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MENTAL HEALTH NURSING:

Our Identity, Influence, and Impact



WEDNESDAY 10 September 2025: Conference Day 1 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

0800-1700	Speakers preparation open	Convenors Office
0800-1700	Quiet Room	Plaza Room 6
0800-1700	Registration open	Plaza Auditorium Registration Desk
0800-1700	Exhibition open Poster viewing	Plaza Auditorium Foyer
From 0800	Coffee cart, open during catering breaks	Plaza Auditorium Foyer
0845-0930	Conference opening 0900 Welcome to Country, Aaron Ruska , Yuggera person 0915 President's welcome, Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University 0920 Government welcome, Adj Prof Shelley Nowlan , Chief Nurse Officer, QLD Department of Health 0925 Welcome from Scientific Chair, A/Prof Cathy Daniel , University of Melbourne	Plaza Auditorium MC: Prof Rhonda Wilson
0930-1030	31st Oration and Investiture Ceremony Procession Investiture Ceremony, accompanied by Pianta Strings of the <i>University of Queensland</i> Oration: Postgraduate mental health nursing education: The way forward? A/Prof Catherine Hungerford , CQUniversity Exit processional	
1030-1100	Morning tea, exhibition and poster session 1	Plaza Auditorium Foyer
1030-1100	Internal meeting: Victorian branch, chaired by Renee Molloy	Concord Boardroom

1100-1230	1A: Identity, new and missed Plaza Auditorium Chair: Kristy Arrol	1B: Impact: Education Plaza 7 Chair: Nathan Dart	1C: Influence: Leadership Plaza 8 Chair: Tracy Beaton	1D: Scope: Clinical supervision Plaza 9 Chair: Paul Spurr	1E: Impact: Students Plaza 10 Chair: Tracy Tabvuma	Masterclass 1: Yarning about Cultural Safety Plaza 11 Host: Prof Roianne West
1105	New frontiers for nursing in innovative youth inpatient care: The Hospital in the Home model Emma Pettigrove , Orygen Specialist Program	Strengthening mental health nursing by building a state-wide transitional programme: A case study in cross district collaboration James Hindman , Western NSW Local Health District, Ryan Rooney , Far West Local Health District Co-authors: Beaver Hudson , Ministry of Health, Elizabeth Martin , Pamela Brinsmead , Murrumbidgee Local Health District, Ines Cowden , Western NSW Local Health District, Matthew Flowers , Leith Holding , Mid North Coast Local Health District, Beverly Thomson , Far West Local Health District	Mental health nursing-led service improvement: Enhancing participant-centred care through the weekly schedules initiative Emily Stowell , Maria Bradshaw , Alfred Health	The implementation environment of clinical supervision: Hopes, barriers, and realities Hosu Ryu , La Trobe University Co-authors: A/Prof Bridget Hamilton , A/Prof Lucio Naccarella , University of Melbourne, Prof Niels Buus , Aarhus University	The impact of a shared story: A consumer's experiences as a higher degree student and the academic supporting the consumer Dr Julie Bradshaw , Christoper Keepkie , Central Queensland University	<i>Pre-registration is required.</i> This panel brings together Aboriginal voices and allies to yarn about the importance of cultural safety in supporting mental health and social and emotional wellbeing (SEWB). Designed for mental health nurses and practitioners, the session highlights how culturally safe care fosters trust, promotes healing, and improves outcomes for Aboriginal peoples. Through shared stories and practice insights, panellists will offer guidance on embedding cultural safety into everyday care and working in genuine partnership with Aboriginal people and communities. Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University, Katrina Ward ,
