



SYDNEY 2017 SPEAKER INFORMATION

Ben Oakley - An amazing your man!

It is not everyone who can say that they know the exact time that their life changed forever. A few people in the world know. An accident or an Injury yes. But a Disease? My Son, Ben Oakley is one of those people. At 17 years he was one of the youngest in the world to have been struck down with a very Rare Disease. If that was not bad enough the condition is generally a slow degeneration, Bens life changed in an instant! Prior to becoming systematic Ben was the single most active person I have ever known A 1 in a Million disease, only 20 people in Australia - Stiff Person Syndrome Ben has the most intense pain any human should ever have to endure when it all goes wrong! Ben is forced to be in a wheelchair for anything more than a short distance. Modern medicine does not understand Bens condition, the treatments that his specialist have given him are powerful, addictive and just as debilitating as the disease! That was until we were contacted by an Angel offering hope, hope in the form of Medicinal Cannabis. Ben has gone from at the worst 61 Full body muscle spasm in a day to since commencing on Cannabis oil 16 months ago 3 spasms only lasting a few minutes each!

Viola Brugnatelli - Neuroscientist

Viola Brugnatelli is a Neuroscientist specialised in Cannabinoid circuitry, GPCRs signalling, and neuropharmacology. Her academy and research training let her gain extensive experience on medical cannabis and phytochemicals both from preclinical as well as clinical perspective. She works as a consultant and speaker at seminars, workshops & tutorials for MDs, Universities and individual patients. She has been raised by the concepts of equality, responsibility and love towards the environment, others and oneself. In her vision, collective human knowledge behold the power for overall improvement of life at all its forms, thus, it should be accessible and shareable. Viola is currently researching therapeutic potentials of terpenes at University College of Dublin, Ireland, and established since 2014 the Science Online Magazine Nature Going Smart.

Klara Marosszeky - Managing Director of the AHMC

Klara Marosszeky has been involved in the Australian Hemp industry for 17 years in both the farming and construction sectors. She is Secretary of Northern Rivers Hemp as well as the Managing Director of the Australian Hemp Masonry Company (AHMC). The company supplies Australian hemp building materials for new builds and for retrofitting homes for greater energy efficiency.. She has a background in sustainability education as well as in hemp construction and delivers workshops and training for Owner builders, Builders, Building designers and Architects. Since her first research crop on 2 hectares in Wollombi in the NSW Hunter Valley in 1999, Klara has grown hemp for fibre on dryland as well as irrigated farms in several regions of NSW. Klara is a passionate advocate for the ecological benefits of hemp, its potential for contributing to sustainable communities and regional development and the major potential for carbon sequestration that is available through the combination of sustainable hemp farming and carbon storage in hemp masonry buildings. She has recently returned from the US where she presented at the International Soil not Oil Conference in Richmond California on the value of hemp in farm crop rotations and Trinidad where she ran a workshop for Native Indian communities interested in social housing, regenerative farming and carbon sequestration with hemp.

Weeded Warrior - VETS Suffering PTSD - www.weededwarrior.com

Weeded Warrior is a place for those with service-related trauma and their families to discover safe & healthy treatment modalities to treat and deal with the challenges associated with trauma related mental illness. We also welcome families of current serving personnel to learn how best to support your loved one during difficult times. Weeded Warrior was created by a former Australian Infantry Soldier and his partner after their experience with Defence-endorsed conventional treatments left them feeling helpless and more traumatised as they navigated the system. After years of dedicated, self-funded research, including a U.S. trip to meet world leading doctors, professors, field researchers and practitioners, their expert knowledge in Integrative Post Traumatic Stress Treatment has made them strong and passionate advocates for research into new approaches to PTSD, as they continue to encourage change in the medical and political arena.

