



TheMHS Conference 26-29 August 2014 Perth



Perth Convention Centre, Perth, Western Australia

What we share makes us strong

In keeping with our theme, "What We Share Makes Us Strong", TheMHS Conference 2014 has strong roots in sharing innovative ideas and research and implementing connected and collaborative approaches to mental health.

Make change happen: Come along to hear presentations that work across sectors and stakeholders, participate in stimulating workshops and discussion, and learn from the experienced minds in mental health.

Working towards mentally healthy communities: Participate. Learn. Share.



Keynote speakers



Pat Bracken

Consultant Psychiatrist and Clinical Director of West Cork Mental Health Service in Ireland.



Melody Riefer

Senior Associate and Director in Training at Pat Deegan, PhD & Associates, USA.



Kenneth Thompson

Consultant Psychiatrist; Chief Medical Officer, Psychiatric Leadership Council at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania, USA.

TheMHS Conference is an international mental health and psychiatric educational forum, attracting over 1000 mental health clinicians, managers, consumers, carers/families, researchers, cultural and indigenous workers, educators and policy makers annually.

Register online at: www.themhs.org

Program now available on www.themhs.org

Program highlights

The conference program will have wide appeal to all sections of the mental health field. Inspiring stories; research reports; innovative programs and services; updates on treatment; psychosocial interventions; evidence-based services; recovery and personal stories; peer workers and the wider workforce; healthy living – better physical health, housing, work and relationships.

Look out for:

- 60 minute Q&A session with our keynote speaker each day
- Fantastic e-Poster presentations
- Wednesday Welcome Reception
- MadCap Coffee Cart
- Achievement Awards Presentation

For detailed information about our program, keynotes, registration, Perth travel and accommodation and much more, go to our website www.themhs.org

Consumer Bursaries are now available



TheMHS

Contact:

TheMHS Conference
PO Box 192 Balmain NSW Australia 2041
P +61 (02) 9810 8700
F +61 (02) 9810 8733
E info@themhs.org
W www.themhs.org

Wed 27th – Fri 29th August

Featured Symposia:

These are specially commissioned symposia which provide in-depth investigation of topics, by raising current issues and matters at the forefront of mental health service interest, exploring controversial topics and examining and disseminating current research in mental health and mental illness.

- *Mental Health Commissions: Expectations and Realities*
- *NDIS: How is mental health faring?*
- *Veteran's Mental Health*
- *Mental Health and the Law*
- *Planning for Service Reform*

Tuesday 26th August

TheMHS Forums and workshops:

The Consumers Forum and Carers/Families Forum are popular events, each organised by a locally-based committee to highlight local, national and international issues.

Forums:

- Consumer Forum
- Carer/Family Forum - "A Single Journey Shared by Many"
- Indigenous Forum

Workshops:

- *Substance use and mental health concerns in young people: Sharing online and interactive resources.* Comorbidity (mental health and substance use disorder) is a major health challenge in our society today. In this workshop you will learn about and share research, resources and ideas on the prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use comorbidity. Presented by NHMRC CREMS.
- *Transcultural Mental Health: Surviving and thriving* This workshop starts with a broad focus on transcultural mental health - migrants and refugees, and will feature Keynote Speaker Dr Pat Bracken and a panel of local experts from the transcultural mental health, refugee health and advocacy fields. Discussion will centre on understanding the nature of the consumer's personal experience and how best to work with survivors of trauma, and the complexities in assisting people to restore their health as well as their balance, purpose and meaning in life.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration now available online at: www.themhs.org

Registration must be received and fully paid before **22 August 2014**. If you have difficulties with the registration process, please contact our office.

With thanks to the following sponsors

PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Australian Government and Mental Health Council of Australia

Mental Health Commission WA

HOST ORGANISATIONS

WA Association for Mental Health

South Metro Mental Health Services



THEMHS MAJOR SPONSOR

Health Workforce Australia



CONFERENCE SPONSORS

New Zealand Ministry of Health/ Te Pou

Combined PIR WA Programs



CONFERENCE SUPPORT SPONSOR

Richmond Fellowship WA

