

16th annual TheMHS conference



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The Mental Health Services Conference Inc.
of Australia and New Zealand

REACH OUT
CONNECT



registration and conference program

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre, Townsville, Queensland, Australia

CONFERENCE 30 August – 1 September 2006

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS 29 August 2006

over 250 presenters
over 1000 mental health workers, choose
this conference each year
updates of current therapeutic practices
improving quality of services
workforce development
research
personal stories
lots of good ideas for service reform



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TheMHS Conference is an international mental health and psychiatric, educational forum, attracting over 1000 mental health clinicians, managers, consumers, carers, researchers, educators and policy makers, annually.



TheMHS Conference

What delegates liked about past TheMHS conferences

New ideas

Latest techniques

Clinical updates

Expanding current knowledge and experience

Inspiring, dynamic keynote speakers

Diverse, excellent program with a variety of topics

Strength of consumers and carers (families) presenting their experiences

Positive networking opportunities.

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Come to Townsville in far north Queensland in 2006

This is the first time that TheMHS has been held in a regional city. Townsville & Thuringowa is the largest city in Northern Australia and is a centre for industry, education, defence and health, with all the facilities needed to enjoy your stay. Townsville, while remote, has everything an intrepid adventurer or holiday-maker might want: a pleasant climate all year round; the Great Barrier Reef and tropical islands; historic outback towns; world heritage rainforests and wetlands. Take a walk along the Strand, visit Reef HQ Aquarium or wildlife sanctuaries; take a ferry to Magnetic Island (or Maggie as it is known locally); bring your swimmers, fishing rod, water toys, sun screen and get ready to relax.

Conference Theme:



Why Reach Out

There are many ways to reach out. People reach out to each other every day for mental health and wellbeing. Here in North Queensland we reach out over great geographical distances, as well as reaching out to people who experience social and emotional distances.

Why Connect

Living is about connections – the connections that we make with the past, present and the future; the many connections we make with others, the land, the country, the environment, and our own internal connections with our own thoughts and feelings. Connection creates communities. Connection sustains culture. Connection makes us whole.

This TheMHS Conference will celebrate these connections and provide an opportunity to reach out to others to share journeys towards mental wellbeing. Gaining and maintaining mental health often includes overcoming isolation. Here, people can travel hundreds of kilometres to see others. Professionally this is "Outreach". For families and friends it is keeping in touch – which is living!

We want to share personal experiences, unique ideas, service innovations and "know how", to reach out and make connections that improve mental health and wellbeing.

Prior to the main conference, there will be pre-conference forums for consumers, carers (families), indigenous people, and workshops on key skills in mental health services. The social and cultural program will highlight the people, the place and all things North Queensland.

Townsville attractions

The North Queensland region offers a myriad of experiences for the visitor, from the Great Barrier Reef and its scattering of tropical islands through to the historic outback and the lush rainforests, waterfalls, national parks and world heritage listed areas to the north. Townsville has over 300 days of sunshine each year. Surrounded by a rich hinterland of tropical rainforests and waterfalls, Townsville is also close to historic gold mining towns, the outback, islands, and of course, the Great Barrier Reef.

A Diverse, In-depth Conference Program

There will be over 250 presenters at this year's conference. The preliminary conference program is available on TheMHS website: www.themhs.org. Just a few of the many highlights are listed here. **On Wednesday** there will be 2 specific symposia for and about general practice and mental health on burnout and stress management for GPs; a debate about how to achieve better employment prospects for people with mental illness; symposia about reducing stigma with young people; children of parents with a mental illness; mental health first aid; recovering from mental illness; advanced directives; educating the workforce; planning for recovery by Ron Coleman. **On Thursday** there will be a symposium with Prof Gavin Andrews about the Tolkein II report about a model for mental health system; asylum seekers' mental health; consumer participation, consumer partnerships; depression and women; Royal Flying Doctor Service perspective; rural and remote issues; Aboriginal women's theatre group; family law and children; workshop by keynote speaker Xavier Amador; young carers; dual diagnoses; **On Friday** there will be an extended paper by Mary O'Hagan about New Zealand's recovery journey; mental health first aid programs; rights of people with mental illness; the mental health tribunal; culturally and linguistically diverse carers; health outcomes; enhancing safety in mental health services; acute services and families; innovative services for youth; physical health issues.

