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Innovation and excellence at LASA's Inaugural WA State Conference

There will be a distinct Western Australian flavour at Leading Age Services Australia's (LASA's) first ever WA State Conference to be held in Perth on 28-29 May.

The conference brings together 200 age services professionals, leaders and specialists from across metropolitan and regional Western Australia.

With the theme of 'Age Services Creating Innov8tive Care', the program will help participants explore the possibilities that create innovative outcomes in meeting the new Aged Care Quality Standards that commence on 1 July.

LASA Chief Executive Officer, Sean Rooney said the program will feature a strong line-up of WA presenters who understand the needs of the aged care sector in Western Australia.

"As with our other state conferences there will be plenty of discussion about the new aged care quality standards, including a session where participants will hear directly from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

"A panel of experts will discuss the Royal Commission, where it might land and how it might drive reform in the sector.

"We have some great local speakers presenting at the conference, including the CEO of Southcare Nicky Howe, CEO of consultancy Faster Horses, Veronica Mayne, General Manager HR for Crown Perth Damir Kucan, and our own newly appointed Principal Advisor - Next Gen Samantha Bowen.

"We'll also have plenty of locally focussed sessions to discuss issues like new retirement living legislation in WA and the voluntary assisted dying bill.

"The conference is a great opportunity for delegates from residential care, community care, retirement living sectors and suppliers to exchange ideas and learn about new products and services that will enhance the operation of their businesses.

"The conference includes the WA LASA Excellence in Age Services Awards where individuals, teams and organisations will be recognised for their dedication to the industry at a gala dinner."

To register and find out more about the conference, visit the LASA website:

<https://lasa.eventsair.com/2019-wa-state-conference/delegates/Site/Register>

About Leading Age Services Australia (LASA)

LASA is the national peak body representing and supporting providers of age services across residential care, home care and retirement living. Our purpose is to enable a high performing, respected, and sustainable age services industry delivering accessible, affordable, quality care and services for older Australians.

We represent providers of age services of all types and sizes located across Australia's metropolitan, regional and rural areas. Consistent with the overall industry profile, 57% of our Members are not-for-profit providers, 33% are for-profit providers and 10% are government providers.

Our diverse and representative membership gives LASA the ability to speak with credibility and authority on issues of importance to older Australians and the age services industry.

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