



World Mental Health Day, 10 October 2016.

Prestigious TheMHS Awards for Achievement in Mental Health

Now Open

Launched by TheMHS Learning Network

Expressions of Interest are now open for **The - Mental Health Service (TheMHS) Awards 2017** which recognise and celebrate great work in mental health service delivery throughout Australia and New Zealand.

For 25 years, TheMHS Award winners have demonstrated excellence and innovation in mental health programs, services and media reporting across Australia and New Zealand. Each year, winners are selected by panels of independent experts from New Zealand and Australia.

Professor Patrick McGorry AO, former Australian of the Year and Executive Director at Orygen Youth Health, which was the recipient of the TheMHS MEDAL for Mental Health in 2016, states: "TheMHS Awards are internationally recognised for their focus on awarding and recognising best practice, excellence, and innovation in mental health service delivery since 1992".

"No other organisation delivers a bi-national Awards program that recognises grassroots organisations and individuals – many of whom are making landmark contributions to improving mental health services across Australia and New Zealand. Winning a TheMHS Award is a 'feather in the cap' of any organisation or individual and is independent validation of their activities".

"I urge anyone associated with mental health to nominate a worthy individual or to encourage an organisation to enter for an Award in one of the four main sections", Professor McGorry added.

Key dates for **2017 TheMHS Awards for Service, Program, Research, Outstanding Contribution for an Individual and Media Awards** are:

Expressions of Interest open: **10 October 2016**

Notification: **June 2017**

Information for submission is at www.themhs.org

2017 winners will be presented at TheMHS Conference in Sydney at the Hilton Hotel on 30 August 2017. Hosted by Sydney Local Health District, Partners in Recovery and the NSW Mental Health Coordinating Council, the 2017 TheMHS Conference offers a great opportunity to all stakeholders in the mental health field in Australia and New Zealand to celebrate mental health successes and, for those recognised with an Award, to raise their profiles and highlight mental health achievements.

TheMHS Awards program is supported by funding from the Australian and New Zealand Governments. For more information, please contact TheMHS Learning Network at awards@themhs.org.