### **Disability Employment Pathways,**

### Creating more certain Bridges and Pathways

### **DAWA Summit Program**

### **Monday, 31 March 2025**

| **8:30am** | **Doors open** |
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| **9:00am** | **Registrations open** |
| **9:30am** | **Acknowledgement of Country & Introduction |** Bruce Langoulant, DAWA Board Director  Welcome to regional participants online and in-person attendees |
| **9:40am** | **Spotlight Speaker |** Lena Constantine, Associate Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI WA) |
| **9:50am** | **Spotlight Speaker |** Mike Rowe, Director General, Department of Communities |
| **10:00am** | **Spotlight Speaker |** Alex Buckley, Branch Manager, Disability Employment Policy Branch, Department of Social Services |
| **10:15am** | **How the PODs will work |** Tom Tolchard, Consultant |
| **10:30am** | **Morning Tea** - mini break |
| **10:55am** | **POD Focus Group (1) | Reflecting on your own experience and knowledge, are the featured items in the Summary of Overarching Messages from 2022 still valid?**   * What progress has been made over the past 3 years and what has been left behind? The good, the bad and the ugly. * What evidence is there to show that the environment has really changed for the better for achieving more jobs? |
| **11:45am** | **Comfort Break** |
| **11:55am** | **POD Focus Group (2) | What is required to make enduring progress and more jobs for people with a disability, including school leavers and people with more complex needs, a reality in today’s more conscious world?**   * What quick start initiatives are needed for this? * How do we ensure a consistent pathway from school to employment? * From prospective employers, what else needs to happen in addition to training of HR Practitioners?’ |
| **12:45pm** | **Lunch and networking** |
| **1:40pm** | **POD Focus Group (3) | How do we ensure the aspirational endeavours of the State, Commonwealth and Industry combine for measurable gains in jobs and job satisfaction?**   * Do we need an independent body to continually promote and demonstrate the opportunities, variety and successful examples? * Who should be responsible and how should we measure success, given the numerous high-level influencers and the history of limited leadership in this area? * What gives you hope? Is it a collaboration? |
| **2:30pm** | **Recapping summit findings |** Tom Tolchard, Consultant |
| **2:50pm** | **Conclusion and next steps |** Bruce Langoulant. DAWA Board Director |
| **3:00pm** | **Day concludes** |