

# SPECTRUM SPACE SYMPOSIUM 2025 PROGRAM

## DAY 1: FRIDAY 30 MAY 2025

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	EVENT	SPEAKER	TOPIC	AUDIENCE
7:30 AM	REGISTRATIONS OPEN			
8:00 AM	Welcome	Reachelle Beasley		All
8:05 AM	Welcome to Country	Prof. Colleen Hayward		All
8:10 AM	Opening	TBC		All
8:20 AM	Plenary	Prof. Andrew Whitehouse	Education & Disability in 2025 - The great promises of a system in transition.	All
9:20 AM	Keynote Speech	Chris Varney	The History & Mission of 'I Can'	All
10:20 AM	MORNING TEA			
11:00 AM	Education Stream	Dr. Matt Capp, Dr. Emma Goodall and Emily Brewin	Creating inclusive classrooms: Supporting and engaging neurodiverse learners	Educators
	Breakout Sessions	Option 1: Ana Palacios	Perceptual Diversity and Nervous System Care	All
		Option 2: Jata (Kate) Elliott & Sarah Harrower	Sensory Adaptations for Autistic Folk During Pregnancy and Birth	All / Parents / Allied Health
		Option 3: Emma Goodall	Safe, Sane & Consensual - Navigating sex for autistic adults of all genders and sexualities.	All
12:00 PM	SHORT BREAK - MOVE TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
12:15 PM	Education Stream	Dr. Matt Capp, Dr. Emma Goodall and Emily Brewin	Creating inclusive classrooms: Supporting and engaging neurodiverse learners	Educators
	Breakout Sessions	Option 1: Monique Mitchelson	Pre-Menstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD) in Autistic Women	All / Allied Health
		Option 2: Emma Goodall	Safe, Sane and Consensual - Navigating sex for autistic adults of all genders and sexualities	Parents
		Option 3: Andrew Radford & Tammy McGowan	Representation and Self-Advocacy: Our right to be heard.	All
1:15 PM	LUNCH & NETWORKING			
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Education Stream	Dr. Matt Capp, Dr. Emma Goodall and Emily Brewin	Creating inclusive classrooms: Supporting and engaging neurodiverse learners	Educators
2:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	Option 1: Yvonne Kilpatrick	Supporting Mental Health in Autistic Adolescents: A guide for Parents	Parents
		Option 2: Liz Baird & Marnie Williams	Taking a big-picture look at therapy goals	Allied Health
		Option 3: Kathryn Andrew	Burnt Toast & Bitter Marmalade: My Life as a Failure	All
3:00 PM	SHORT BREAK - TEA AND COFFEE			
3:15 PM	Plenary	Monique Mitchelson	The Intersection of Autism and ADHD	All
4:15 PM	Plenary	Clare Gibellini	An update on the National Autism Strategy	All
5:00 PM	CLOSE & NETWORKING			

Four Hour Workshop for Educators

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## DAY 2: SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025

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	EVENT	SPEAKER	TOPIC	AUDIENCE
7:30 AM	REGISTRATIONS OPEN			
8:00 AM	Plenary	Andrew Radford & Leigh Sales	Turning the Spotlight: An Exclusive Interview with Leigh Sales	All
9:00 AM	TEA & COFFEE & NETWORKING			
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Education Stream	Curtin Autism Research Group	Strategies for Supporting Autistic Students	Educators / Parents
9:30 AM	Breakout Sessions	Option 1: Carol Hegan	Raising neurodivergent children with a neuro-affirming lens	Parents
		Option 2: Melanie Martinelli	Decoding Autistic Catatonia: A guide to Early Recognition and Support	All
		Option 3: Employment Panel	TBC	All
10:30 AM	SHORT BREAK - MOVE TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions	Option 1: Yvonne Kilpatrick & Zoë Parry	Good different: How neurodiverse relationships offer profound opportunities for connection and growth for intimate partners, family, friends, or colleagues.	All
		Option 2: Dr. Theresa Kidd	Au-dulting: Navigating the Transition into Adulthood with MAPS.	Parents
		Option 3: Melanie Martinelli	Supporting monotropic thinking and flow states in the therapeutic setting	All / Allied Health
12:00 PM	SHORT BREAK & NETWORKING			
12:30 PM	Closing remarks	Hayden McDonald	Wings Without Barriers: Navigating a More Inclusive Aviation Industry	All
1:15 PM	CLOSE			

Workshop for  
Educators and Parents