Wednesday keynote address:

Xavier Amador will speak about - "I am Not Sick, I Don't Need Help!" How to Help Someone with Mental Illness Accept Treatment.

Thursday keynote addresses:

Jon Jureidini - Children's rights in 21st century Australia

Nicholas Procter - "They first killed his heart (then) he took his own life": Reaching out, connecting and responding as key enablers for mental health service provision in multicultural Australia.

Friday keynote address:

Merinda Epstein - The emperor's new clothes: On being invisible and neglected within the mental health system; a gendered perspective from a borderline pioneer.

In the town go and visit the world renowned Reef HQ, the world's largest living coral reef aquarium, the Billabong Sanctuary, where you can learn all about Australia's fascinating native wildlife, and many other cultural and heritage attractions like the Brolga Dreaming Aboriginal Centre.

This cosmopolitan city boasts an array of world class cafes, bars, restaurants, nightclubs, casino and shops. Which ever one you choose, you'll experience Townsville's friendly and unique, relaxed tropical ambience.

National Rugby League match in Townsville

On the weekend of 1-3 September, the Townsville Cowboys rugby team will be playing the Parramatta Eels rugby team in Townsville. At the time of going to print the exact date has not been announced. To ensure your preferences for flights and for hotel accommodation, please book early. Venue: Dairy Farmers Stadium

Townsville Art Society Award Exhibition

The 51st annual award exhibition for North Queensland artists.

Venue: Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Cnr Denham St & Flinders Mall, Townsville

Time: Mon - Fri, 10am - 5pm Sat - Sun, 10am - 2pm; Cost: Free

Horseshoe Bay Markets, 27 August

Held under the trees and on the beach front of Magnetic Island's Horseshoe Bay, these delightful markets showcase

the arts, crafts and small businesses of Magnetic Island. Live Island music from about 11am, and all adjacent shops cafes and restaurants offer market day specials. If coming from the mainland ask Sunferries and the Bus Service for the Market Day Special fares. Location: Magnetic Island Venue: Horseshoe Bay Foreshore Time: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Exquisite House, opens on 1 September

Children and adults alike will be amused for hours as they discover the artworks and dimensions of the built environment. The Perc Tucker's annual children's exhibition with interactive rooms where inspiration can be turned into creation. Venue: Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Cnr Denham St & Flinders Mall. Time: Mon - Fri, 10am - 5pm Sat - Sun, 10am - 2pm; Cost: Free

Strand Night Markets, Friday 1 September

Come along to the Strand Night Market and enjoy a diverse range of entertainment and a huge variety of food, fashion, craft, jewellery and home and leisure displays. The Strand Night Market offers a unique insight into the diverse North Queensland. Venue: Strand Park. Time: 5pm to 9.30pm

Tully Golden Gumboot Festival, Saturday 2 September

An annual family fun day with events based around gumboots. Venue: Tully Showgrounds Butker St, Tully NOTE: Tully is north from Townsville. Time: From 3pm; Cost: entry fee: gold coin donation

For more information go to: www.townsvilleonline.com.au; www.townsvilleholidays.info

keynote speakers



Xavier Amador, Adjunct Professor in Clinical Psychology at Teachers College Columbia University, New York, USA. Previously he was Director of Research at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Director of Psychology at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, and co-chair of the most recent text revision of

the schizophrenia and related disorders section of the DSM IV. He is a forensic expert, having worked on a number of high profile kidnapping and prisoner abuse cases in the USA (e.g., Unabomber, Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse, the 20th 9/11 hijacker). He has a brother with schizophrenia and is the author of numerous books, including: "I'm Not Sick, I Don't Need Help"; "When Someone You Love is Depressed: How to Help Without Losing Yourself"



Merinda Epstein, is a Policy Officer in the Mental Health Legal Centre, Melbourne, Vic. Previously she has worked for the National Resource Centre for Consumer Participation in Health, the Mental Health Council of Australia, the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council. With a background in Sociology, she

trained as teacher and is now an accomplished author, cartoonist, poet and researcher. She was a member of the consortium that developed the Australian National Standards for Mental Health Services, and was awarded the 2004 Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission Award for outstanding service towards the human rights of Australians in the community – for her contribution towards the lives of people with mental illness.