1125	New beginnings: Changes in the identity of the Mental Health Nurse Discharge Coordinator Role within the Top End Inpatient Unit Martin Musco , Alison Thorn , Top End Mental Health Services	The lived experience of mental health nurse academics in Australian universities: A hermeneutic phenomenological study Shunil Raina , CQUniversity	From microsystem to macrosystem: Expanding the scope of child and adolescent mental health nursing through Bronfenbrenner's ecological systems theory Dr Anita Moyes , Edith Cowan University	Increasing clinical supervision capacity within mental health nursing, development of a training program in Western Australia Dr Jennifer Hamilton , Edith Cowan University, Dr Marie Boulianne , WA Country Health Service, Julie Sharrock , Mental Health Nurse Consultant	'Thriving at work' as a strength-based approach for addressing burnout and workforce retention: A fresh face in the field Fiona Little , University of Newcastle Co-authors: Conj Prof Michael Hazelton , Dr Anne Croker , University of Newcastle	

1145	Making a difference in hospitals – Mental Health Nurses leading the way in behaviour support Nicole Edwards, Monash Health	Enhancing mental health and addictions undergraduate Student Clinical Placements: A mixed methods co-designed project Prof Phillip Maude, La Trobe University Co-authors: Sophia McNamara, Angela Milligan, La Trobe University	Mental health nursing research: Innovate and integrate. A research training program Dr Gary Ennis, Northern Health, Dr Lin Zhao, RMIT University	A relational, experiential, and translational approach to growing clinical supervisors: A critical realist mixed methods evaluation Dr Teresa Kelly, A/Prof Bridget Hamilton, University of Melbourne Co-authors: Roshani Prematunga, Hosu Ryu, A/Prof Rebecca Jarden, Cathie Miller, Cath Roper, Puneet Sansanwal, University of Melbourne	Adopting a Collaborative Approach to Develop High Quality Preceptor Modules for Enhancing Support of Undergraduate Nursing Students in Mental Health Placements Dr Lin Zhao, Shingai Mareya, RMIT University Co-authors: Prof Karen Livesay, Kerrie Buchanan, Dhanpreet Kaur, RMIT University, Vesna Dempster, Allison Harrington, Dr Gary Enis, Northern Health, Nigel Toomey, Elaine Withers, Royal Melbourne Hospital	Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service, Adrienne Lipscomb, Erin Alexander, Shiobhan Sharpe, University of Melbourne
1205	Almost every fortnight a child is killed. How are we identifying children at risk of filicide? A scoping review Dr Claire Hayes, Deakin University, Alison Hansen, Monash University, A/Prof Louise Alexander, Deakin University	From conflict to compassion: Helping novice nurses negotiate challenging interactions in mental health and drug and alcohol settings Lesley McNab, University of Technology Sydney, Veronica Morton, Northern Sydney Local Health District	Protecting the sovereignty of nursing practice in a culture of increasing complaints: Balancing accountability with cultural reflection and performance management Sarah Hall, Children's Health Queensland	Reflections on the implementation of a group clinical supervision program for mental health nurses: A seven-year journey and beyond Dave Baker, Dr Fiona Dziopa, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services Co-author: Kieran Kinsella, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services	What do graduate nurses need from nursing education to progress from novice to advanced beginner in acute mental health settings? Dr Eric Lim, Murdoch University Co-authors: Kezia Higham, North Metropolitan TAFE, Kristina Ferraz, Kathryn Harban, Fremantle Hospital, Rebecca Tate, Amy Sewell, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Jane Murdock, South Metropolitan Health Service Area Mental Health, Sharon Delahunty, Cockburn Health	
1225	Final Q&As					

1230-1330	Lunch and exhibition and poster session 2				Plaza Auditorium Foyer	
1230-1315	Internal meeting: Queensland branch, chaired by Vicki Green				Plaza 7	
1230-1330	Internal meeting: Defence SIG, chaired by Dr Marie Boulianne				Concord Boardroom	
1330-1500	2A: First Nations Plaza Auditorium Chair: Alison Thorn	2B: Impact: Education Plaza 7 Chair: Russell James	2C: Influence: Leadership/restrictive Plaza 8 Chair: Dr Eric Lim	2D: Scope: Clinical supervision Plaza 9 Chair: Dr Claire Hayes	2E: Lightning session Plaza 10 Chair: Alison Hansen	Masterclass 2: Submissions, lobbying and direct action to achieve change Plaza 11 Host: Dan Prentice
