



New England Dementia Forum 2023

FINDING YOUR FEET WITH DEMENTIA -

“The song is the same, but the dance is a little different.”

The biennial New England Dementia Forum is returning in 2023 via an online format. This forum features expert presentations on recent developments and best practice in dementia diagnosis, management, and care. Anyone working with people living with dementia and/or their carers are welcome.

WHEN: Wednesday 9th August 2023

TIME: Session 1: 9.30am – 12.00 pm | Session 2: 12.30 pm – 3.45 pm

WHERE: Online via GoToWebinar

RSVP: Please [click here](#) to register

PROGRAM

9.15am	People Log in
9.15am – 9.30am	Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country – Caitlin Furlong
9.30am – 10.30am	Fighting Frailty to stay on your feet – Prof Sue Kurrle
10.30am – 11.30am	Cognitive Impairment & Parkinsonism – Dr Stephen Duma
11.30am – 12pm	A Holistic Approach to Parkinson's Care – Jo Lavelle
12 – 12.30 Break	
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Decision-making Capacity: Legal Considerations – Prof Nola Ries
1.30pm – 2.30pm	It's not just the memory... – Dr Phil Hungerford
2.30pm – 3pm	FTD - A Carer's Perspective - Darlene Saladine
3pm – 3.30pm	Activities for Pleasure and Purpose during a Hospital Stay – Sue Tripney
3.30pm – 3.45pm	Wrap up and close – Caitlin Furlong

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FACILITATOR: CAITLIN FURLONG is a seasoned journalist and currently holds the position of Editor at ABC New England North West. With a career spanning two decades, Caitlin has made her mark as a versatile reporter and presenter across various media platforms, including radio, television, and digital.



PRESENTERS:

PROFESSOR SUSAN KURRE is a geriatrician practising at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital in northern Sydney and at Batemans Bay Hospital in southern NSW. She is the Clinical Network Director for Rehabilitation and Aged Care in Northern Sydney Local Health District and is the Curran Professor in Healthcare of Older People in the Faculty of Medicine and Health at the University of Sydney. Her research and practice interests centre on frailty, dementia, successful ageing, and improving care for older people in residential care.



DR STEPHEN DUMA works in private practice in Camperdown, Westmead, Bondi Junction and Tamworth, and is a Staff Specialist and Head of the Movement Disorders Service at St George Hospital. He is a Conjoint Senior Lecturer for the University of NSW, teaching medical students, fellow doctors and patients and caregivers, and continues to be involved in research, currently holding a position of Honorary Research Assistant at NeuRa.



JO LAVELLE is the Movement Disorder Nurse employed by Rural Fit Tamworth managing their pilot program. It has proven successful in delivering support and assistance for those affected by Parkinson's Disease in the New England and NorthWest.



PROFESSOR NOLA RIES is a Professor with the Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney. She is a legal and social science researcher with expertise in law, health and ageing. Nola's areas of interest include legal aspects of dementia; advance care planning; elder abuse prevention and response; and inclusion of older people with cognitive impairment in research.



DR PHIL HUNGERFORD has worked for 30+ years not only in the Emergency department but also in the worlds of intensive care, medical retrievals and in the last few years palliative care. He found that the end-of-life conversations he had with patients and their families in the ED and ICU were a good training ground for the world of palliative care.



DARLENE SALADINE is a Registered Nurse & Midwife, with a background in Adult Education. She has worked in theatre & maternity, finally finding her niche as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Acute Pain Service at Armidale Hospital. In 2016 her husband, Michael, was diagnosed with Frontal Temporal Lobe Dementia, & a whole new area of health opened to her. She has been a keen participant in the Healthwise Dementia Carer's group since 2017.



SUE TRIPNEY has been working in the field of Diversional Therapy for the last 31 years. 30 of these years have been with Hunter New England Local Health District at Gloucester Health Service which has afforded her valuable experience in Community Day Centres, Aged Care Facilities and more recently the Hospital environment. When dementia touched her life personally, she was driven to find a better way to care for people living with dementia.

