



Genevieve Morris - MC

Genevieve a mother of two and active in her Upwey community. Between motherhood, life and school runs, Genevieve has appeared on our TV screens for 25 years. Gen Also has a passion for theatre, in particular Back to Back Theatre which brings together actors with a disability.



Maureen Crawford

Maureen's second son James was born with multiple disabilities and she realised early on that she could not cope with looking after him 24/7 and began a search for regular respite care. Her work to set up the state's first host program was the beginning of Interchange in Victoria in 1981. Maureen was awarded the National Unsung Hero Award in 2015, recognising her pioneering work in the disability sector.



Kevin Honeycutt - Keynote Speaker

Brought up in poverty, Kevin shares his amazing journey to becoming who he is today; a change agent, teacher and international keynote speaker. His story of resilience and strength captivates audiences globally.



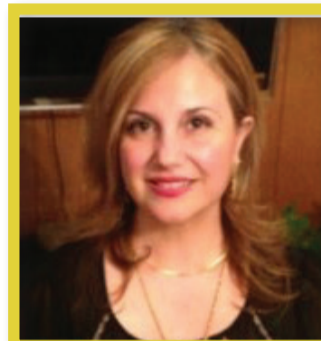
Fred Brumhead

Fred will share the little-known story of how his failed attempts to be a professional sportsman/pirate/explorer turned into his career as the CEO of Interchange Outer East since 1982.



Graeme Harrower

Graeme's daughter Nicole had cerebral palsy. In the 24 years of caring for her, his major focus was to manage her health. She was loving and funny and he adored her. The introduction of in-home support bought with it new opportunities for both Nicole and her family. They shared tears, laughs and grief. Ultimately they shared Nicole's journey with many employed to care for her.



Nakisa Malakooti

Nakisa Malakooti is an advocate for people with disability, a medical researcher and teaching associate at Monash University. She migrated to Australia 30 years ago after living through a revolution and a war. As a sole carer she had to find her way through the disability and mental health maze. She shares the story of her journey.



Yumi Stamet

Yumi is a workforce adviser for National Disability Services. Yumi will share the story of an international innovative agency that does not compromise client connection or quality of service for efficiency.



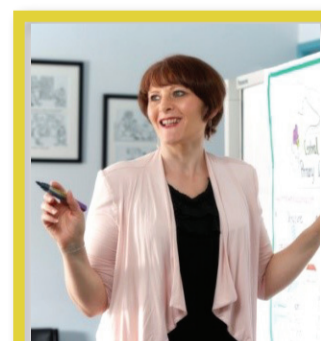
Amanda Hose

Amanda (Mandy)'s twins were born at 31 weeks gestation and soon after, diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Today Mandy admits to a 'living grief'; a sadness about her children that comes in waves; It is part of her now. Yet recently, this pain has led to the most wonderful journey for all her family, by being part of the Athletics Australia para-athletes program.



Karen Canavan

Karen's third child, Hannah, was born with a congenital brain malformation called polymicrogyria. It caused profound intellectual and physical disability, as well as intractable epilepsy. Hannah passed away at the age of five years and nine months and her death inspired Karen's creative pursuits and career at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.



Linda Rowley

Linda is a speaker, facilitator and a career and lifestyle coach. Linda will engage the Journey of Life and Death panel and support them to tell their stories. The panel will share details of the people that impacted their and their child's lives and valuable lessons for support staff and services.

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