

Re: Support for Attendance – Driving Well OT National Vehicle Modifications & Driving Solutions Conference

Dear Manager,

I am writing to seek your support for your occupational therapist to attend the **Driving Well OT National Vehicle Modifications & Driving Solutions Conference**, being held in Brisbane on **16–17 September 2026**.

Vehicle modifications are one of the most complex areas of occupational therapy practice. Successful outcomes require clinicians to integrate clinical reasoning, functional assessment, assistive technology, vehicle knowledge, engineering principles, funding requirements and risk management to develop safe and practical recommendations.

Many occupational therapists receive very little formal education in this area, despite increasingly supporting clients with neurological conditions, spinal cord injuries, progressive neurological disorders, paediatrics, ageing, complex disability and community mobility.

This conference has been developed to bridge that gap.

What will your clinician gain?

Over two practical days, delegates will develop skills in:

- Clinical reasoning for vehicle modification recommendations.
- Vehicle selection and common modification options.
- Wheelchair transport, occupant safety and crash testing.
- Passenger and driver modifications.
- Working collaboratively with vehicle modifiers and engineers.
- Funding pathways and report writing.
- Australian Standards and clinical governance considerations.
- Risk management and common pitfalls.
- Real case studies and hands-on learning with modified vehicles.

Delegates also receive a comprehensive workbook containing practical resources, report templates, funding application examples and clinical tools that can be implemented immediately within practice.

Return on investment

Vehicle modification clients are often some of the most complex and valuable referrals managed within community occupational therapy.

A typical vehicle modification referral may include:

Activity	Approximate clinical time
Initial assessment	1.5 hours
Vehicle demonstration / trial	1–1.5 hours
Comprehensive report and funding application	4–5 hours
Communication with clients, suppliers, funders and treating team	1–2 hours
Vehicle handover and post-modification review	1.5 hours
Travel (three appointments)	Approximately 3 hours

Total clinical time: approximately 12–14.5 hours per client.

For many organisations, one or two successful vehicle modification referrals can recover the investment made in conference attendance through billable clinical services alone.

Beyond the financial return, clinicians will gain greater confidence to:

- Deliver higher quality recommendations.
- Reduce time spent developing reports from scratch by using proven templates.
- Navigate funding pathways more efficiently.
- Identify appropriate vehicle solutions earlier.
- Work more effectively with vehicle modifiers and engineers.
- Reduce clinical risk by understanding current standards and best practice.

These efficiencies continue long after the conference has finished.

Supporting high-quality service delivery

Perhaps the greatest value of the conference is its impact on client outcomes.

Vehicle modification decisions can significantly influence a person's independence, employment, education and participation in community life. Selecting the wrong vehicle or recommending an inappropriate modification can result in costly delays, unsuccessful funding applications and reduced functional outcomes.

Investing in clinician capability helps ensure recommendations are practical, evidence-informed and centred on the client's long-term needs.

About the conference

The conference is suitable for occupational therapists working in:

- Community practice
- Rehabilitation
- Neurology
- Spinal cord injury
- Paediatrics
- Assistive technology
- Community mobility
- Driver assessment

Whether your organisation currently manages vehicle modification referrals or is looking to build capability in this growing area of practice, attendance will provide practical knowledge that can be applied immediately.

Further information, including the full conference program, is available at:

<https://www.drivingwell.com.au/vehicle-mods-conference/>

Thank you for considering this professional development opportunity. I am confident your clinician will return with practical skills, resources and confidence that will enhance both client outcomes and organisational capability.

Kind regards,

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