Bob Doyle- President Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance

Graduated UNE with a Rural Science degree and spent 3 1/2 years in NSW Agriculture as the Dairy Lecturer at Tocal College. Was a dairy farmer for 23 years at Eden Vale Vacy and a partner in Doyle Rural Services a farm consulting and contracting business. A partner in Hemp International Australia trading locally as Dungog Hemp Foundation Chair of the Paterson Allyn Valley Landcare (1990) and current member of Gresford District Landcare Group Worked with NSW Nature Conservation Council with training integrating native habitat and agriculture. In 2008 commenced involvement in the industrial hemp industry, the year NSW Hemp Act was passed. A 6th generation farmer in our district with our 3 children actively involved in industrial hemp. President of AIHA

Martin A. Lee - Director of Project CBD

Project CBD is an educational service that focuses on cannabis science and therapeutics. Martin is the author of Smoke Signals: A Social History of Marijuana - Medical, Recreational and Scientific, winner of the American Botanical Councils James A. Duke Award for Excellence in Botanical Literature. He is also co-founder of the media watch group FAIR (Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting). Presentation Day 1: CBD: Game-Changer for Medical Marijuana. Presentation Day 2: Beyond THC and CBD: Cannabis Therapeutics and Holistic Healing.

Tim Harding - Australian entertainer & Medicinal Cannabis Advocate

Tim Harding is a multi-award winning Australian entertainer best known for his part in the International childrens TV phenomenon, Hi-5. Screened in over 200 countries, the group toured in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, the UK and Ireland.... Since Tim left Hi-5 in 2007, he has worked as an actor, public speaker, writer, producer and director, creating solutions for both government and corporate organisations. More recently, Tim has received national attention because his daughter suffers from intractable epilepsy. After the failure of many conventional treatments in trying to reduce his daughters seizures, he is now a passionate advocate of medicinal cannabis. We are only just beginning to discover the secrets behind why humans used this amazing plant successfully for so long. It is through our love and compassion that we can let go of our fears and our prejudice and give hope and dignity to those who are suffering.

Dr Rachna Patel

Dr. Rachna Patel has been practicing in the area of Medical Marijuana since 2012. She step-by-step walks patients through how to safely use medical marijuana for their specific medical condition without getting high off it, without getting addicted to it, and without smoking it. She speaks from the experience of having treated thousands of patients and having read research study upon research study on marijuana. You can learn more about the work she does at www.DrRachnaPatel.com.



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Robert C. Clarke - Author, Ethnobotanist, Plant Breeder & Agronomist

Rob Clarke has devoted his entire professional career and much of his personal life to studying the Cannabis plant and human-cannabis relationships. He is the author of The Botany and Ecology of Cannabis (1977), Marijuana Botany (1981) and HASHISH! (1998) and coauthor of Hemp Pests and Diseases (2000) and Cannabis: Evolution and Ethnobotany (2013). Rob has also written several book chapters and numerous peer-reviewed articles, as well as participating in international conferences, and his work is widely known and recognized by a popular audience as well as academic peers. Rob maintains a lengthy working relationship with HortaPharm BV in the Netherlands specializing in industrial and medicinal Cannabis breeding, and continues to serve as Projects Manager for the International Hemp Association.... has assembled a comprehensive collection of Eurasian hemp textiles. Rob presently heads BioAgronomics Group an international cannabis consultancy.

Jason Wilcox - Co-Founder and President of Cannabis Rights Coalition, Founder of Cannabis in Canada Inc, Social Justice Activist.

Jason recently won a David vs Goliath battle in Canadian federal courts. This victory led to a federal restraining order known as (Allard v HMQ Her Majesty the Queen). This injunction arrested the governments ability to ban the personal growth of cannabis until a federal trial commenced. The subsequent trial resulted in a substantial win for the plaintiffs and the government was mandated to pay them over \$700 000. With 20 years of activism/advocacy under his belt, and five long years battling in court, the Allard injunction is his greatest accomplishment yet. His love for the plant and his patriotism to his people has given Jason the perseverance needed to realize change in Canada. His brain child, The Cannabis Rights Coalition of Canada has changed federal law. The Allard trial forced the government to amend their legalization model. They now have proposed that those Canadians needing access to marijuana shall be permitted to grow up to four plants per adult. This change is to be formally legalized in 2108/2019. He is currently working with GrowingExposed.com. Jason was recently profiled in High Times <http://hightimes.com/grow/watch-episode-2-of-growing-exposed-growing-to-new-heights/> and is quickly becoming a household brand for the world of marijuana.