Nicholas Procter, Associate Professor and Academic Integrity Officer, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of SA. He has received several awards for his academic, professional and community work as a teacher, researcher and consultant. Most recently he has undertaken research in the design of clinical

care for marginalized and disenfranchised people with mental health problems, and evaluation of rural and remote mental health services. Currently he is an advisor to Multicultural Mental Health Australia, member of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing Panel for the Provision of Writers and Reviewers in the Areas of Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. He is a former Hawke Fellow and was a finalist in the 2005 Margaret Tobin Awards for Excellence in Mental Health.



Jon Jureidini is a senior research fellow in philosophy and a clinical associate professor in child psychiatry. He is head of the Department of Psychological Medicine, Children's Youth and Women's Health Service, Adelaide where he works with children with physical illness and their families, and with the paediatric

emergency department. He has recently developed a teaching programme for GPs to help them work with children with mental health issues. His main areas of interest are refugee detention and prescribing for children, and he sometimes gets angry about both issues. He has also published recently on ethics, parenting, narrative, dissociation, consciousness, placebo analgesia, child abuse, and rehabilitation of adolescents with unexplained symptoms. Jon Jureidini is chair of Healthy Skepticism, an independent organisation working to counter misleading drug promotion

A PRELIMINARY PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE

Go to www.themhs.org and follow the links to the annual conference
→ forthcoming conference → program

workshops & forums - Tuesday 29th August 2006

BOOK THESE FORUMS AND WORKSHOPS ON THE REGISTRATION FORM

On the pre-conference day each Forum and Workshop has its own program and fee structure. Forums are organised by a local Townsville sub-committee. Workshops focus on special topics of interest to people in the mental health field.

CARER FORUM: FAMILY CONNECTIONS

The Inclusion of Families in Mental Health Care

The family/carer forum will discuss the advantages of mental health services involving them in the care of their loved one. Guest speakers include Mr Rob Knowles (President of the Mental Illness Fellowship Australia, Chair Mental Health Council of Australia and recently retired Commissioner of Complaints Aged Care), Senator Claire Moore (Member Senate inquiry into mental health services) and Mr John Mendoza (CEO Mental Health Council Australia). Families will also be given opportunities to put some balance into their lives through engaging in innovative and enjoyable exercise and reflection.

CONSUMER FORUM

The 23 BIG Issues

This forum will discuss the BIG issues with BIG names in the consumer networks. The 23 BIG Issues were developed a few years ago at a previous TheMHS Consumer Forum and have undergone a number of refinements since then. However the BIG Issues have not gone away. Speakers include Merinda Epstein (2006 TheMHS keynote speaker) and Ron Coleman (2005 TheMHS keynote speaker) and the forum will be facilitated by Rod Salvage. The aim of the day is to develop an action plan which can be placed on political and service development agendas.

For background on the 23 BIG issues please log on to www.themhs.org.

INDIGENOUS FORUM

Culture and Healing

From a cultural perspective, families are the lifeline for our people who have a mental illness. When one of our mob suffers the whole family suffers. Their spirits are broken. Families are the lifeline to reach out to services to search for help for their loved ones. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Maori and other indigenous people need to go through a healing process in reconnecting with the land, the sea and the social, emotional wellbeing that is their community. When one of our mob endures a mental illness, reconnecting with culture is important, as well as having the connection with mainstream services. Through the healing process we are able to regain identity, culture and wellbeing. The forum will be lead by local and specially invited speakers. Please come and share your stories with us during this day long forum. Check website for confirmation of details of speakers.

