

1st Australasian Refugee Health Conference

Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre
Perth, Western Australia

1 - 2 September 2009



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

We welcome you to join us in exploring the links between community, culture and mental health; the connections we all need to live, work and thrive together. For the first time TheMHS will join with the WA Transcultural Mental Health Conference and the Australasian Refugee Health Conference.



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“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.”

Marianne Williamson

This unique joint event in 2009 will link concepts of the interrelatedness of individuals, families and communities, providing connections which can strengthen and support mental health and emotional well-being.

Conference themes will include:

- Networks, relationships and partnerships to improve health and emotional well-being in our communities.
- Inclusion, sense of place, connection and drawing together
- Speaking out, renewal, recovery and hope
- Moving forward in policy directions, clinical practice and service provision

Voices of respected international, national and local leaders from carers, consumers, policy makers, practitioners, and researchers will be heard. TheMHS 2009 will be thought provoking, creating stimulating and challenging debate and discussion on the issues facing our communities now and into the future. It will be valuable for consumers, carers and families, academic representatives, government staff, mental health service staff, members of the community sector, students and the media.



Come to Perth, Western Australia

Explore Western Australia when you come to the 2009 conference. Experience Perth, situated on the meandering Swan River and overlooked by Kings Park, a huge natural bushland park just minutes from the city centre. Experience the beautiful beaches, with their vast expanses of clean white sand. Dine in some of the restaurants in Northbridge, Subiaco, Claremont and Fremantle. Take the ferry across the Swan River to South Perth or from Fremantle to Rottnest Island where there are no cars but there are many quokkas (marsupials only found on this one island off the mainland). Visit the Darling Ranges, only a short drive from Perth or take a wildflower tour in the South West. While you are there visit the town of Margaret River famous for its wines and repressed earth buildings.

For more information about activities and events in Perth, go to:
www.westernaustralia.com/au

What delegates liked about past TheMHS conferences

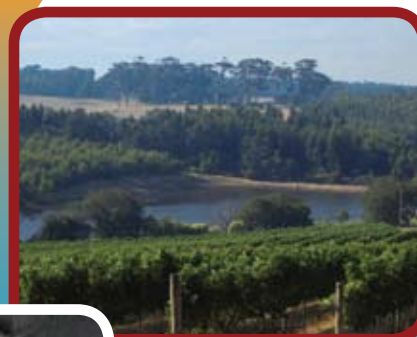
Clinical & research updates

Expanding current knowledge and experience

Thought provoking and inspiring

Diverse, excellent program with a variety of topics

Positive networking opportunities



Keynote Speakers

Australasian Refugee Health Conference – Tuesday to Wednesday



Kim Mulholland

Kim Mulholland is Professor of Child Health and Vaccinology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, with

extensive experience in clinical care, public health and field research in developing countries. In the Gambia he established a research program in the use of Hib vaccine, a large trial of the efficacy of a Hib vaccine and introduction of the vaccine across the country. He worked for the WHO in Geneva, in charge of Hib and pneumococcal vaccine research, establishing standard procedures for evaluation of pneumococcal and Hib vaccines in developing countries. He established the Centre for International Child Health in Melbourne, now a WHO Collaborating Centre in Child Health Research.



Jill Benson

Jill Benson is Director, Health in Human Diversity Unit, Discipline of General Practice, University of Adelaide. She has been a

GP for 30 years and currently works in travel medicine, with refugees at the Migrant Health Service in Adelaide, in the remote Aboriginal community at Yalata and has worked in a teaching hospital in Dharan in rural eastern Nepal. She has taught and written on many topics and has presented papers on cross-cultural issues, mental health, women's health, infectious diseases and doctors health at national conferences in Australia and international conferences in Italy, Lebanon, Florida, Pakistan, Abu Dhabi, Singapore and Spain. She has recently published "Mental Health Across Cultures. A practical guide for health professionals".



Carmen Lawrence

Carmen Lawrence is a Professorial Fellow at the University of Western Australia where she is working to establish a

Centre to undertake research and discussion on factors contributing to the development of persuasion and indoctrination, including extreme ideas and violent behaviour. She is a research psychologist who lectured in a number of Australian universities, before entering politics in 1986. She was W.A Minister for Education and Aboriginal affairs, was the first woman Premier and Treasurer of an Australian State government and in 1984 was appointed Minister for Health and Human Services and Minister assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women. She retired from politics in 2007.

