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THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONFERENCE INC. OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
19-22 AUGUST 1997

PRESENTS A PRE-CONFERENCE FORUM

CARERS OF MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE
“STRENGTHENING THE THREADS – CARERS, CLIENTS AND CLINICIANS WORKING TOGETHER”

The focus of this workshop will be on “Help Where Help is Needed in the Community”, the support services provided to assist carers in their caring role.

Keynote speaker: PROFESSOR HARRIET LEFLEY, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Services, University of Miami School of Medicine. She will speak on an alliance of care. Dr Lefley is a highly esteemed author of many books about families coping with mental illness.

PROGRAM
9.00 Opening–Associate Professor Lindsay Gething, President NSW Carers Association
9.15 Professor Harriet Lefley
10.15 “Help Where Help is Needed in the Community” – Declan O’Riordan, Nicola Watt, Carol Churchill
11.00 Morning Tea (provided)
11.30 Clinicians responses to changing needs of family carers – Dr Robert Bland
11.45 Carers & clients perspective on community care – Mark & Heather Stephens
12.15 Forum – Questions to panel of carers, clients and clinicians
1.00 Lunch (provided)
2.00 Stream A – Living in the Community: Ms Toni Ovadia, Ms Wendy Weir
Mr John South
Stream B – Multiple Family Interventions Project: Dr Margaret Leggatt,
Mr Gordon Lambert
3.00 Afternoon Tea (provided)
3.30 Stream A – Latest Research: Dr Stan Catts
Stream B – Continued
4.30 Plenary Session
5.00 Drinks, nibbles and a chat at the Teachers Club, Druitt Street, Sydney
(nibbles provided, drinks to be purchased)

Venue: Sydney Town Hall, George Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday 19th August, 1997
Cost: Carers $45, Clinicians $100
(Some subsidies are available on request)

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