1335	The establishment of initiatives to recruit Māori nurses working from a Te Ao Māori worldview in specialist mental health services Cassandra Staps, Health New Zealand	Expanding student nurses mental health education through visceral experiences: The impact of a therapeutic recreation mental health clinical placement Abigail Leplaw, University of Wollongong	Mental health nursing leadership influencing collaborative nursing handover Katrina Angus, Queensland Health	Embedding and enabling sustainable Clinical Supervision in the mental health nursing workforce: Learnings from an expert Community of Practice Dr Kate Rhodes, University of South Australia Co-authors: Dr Joshua McDonough, Prof Nicholas Procter, University of South Australia, Tim Crowley, Women's and Children's Hospital, Dr Monica McEvoy, Women's and Children's Network, Dr Helen P. Hamer, University of Auckland, Julie Sharrock, Private Practice VIC, Dr Peter Santangelo, NSW Ministry of Health, Carolyn Imrie, Private Practice	Aged Care Nurses transitioning to mental health nursing: Older Persons acute inpatient mental health and wellbeing unit Steph Barclay, Barwon Health Breaking boundaries: The expanding role of psychiatric enrolled nurses in community mental health Sharon Maurer, Northern Health	<i>Pre-registration is required.</i> This workshop will draw on the experience of the Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union (QNMU) advocating for nurses and midwives over a broad range of industrial and professional issues by providing strategy options that can be used to affect change at a local or greater level. At the end of this workshop, participants will have an increased understanding of how to advocate for change at all levels and the factors that must be considered to maximise the mental health nursing voice in these matters.
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1355	Identifying culturally safe research methods and techniques for First Nations mental health and social and emotional wellbeing of young people Katrina Ward, Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service Co-authors: Prof Alison Hutton, University of Newcastle, Prof Rhonda Wilson, RMIT University	Build it and they will come: Implementing a sustainable Bachelor of Nursing (MH Minor). Pathways to careers in MH nursing Prof Phillip Maude, Hosu Ryu, La Trobe University Co-authors: Kate Emond, Dr Alistair Ross, Sophia McNamara, Dr Burcu Ozkul, Dr Mathew Beverley-Stone, La Trobe University	Strengthening mental health nursing leadership in rural and remote communities through nurse-led initiatives Cassandra Talbot, Healthy Communities Foundation Australia, A/Prof Samantha Jakimowicz, Charles Sturt University	Addressing organisational barriers for effective clinical supervision implementation in mental health nursing Ashishkumar Badanapurkar Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Co-authors: Benjamin Lockwood, Dulcey Kayes, Rosie Barnes, Susan McLean, Kirsty Smith, Melisa Bright, Susan Hutchison, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, Richard Gray, La Trobe University	The role of mental health providers in promoting oral health: A review of current evidence Alisha Johnson, South Western Sydney Local Health District Mental Health Co-authors: Prof Amanda Kenny, La Trobe University, Prof Lucie Ramjan, Prof Ajesh George, Western Sydney University, A/Prof Toby Raeburn, Australian Catholic University	Dr Brent Hayward, Monash University Mark Fullerton, QLD Health
1405					Mind the gap: Nursing student views and mental health nursing Dr Sinead Barry, RMIT University	