Fiona Patten - Victorian MP and Leader of the Australian Sex Party

Since her election to the Victorian upper house in 2014 she has successfully instigated physician assisted dying laws, a landmark inquiry into drug reform, the legalisation of ridesharing and the introduction of a bill for both safe injecting facilities and pill testing. Fiona is a strong proponent of medicinal cannabis for many years and has mixed and met with the medicinal cannabis community for over a decade. She has criticised the limited scope of existing Victorian medicinal cannabis laws and called on the state government to make medicinal cannabis available to the same patient cohort as recommended by the Victorian Law Reform Commission (VLRC).... has long lobbied for change in this area and hopes that we can draw on an expanding body of research work to make medicinal cannabis available to the widest possible range of patients.

Anastasia Suraev - Research Associate The University of Sydney

Anastasia Suraev is a Research Associate at The Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, The University of Sydney. Anastasia graduated from Masters in Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) at The University of Melbourne in 2015 where she completed her thesis on the cognitive outcomes of people with severe and treatment-resistant epilepsy, primarily Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome. Currently, Anastasia is coordinating the PELICAN research study, which aims to take an in-depth look into community use of cannabis-based products as treatment for paediatric epilepsy. As part of this study, she is interviewing families of children with epilepsy about their experiences with and opinions on the use of cannabis and hemp-based products as a way to manage seizures.

Jenny Hallam - Wildlife Carer & Animal Activist

Nurture and nature comes naturally to Jenny. Jenny, a wildlife carer is also an accidental healer of many. Accidental because her ability to heal others was born out of necessity to lessen her own pain and suffering. Jenny discovered the properties of Medical Cannabis when exploring better options than opioids prescribed for her own chronic pain and fibromyalgia. Compassion is one of her many qualities. Jenny is now also an enthusiastic Cannabis activist. She is driven by her own life experience and by those she has assisted. It is Jennys dream to see safe and sound access to Medical Cannabis a reality in South Australia.

Dr. Gary Richter - Americas Favourite Vet - treating pets with Medicinal Cannabis

Gary Richter, MS, DVM has been practicing veterinary medicine the San Francisco Bay Area since 1998. In addition to conventional veterinary medical training, Dr. Richter is certified in veterinary acupuncture as well as veterinary chiropractic. Dr. Richter understands the benefits of both conventional and holistic treatment methods for the preventative and therapeutic care of pets. He focuses on the integration of holistic and general practice veterinary medicine, regenerative medicine, as well as educating professionals and pet owners on the benefits of integrative care. By integrating medical cannabis with other conventional and alternative therapies, Dr. Richter has been able to improve the quality and quantity of life of pets living with medical conditions ranging from arthritis to inflammatory bowel disease to cancer.

Andrew Kavasilas - Hemp Farmer, President of the Northern River Hemp Association

Andrew Kavasilas is a contemporary pioneer of emerging Australian cannabis industries, a noted cannabis researcher, he has worked, coordinated and funded many projects under various government permits since 1999, including the growing high THC cannabis. Currently, Andrew is Secretary of the Australian HEMP Party, a NSW licensed hemp grower and continues with ongoing broad acre trials. For the past 6 years Andrew has undertaken breeding programs to refine low THC cannabis varieties for seed and fibre production, and other scientific exploration.

Dr. Teresa Towpik - Medical Practitioner & Medicinal Cannabis Supporter

Born in Poland Teresa worked as a junior doctor in a hospital in Glogow and now in a large medical centre, currently based in Katoomba. When going through breast cancer 16 years ago, she learnt about different patients attitudes and expectations realising that modern medicine is very much based on evidence. The absence of evidence is no evidence of absence. We need balance and we need to listen to patients as well. She is hoping that cannabis will be legalised soon, so doctors and patients can take advantage of its great healing potential.

Hemp Farms Australia

HFA is a partnership turned company owned and operated by two young Brisbane entrepreneurs. Since 2013 Hemp Farms Australia has aimed at filling the gaps in Australias seed supply. With a family history in agriculture and a secure seed bank, after years of trialling, we are ready to begin contracting out our seed to farmers. We are passionate about creating a business that is sustainable which does not impact the environment or others.... We are now in a position to begin equipping other farmers with the necessary knowledge and varieties.



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