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There are currently over 400,000 people living with dementia in Australia, and 1.2 million people are involved in their care. Care Partnerships Australia and Carers WA together with Dementia Australia will host this free 3 hour forum in Rockingham, which aims to bring people together with a range of services, to start conversations and provide information which will assist you to live well with dementia. Information is predominantly aimed at carers, however people living with dementia are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please phone 1300 227 377 or email [events@carerswa.asn.au](mailto:events@carerswa.asn.au) to register by 14th March 2018. Places are limited, so get in early to ensure you don't miss this opportunity!

#### Services being accessed

- Presentations
- Workshops
- Day Centre environmental design
- Training
- Feedback
- Carer Support

Its my pleasure to offer support to people living with a cognitive disability, relatives, hospitals and aged care organisations in improving the quality of care and enablement

#### March Calendar

**Free**

**March 21 2018 9am -12pm**

Gary Holland Centre in Rockingham. If you wish to attend, please **phone 1300 227 377** or **email [events@carerswa.asn.au](mailto:events@carerswa.asn.au) to register by 14th March 2018.**

#### Introducing Sheila Lapping

Sheila is an Enabling Environment Consultant with 15 years experience working with people living with dementia.

Some of her achievements include:

- Working with the team at Alzheimer's Australia WA developing the DEEP web site
- Interior and exterior environmental audits in day centres and residential aged care facilities
- Designing dementia friendly gardens
- Developing CommunicAid, an age appropriate communication aid for people with expressive language difficulties, a) The CommunicAid Kit paper version in three languages, b) The CommunicAid App.
- *Artistic Adventures*: Eight years photographing and supporting a unique program for people with dementia at the Art Gallery WA.
- Developed 2 resource books:
  - 1) Adapting your Home - published 2012
  - 2) Adapting Your Residential Aged Care Facility, due for publication mid 2018

Presenting at National and International Conferences: London 2009, & Hobart 2013 ADI Perth 2015: Designed and developed a dementia friendly Australian 'Bush' Garden; working with Indigenous Elders who's valuable input and creativity contributed to the display.

Sheila is semi-retired, however she is still very committed to making a difference in the lives of people living with dementia.

#### Thought for the month:

*Set your sights high, the higher the better.  
Expect the most wonderful things to happen,  
not in the future, but right now.  
Realise that nothing is too good.  
Allow absolutely nothing to hamper you  
or hold you up in any way.  
Eileen Caddy: Footprints on the path*



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