WORKSHOP 1: WHAT'S NEW IN OUTCOME MEASUREMENT?

Outcome measurement is a growing and rapidly changing field. This one-day workshop will include presentations from practitioners, consumers and researchers from Australia and New Zealand on a range of topical areas in outcome measurement, including:

- Focus groups on the uptake and use of outcome measures
- Outcome measurement in New Zealand
- Ensuring appropriate processes in the use of the consumer self-rating measure
- Development of materials to promote enhanced use of outcome measures
- The Australian Mental Health Outcomes and Classification Network

The workshop will also provide participants with an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters and discuss the issues and challenges they face.

The workshop facilitators and presenters are:

- **Tom Trauer**, St Vincent's Health, Melbourne and University of Melbourne
- **Glenda Pedwell**, Project Manager, QUATRO - North East, Victoria
- **Jennifer Black**, Project Manager, Western QUATRO, Victoria
- **Tom Callaly**, Barwon Health, Victoria
- **Tim Coombs**, The Australian Mental Health Outcomes and Classification Network
- **Kathryn Weedon**, Consumer consultant, St Vincent's Health, Melbourne
- **Jon Langford**, Consumer consultant, Austin Health, Melbourne
- **Kathy Stapley**, National Project Coordinator – Clinical MH-SMART Outcomes Initiative, New Zealand
- **Luke Hatzipetrou**, Team Leader, Area Clinical Information Team, School of Mental Health, The Park, Centre for Mental Health, Queensland

WORKSHOP 2: LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION: NGO'S AND SPECIALIST SERVICES

Integration of care between non government organisations, primary carers including General Practitioners and Specialist Mental Health Services (as well as private Psychiatrists) is increasingly being identified as a major focus for improvement over the next few years. National and State policy documents encourage us to work more collaboratively with one another but how is this to be achieved? What leadership is needed, who will lead, and what tools and skills are needed? Integration of care along the care continuum will be a challenge for us all as managers and leaders. In this workshop we will hear from the following presenters:

- **Barbara Hocking**, Executive Director of SANE, a leading independent NGO campaigning for the those affected by mental illness.
- **John Mendoza**, CEO of the Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA), the peak national non-government organisation representing and promoting the interests of the Australian mental health sector.
- **Peter Mc George**, Clinical Director, St. Vincents Mental Health Service, Sydney, specialist mental health service provider with considerable experience of working with NGOs in New Zealand.
- **Jeff Cheverton**, Executive Director, Qld. Alliance of Mental Illness and Psychiatric Disability Groups.
- **Leanne Wells**, Manager Policy & Development/ Principal Adviser Mental Health with the Australian Divisions of General Practice.
- **Tom Callaly**, Director, Barwon Mental Health Services, Geelong
- **Workshop Chair:** Harry Minas, Director of the University of Melbourne Centre for International Mental Health, will lead discussion focused on practical leadership and management approaches to the present challenges.

special & social events

Opening Ceremony:

Welcome to Land and Mental Health Achievement Awards

An elder of the local Aboriginal community will welcome delegates to the conference. This will be followed by the presentation of the bi-national Australian and New Zealand Achievement Awards for mental health services, for special contribution to mental health services and for media representation of mental health issues. The Australian Minister for Health, The Hon. Tony Abbott will present the awards to the winners.

Performance: Depression: The Great Debate

Wednesday 30 August 5.00 – 6.00pm in main plenary hall

This play is comic but informative about depression. Set in King's College Cambridge Professor Harmony, the Professor of Medication at the College argues against depression - he says that one doesn't have to be depressed "he's not". The ubiquitous Mrs. Black argues the case for depression by being so depressed she falls asleep during the debate unable to wake up. The compere might just have to give her the gong! If you can't laugh about depression you will when you see this play. Written & directed by Neil Cole, this is a free performance for all conference delegates.

