



Collaboration for prevention and change

**20-21 August 2024
Canberra**



**Comcare
National Conference**

Program

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Monday 19 August 2024

5.30pm – 6.30pm Welcome reception *Exhibition Hall, National Convention Centre Canberra (NCCC)*

Day 1 – Tuesday 20 August 2024


7.30am – 5.30pm Registration open

8.00am – 5.00pm Exhibition open
Royal Theatre open from 8.45am

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

Conference Master of Ceremonies (MC), Emma Alberici
Welcome to Country delivered by Selina Walker

9.20am – 9.35am **Welcome address** *Royal Theatre*

Welcome address by Greg Vines, Comcare CEO


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












Kate Jenkins AO


10.20am – 10.50am **Morning tea**

10.50am – 11.50am **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

- Themes:  Prevention  Return to work  Leadership and collaboration
- Tags:  Comcare presentation  Lived experience  Diversity and inclusion  Human centered or client centric approaches  Change and the future of work  Best practice approaches to mental health
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11.55am – 12.35pm	Concurrent A						
	<i>Royal Theatre</i>	<i>Swan Room</i>	<i>Menzies Theatre</i>	<i>Fitzroy Room</i>	<i>Murray Room</i>	<i>Nicholls Room</i>	<i>Bradman Theatre</i>
	A1: Comcare’s regulatory update: New priorities and approaches <i>Presented by Comcare</i>	A2: Psych codes of practice in practise... <i>Presented by SuperFriend</i>	A3: Positivum after trauma: novel approach improving outcomes for post-traumatic stress <i>Presented by IPAR</i>	A4: Mental health prevention and early intervention: the Australian Public Service <i>Presented by Comcare and Beyond Blue</i>	A5: Leading mentally healthy workplaces during change and disruption <i>Presented by Transitioning Well</i>	A6: Short presentations Presentation 1 Cultural impacts on recovery and RTW <i>Presented by Karrios</i> Presentation 2 Successfully navigating mental health claims, a Valliant Pilot overview <i>Presented by EML</i> <i>Session sponsored and facilitated by the Customer Experience Company</i>	A7: Short presentations Presentation 1 Preventing secondary psychological disorders in workers’ compensation claims Presentation 2 Unlocking innovation: the power of collaboration in driving change <i>Sessions sponsored and facilitated by Navigator Group</i>
12.35pm – 1.30pm	Lunch and networking						
1.30pm – 2.10pm	Concurrent B						
	<i>Bradman Theatre</i>	<i>Royal Theatre</i>	<i>Menzies Theatre</i>	<i>Murray Room</i>	<i>Torrens Room</i>	<i>Fitzroy Room</i>	<i>Swan Room</i>
