

Held in honour of Carers NSW founders Averil Fink and Clare Stevenson



Presented by Deirdre Croft

Carer, Advocate and Researcher

Date: Thursday 23 November 2017
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Metcalfe Auditorium
State Library NSW
Address: Macquarie Street, Sydney

Founders' Lecture will be followed by drinks and canapés

Deirdre Croft is a qualified journalist, public communications consultant and a carer for her adult son, Richard. Over the course of Richard's life, Deirdre has been a passionate advocate for the rights of people with disability, and especially the rights and needs of people with intellectual disability and their families.

Over three decades, Deirdre and Richard feature in a trilogy of documentaries *Driving with Richard* (1992) which was awarded a Certificate of Commendation in the 1994 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Awards; *Wonder Boy* (2001); and *On Richard's Side* (2016) which was launched at the 2016 Sydney International Film Festival. The documentaries, directed and produced by award winning film maker, Andrew Wiseman, follow Deirdre as she negotiates her long term caring role and her quest to establish a quality life for Richard and herself.

Deirdre is committed to identifying and promoting key issues for people who are not able to advocate for themselves. Her long-term contribution to disability advocacy has been recognised in various National and State-based Awards, including a nomination for Australian of the Year in 2016.