TheMHS Conference & WA Transcultural Mental Health Conference – Wednesday to Friday



Judy Atkinson

Judy Atkinson's heritage derives from the Jiman people of the Upper Dawson in Central West QLD, and the Bundjalung of Northern NSW. Most of her community and academic life has been in the field of violence, trauma and healing. She is a member of the NSW Child Death Review Team and the NSW Department of Community Services Research Committee; she was the State Women's Coordinator for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission in Queensland. She is director of the Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, Southern Cross University, NSW, and previously was Program Leader and Aboriginal Research Facilitator, Rainforest Cooperative Research Centre, James Cook University.



Gregor Henderson

Gregor Henderson is an advisor/ consultant to Governments, public sector, not for profit and private agencies on mental health and wellbeing. He was the first Director of Scotland's innovative National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing, and was Programme Director and adviser to the Scottish Government. He is a visiting Fellow with the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, an adviser to

Mental Health Europe and the Chair of Young Scotland in Mind. Gregor's main interests are in combining policy, research, evidence, people's lived experiences and practice in transforming the way people, communities and societies think and act about mental health.



Anthony Marsella

Anthony Marsella, Ph.D., D.H.C., is Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of Hawaii. In his 35 year career at the University of Hawaii, he served as Director of the WHO Psychiatric Research Center, Director of Clinical Psychology Training, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Marsella has published 14 edited books and more than 200 book chapters, journal articles, technical reports, and popular articles in the areas of cultural and international psychology and psychiatry. He is the recipient of numerous national and international awards.

For updates and current program information go to: www.themhs.org

**www.health.wa.gov.au/mentalhealth/events/refugee_health.cfm
www.health.wa.gov.au/mentalhealth/events/transcultural.cfm**

Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts for all three partner conferences should be submitted online by going to www.themhs.org/annual-conference/2009-annual-conference/abstract-submission. If you have a problem or need assistance with the online submission of your abstract, please contact TheMHS Office on +61 2 9810 8700 or email info@themhs.org

Would you like to give a presentation at the next annual TheMHS conference? Anyone involved in, or interested in mental health services is invited to submit an abstract for consideration for the 2009 program. All abstracts will be reviewed and assessed according to the Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts. You will be advised about the status of your abstract in late May 2009. Please submit your abstract online before 11th March 2009.

Guidelines for the submission of abstracts:

It is essential that you read the Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts which are now available online at www.themhs.org/annual-conference/2009-annual-conference/abstract-guidelines

- ALL PRESENTERS MUST REGISTER AND PAY FOR AT LEAST THE DAY OF THE CONFERENCE ON WHICH THEY ARE PRESENTING.
- Papers must be presented by the authors – exception in an emergency such as illness or misadventure.
- The Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any paper, symposium, workshop, or poster.
- The Committee reserves the right to allocate a session time or presentation type, which differs from that applied for.
- Wherever possible, ensure that a range of stakeholders including consumers, are included as presenters in symposia, workshops, debates.

PLEASE NOTE that only the first author will be advised in writing about the acceptance or otherwise of the abstract submission.

Details of the abstract:

Please see the online Guidelines for all the details about the length, the content, the 3 keywords, the 2 references (related to the topic of the abstract) and the 2 learning objectives. There are several types of presentations: Papers (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion); Symposia (60 or 90 minutes including discussion time); Workshops (60 or 90 minutes including discussion time); Debates (60 or 90 minutes including discussion time); Snapshots (10 minutes + 5 minutes discussion time); Roundtable discussions; and Posters.

Audio-Visual Equipment:

All conference rooms will be supplied with data projection, networked laptop PC at lectern, screens, microphones, audio speakers. Slide projectors will NOT be supplied. Overhead projectors will only be supplied if specifically requested. No A/V equipment is supplied for poster or roundtable sessions. At the conference: all data presentations must be presented to the Speaker Support Centre on the day before your presentation or by 9.00am on the day of the presentation.

Presenters' Resume

Each presenter must include a resume of no more than 50 words.

Privacy Statement

Your name and contact details will be used only to notify you of future mental health related events organised by TheMHS. Should you not wish your details to be used for this purpose please notify TheMHS Office.

TheMHS is a learning network for improving mental health services in Australasia.

TheMHS mission is to

1. Recognise and promote quality collaborative research, practice, policy-making and education.
2. Promote active involvement and inclusion of all mental health stakeholders
3. Advocate and promote leadership in the mental health field.

TheMHS provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, professional development, networking and debate for professionals, consumers, carers (families), and managers. TheMHS aims to promote positive attitudes about mental health and mental illness, and to stimulate debate that will challenge the boundaries of present knowledge and ideas about mental health care.



The conference registration application form will be available from TheMHS website during May 2009.

You will receive notification of acceptance of your abstract/s by the end of May 2009.

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