



**Collaboration for prevention and change**

**20-21 August 2024  
Canberra**



**Comcare  
National Conference**

# Program

as of 20 June 2024

Note that this program is subject to change





## Monday 19 August 2024

5.30 pm – 6.30 pm Welcome reception

## Day one – Tuesday 20 August 2024


7.30 am – 5.30 pm Registration open

8.00 am – 5.00p m Exhibition open  
Royal Theatre open from 8.45 am


9.00 am – 9.20 am **Official Conference opening** *Royal Theatre*

Conference Master of Ceremonies (MC), Emma Alberici  
Welcome to Country

9.20 am – 9.35 am **Welcome address - Comcare CEO** *Royal Theatre*


Welcome address by Comcare CEO, Greg Vines  


9.35 am – 10.20 am **Keynote 1: Insights on leadership: Approach to guiding critical workplace cultural change** *Royal Theatre*












Kate Jenkins AO  


10.20 am – 10.50 am **Morning tea**

10.50 am – 11.50 am **Keynote 2: Communicating and connecting with empathy** *Royal Theatre*

Kirk Docker, interviewer and TV producer of the show 'You Can't Ask That'  


**5 minute transition**

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11.55 am – 12.35 pm	<b>Concurrent A</b>						
<p><b>A1:</b> Comcare's Regulatory Update: New priorities and approaches <i>Presented by Comcare</i></p>	<p><b>A2:</b> Psych codes of practice in practise... <i>Presented by SuperFriend</i></p>	<p><b>A3:</b> Positivum after trauma: novel approach improving outcomes for post-traumatic stress <i>Presented by IPAR</i></p>	<p><b>A4:</b> Mental health prevention and early intervention: the Australian Public Service <i>Presented by Comcare and Beyond Blue</i></p>	<p><b>A5:</b> It pays to care: Unlocking the potential of early intervention in work injury management <i>Presented by Dr Mary Wyatt</i></p>	<p><b>A5: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 To be confirmed  Presentation 2 Increasing return to work outcomes for injured workers by 247% <i>Presented by EML</i></p>	<p><b>A6: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 Preventing secondary psychological disorders in workers' compensation claims <i>Presented by Navigator Group</i>  Presentation 2 Unlocking innovation: The power of collaboration in driving change <i>Presented by Navigator Group</i></p>	
12.35 pm – 1.30 pm	<b>Lunch and networking</b>						
1.30 pm – 2.10 pm	<b>Concurrent B</b>						
<p><b>Workshop B:</b> Work design in practice: tools to help workplaces thrive <i>Presented by SuperFriend and Comcare</i> <i>Note that this workshop will have capped numbers and take place through concurrent C until 2.55 pm</i></p>	<p><b>B1:</b> Scheme update – The rise in psychological disease claims and an evidence-led approach to mental health <i>Presented by Comcare and Taylor Fry</i></p>	<p><b>B2:</b> Revolutionising injury management: Insights from the GERI Injury Prevention Report <i>Presented and sponsored by HSI Donesafe</i></p>	<p><b>B3:</b> Short presentations Presentation 1 Creating psychologically healthy and safe workplaces: social services case study <i>Presented by Heart and Brain Works</i>  Presentation 2 Leaving no one behind: A framework for diverse employee wellbeing <i>Presented by Resilia</i></p>	<p><b>B4:</b> Panel on workplace sexual harassment <i>Panellists from Comcare, Australian Human Rights Commission, SafeWork NSW, Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU), and NBN</i> <i>Note that this panel session will take place through concurrent C with a break at 2.00 pm and the opportunity to attend a different session.</i></p>	<p><b>B5:</b> Beyond the first wave: addressing the wider impacts of trauma <i>Presented by Medilaw Group</i></p>	<p><b>B6: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 Cultural impacts on recovery and RTW <i>Presented by Karrios</i>  Presentation 2 Re-thinking recovery: promoting return-to-work through Immersive virtual reality pain education <i>Presented by IPAR</i></p>	

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2.55 pm – 3.25 pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>						
3.25 pm – 4.25 pm	<p><b>Plenary session – Panel on the changing nature of work</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Royal Theatre</i></span></p> <p>Panel session discussing the ongoing change impacting work, including hybrid workplaces, adapting and embracing new technology, macro impacts, and the importance of communicating and consulting with workers. Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Stefan Hajkowicz, Principal Scientist CSIRO Data 61</li> <li>• Liam O'Brien, Assistant Secretary Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)</li> <li>• Nancy Abdelnour, Principal, Support, Recovery and Systems Telstra</li> <li>• Samantha Palmer, General Manager Visitor Economy and Client Programs Austrade</li> </ul> <p></p>						
4.25 pm – 4.30 pm	<b>Day one MC Wrap Up,</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Royal Theatre</i></span>						
4.30 pm	<b>Day one program concludes</b>						
6.00 pm – 6.30 pm	Bus will pick up delegates attending the conference dinner from the following hotels and take them to the National Arboretum. More information will be provided to delegates attending the dinner.						
6.30 pm – 10.30 pm	<p><b>2024 Comcare National Conference Dinner</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>National Arboretum</i></span></p> <p>Guest speaker, Osher Günsberg</p> <p>Osher has been in the Australian media landscape for over 20 years hosting and presenting. Osher shares his story with addiction, living with depression, social anxiety disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder. He also talks to having impactful discussions that aim to make each day better than the last by promoting healthy conversations.</p> <p></p>						