Welcome Reception

6.00 – 8.00pm Wednesday 30 August, at Jupiters Hotel

Come and catch up with friends and colleagues. Finger food and entertainment are provided and there will be a cash bar for you to purchase drinks. Apart from the wonderful seascape as a backdrop to the evening, the highlight of the evening will be the performance by the 1RAR Army Band. The Band supports 3rd Brigade, other military units and the wider community alike as well as supporting their own 1st Battalion on overseas deployments including three tours of East Timor.



Meetings Session 5.15 – 6.30pm

Thursday 31 August

Groups, associations, societies may organise a meeting during TheMHS Conference - the person booking this service must be registered as a conference delegate. Apply to TheMHS Office before 4th August, for details.

Dinner 7.00pm

Thursday 31st August at Jupiters Hotel

Jupiters hotel is adjacent to the Convention Centre. The conference dinner will be a chance to relax, eat, drink and talk. Dinner will consist of a BBQ on the back lawn of Jupiters Hotel. Vegetarians please note that there will be several vegetarian options. Soft drinks are included in the cost, but alcoholic drinks must be purchased separately. The dinner menu can be obtained from TheMHS office.

Closing Ceremony:

The conference closing ceremony will include entertainment, speakers and the ceremonial handover of the TheMHS banner to next year's conference committee.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

On the pre-conference day (29th August) each Forum and Workshop will have its own program and fee structure. Forums are organised by a local Townsville sub-committee. Workshops focus on special topics of interest to people in the mental health field.

The 3 day conference program (30th August – 1st September) consists of keynote speaker plenary sessions, papers, brief papers, symposia, workshops, debates and a poster session. After the keynote speaker each morning there will be 10 concurrent sessions.

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2006

- 8.00am Registration Desk opens
- 9.00am – 5.00pm Workshop 1: Outcome Measurement
- 9.30am – 5.00pm Carer (Family) Forum
- 9.30am – 5.00pm Consumer Forum
- 9.30am – 5.00pm Indigenous Forum
- 1.30pm – 5.00pm Workshop 2: Leadership & Collaboration

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2006

- 8.00am Registration Desk opens
- 8.45am Conference opening, awards presentation and keynote address

There will be 10 concurrent sessions throughout the day

- 5.00pm – 6.00pm Poster session
- 5.00pm – 6.00pm Free performance of play
- 6.00pm – 8.00pm Welcome Reception with RAR Army Band

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2006

- 8.00am Registration desk opens
- 8.45am Keynote Address followed by 10 concurrent sessions throughout the day
- 5.15pm Meetings of associations, groups (contact TheMHS Office for details)
- 7.00pm Dinner at Jupiters Hotel

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2006

- 8.30am Registration desk opens
- 8.45am Keynote Address followed by 10 concurrent sessions throughout the day
- 4.30pm Close of conference

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

These awards are given in recognition of innovations and achievements by mental health services, consumer organisations and individuals. TheMHS administers, and the governments of Australia and New Zealand fund these awards. A formal presentation of awards is made at the conference.

Townsville, North Queensland

The Weather

The weather at this time of year in Townsville is exceptional! The average maximum temperature for August is 26C and the minimum average is 15C. The average hours of sunshine per day is 9, and there are only 2 days of rain in the whole month of August.

Passports, Entry Visas and Customs

All international visitors require a valid passport and visa for entry into Australia (most New Zealand visitors require a valid passport only).

Some useful websites are:

Tourist visas	www.immi.gov.au
Customs and quarantine	www.customs.gov.au ; www.affa.gov.au (all food, plant and animal materials must be declared)
Foreign embassies	www.dfat.gov.au

Townsville Transport

AIRLINE TRAVEL - PLEASE BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS EARLY!

There will be a rugby league football match in Townsville the weekend immediately following our conference, so flights may get very full. Although there are plenty of flights in and out of Townsville, if you want to fly on a specific date and time, we suggest that you book immediately.

Townsville Airport

Several airlines fly into Townsville airport. A useful website is Townsville Airport: <http://www.townsvilleairport.com.au/>;

The airport is situated on a coastal plain between Rowes Bay and the Bohle River, 5km west of the city centre. The Airport orientation is such that the existing northern end of the main runway is only 1km from the coast, whilst the terminal and administration building area is approximately 2.6km inland.

