

# CONSUMERS FORUM

21 August 2012

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## Defining Citizenship from a rights perspective

The Consumer Forum will explore citizenship from a rights perspective and what it means for us personally. It is now twenty years since the Australian Human Rights Commission's report into human rights and mental illness (Burdekin). There are UN conventions and National and State laws that protect our rights, however has this led to being treated as equal citizens? Join us on a journey to explore these issues and work together to influence and enable positive change into the future. The day will include Forum Theatre (exploring the real life issues faced by consumers), talks by experts in consumer activism, human rights law and citizenship and an interactive Q&A panel which will explore the theme.

### PROGRAM

**Cairns Convention Centre, Mezzanine level, Rooms 5, 6, & 7**

- 9.00am **Welcome to Country**  
By Elder Henrietta Marrie; smoking ceremony Greg Fourmile; Tamara Pearson & Cultural Dancers
- 9.30am MC: Gill Townshend  
Introduction: Esther Ritchie, Ross O Donovan
- Forum Theatre** by Velvet
- 10:30am Morning Tea
- 11.00am **Guest Speakers:**  
Noel Muller - "National and International Rights"  
Felicity Grey - "Defining Citizenship from a Consumer Perspective"
- 11:30am **Q&A Panel, "Defining Citizenship from a Rights Perspective"**  
Panel Members: Noel Muller, Felicity Grey, Roberto Mezzina, Samantha Santarossa, Esther Ritchie, Ross O Donovan.  
Facilitator: Guillame Brugman
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm **Extreme Wellbeing Workshop** conducted by TheMHS keynote speaker Rufus May

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3.00pm	Afternoon tea
3:30pm	Resume Extreme Wellbeing Workshop
4:30pm	Close
5.00pm	Film: Insatiable Moon

## Insatiable Moon

*Film commences immediately after the Forum at 5pm in Room 1 on mezzanine level, close to the room for this forum.*

The Insatiable Moon is a delightful journey through the urban environment of Arthur, self-proclaimed second son of God. Classified as mad, Arthur is undaunted and keen to get on with his mission in the world - accompanied by a wonderful group of misfits and outcasts. A remarkable film going to the heart of what constitutes madness. Winner of Best Actor (Rawiri Paratene) and Best Supporting Actor in the NZ Film Awards 2011. The Director of the film, Mike Riddell, has made this film available at no cost to TheMHS Conference delegates.