



Spark of Life[®]
**Rehabilitative Program:
Manager's 2-day Option**

Live via Zoom
March 17th- 18th, 2025

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This 2-day course is an excellent introduction for Managers to the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and its implementation as the Rehabilitative Group Program for people with dementia.

Of specific interest to Managers is:

- Learning from a leadership perspective how this program sets a health care service apart and how the positive results can enhance audits and accreditation.
- Knowing how to articulate this point of difference.
- Experiencing firsthand what this program offers the end user, and the health outcomes that can be achieved.
- Understanding the framework for success that is equally transferable to enrich other group experiences such as staff, family, and resident meetings.
- Being aware of how to support the program facilitator/s from a leadership level to achieve the best possible results.

Managers 2-day Option

This 2-day intensive and practical course is designed for Managers to attend alongside one or more of their colleagues who are participating in the full 4-day Certified Course on the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program.

A Unique Learning Experience

With its small numbers of participants, this 2-day course offers an unmatched personal experience of learning firsthand from the two leaders of Dementia Care International.

The education is provided live via Zoom in Dementia Care International's world class learning environment that is at the same time inspiring, energising and captivating.



'The Rehabilitative Program was the first *Spark of Life* Programme we introduced at Adriel as it was practical and staff and residents could see results and improvements in resident's communication almost instantly. Due to the improvements noted from the Rehabilitative Programme, we received our first Continuous improvement from the New Zealand Ministry of Health external auditors. Continuous improvement is the highest attainable acknowledgment in a New Zealand audit.'

*Mischeal McCormick,
Owner and Manager,
Amberley, New Zealand*



'The Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency auditors who have visited the home twice since the commencement of implementing the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program informed us that they are very impressed with the positive outcomes for residents and other stakeholders.'

*Jan Clark,
Executive Care Manager,
Perth, Western Australia*



The Spark of Life Rehabilitative Program

The *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program is an interactive, therapeutic program that facilitates rehabilitation, builds confidence and enhances the emotional health of people with dementia.

This world class program has been thoroughly researched and extensively field tested in practice in diverse cultures around the world.



Whilst developed specifically for people with dementia, the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program **can also be successfully implemented with people who do not have dementia and people with a disability.**

The *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program is adaptable to people with any level of dementia.

The program is underpinned by the *Spark of Life* Philosophy that is at the cutting edge of dementia care because it facilitates both positive mental and physical health and generates the possibility of rehabilitation and rementia.

Rehabilitation Outcomes for People with Dementia

Through participating in the therapeutic Rehabilitative Program people with dementia can experience:

- Rehabilitation of cognitive abilities including language, comprehension and memory
- Boosted self-esteem, resilience and the will to live
- Companionship and close emotional connections, counteracting loneliness and depression
- Enhanced independence through the re-learning of skills
- Reduced falls



“The outcomes for each participant in the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program are amazing. We have seen dynamic decreases in falls and disruptive and challenging behaviours. We have seen complete engagement and restoration of dormant language skills. We have seen Re-mentia in action!”

*Karen Leimberer,
Corporate Director of
Life Enrichment Chicago,
Illinois, USA*



“The *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program facilitates improved communication skills. My experience has been that participants who may have been withdrawn or socially isolated have used more verbal and nonverbal Language. Others have begun to use sentences with expressive words and feelings.”

*Jeni Winslow,
Occupational Therapist,
Perth, Western Australia*



Spark of Life Rehabilitative Course –Managers’ Option Facts and Information



This 2-day intensive course on the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program starts on Monday 17th March and finishes on Tuesday 18th March 2025

Times

Each day is 7.5 hours.

Certificate of Attendance

Full attendance for the two days is required for a certificate of attendance to be provided.

Number of Participants

The number of participants is **capped at 12 plus Managers**, which enables close engagement with each individual. Please note that the course is for one participant to attend for two days and cannot be shared.

Course Investment

AU\$ 1100

How to Apply

There is a formal application process to apply for the course. Please complete all parts of the Rehabilitative Program Course- Manager’s Option application form.

Application Due Date

All applications must be received with full payment before **Friday 21st February, 2025**.

A package containing your educational materials will be sent to you prior to the course commencing. To allow for any postal or customs delays, the early registration is essential.

Further Information

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What Each Participant Receives:

- 2 days education on the evidence based and field-tested *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program
- Education first hand from the two leaders of Dementia Care International
- A small group learning environment of maximum 12 participants plus Managers
- An introduction to the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and Model of Care
- The Comprehensive handbook and a handout on *Spark of Life* Philosophy and neuro rehabilitation in dementia

Dementia Care International

Dementia Care International is an independent Australian organisation with the focus on humanising dementia care and facilitating the opportunity for dementia rehabilitation.

It is the organisation behind the *Spark of Life* Philosophy and Model of Care.



Learning from the Two Leaders of Dementia Care International

Jane Verity

Jane Verity is Founder and CEO of Dementia Care International and has served in this role since 1993. She is a thought leader and innovator who has developed the life-enriching and rehabilitative *Spark of Life* Philosophy that has strong roots in the Scandinavian health care system.

With Hilary Lee, Jane has co-developed the *Spark of Life* Model of Care.

In Denmark and in Australia, Jane's professional career has spanned leadership roles in geriatric psychiatry and aged care with the particular focus on developing and providing rehabilitation for people who have dementia.

Jane gives advanced mentoring to global leaders in aged and dementia care to support them in achieving best practice. In this capacity, she has been an invited advisor to the Singapore Government on dementia, and the invited representative for Australasia at the 100 Experts Forum in Sweden.

Jane has educated thousands of health care professionals, staff and families in the *Spark of Life* Philosophy around the world. She has authored two internationally published books: *The Art of Good Dementia Care* and *How to Ignite the Spark of Life in People with Dementia*.

Hilary Lee

Hilary Lee is President of Dementia Care International, serving this organization since 2007. She is a pioneer in dementia rehabilitation. Her professional career has spanned working in the UK as well as in Australia. She has led initiatives to ease the transition to residential care, the identification and prevention of depression in dementia, and a multidisciplinary approach to palliative care.

Together with professors from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Hilary developed the groundbreaking Creative Expressive Abilities Assessment Tool. This tool is used to evaluate rehabilitation in dementia care.

From 2000 to 2007, Hilary researched the *Spark of Life* Rehabilitative Program, first in practice, then as peer-reviewed research for a Master in Science Degree. After completing the research, Hilary joined Dementia Care International to co-develop with Jane Verity the *Spark of Life* Model of Care, incorporating the detailed therapeutic and scientific research insights.

In 2011, Hilary was primary editor for the book *Creative Approaches in Dementia Care* published by Palgrave MacMillan.

Hilary's current role involves strategic planning, developing specialized education and mentoring of international leaders in care on 5 continents.



Jane Verity

Founder and CEO

Originally from Denmark, Jane has a background in Occupational Therapy, is a Family Therapist in Advanced Systems Theory and a Master Practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP)



Hilary Lee

President

Hilary has a background in Occupational Therapy from Oxford, England, has a Master's Degree in Science and holds certification in Qualitative and Quantitative Health Research Methods