ALLIED HEALTH PREPARATION
FOR THE NDIS

ARC 92 Little Street Cairns
5.30pm - 7.30pm

A socially intelligent & inspiring presentation by Jennifer Cullen followed by an opportunity to ask the Q&A panel your tricky questions ... and leave informed and ready to participate in our FNQ Allied Health NDIS / Aged Care consortium

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Jennifer's Bio:

Adjunct Associate Professor, Jennifer Cullen, is the Chief Executive Officer of Synapse (the Brain Injury Association of Queensland Inc) and has been with the organisation for 12 years. Jennifer is a community services professional with over 26 years' experience working in disability and aged care services.

Jennifer was appointed in 2013 to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Independent Advisory Council as the Queensland Member. Jennifer is also a Member of the NDIS Rural and Remote & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group.

Jennifer is a descendant of the Wakka Wakka people and has extensive networks with indigenous people and communities across Queensland and other parts of Australia.

Jennifer is committed to indigenous issues, rural and remote disability service delivery, and strategies for building on service innovation and delivery for people with disabilities and their families.

Michael's Bio:

Michael Linnan is the Regional Executive Director (RED) of the Far North Queensland Region in Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, Queensland Government. Michael has been the RED in the Department since 2006.

As the Regional Executive Director, Michael leads the Far North Queensland region that has more than 300 staff who provides human services in the areas of Child Safety Services, Disability Services and Community Services.

Michael has more than 36 years experience in the public service. Michael started his career as a Cadet Valuer in the 70's and moved on to management and director roles in the Department of Lands, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, State Development and Tropical North Queensland TAFE prior to joining the Department of Communities.

Michael has a rich history of managing and leading a department in times of organisational change. He is also a well respected leader in Cairns and the Far North Queensland region, especially in business sector as well as social development and human services, with the aim of supporting the development of fair, cohesive and vibrant communities.

Michael’s work is focused on developing the capacity and improving the quality of life for Queenslanders, especially for children, young people, families, seniors and members in the communities who are vulnerable and at risk.

Anita's Bio:

Anita Veivers is a highly experienced senior executive, newly appointed to the position of Executive Director of Centacare Cairns, a local organisation highly regarded in the region as a long standing provider of person centered community services.

Anita was previously CEO of ARC Disability Services, in the leadership role of this specialist disability services provider for more than 20 years.

Passionate about working with people and community, Anita is a member of several community advisory groups across the health, disability and community sectors, and represents FNQ on the Queensland Disability Advisory Council, currently in her second term as Deputy Chair.

Anita has over 25 years community sector experience in Australia and the UK, and is a strong advocate for community collaboration and partnership.

Centacare is recognised as a lead service provider in the areas of migrant settlement, counselling and mental health, particularly noted for strong social justice principles and persistent advocacy for inclusion and recognition of diversity.

Anita lives in Cairns with her husband Steve, 3 teenage daughters and a steady stream of foster dogs.