Taxis

Taxis are available from the departures end of the Terminal Building. Should there be no taxis available, an intercom service direct to the Taxi Head Office is situated just near the rank to request dispatch of further taxis. Phone: 131 008 Website: www.tsvtaxi.com.au

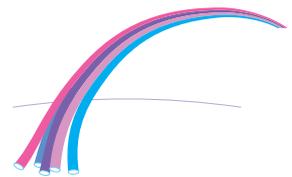
Airport Shuttle

The Airport Shuttle bus undertakes scheduled services to various hotels and motels, the Strand and City, Sunferries, the Transit Centre and the Coral Princess. Bookings are required to be made for all pickups as some services only operate if required. Phone: 07 4775 5544

Transport between city hotels and the Convention Centre

BUS TRANSFERS: A free bus for conference delegates will operate between the Convention Centre and the hotels listed on the accommodation booking form. This bus will operate between 8.00am and 6.00pm starting at the Quest Apartments/Quality Hotel Southbank, then going to the Townsville Plaza and to Townsville Convention Centre. These are the only pick-up points for this free bus service. There will also be a limited service for the Dinner and the Welcome Reception.

SUNBUS CITY LOOP: this public bus service will operate via the Townsville Convention Centre for the 4 days of the conference. On the City Loop map the Convention Centre is situated further along the small peninsula past the Sunferry bus stop.



THEMHS
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TheMHS is a learning network for improving mental health services in Australasia. TheMHS mission is to

1. Recognise and promote quality collaborative research, practice, policy-making and education.
2. Promote active involvement and inclusion of all mental health stakeholders
3. Advocate and promote leadership in the mental health field.

TheMHS provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, professional development, networking and debate for professionals, consumers, carers (families), and managers. TheMHS aims to promote positive attitudes about mental health and mental illness, and to stimulate debate that will challenge the boundaries of present knowledge and ideas about mental health care.

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TheMHS CONFERENCE BURSARIES

TheMHS is pleased to be able to offer a limited number of bursaries for consumers to attend the conference. These bursaries provide airfares and a free registration, but do not include accommodation. Priority is given to those people who are presenting a paper, workshop, symposium or poster at the conference or forums, and who would otherwise have difficulty attending the conference due

to financial reasons. Contact TheMHS Office immediately to obtain your application form. Be sure to apply early, as the first round of offers will be announced in June 2006. If there are still bursaries available after the first round are allocated in June, subsequent offers will be made.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

If you require a certificate of attendance at this conference

to fulfil your Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements, please fill in appropriate box on the Registration Form. Please collect your CPE certificate at the registration desk on the last day of your attendance at the conference. Psychiatrists attending this conference can claim 2 points per hour to a maximum of 12 points per day under the MOPS Category 'educational meetings

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS

Your registration form and fees – by post or online – must be received by 18 August 2006. After this date, please contact TheMHS office. On-site registrations will be accepted, depending upon space availability, but must be accompanied by the total fee that is due. Earlybird registration fees must be received by 14 July 2006.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please register online or post the conference registration form to:
TheMHS Conference
PO Box 192
Balmain NSW Australia 2041

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation booking form is to be sent directly to the Hotel Network.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Your name and contact details will be used only to notify you of future mental health related events organised by TheMHS. If you do not wish to have your details used for this purpose please contact TheMHS office.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that delegates take out adequate medical, travel and personal insurance prior to the commencement of travel to cover any loss of fees, accommodation or airfares, should you be unable to participate in the conference for any reason.

DISCLAIMER: The information given by presenters at the conference does not represent the views of TheMHS, and does not constitute therapeutic advice. We strongly advise conference presenters to take out their own professional indemnity insurance.

In the event of industrial action, force majeure or other unforeseen disruption, the conference organisers do not take responsibility for any loss of monies incurred by conference delegates. We strongly advise conference delegates to arrange their own personal insurance.

The conference will not be liable for any participant failing to take out their own insurance.