1415	Adaptation of the Restorative Resilience Clinical Supervision (RRCS) workshop by a regional First Nations Health Service (FNHS) in 2025 Aroha Shuttleworth, Mallee District Aboriginal Services	A mental health nurse-led visually enhanced mental simulation hybrid model in mental health education: Strengthening translation of de-escalation in practice Jason Collins, Gold Coast Hospital Health Service	Guidelines for the use of Restraint in young people with Anorexia nervosa through Collaborative Engagement (GRACE) Dr Naomi Brockenshire, University of Melbourne Co-authors: Dr Jenny O'Neill, Meaghan Hawley, Royal Children's Hospital	A transformational approach to growing clinical supervisors: A facilitated development program for mental health nurses Dr Teresa Kelly, A/Prof Bridget Hamilton, University of Melbourne Co-authors: Cathie Miller, Cath Roper, University of Melbourne. Hosu Ryu, La Trobe University	Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi: Promoting positive student experiences within postgraduate education Frazer Rangihuna, Deborah Cracknell, University of Auckland	
1425					Distortion of the mental health nurse identity and scope of practice through Artificial Intelligence generated images: A critical analysis Dr Jen Mulvogue, CQUniversity Co-author: Dr Amy-Louise Byrne, CQUniversity	

1435	Cultural awareness in clinical supervision: A tale of lived experience from an Aboriginal woman and a Caucasian man Anne Humbert, <i>Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service,</i> Chris Dawber, <i>Reflective Practice Group</i>	Utilising the Healthcare Educator Capability Framework to support mental health professional's transition from the role of clinician to educator Stuart Wall, <i>Peninsula Health</i> <i>Co-author:</i> Dr Samantha Sevenhuysen, <i>Peninsula Health</i>	Dad's and eating disorders: Exploring the unique role of dads in eating disorder engagement, treatment, recovery and sharing their insights Andrew Jong, Sandra Dorse, <i>Alfred Infant, Child and Youth Mental Health and Well Being Service</i>	Specialist clinical supervision for mental health nurses working with eating disorders Bridget Mulvey, <i>InsideOut Institute</i> <i>Co-author:</i> Peta Marks, <i>InsideOut Institute</i>	Australia's priority groups access rates to digital mental health services Raphael Ohms, <i>University of Queensland</i> Community Navigator Programme for people with treatment-resistant depression: A scoping review Ingitha Jaswanth, <i>Western Health,</i> Ashishkumar Badanapurkar, <i>Southern Adelaide Local Health Network</i>	
1455	Final Q&As					
1500-1530	Afternoon tea, exhibition and poster session 3				Plaza Auditorium Foyer	
1500-1530	Internal meeting: Tasmanian branch, chaired by Julia Hunt				Concord Boardroom	
1530-1630	Afternoon plenary Keynote: Nurses bringing together Te Ao Māori and the Pākehā world, underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Aotearoa New Zealand, Hineroa Hakiaha, <i>Te Toka Tumai Auckland,</i> Suzette Poole, <i>Te Ao Maramatanga</i>				Plaza Auditorium MC: Prof Rhonda Wilson	
1630-1830	Welcome Reception				Plaza Terrace	

THURSDAY 11 September 2025: Conference Day 2 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre						
0800-1700	Speakers preparation open			Convenors Office		
0800-1700	Quiet Room			Plaza Room 6		
0800-1700	Registration open			Plaza Auditorium Registration Desk		
From 0800	Coffee cart, open during catering breaks			Plaza Auditorium Foyer		
0800-1700	Exhibition open Poster viewing			Plaza Auditorium Foyer		
0900-1030	Morning plenary Acknowledgment to Country, Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University Keynote: Patients measuring safety: Changing the nature of acute mental health wards from reactive firefighting to providing proactive care, Prof John Baker , University of Leeds Address: Co-Mental Health Nurse of the Year Recipients, Amanda Butt , NPathy, Kylie Straube , Remote Territory Health Care			Plaza Auditorium Chair: Prof Rhonda Wilson		
1030-1100	Morning tea, exhibition and poster session 4			Plaza Auditorium Foyer		
1030-1100	Internal meeting: Education SIG, chaired by Julie Porter			Concord Boardroom		
1100-1230	3A: Identity: Specialties Plaza Auditorium Chair: Amanda Butt	3B: Impact: Education Plaza 7 Chair: Jo Suggett	3C: Influence: Peer Plaza 8 Chair: Randi Ziorio Dunlop	3D: Scope: D&A/Nurse prac Plaza 9 Chair: Dr Naomi Brockenshire	3E: Lightning session Plaza 10 Chair: Dr Brent Hayward	Masterclass 3: Private Practice pathways Plaza 11 Host: Janine Max
