as micro-credentials and how the introduction of the national micro-credential framework may change the development of Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications.</i>
3:15pm - 4:15pm (1hr)	Session 11: Richard Williams "Rethinking Challenge by Choice - Engaging the Fearful" <i>With declining rates of physical conditioning and emotional resilience in camp and outdoor education participants, disengagement and program refusal are rising not just for camps, but programs everywhere. Risk, challenge and their navigation are foremost in the remit of outdoor education. Yet many outdoor educators have limited tools to engage with this refusal behaviour, or recognise it. 'Challenge By Choice' has been a staple for a very long time, however new research into resilience and risk have the power to amplify it's objective of engaging young people, and manage many of it's weaknesses.</i>
4:15pm (15min)	Conference close
4:30 - 5:30pm	Farewell Networking: Venue: Pullman Adelaide

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Day Three – Friday 22nd September

Time	Venue / Topic
9am-3pm	<p>Pre-Booked Camp Tours depart</p> <p>Sponsored by:</p> <p>Regional Tour:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Willow Creek Adventure Camp2. Arbury Park Outdoor School3. Woodhouse Activity Centre <p><i>Tour will depart the Conference Venue - Pullman Adelaide at 8am and will drop off at the Adelaide Airport by approximately 3:15pm</i></p> 

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