

Hilary Lee, M.Sc

Hilary Lee is a senior occupational therapist and dementia consultant who qualified at Dorset House School of Occupational Therapy, Oxford, UK. She holds a certificate in Advanced Dementia Care Mapping and completed post graduate studies in health research methods. Hilary has been implementing the person-centred approach with special projects such as a multidisciplinary approach to palliative care and the development of a wellbeing care plan. She has presented her projects and research both nationally and internationally. In 2005 she presented a project on the early identification and prevention of depression in dementia at the Challenging Depression in the Elderly conference, Sydney. In July 2006 she presented early findings from her Master's research on the Spark of Life program at the World Federation of Occupational Therapists' Congress, Sydney.

Hilary specializes in designing experiences for people with dementia to express themselves creatively. She worked with film makers in Perth on a documentary about an intergenerational tapestry project and presented this at the Creative Expression and Communication in Dementia Conference in Vancouver in May 2006. This connection with the Society for the Arts in Dementia in Vancouver inspired Hilary to introduce a new chapter of the Society to Australia.