Delegates and other invitees must observe the requests and, or directions of TheMHS and, or Townsville Convention Centre or Jupiters Hotel or their staff.

Further information is available from: www.themhs.org

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conference registration form

TAX INVOICE
ABN: 53 621 201 979



PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE

by Friday 18 August 2006 www.themhs.org

On site registrations may be available but please check with TheMHS Office before attending the conference.

Morning/afternoon tea and lunch are included in the registration fee. The Welcome Reception is included in the 3-day registration fee and the day only registration fee for Wednesday.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION *Wednesday 30th August to Friday 1st September 2006*

	AUD	Amount Paid \$AUD ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> Full fee 3 days	\$670	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Earlybird fee 3 day (if received by 14 July 2006)	\$620	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Concession 3 days **	\$265	\$ _____
Full fee – Day only		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 30/8/06	\$270	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 31/8/06	\$270	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 1/9/06	\$270	\$ _____
Concession – Day only **		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 30/8/06	\$ 95	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 31/8/06	\$ 95	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 1/9/06	\$ 95	\$ _____

Tuesday 29th August 2006

<input type="checkbox"/> Consumers Forum (full day)	\$35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Carers (Family) Forum (full day)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Full fee	\$ 70	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Concession **	\$ 35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Forum (full day)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Full fee	\$ 70	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Concession **	\$ 35	\$ _____

(The consumers and carers forums are subsidised by the Australian Department of Health and Ageing)

Tuesday 29th August 2006

<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 1 Outcome Measurement (full day)	\$ 240	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop 2 Leadership and Management (afternoon only)	\$ 125	\$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner at cost of \$55 per person	\$55	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra person for dinner – name? _____	\$55	\$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Please supply a Continuing Professional Education Attendance Certificate (must be collected at the Conference)		\$Free
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TOTAL \$ _____

10% Goods and Services Tax (GST) has been included in the above Australian dollar fees

NOTE 1: ** Concessions are given to full time students/ pension card holders/ government beneficiaries/ unemployed people. Please attach evidence (eg photocopy of pension card or student card) of concession/beneficiary status to the registration form.

NOTE 2: # Limited concessions available for workshops – apply to TheMHS Office for details.

* Conference fees are designed to cover all costs, to provide subsidised concessions, and Australian GST. TheMHS is a not-for-profit organisation.

conference registration form **continued**

Please print.

Surname _____

First Name _____

Organisation _____

Postal Address _____

Suburb/City _____ State/Territory _____

Country _____ Postcode _____

Ph (Work) _____ Fax _____

Mobile Phone _____ Ph (Home) _____

Email _____ (Please write clearly)

Special Requirements (hearing loop, sign language interpreter, meals, wheelchair access etc)

How did you find out about this year's TheMHS Conference?

- Colleague or friend Received brochure in mail from TheMHS
 Advertisement in journal/newsletter (please specify) _____
 TheMHS Website
 Other _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED (please tick your option)

- Australian dollar cheque/bank draft payable to **The Mental Health Services Conference Inc**
 Authority to charge my credit card account (Australian Dollar amount)

CREDIT CARD DETAILS

Please note that all credit card transactions are in Australian dollars, and that only the credit cards listed below are accepted.

- Visa Mastercard

Card Number: Expiry Date: _____|_____

Amount \$ _____ Name on card _____

Signature **X** _____

DIRECT DEPOSIT: If your organisation intends to pay by Direct Deposit, please ensure that TheMHS Office is notified of this ASAP, and quote Invoice Number.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Your name and contact details will be used only to notify you of future mental health related events organised by TheMHS. If you do not wish to have your details used for this purpose please contact TheMHS office.

CANCELLATION POLICY

For refund of fees in the event of cancellation the following applies:

Fees will be refunded in full if TheMHS is notified by the 28 July 2006, 50% of fee will be refunded if notification is received by 4 August 2006. No refund will apply after the 4 August 2006 except at the discretion of TheMHS Management Committee.

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REGISTRATION BOOKING FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

**TheMHS Conference,
PO Box 192, Balmain NSW Australia 2041**

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