Cracks in the ice?
Illicit drugs and the mental health impact on our communities

18-19 February 2016 | Mercure Hotel, Sydney

In its 18th year, TheMHS Summer Forum is an annual two-day educational program that highlights a “hot” topic in mental health.

For 2016, one of the most pressing issues in mental health is the impact on our communities of illicit drugs, such as crystal methamphetamine (ice/P). The mental health consequences of illicit drugs present new challenges for consumers, families and carers, governments and mental health services.

Forum delegates will be led by experts to examine the challenges from illicit drugs to good mental health services, highlight recent research, and focus on directions for the future.

Delegates will leave TheMHS Summer Forum with renewed hope for their local community.

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SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Nicole Lee
Setting the scene - Trends in new and emerging drug use – epidemiology and impact and Treatment issues in dealing with methamphetamine clients – evidence based interventions; workforce issues
Nicole Lee is Associate Professor at the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA), Flinders University; Adjunct Associate Professor at the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI), Curtin University; and Director of LeeJenn Health Consultants.

Kevin Gournay
International Perspective
Emeritus Professor
Institute of Psychiatry
Kings College: London

James Martin
Online drug marketplaces: trends from the dark web
Director of Research & Criminology Convener, Department of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, Macquarie University

Adrian Dunlop
Current treatment update / improving treatment – what we are doing as opposed to what we should be doing
Conjoint Associate Professor, School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Newcastle

Andy Campbell
Community and Service Responses Panellist
Visiting Psychiatrist
Broken Hill Mental Health Service

Kim Ryan
Community and Service Responses Panellist
Executive Officer of Australian College of Mental Health Nurses

Frances Kay-Lambkin
Breaking the ice – results from recent trial of an online early intervention program for people using psychostimulants
Associate Professor at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)

Nicola Newton & Lexine Stapinski
Overview, update and future directions for the prevention of substance use and related harms among young people
Nicola is Senior Research Fellow and Director of Prevention Research, and Lexine is Research Fellow and Clinical Psychologist at the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use within the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, UNSW

Amanda Baker
Methamphetamine psychosis: overview and treatment issues
Co-Director, NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use

TheMHS Summer Forum 2016 will bring together experts over two days to restore hope for communities. We will address the questions of:

- What are the mental health consequences of illicit drug use?
- How can we develop positive community, service and government responses?
- Where are the new treatments and innovative solutions?
- What is seen as “best practice” in terms of treatment of methamphetamine addiction?

For more information about speakers, accommodation and to view the program, visit www.themhs.org

Come along and engage on this public health challenge for mental health communities across Australia and New Zealand.

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