## Amy Hall

## **Banksia Support Services**

Banksia Support Services – 2023 IWIB Best New Business

Amy Hall – 2023 Business Illawarra – Highly Commended Outstanding Business Leader

2024 "The Women Changing the World Awards - United Kingdom" Winning Gold in "Rural & Regional Impact" & Bronze Award "Disability Leadership"

Amy Hall is a teacher, youth mental health advocate and Child & Adolescent Behaviour Support practitioner.

She has earned multiple university degrees in Education, Leadership, Youth Work and Mental Health advocacy, and is currently working on her second master's degree in Disability Policy and Leadership.

With a career spanning over 20 years, Amy has established herself as a trusted advocate and leader in supporting vulnerable populations and promoting social inclusion.



Amy is a multiple international award-winning business and disability leader. She is an international speaker, providing guidance on lived experience of disability and business entrepreneurship and is an emerging philanthropist and thought leader in her field.

Amy has supported families across Australia who live with complex disabilities who demonstrate unsafe behaviours because they are unable to communicate their wants and needs in ways that others can easily interpret. Amy's mission is to promote understanding about her clients, who they are, why they behave in different ways, and how their community can maximise their quality of life through skill building and proactive supports and reduce the need to restrict or restrain them (in Australia this is known as a reportable restrictive practice).

Amy also consults with multiple government organisations across Australia in best practice approaches to support children with disabilities when they come to hospitals, attend school communities and when they are transitioning to work. Amy is passionate about sector capacity building. She is the clinical supervisor to 50 Behaviour Practitioners nationally.

Most recently Amy has developed and implemented a national training program for Behaviour Practitioners which is aligned to the Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). This is one of the first of it's kind in Australia to date.

Amy believes in the two degrees. That her work can shift a trajectory of a person's life just enough that if she succeeds, she can positively influence their future long after they exit her service.

Amy lives with disability and has always needed to work hard to retain information and has learned to navigate significant barriers with numbers and reading, but this effort has been the bridge to overcoming great adversity and modelling for others how disability does not have to be a barrier to success, achievement or being a leader.