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## Day Two – Wednesday 21 August 2024

8.00 am – 3.30 pm	<b>Registration and exhibition open</b>					
8.00 am – 9.00 am	Breakfast networking and light refreshments available					Exhibition Hall
9.00 am – 9.10 am	<b>Day Two opening presented by MC, Emma Alberici</b>					Royal Theatre
9.10 am – 9.30 am	<b>Day two opening address</b>					Royal Theatre
	Marie Boland, Chief Executive Officer Safe Work Australia					
9.30 am – 10.15 am	<b>Keynote</b>					Royal Theatre
	Stan Grant, renowned Australian journalist 					
10.15 am – 10.45 am	<b>Morning tea</b>					Exhibition Hall
10.45 am – 11.45 am	<b>Keynote: A conversation with Georgie Harman and Dr Dinesh Palipana</b>					Royal Theatre
	Facilitated by MC, Emma Alberici with Georgie Harman, CEO Beyond Blue and Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM 					
11.50 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Concurrent D</b>					
	<b>D1:</b> The digital underbelly of workplace sexual harassment <i>Presented by the Office of eSafety Commissioner</i>	<b>D2:</b> Psychosocial risk management. Current trends and future aspirations <i>Presented by FlourishDx</i>	<b>D3:</b> To be confirmed	<b>D4:</b> Great expectations: why it's time to move from pain management to recovery in chronic pain rehab <i>Presented by Lorimer Moseley AO</i> <i>Session sponsored by IPAR</i>	<b>D5:</b> To be confirmed	<b>D6:</b> To be confirmed

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12.30 pm – 1.20 pm	<b>Lunch and networking</b>							<i>Royal Theatre</i>
1.20 pm – 2.00 pm	<b>Concurrent E</b>							
	<p><b>Networking session</b> How can Comcare and your peers support your learning strategy? <i>Hosted by Comcare</i></p>	<p><b>E1: Unveiling the blueprint: What you need to know about psychosocial hazards</b> <i>Presented by Opus Centre for Psychosocial Risk</i></p>	<p><b>E2: Unlocking potential: Engaging and supporting an employee with a workplace injury</b> <i>Panel facilitated by Dr Mary Wyatt</i> <i>Panellists to be confirmed</i></p>	<p><b>E3: Generation mindful: cultivating wellbeing across a diverse workforce</b> <i>Presented by Communicorp</i></p>	<p><b>E4: Transforming workplace wellbeing through strategic preventative healthcare initiatives</b> <i>Presented by Insight Health Advisory</i></p>	<p><b>E5: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 Rise of the Health and Safety Representative <i>Presented by Corrs Chambers Westgarth</i> Presentation 2 To be confirmed</p>	<p><b>E6: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 No more gaps: psychosocial support systems for employee mental health. <i>Presented by Centre for Corporate Health</i> Presentation 2 Leaders leading for better mental health: an insider's view. <i>Presented by Westgate &amp; Friends</i></p>	<p><b>E7: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 Transforming Workplace Well-being: A model for collaboration, prevention, and change <i>Presented by Guardian Exercise Rehabilitation</i> Presentation 2 Goal setting guidelines in return to work rehabilitation: is changed needed? <i>Presented by Jack Sargeant and Christian Swann</i></p>
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2.05 pm – 2.45 pm	<b>Concurrent F</b>							
	<b>HSR networking session</b> Hosted by Comcare	<b>F1:</b> Leading cause of non-fatal disability in Australia; Mental Illness  Presented and sponsored by mlcoa	<b>F2: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 ADDRESS - A collaborative model to improving psychosocial safety and preventing harm Presented by the Australian Public Service Commission Presentation 2 Prevention of vicarious trauma – what is evidence-based? Presented by the Institute for Safety, Compensation and Recovery Research	<b>F3:</b> Bullying stops here: An innovative approach for change Presented by Comcare	<b>F4:</b> Telehealth in the treatment of workers with mental health injury: participant views and trends in claims  Presented by the University of Adelaide with cooperation from the Australian New Zealand Research Collaboration, WorkSafe Victoria, State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) and Comcare	<b>F5: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 Industry Collaboration Preventing Mental Illness of Transport Workers Presented by Steering Healthy Minds Presentation 2 Collaborating on Mental Health to drive industry-wide change Presented by John Holland	<b>F6:</b> Beyond burnout – moving towards workplace sustainability Presented by Infinite Potential	<b>F7: Short presentations</b> Presentation 1 To be confirmed Presentation 2 To be confirmed
2.45 pm – 3.05 pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>							
3.05 pm – 3.55 pm	<b>Comcare CEO – thank you and closing keynote</b>							
	Magda Szubanski AO 							
3.55 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>Conference close</b> <b>MC</b>							

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