1105	Creating and implementing Australia's first specialist Youth Mental Health Nurse Program for Early Career Nurses Lucy Graham, A/Prof Mary Gilbert , Orygen Specialist Program	Implementation and evaluation of an emergency response to ligature incidents education and training resource Donna Hansen-Vella , Barwon Health	Beyond boundaries: Sustainable and trauma-informed mental health nursing in adolescent care Daphne Diloj , Independent Nurse, Cheska Cawayan , Argo Theoharis , Children's Health Queensland	The right treatment at right time: A Centralised Intake Hub for addiction services Sneha Mathew, Emma Hoy , Metro South Addictions and Mental Health Service <i>Co-authors:</i> Sunita Yadav, A/Prof Marianne Wyder , Metro South Addictions and Mental Health Service	Café style in-service sessions: Using E-heutagogy approach in the implementation of Mental Health Pathways in Practice (MHPiP) program Margaret George , Hunter New England Local Health District Breaking the cycle: How mental health nurses improve physical health care in Community Mental Health Services Regina Cai , Eastern Health	<i>Pre-registration is required.</i> Things we wish we'd known before we set out in private practice... experienced MHNs, from a range of specialisations and business models, share hacks and hints to give you a head start in shaping your own private practice. Use the suggested map provided, individualise
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1125	From Enrolled Nurse to Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: How reflection shapes identity and redefines leadership Kudzai Mutenzwa, Western NSW Local Health District	Welcome to mental health nursing: Incorporating teachings and reflections to build student confidence within a Youth Specialist Program Sal Hosking, Jake Bushe, Orygen Specialist Program	Nurse Midwife Health Program Australia: Peer support for those providing care Tayla Vella, Nurse Midwife Health Program Australia	Growing with our learners: Developing education to meet the learning needs of a growing and diverse AOD nursing workforce Samantha Clark, Insight Co-author: Tracey Swan, Insight	Preparing middle-level managers through the 'Shift Coordinators Workshop' for mental health services: Insights from a process evaluation Ashishkumar Badanapurkar, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Co-authors: Peggy Ooi, Rosie Barnes, Benjamin Lockwood, Dulcey Kayes, Susan McLean, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network	your journey with the tips that suit your service, and be inspired to create a sustainable practice that is uniquely you. Lee Knight, University of New South Wales, Jess Stone
1135					Beyond skills: Why emotional intelligence mental health nursing leadership is the key to influencing mental health systems Shelley Anderson, Alfred Mental and Addiction Health	
1145	How mental health nurse consultants impact on the care of general hospital patients experiencing mental health conditions Julie Sharrock, Mental Health Nurse Consultant Co-authors: Prof Marie Hutchinson, Prof Brenda Happell, Southern Cross University	Challenging neuronormative learning biases in nursing higher education Sarah McKay, RMIT University Co-author: Prof Rhonda Wilson, RMIT University	Developing a protocol for a nursing-led trauma-informed care principles research project for Child and Youth Mental Health Services Emma Hart, Breechey Turner, Children's Health Queensland Co-authors: Alison Bolton, Samantha Jones, Children's Health Queensland	Forging the nurse practitioner identity in consultation liaison Samuel Wubembe, Adiola Mazambani, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services Co-authors: A/Prof Marianne Wyder, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services	Active ingredients of the 10 Safewards interventions: Findings from an international Delphi study A/Prof Bridget Hamilton, University of Melbourne Co-author: Prof Anna Bjorkdahl, Karolinska Institute	

1155					Impact of moral injury, Rachel Kelly, Caroline Delaforce , Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Service	
