

## Keynote Speaker

### Dr Margaret Hampson

#### *Women in prison- reflections of a prison chaplain*

Dr Margaret Hampson has worked as a voluntary prison chaplain in Queensland for the past five years. In her presentation, she will reflect on the reasons for women's incarceration, the support they receive, (and from whom in context of their educational aspirations) and their past educational experiences or lack thereof.



Dr Hampson commenced her professional career studying a Bachelor of Social Science (Nursing) degree at the University of Natal in Durban, South Africa, majoring in nursing and psychology. After qualifying as a registered nurse and midwife she pursued part-time studies at the University of South Africa, obtaining an Honours degree in psychology. She subsequently completed a Master's degree in Social Science at the University of Natal, Durban, qualifying for registration as a clinical psychologist. Margaret worked as a clinical psychologist in independent private practice in South Africa for eight years before migrating to Australia in 2002 with her husband and four children. Before retiring from paid employment in 2016, Margaret worked for 14 years as a Centrelink psychologist including 2 years working in outback areas of Queensland and New South Wales. During this time she gained extensive experience in the assessment of jobseekers with special needs including intellectual disabilities and mental health conditions. In 2014 Margaret completed a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Bond University. Her thesis is entitled "Employment barriers and support needs of people living with psychosis". She has published in local and international academic journals including the Australian Journal of Psychology, Health Education Journal, The Qualitative Report and the American Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation.