

Program

Registration from 8:00am

Conference commences at 8:30am

8:30am – Welcome to Country

8:40am – Helen McCarthy: RHW Director of Nursing & Midwifery

Welcome and Opening Address

9:00am – Dr Katharine McKinnon:

Birthing Work: The Collective Labour of Childbirth

10:00am – Professor Alec Welsh:

Shades of Grey- What influences women's decision making?

Morning Tea 10:30am

11:00am – Rosalie O'Neale:

The eSafety Commission: Technology facilitated Abuse

12:00pm – Laura Toose:

Contemporary Issues in Midwifery

Lunch 12:30pm

1:30pm – Dr Kate Charlesworth:

Health Solutions for the Climate Emergency

2:00pm – Dr Amanda Beech:

PUQE score 101 – Everything you need to know about Hyperemesis Gravidarum!

2:30pm – Veronica Hegedus:

Chair Yoga

2:45pm – Professor Bill Ledger:

Oncology, Fertility and the Fertility Research Centre

3:15pm – Hazel Keedle:

Vaginal Birth After Caesarean- Tales from Women

3:45pm - Jo Hunter and Jerusha Sutton:

Birth Time: The Story So Far

Close 4:30

Speaker Profiles

Dr Katharine McKinnon: is a Human Geographer from La Trobe University, Melbourne who's work explores the complex mix of actors that assemble in the spaces of childbirth, and the way that they interact to shape the birth experience. Drawing on interviews with mothers, midwives and obstetricians, it provides insight into the collective endeavours that shape birth and offers a new perspective on childbirth that aims to cut across the often emotional debates about natural versus medicalised birth.

Hazel Keedle is a midwifery lecturer at Western Sydney University, Australia. For the last 7 years Hazel has researched women's experiences of vaginal birth after caesarean (VBAC), first for women who did this at home and now for women who access a variety of models of care. She is passionate about educating both women and health care professionals on the importance of VBAC and Hazel aims to reinforce the importance for all midwives to embrace supporting and encouraging women to have their own VBAC journey.

Rosalie O'Neale is the Program Manager, eSafetyWomen, with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. eSafetyWomen empowers Australian women to manage technology risks and abuse and take control of their online experiences. It provides practical guidance and tools, as well as training for frontline domestic and family violence workers.

Laura Toose is a Legal Officer with the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association. Her role involves providing legal advice to members in a number of areas including professional conduct, professional standards and registration. She advises and represents nurses and midwives in a range of forums including the NSW State Coroner's Court, the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and the Nursing and Midwifery Council of NSW.

Dr Kate Charlesworth is a public health physician working with SESLHD. Kate is currently undertaking research in sustainable healthcare, Her main interest is in low-carbon, sustainable healthcare, and she is currently undertaking a PhD looking at the characteristics of transitioning towards a future sustainable health and social care system.

Dr Amanda Beech

Dr Beech is an obstetric medicine physician and endocrinologist at RHW with an interest in women's health across all ages. She has a breadth of experience in preconception counselling and in managing all medical disorders of pregnancy including Hyperemesis Gravidarum.

Speaker Profiles

Professor William Ledger is Director of Reproductive Medicine and Senior Staff Specialist at RHW and a fertility specialist at IVFAustralia. His talk will touch on his interests of IVF and assisted reproduction, impacts of reproductive ageing and disorders such as endometriosis, premature ovarian failure and polycystic ovary syndrome on fertility and quality of life, reproductive effects of cancer treatment and onco-fertility. He will also address health economic and demographic aspects of infertility and how women across NSW can now access publicly funded, low-cost IVF treatment.

Professor Alec Welsh is an active clinician in both obstetrics and maternal-fetal medicine (MFM) and a subspecialist in MFM. He is a strong believer in collaboration between midwives and obstetricians in maternity care. He helped to establish the NSW Fetal Therapy Centre at RHW and performs laser therapy for twin-twin-transfusion syndrome as well as all other fetal procedures. He is currently studying a "life-changing" Executive MBA Program. His talk to day will focus on the Domains of Childbirth that influence women's decision making.

Jo Hunter and Jerusha Sutton

Jo Hunter is a privately practising midwife, Jerusha Sutton is a birth and family photographer and doula, For the past three and a half years with actor Zoe Naylor they have been interviewing, filming and photographing women, midwives, doctors, doulas and academics about all things birth. This is in preparation for a feature length documentary that they are producing called Birth Time. This presentation will share the journey so far, where it started, what we've learnt and where to from here.

Morning tea and lunch provided

6 Professional Development Hours Awarded

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- **Earlybird by 1st February \$150** - Full registration \$170 after 1st February
- RHW employees \$80
- All student midwives \$80

Register before 20th December 2019 to go into the draw for a full refund of your registration fee!

Transport

Pay parking available onsite \$31.20 per day. Limited free street parking is available. Buses or light rail to Randwick Junction – check www.sydneybuses.info or call 131 500.

The RHW Midwifery Conference

“Tales of the Unexpected”

Friday, 28 February 2020



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