1205	Leading recovery: The critical role of nurses in bridging service gaps and revolutionizing youth mental health at Orygen Recovery YPARC Simone Zammit , Orygen Recovery	Exploring the Mental Health and Forensic Mental Health Nursing Clinical Reasoning Cycles with mental health nursing academics Dr Tess Maguire , Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science	"You Can't Ask That": Using lived experience in mental health nursing education Dr Russell James , University of Tasmania	An NP model of care to support the transition of stable mental health clients to primary care Tamara Ward , Cockburn Wellbeing Co-author: Karen Heslop , Curtin University	Managing OVA while eliminating/reducing restrictive interventions: What does it mean for nurses who work in acute mental health units? Dr Gary Ennis , Northern Health	
1215	Co-author: Katharine Davies , Orygen Recovery	Co-authors: Prof Georgina Willetts , Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Prof Michael Olasoji , A/Prof Loretta Garvey , Federation University			I am a mental health nurse.... Noxi Chiweshe , Barwon Health	
1225	Final Q&As					
1230-1330	Lunch, exhibition and poster session 5			Plaza Auditorium Foyer		
1230-1300	Internal meeting: Clinical Liaison, chaired by Julie Sharrock			Plaza 8		
1230-1315	Internal meeting: Credential for Practice Committee and Peer Review SIG, chaired by Katie Hangan			Plaza 7		
1230-1330	Internal meeting: Central Coast and Hunter New England branch, chaired by Janine Max			Concord Boardroom		

1330-1500	4A: Identity: Specialties Plaza Auditorium Chair: Renee Molloy	4B: Impact: Education Plaza 7 Chair: Dr Tess Maguire	4C: Influence: Suicide Plaza 8 Chair: Cameron Marshman	4D: Identity: Psychotherapy/NDIS Plaza 9 Chair: Dr Sinead Barry	4E: Lightning session Plaza 10 Chair: Dr Marie Boulianne	Masterclass 4: Preparing for a PhD Plaza 11 Host: Prof Tanya Park
1335	Healing through engagement: The power of nurse-led group activities in Women's Mental Health Unit, Shaveta Sood , Northern Health	From novice to competent: Implementing a Skill Matrix and Competency Framework in mental health nursing Ashishkumar Badanapurkar , Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Co-authors: Dulcey Kayes, Benjamin Lockwood, Rosie Barnes, Susan McLean, Kirsty Smith , Southern Adelaide Local Health Network	Exploring mental health nurses' experiences of a patient suicide: An existential crisis of identity Dr Melsina Makaza , University of Newcastle Co-authors: Dr Chris Papadopoulos, Prof Gurch Randhawa , University of Bedfordshire	From trauma to recovery: The untapped power of EMDR in rural mental health care Marina Jeeawody , HealthWISE	The experience of the Suicide Prevention Pathway: A carers' perspective Dr Oliver Higgins , Central Coast Local Health District Co-authors: Dr Mariko Carey , University of Newcastle, Dr Rachel Sheather-Reid, Hannah Kenyon, Jodie Sabota, Laura Christie, Susan Pinnell , Central Coast Local Health District	<i>Pre-registration is required.</i> This session will discuss how to prepare to commence a PhD. You will hear from current mental health nurses who are PhD candidates and experienced PhD supervisors. There will be time to ask questions and explore what is required to commence and complete a PhD. Prof Tanya Park , James Cook University, Prof Brenda Happell , Southern Cross University, A/Prof Adam Searby , Monash University, Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University, Renee Molloy , Monash University, Dr Eric Lim , Murdoch University, Kate Currey , Southern Cross University, Christa Keilar , Metro North Hospital and Health Service
1345					Integrating care and command: Mental health nursing influence in specialist police partnerships Nirosha Kodikara, Sgt Victor Yanes , Australian Federal Police	