	B1: Scheme update: the rise in psychological disease claims and an evidence-led approach to mental health <i>Presented by Comcare and Taylor Fry</i>	B2: 2024 GERI report: the Australian injury prevention state of play <i>Presented by Focus Network and sponsored by HSI Donesafe</i>	B3: 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>	B4: Beyond the first wave: addressing the wider impacts of trauma <i>Presented by Medilaw Group</i>	B5: Re-thinking recovery: promoting return-to-work through immersive virtual reality pain education <i>Presented by IPAR</i>	B6: Panel on workplace sexual harassment <i>Facilitated by Comcare. Panellists from Australian Human Rights Commission, SafeWork NSW, Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU), and NBNco</i> <i>This panel session will continue through Concurrent C with a break and opportunity to change sessions (1.30pm – 2.55pm)</i>	W1 Workshop: Work design in practice: tools to help workplaces thrive <i>Presented by SuperFriend and Comcare</i> <i>Register for this workshop on the Conference App. This workshop will continue through Concurrent C (1.30pm – 2.55pm)</i>
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2.15pm – 2.55pm	Concurrent C						
	<i>Bradman Theatre</i>	<i>Nicholls Theatre</i>	<i>Sutherland Theatre</i>	<i>Royal Theatre</i>	<i>Menzies Theatre</i>	<i>Torrens Room</i>	<i>Murray Room</i>
	C1: Increasing return to work outcomes by 247% <i>Presented by Comcare, EML and Taylor Fry</i>	C2: Getting workplace adjustments out of the 'too hard' basket <i>Presented by Australian Disability Network</i>	C3: Short presentations Presentation 1 Operationalising lead indicators: a collaboration opportunity for prevention and change <i>Presented by WorkSafe Victoria</i> Presentation 2 Raising the standard of occupational health performance indicators <i>Presented by Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists</i>	C4: Panel discussion: real-world integration of injury prevention and management in EHS programs <i>Facilitator from Focus Network. Panellists from FlourishDX and BE Campbell</i> <i>Session sponsored by HSI Donesafe</i>	C5: Return to work: with limited resources, why is targeted care the future <i>Presented by Axis and Australia Post</i>	C6: Beyond compliance: whole of organisation approach to workplace mental health <i>Presented by Human Leadership Consulting</i>	C7: Bullying stops here: an innovative approach for change <i>Presented by Comcare, Edith Cowan University and the Australian National University</i>
2.55pm – 3.25pm	Afternoon tea						
3.25pm – 4.25pm	Keynote 3: A Panel on the changing nature of work						<i>Royal Theatre</i>
	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Stefan Hajkowicz, Principal Scientist CSIRO Data 61 • Liam O'Brien, Assistant Secretary Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) • Nancy Abdelnour, Principal, Support, Recovery and Systems Telstra • Samantha Palmer, General Manager Visitor Economy and Client Programs Austrade 						
4.25pm – 4.30pm	Day 1 MC wrap-up						<i>Royal Theatre</i>
4.30pm	Day 1 program concludes						
6.00pm – 6.30pm	Bus will pick up delegates attending the conference dinner from the NCCC and hotels. For more information see the Conference app.						
6.30pm – 10.30pm	2024 Comcare National Conference Dinner						<i>National Arboretum</i>
	Program includes a 3 course dinner, entertainment by Smooth Ops and guest speaker, Osher Günsberg 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 health conversations.						



