

## ABOUT

### TheMHS CONFERENCE

*Promoting positive attitudes about mental health.*

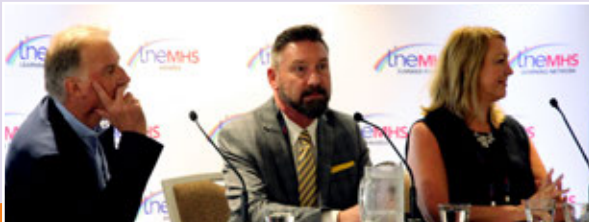
TheMHS Conference is multidisciplinary and features presentations from all areas of the mental health sector and beyond.

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, policy-making 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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### CONFERENCE HOSTS



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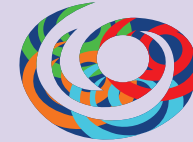
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## MENTAL HEALTH



## EMBRACING CHANGE

Through Innovation and Lived Experience

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29 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 // SYDNEY



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with leaders in mental health  
at 2017 TheMHS Conference

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AND SAVE \$250





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## REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

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

## REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT

[www.themhs.org](http://www.themhs.org)

*"An incredible learning, developing and networking opportunity"*

A preliminary program will be available on [www.themhs.org](http://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"*

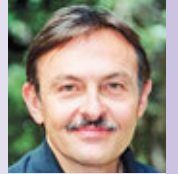


### LEWIS MEHL-MADRONA

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