1355	Global perspectives: Major steps taken in building youth mental health care capacity in the Maldives Helen Nicoll , Orygen Co-author: Dr Shona Francey , Orygen	Preparing our nurses to be confident to administer long-acting antipsychotic medication Becky Hunston, Joshitha Mathew , Central Adelaide Local Health Network	Contextualisation of the SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Program for use among adolescents in Nepal Rita Pokharel Poudel , Western Sydney University Co-authors: Dr Diana Jefferies, Dr Sheeja Perumbil Pathrose, Prof Lucie Ramjan , Western Sydney University	From public service to private practice: A nurse entrepreneurs journey into providing Talk Therapy Evan Player , Epic Psychotherapy	A quality improvement activity adapting the Safewards fidelity checklist to measure embedded core qualities of psychodynamic nursing in Safewards interventions Brendon Robinson Kelly Dorning , Darling Downs Health Co-author: Dr Jennifer Hamilton , Edith Cowan University	

1405					Impact of the Transition Coordinator role at the Princess Alexandra Hospital Idalia Rodriguez, <i>Princess Alexandra Hospital</i>	
1415	Perceptions and experiences of mental health consumers, carers and clinicians related to Compulsory Treatment Orders (CTOs) in Victoria, Australia Fiona Khalil, Alfred Mental and Addiction Health	"We are a disposable entity". Mental health nurses' experiences of reform in Victoria: A qualitative descriptive study A/Prof Louise Alexander, Deakin University, Whitney Johnson, Alfred Mental and Addiction Health Co-authors: Cally Mills, Deakin University, A/Prof Adam Searby, Monash University	A state-wide Victoria anti-ligature risk assessment tool Anna Love, Safer Care Victoria Co-author: A/Prof Janine Davies, Safer Care Victoria	Patterns in the access, utilisation and budget allocation of NDIS psychosocial support for First Nations Australians with mental health needs Dr Xiaoyun Zhou, Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research	Improving care for mental health consumers under the Mental Health Act 2016: Rights, advocacy, and legal frameworks in Queensland Sarah Brown, Queensland Health	
1425					Organisation-wide peer-group Nurse Unit Manager clinical supervisor training and practice: Considerations for mental health nursing Dr Rebecca Jarden, Melissa Leslie, Austin Health Co-authors: Emma Barker, Nonie Rickard, Bernadette Twomey, Austin Health, Dr Naomi Brockenshire, Dr Helena Bujalkah, University of Melbourne	

1435	Implementation of a novel acute care service in a rural area Bill Koffmann, Bathurst Community Mental Health	Listening to learn: Making mental health research accessible in nursing education through GenAI Podcasts Dr Jennifer Hamilton, Dr Lesley Barr, Edith Cowan University Co-authors: Dr Martina Costello, Prof Martin Jones, Edith Cowan University	Engaging with lived experience in suicide research: Considerations and reflections from multiple case-studies Taylor Yousiph, University of Wollongong Co-authors: Dr Christopher Patterson, Prof Lorna Moxham, University of Wollongong	Implementation of the IMPACT Operational Manual in a rural community mental health setting Alison Day, Bathurst and Region Community Mental Health, Sheirah Brilley, Western NSW Local Health District	Shaping the future of Baccalaureate psychiatric nursing education in Alberta: Addressing challenges and embracing opportunities Randi Ziorio Dunlop, University of Alberta Co-author: Jamie Terhorst, MacEwan University	
1445					New models of care for mental health clients, GPs and mental health services in Alice Springs Alison Thorn, Martin Musco, Top End Mental Health Services	
1455	Final Q&As					
1500-1530	Afternoon tea, exhibition and poster session 6				Plaza Auditorium Foyer	
1500-1530	Internal meeting: Western Australia branch, chaired by Marie Boulianne				Concord Boardroom	
1530-1700	Afternoon plenary				Plaza Auditorium	
1530	Keynote: <i>Beyond the blueprint: Crafting a career with impact</i> , Peta Marks, InsideOut Institute				MC: Dr Brent Hayward	
1615	Keynote: <i>The impact our identity can have on influencing others</i> , Katrina Ward, Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service					
1700	Non-members to exit the Auditorium					
1710-1740	ACMHN Members' Forum				Plaza Auditorium MC: Adrian Armitage	
1900-2300	Conference Dinner				LINA Rooftop	

