TheMHS SUMMER FORUM

Social and emotional well-being is central to the health of a nation. It is one of the biggest challenges in mental health in Australia today. Aboriginal people deserve excellent services whether they live in big cities or in remote communities. The 10th Annual Summer Forum will begin by asking these questions:

**HOW DO WE LISTEN?**

**HOW DO WE LEARN?**

**HOW DO WE CHANGE?**

**HOW DO WE ACT?**

TheMHS continues its mission to focus on the big issues and challenges in mental health in Australia and New Zealand. These forums raise issues, highlight problems and focus on future directions and examples of good practice and good research.

“The principles and strategies for effective action are known and the evidence for what will work is available. In the present rhetoric, it is the absence of responsibility, not the absence of evidence that impedes us now. All of us have responsibilities.”

Professor Fiona Stanley, paediatrician and former Australian of the Year (Sydney Morning Herald, 31/7/07, p11)
Who should attend this forum? This forum will be of interest to mental health program managers and directors, clinical leaders, researchers, educators and policy makers—whether you are indigenous or not, mental health consumer or carer /family or cushion.

SPEAKERS

Helen Milroy – a descendent of the Pitjara people of the Pitjara region of Western Australia. She worked as a General Practitioner and a Consultant in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Bentley Family Clinic and Families At Work, at the Australian College of Physicians Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Committee. Currently Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Bentley Family Clinic and Families At Work, residential program director at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in Canberra. She is a Co-Deputy Chair of the National Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Committee (NIDAC); a member of the Board of the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI), Curin Unit; member of the Indigenous Reference Group for the Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia (ADCAL); currently developing workforce training and employment capacity building for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Community Workers.

Topic: Children, transitional trauma and the well-being of indigenous communities

Coralie Ober – Research Fellow, Queensland Alcohol & Drug Research & Education Centre (QADREC) Unit of Queensland. She is co-developed and validated in the School of Public Health, University of Queensland. She is a School Guidance Officer working in the Queensland Corrective Services. She is a Co-Deputy Chair of the National Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Committee (NIDAC); a member of the Board of the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI), Curin Unit; member of the Indigenous Reference Group for the Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia (ADCAL). Currently developing workforce training and capacity building for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Community Workers.

Topic: Workforce development and capacity building – considerations for the future

Tom Brideson – Statewide Coordinator for the Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program in NSW; actively involved with the Dr Liam Program since its inception in 1993 (Director – 2001-2004); several years worked as an Aboriginal Mental Health Worker. Tom was the Assistant Director of the Social Health Section, Commonwealth Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in Canberra. He holds a Diploma in Health Science (Mental Health) and a Bachelor of Arts (Welfare Studies)

Topic: Lessons from the current roll out of the Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program

Alan Rosen – is Director of Clinical Services, Royal North Shore Hospital and Community Mental Health Services, Associate Professor of the University of Public Health Work at University of Wollongong, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Sydney, involved in community mental health services, research and education for over 25 years, nationally and internationally, regionally, working psychiatrist to Broken Hill and Wilcannia communities (NSW) for over 20 years.

Topic: What can the wider community learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Ernest Hunter – Professor in Public Health University of Queensland, North Queensland Clinical School. He has worked for the last two decades in remote Indigenous populations across northern Australia and is Regional Psychiatric with Queensland Health and Adjunct Professor in the School of Population Health, University of Queensland based in Cairns.

Topic: Promoting mental health and wellbeing in remote communities: overcoming the digital divide

This Summer Forum is organised by TheMHS Management Committee (Andy Campbell, Lynne Dunbar, Tom Brideson, Roger Gurr, Paula Hanlon, Douglas Holmes, Cathy Issaidakis, Kevin Kellehear, Leonia Mans, Peter McGeever, Marilyn Murcchie, Vivienne Miller, Sadie Robertson, Alan Rosen, Maree Teesoon) in partnership with Tom Brideson (NSW Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program) and Mary Guthrie (Australian Indigenous Doctors Association).

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APEX HOTEL

1 night stays to Conference Venue $150.00 spg/dbl/triple Formerly the Mercure Hotel, this is a 3 star property located just up the street from the conference venue. The rooms are newly refurbished, with bathroom with shower over bath, TV, telephone, coffee & tea making facilities. The Deluxe Rooms have a queen bed and a single bed or a queen bed and sofa bed. General hotel facilities include a restaurant open for breakfast and dinner, a lounge room, internet connection and in-room safe. Secure underground parking is available - $20.00 per night. Limited availability

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**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.

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.

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 15 February 2008** - The number of places at this Forum is strictly limited, so please book early to guarantee your place. On-site registration may be available, depending upon numbers – please check availability with TheMHS office before the commencement of the Summer Forum.

**CANCELLATION POLICY** - Fees will be refunded in full if TheMHS is notified in writing by the 17 January 2008, 50% of fee will be refunded if notification is received by 7 February 2008. NO REFUND will apply after 7 February, except at the discretion of TheMHS Management Committee.

Please check website for updates about the Summer Forum.

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