



TheMHS Conference 2006
Family Connections

The inclusion of families in mental health care

Family Carers Forum

Tuesday 29th August 2006

Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre, North Queensland

Outcomes: Making it a reality. Recommendations and action strategies to ensure families are included as partners in the mental health support of their loved one

- 9.00am Registration
- 9:30 Welcome: Councillor Anne Bunnell, Deputy Mayor, Townsville City Council
- 9:45 Why should families be involved in mental health care? Research, evidence and experiences
Hon Rob Knowles – Chair Mental Health Council Australia & President Mental Illness Fellowship Australia
- 10:15 Why families don't complain - Graeme Harris.
- 10:35 'When it's good ...' - Examples of family involvement
- 11:00 Morning Tea**
- 11:30 The Senate Select Committee Inquiry into Mental Health Services – the Report and Recommendations for Families
Senator Claire Moore, member of Senate Select Committee
- 12.00pm Into the Labyrinth – activity with Fiona Goodwin
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 1:30 Advocating for Change
John Mendoza, CEO Mental Health Council Australia
- 2:00 Facilitated Discussion
- 3:00 Afternoon Tea**
- 3:30 Developing recommendations and action strategies
- 4.30 Survival Laughter – activity with David Bowtell
- 5.00 Close