ABOUT
TheMHS CONFERENCE
Promoting positive attitudes about mental health.

TheMHS Conference is multidisciplinary and features presentations from all areas of the mental health sector and beyond.

Now in our 27th year, TheMHS Conferences bring together people from across Australia and New Zealand to stimulate debates that challenge the boundaries of present knowledge and ideas about mental health care and mental health systems.

TheMHS Conference recognises and promotes quality collaborative research, practice, policymaking and education. This makes it a great place for networking and debate among all people involved in the mental health sector.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

✅ NETWORK opportunities with leaders in mental health from Australia and New Zealand

✅ LEARN from keynotes and over 300 presenters

✅ REINVIGORATE your passion in mental health matters and solutions

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Mental Health services across Australia and New Zealand have undergone unprecedented change over the past 10 years. Over the next 10 years we anticipate even more. Adherence to the principles of recovery and recognition of lived experience as key to mental health reform are expanding the range of choices beyond traditional illness management.

New models, new funding, new providers and the voices of people with a lived experience have informed us about change, innovation and different approaches to collectively improve our systems of mental health support.

Embracing change through innovation and lived experience is a theme that enables new directions and conversations which are based on building on the extraordinary strengths we find in individuals, families, and communities.

KEY DATES:

Early Bird registration deadline  
Tuesday 18 July

Exhibitor bookings deadline  
Monday 31 July

Pre-Conference Day  
Tuesday 29 August

Pre-conference Forums are vehicles for networking, sharing information and learning in a safe place.

- Consumer Forum – Leading with Lived Experience
- Family/Carer Forum – Effective Communication for Change

TheMHS Conference 2017  
Wednesday 30 August – Friday 1 September

Hilton Sydney Hotel, Australia

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A preliminary program will be available on www.themhs.org in early June.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

MIKE SLADE  
Nottingham, England
Professor of Mental Health Recovery and Social Inclusion, School of Health Sciences, University of Nottingham.

“Making a real sustained difference - the challenge of managing innovation”

LEWIS MEHL-MADRONA  
Orono, Maine, USA
MD, PhD. Faculty Physician and Associate Professor in Family Medicine, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Coyote Institute for Studies of Change and Transformation.

“Two-Eyed seeing from North America: Building culturally appropriate, client-based mental health services”

FLICK GREY  
Melbourne, Australia
Mental health consumer consultant, trainer, researcher, Intentional Peer Support facilitator and student of Open Dialogue.

“Opening the dialogue about madness and distress”

FEATURED SYMPOSIA

Featured symposia provide in-depth investigation of topics of interest in the mental health sector. 2017 topics will include:

- Trauma-Informed Care & Practice: Organisational Change and Implementation
- Working Towards Integrated and Coordinated Health and Social Care: National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Mental Health Reform Opportunities
- Warm Human Contact / Sexual Intimacy
- Legislated Visitor Programs and Mental Health System Change
- Embracing Wellbeing: Workplace Mental Health
- Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Problems: Using Technology to Support Innovation and Practice Change