



## EVENT AGENDA

# A caring collective – empowering mental health families and carers

Friday 30 June 2017

Mercure Sydney, 818 George Street, Ultimo 2007

---

8.30 - 9.30 **REGISTRATIONS AND COFFEE**

---

**Welcome to Country**

Uncle Allan Madden

---

**Welcome to the event**

John Feneley, NSW Mental Health Commissioner

---

**Official opening**

The Hon. Scott Farlow MLC, Chair of Parliamentary Friends of Mental Health

---

**Meet Justin Noel, Facilitator**

---

**Your rights as a family member/carer:**

**Privacy, participation and other issues**

Maria Bisogni, Deputy President Mental Health Review Tribunal, NSW Health

---

**Workshop**

---

11:00 **MORNING TEA**

---

**NDIS and the mental health family/carer: What you need to know**

Cathy Nattress, family member/carer

Mary Hawkins, Director – Engagement NSW Central, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

---



---

**Q&A session**  
**Workshop**

---

**Meet the NSW Mental Health Commission's**  
**Carer Lived Experience Steering Group**

---

**Get your voice heard through video**  
Lisa Sandrk, Media and Communications Advisor,  
Mental Health Commission of NSW

---

**12:30 LUNCH AND FILMING**

---

**Sources of support for you: finding them or making**  
**them happen in your community**  
De Backman-Hoyle, advocate and lived experience carer

---

**Workshop**

---

**Changes I have made in my community**  
Sandra McDonald, Carer advocate and community leader

---

**Workshop**

---

**Positive change from personal loss: My story**  
Kathy Kelly, anti-violence campaigner, initiator of Stay Kind

---

**Close**  
Justin Noel, Facilitator  
NSW Mental Health Commissioner John Feneley

---

**15:00 AFTERNOON TEA (NETWORKING AND FILMING)**

---

**17:00 CLOSE OF MEETING**

---