

VISCON Program Schedule

Time

Session 1

Session 2

Day 1: April 2nd

8.00	9.00	Coffee & Registration	
9.00	9.30	Welcome & Conference Opening. Welcome - Dr Reg Fardell, RIDBC Renwick Centre; Opening Address: Gabbi Hollows, Founding Director, Fred Hollows Foundation	
9.30	10.30	Keynote Presentation: Psychological Impacts of Vision Impairment. Dr Naomi Dale, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London	
10.30	11.00	Morning Tea	
11.00	12.00	Tools for Accessing KLA's. Multiple Concurrent Practical Demonstrations From Teachers and Vendors in the Field. Strand Leader: Trish D'Apice, RIDBC Teleschool	
12.00	1.00	Lunch	
1.00	3.00	My story, my journey.... Panel of young VI people recounting how VI has impacted their life journey and the issues they have faced. Strand Leaders: Michele Cutrupi, CEO Sydney Diocese/Trish Muldoon, St Edmunds School.	
3.00	4.00	Cultural Sensitivities. Strand Leader: Dr Desiree Gallimore, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT	"Get Ya Hands Dirty" A Dynamic Model For Transdisciplinary Teams Supporting Students With VI and Multiple Disabilities. Strand Leader: Chrissie Butler, The Blind and Low Vision Education Network, New Zealand.
Conference Drinks			

Day 2: April 3rd

8.00	9.00	Coffee & Networking	
9.00	10.00	Keynote Presentation: Assessment & Management of Vision Impairment. Dr Alison Salt. Consultant Development Paediatrician, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.	
10.00	10.45	Perceptual Pathways. Strand Leader: Dr John Ravenscroft, RIDBC Renwick Centre	Practical Strategies. Strand Leader: Bev Scott, CEO Sydney Diocese
10.45	11.15	Morning Tea	

11.15	12.00	Multiple Disabilities. Strand Leader: Julie Shylan, Principal RIDBC Thomas Pattison School	Technology Issues. Stephen Cordwell, CEO Sydney Diocese
12.00	12.45	Transitioning to Post-School Options. Strand Leader, Bev Priest, Coordinator South Australian School for Vision Impaired.	Assessment/selection of learning media. Strand leader: Jo Green, RIDBC VisionEd
12.45	1.30	Lunch	
1.30	2.30	Critical Issues & Lessons From the Field. Panel Chair: Kym Gribble, NSW Department of Education.	
2.30	3.30	Developmental Education or Skill Training? Nicole Donaldson, Centenary State High School, Queensland	
3.30	4.00	Closing Address. Dr John Ravenscroft. Senior Research Fellow, RIDBC Renwick Centre.	