Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities Inc.

**2015 Round Table Conference Program**

Dynamics of information access  
Current and future contexts and designs

Information Access is important to all people with print disability, and has many dimensions including format (braille, large print, E-text, etc.), facilities (libraries, websites, agencies, educational institutions, local councils) and modes of access (tablet, laptop, refreshable braille). There has been rapid growth and change in the field and the 2015 Conference will explore the efficacy and efficiency of current access provisions and provide an insight into future designs and models.

**Dates:**

**Saturday 2 May to Tuesday 5 May 2015**

**Venue:**

Stamford Plaza Adelaide

150 North Terrace

Adelaide SA 5000

**Please note:** The conference program may be subject to change without notice

**Program Date:** 4 April 2015

Saturday 2nd May, 2015

**9.30 am Registration**

**10.00 – 10.30 am Morning Tea**

| **10.30 am – 12.30 pm** |
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| Australian Braille Authority (ABA) Annual Meeting **Chair:** Christine Simpson  Agenda distributed by ABA |

**12.30 – 1:30 pm Lunch**

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| **1:30 – 3:00 pm ABA Meeting continued** |

**3.00 – 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea**

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| **3.30 – 5:00 pm ABA Meeting continued** |

**6.30 – 8.30 pm**

# Welcome Function and Conference Opening

**Venue: Crystal Room Stamford Plaza**

**Sunday 3rd May, 2015**

**8.30 – 9.30 am Registration**

**8.30 – 5.30 pm Technology and Services Exhibition**

| 9.30 – 10.45 am — Session 1 Chair: Neil Jarvis |
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| **9:30 – 10:15 am Conference Announcements and Roll Call**  **Welcome and President’s Introduction**  Neil Jarvis, President, Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities Inc.  **10:15 – 10:45 am Keynote Address**  **Blindness – An Information Disability –** John Simpson |

**10.45 – 11.15am Morning Tea**

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| 11.15 am – 12.15 pm — Session 2 Chair: Roley Stuart |
| **11:15 – 11:45 am**  **The dynamics of the accessibility equation in the educational context –** Sonali Marathe, Brian Conway & Michelle Knight |
| **11:45 – 12:15 pm**  **WEB and PDF Accessibility: New Tools for Changing Times –** Tim Connell |

**12.15 – 1.30 pm Lunch and visit Trade Exhibitors**

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| 1.30 – 3.00 pm — Session 3 Chair: TBA |
| **1.30 – 2.00 pm** **Exhibitor Showcase**  **2.00 – 3.00 pm** **Exhibitor Workshops** (concurrent sessions) |

**3.00 – 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea**

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| 3.30 – 5:30 pm — Session 4 Chair: Trudy Smith |
| **Panel Discussion: Free technology**  4.30 **–** 5.30 pm **Round Table Annual General Meeting** |

Monday 4th May, 2015

**8.00am – 8:30am Registration**

**8.00am – 5.30pm Technology and Services Exhibition**

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| 8:30 – 9:45 am — Session 5 Chair: Neil Jarvis |
| **8:30- 9.00 am Conference Announcements and Roll Call**  **9:00 – 9:45 am Keynote Address- It’s All Part of the Show: When Access is Embedded in the Performing Arts Experience** Emma Bennison, Gaelle Mellis and Lara Torr |

**9:45- 10.15 am Morning Tea**

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| 10.15 am – 12.15 pm — Session 6 | |
| **Session 6a Workshop**  **Australian Braille Authority**  **Chair:** | **Session 6b Workshops**  **Chair:** Roley Stuart |
| **10.45 am – 12.15 pm**  **Braille Music: Options for accessing printed scores through software-** Jordie Howell and Kathleen Riessen | **10:15 – 11:10 am**  **Reading and Responding to text in the iOS environment -** Jim Sprialis |
| **11:20 am – 12:15 pm**  **Using iPhones/ iPads to their full potential –** Philippa Enright and David Chittenden |

**12.15 – 1.15 pm Lunch Monday May 4 (cont.)**

| 1.15 – 3.15 pm — Session 7 | |
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| **Session 7a Workshops**  **Chair:** TBA | **Session 7b (Presentations 3)**  **Chair:** Sonali Marathe |
| **1:15 – 2:10 pm**  **Clear Print Guidelines –** Kathleen Riessen | **1:15 – 2:10 pm**  **The quagmire of technology –** Philippa Enright |
| **2:20-3:15pm**  **A New Approach-** Susannah Kinny and Geraldine Ryan | **2:20 – 3:15 pm**  **Brainstorming graphics** – breaking down the barriers to graphical materials for people with a vision impairment –Leona Holloway |

**3.15 – 3:45 pm Afternoon Tea**

| 3:45 – 5.30 pm — Session 8 **Chair:** Trudy Smith |
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| **3:45 – 4.45 pm** **Accessible Documents –** Tom Smith (via remote access)  **4:45 – 5:15pm AD2020 – What will audio description look like in 5 years?** Alex Varley |

**6.45 pm Pre-Dinner Drinks**

# 7.15 pm Conference Dinner

Tuesday May 5 2015

**8.30 – 9.00am Registration**

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| 9.00 – 10.30 am — Session 9 **Chair:** Neil Jarvis |
| **9:00 – 9:30 am Conference Announcements and Roll Call**  **9:30 – 10:00 am Keynote Address – Google Docs** |

**10.30 – 11.00 am Morning Tea**

| 11.00 am – 12.30 pm — Session 10a **Chair:** Kathy Reissen | 11.00 am – 12.30 pm — Session 10 b **Chair:** TBA |
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| **11:00 – 11:25 am**  **Professionals who are Blind share educational experience and advice: Accessing the Australian National Curriculum- what skills and technology do blind students need? –** Shane Doepel | **11:00 – 11:25 am**  **The telephone – Still an inclusive channel for audio access to fast changing information** – Clive Lansink |
| **11:30 – 11:55 am**  **Unified English Braille projects promoting code learning and braille writing–** Dr Frances Gentle and Josie Howse | **11:30 – 11:55 am**  **Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail: Universal Design for Learning and Differentiated Instruction-** Trudy Smith |
| **12:00 – 12:30 pm**  **Tactual maps: where are we going? –** Tom McMahon | **12:00 – 12:30 pm**  **Accessibility and Restrictions of Google Docs –** Neil Jarvis and Karen Gilligan |

**Tuesday May 5 (cont.)**

**12.30 – 1.30 pm Lunch**

| **1:30 – 3:30 pm** — **Session 11**  **Chair:** Brian Conway |
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| **1:30 – 2:00 pm**  **An overview of how the Disability Services Commissioner aims to reach its diverse audience –** Dina Theodoropoulos |
| **2:00 – 3:00 Panel Discussion**  **Strategies for overcoming barriers to print accessibility in the classroom** |
| **3:00 – 3:30 pm President’s Final Address**  Neil Jarvis  President, Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities Inc. |

**3:30 pm Close**