

**APS College of Community Psychologists - Victorian Section
Annual General Meeting and Guest Presentation**

**Friday 29 November
6.00-7.30pm
Victoria University City Campus
300 Flinders St Melbourne
Level 9 Room 9015**

College members, fellow travellers and students are invited to share light refreshments from 6pm, hear a special guest presentation, and maybe stay on for dinner after the AGM to wind up the year. **RSVP** to **Pam Loughnan** calloug@bigpond.com or 0448 909 790. Bookings preferred but not essential.

Guest Presenter: Associate Professor John Farhall
College of Community Psychologists Award of Distinction 2018

John has worked in public mental health for 40 years and at La Trobe University since 1992, and was a foundation member of the College of Community Psychologists. His work bridges community and clinical psychology, focusing on people living with psychotic disorders. His research spans working with families, evaluation of innovative services, coping with voices, and recovery-oriented digital interventions. He serves on the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and was previously on the Board of Mind Australia.

Can digital, clinical and community strategies work together to support well-being and reduce relapse in psychosis? The EMPOWER trial

EMPOWER is an Australia/UK collaboration blending a SmartPhone App with peer support and clinical mental health services to reduce the likelihood of relapse in people living with psychosis. It draws on multiple conceptualisations of the problem and the solution and holds promise for better meeting the needs of strapped service systems as well as consumers living with the risk of relapse.

AGM AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Reports from Office Bearers
6. Special Business
7. Close