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# 2024 elder law capacity & symposium



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## The Hunter Capacity Symposium returns in 2024 with a full agenda

Hear from the experts on what's new and what  
lies up ahead for the ageing population.

- Capacity assessment and elder abuse
- The latest on VAD
- Substituted decision making in residential aged care
- Restrictive practices and informed consent

**6 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**1:30-5:30 PM**

**NUspace | University of Newcastle**  
Hunter St &, Auckland St, Newcastle



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## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Madeleine Archer**  
Member of the Voluntary Assisted  
Dying team, Australian Centre for  
Health Law Research, QUT



**Adjunct Associate  
Professor Sue Field**  
Centre for Law & Justice, CSU,  
author of Elder Law - A Guide to  
Working with Older Australians



**Dr. John Ward**  
Senior Geriatrician, Co-Director  
Hunter Ageing Alliance



**Prof. Carmelle Peisah**  
Old Age Psychiatrist,  
Founder Capacity Australia



**Dr. Sharon Reutens**  
Psychiatrist/Old Age Psychiatrist  
Medicolegal Psychiatry Practice



**Dr. Charles Douglas**  
Clinical Director Voluntary Assisted  
Dying Unit HNELHD



**Rodney Lewis AM**  
Senior Solicitor Elderlaw Legal  
Services and author of Elder Law  
in Australia



**Viv Allanson OAM**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Maroba Aged Care

# The Program

2:00 PM

Introduction and Welcome

**Philippa McDonald**

2:15 - 3:00 PM

Legal capacity – what’s changed and where are we heading?

**Assoc. Prof Sue Field**

**Prof Carmel Peisah**

3:00 - 3:45 PM

Voluntary Assisted Dying - one year on

**Dr Charles Douglas**

**Madeleine Archer**

3:45 - 5:00 PM

Consent issues regarding restrictive practices - civil and criminal liability in the aged care setting

**Rodney Lewis**

**Sharon Reutens**

**Viv Allanson**

**John Ward**

Refreshments and discussion