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Day 2 – Wednesday 21 August 2024

7.30am – 3.30pm	Registration and exhibition open							
8.00am – 9.00am	Breakfast networking and light refreshments available							Exhibition Hall
9.00am – 9.10am	Day 2 opening presented by MC, Emma Alberici							Royal Theatre
	Platinum Partner address HSI Donesafe							
9.10am – 9.30am	Day 2 opening address							Royal Theatre
	Marie Boland, Chief Executive Officer Safe Work Australia							
9.30am – 10.15am	Keynote 4							Royal Theatre
	Stan Grant, renowned Australian journalist							
								
10.15am – 10.45am	Morning tea							Exhibition Hall
10.45am – 10.55am	Australian Public Service Commissioner address							Royal Theatre
	Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM, Australian Public Service Commissioner							
10.55am – 11.50am	Keynote 5: A conversation about mental health in the workplace							Royal Theatre
	Join Georgie Harman and Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM as they unpack our changing work environments and what it takes to create mentally healthy workplaces. Georgie and Dinesh will draw on their own experiences and observations, and invite questions from the audience, to tackle the shifting expectations and challenges of this complex issue.							
	Facilitated by MC, Emma Alberici with Georgie Harman, CEO Beyond Blue and Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM							
								
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	<i>Bradman Theatre</i>	<i>Menzies Theatre</i>	<i>Nicholls Theatre</i>	<i>Royal Theatre</i>	<i>Fitzroy Room</i>	<i>Murray Room</i>	<i>Sutherland Room</i>	<i>Swan Room</i>
	D1: The digital underbelly of workplace sexual harassment	D2: Psychosocial risk management: current trends and future aspirations	D3: HSRs 101: Powers, functions and supports for HSRs	D4: Great expectations: why it's time to move from pain management to recovery in chronic pain rehab	D5: Sustainable capacity: management practices for health, safety, wellbeing, and performance	D6: Unlocking potential: engaging and supporting an employee with a workplace injury	D7: Short presentations Presentation 1 LOLA: enhancing workplace rehabilitation outcomes using Artificial Intelligence (AI)	W2 Workshop: Blue-sky thinking session on prevention and return to work
	<i>Presented by the Office of eSafety Commissioner</i>	<i>Presented by FlourishDx</i>	<i>Presented by CPSU</i>	<i>Presented by Lorimer Moseley AO</i> <i>Session sponsored by IPAR</i>	<i>Presented by Department of Defence ADFHQ</i>	<i>Panel facilitated by Dr Mary Wyatt with panellists from Telstra, Neon Shed and Konekt</i>	<i>Presented by Arriba Group</i> <i>Presentation 2</i> Precision medicine and telehealth solutions for preventing psychological injury <i>Presented by Navigator Group</i>	<i>Presented by Comcare</i>

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12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch and networking						<i>Exhibition Hall</i>
1.30pm – 2.10pm	Concurrent E						
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	E1: Unveiling the blueprint: what you need to know about psychosocial hazards <i>Presented by Opus Centre for Psychosocial Risk</i>	E2: Comcare psychosocial inspection program <i>Presented by Comcare</i>	E3: Generation mindful: cultivating wellbeing across a diverse workforce <i>Presented by Communicorp</i>	E4: Workplace wellbeing: addressing chronic disease for organisational success <i>Presented by Dr Paula Conroy from Insight Health Advisory</i>	E5: Short presentations Presentation 1 Rise of the Health and Safety Representative <i>Presented by Kingston Reid</i> Presentation 2 Industry collaboration Preventing mental illness of transport workers <i>Presented by Steering Healthy Minds</i>	E7: Short presentations 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 & Friends</i>	W3 Workshop: People at Work: a tool to identify, assess and control psychosocial risks <i>Presented by Comcare</i> <i>Register for this workshop on the Conference App. The workshop will continue through Concurrent F (1.30pm – 2.55pm) :</i>
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	<i>Murray Room</i>	<i>Fitzroy Room</i>	<i>Nicholls Theatrette</i>	<i>Royal Theatre</i>	<i>Bradman Theatrette</i>	<i>Menzies Theatrette</i>	<i>Sutherland Theatrette</i>
	HSR networking session This networking session will run until 3.10pm, with afternoon tea served <i>Hosted by Comcare</i>	F1: Leading cause of non-fatal disability in Australia: mental illness <i>Presented and sponsored by mlcoa</i>	F2: Short presentations Presentation 1 ADDRESS: a collaborative model to improving psychosocial safety and preventing harm <i>Presented by the Australian Public Service Commission</i> Presentation 2 Prevention of vicarious trauma: what is evidence-based? <i>Presented by the Institute for Safety, Compensation and Recovery Research</i>	F3: It pays to care: unlocking the potential of early intervention in work injury management <i>Presented by Dr Mary Wyatt</i>	F4: Telehealth in the treatment of workers with mental health injury: participant views and trends in claims <i>Presented by the University of Adelaide with cooperation from the Australian New Zealand Research Collaboration, WorkSafe Victoria, State Insurance Regulatory Authority and Comcare</i>	F5: Beyond burnout: moving towards workplace sustainability <i>Presented by Infinite Potential</i>	F6: Short presentations Presentation 1 Transforming workplace wellbeing: 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 change needed? <i>Presented by Jack Sargeant and Christian Swann</i>
2.55pm – 3.10pm	Afternoon tea						<i>Exhibition Hall</i>
3.10pm – 3.12pm	Thank you						<i>Royal Theatre</i>
	Comcare CEO, Greg Vines						
3.12pm – 4.00pm	Keynote 6						<i>Royal Theatre</i>
	Magda Szubanski AO						
							
4.00pm	Conference close						<i>Royal Theatre</i>
	MC, Emma Alberici						

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