FRIDAY 12 September 2025: Conference Day 3 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre						
0800-1700	Speakers preparation open			Convenors Office		
0800-1700	Quiet Room			Plaza Room 6		
0800-1700	Registration open			Plaza Auditorium Registration Desk		
From 0800	Coffee cart, open during catering breaks			Plaza Auditorium Foyer		
0800-1700	Exhibition open Poster viewing			Plaza Auditorium Foyer		
0900-1030	Morning plenary			Plaza Auditorium		
0900	Acknowledgment to Country, Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University			MC: Prof Rhonda Wilson		
0905	Keynote: Put your oxygen mask on first, Lisa Curry AO , Former Australian swimmer					
1020	Announcement of International Summit, Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University					
1030-1100	Morning tea, exhibition and poster session 7			Plaza Auditorium Foyer		
1030-1100	Internal meeting: Research SIG, chaired by Dr Eric Lim			Concord Boardroom		
1100-1230	5A: Identities: Specialties Plaza Auditorium Chair: Dr Anita Moyes	5B: Impact: Digital Plaza 7 Chair: Mark Fullerton	5C: Impact: Physical Plaza 8 Chair: Hosu Ryu	5D: Impact: Dissemin. Plaza 9 Chair: Dr Oliver Higgins	5E: Lightning session Plaza 10 Chair: Dr Jennifer Hamilton	Masterclass 5: Social and emotional wellbeing Plaza 11 Host: Erin Alexander
1105	Reducing and eliminating restrictive practices in mental health settings: A multi-faceted approach Rhiannon Meek , Crisis Prevention Institute	Cultural competency in forensic mental health nursing: What does it mean? Rebecca Millar , RMIT University	Exploring mental health consumer perceptions and experiences of goal-setting with the physical health nurse consultant Tracy Tabvuma , Tabvuma Mental Health Co-authors: Dr Robert Stanton , CQUniversity, Dr Ya-Ling Huang , University of Southern Queensland, Prof Brenda Happell , Southern Cross University	Adult Individual Resilience Scale: A mixed method study developing a new scale of resilience for the clinical mental healthcare setting Judye Margetts , University of Newcastle	How a mental health nurse practitioner is addressing the sexual and reproductive health needs of service users Trudy Brown , RMIT University	<i>Pre-registration is required.</i> For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, health and wellbeing are viewed as inseparable. Our understanding of mental health is broader, more holistic, and deeply person-centred compared to mainstream definitions. The Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) model, developed by Gee and colleagues, is a

1115					<p>The role of mental health placement fellows in shaping nursing students' experiences and capacity of clinical preceptorship Dr Lin Zhao, Shingai Mareya, RMIT University</p> <p>Co-authors: Kerrie Buchanan, Dhanpreet Kaur, Prof Karen Livesay, RMIT Universeity, Vesna Dempster, Allison Harrington, Dr Gary Ennis, Northern Health, Nigel Toomey, Elaine Withers, Royal Melbourne Hospital</p>	<p>strengths-based framework widely used across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services to support positive health and wellbeing outcomes. It reflects the core relationships and connections that are central to Indigenous cultures. This Masterclass will explore the SEWB model and its application in mental health nursing practice to better support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</p>
1125	<p>Mental health nursing and mainstream religious trauma Jacqui Cousins, Nursing the Mind</p>	<p>Beyond automation: How AI is transforming mental health practice Sally-Anne McCormack, ANTSA</p>	<p>Perspectives of carers on the physical health of young people with early psychosis Ting Ting Hui, Alfred Mental and Addiction Health</p> <p>Co-authors: Prof Michael Olosoji, Federation University Australia, Assoc Prof Loretta Garvey, Swinburne University of Technology</p>	<p>Diagnostic overshadowing of chronic hepatitis c in people with mental health conditions who inject drugs: A scoping review Regan Preston, Fiona Stanley Hospital</p> <p>Co-authors: Dr Karen Heslop, Dr Michael Christmass, Dr Shirley McGough Curtin University, Dr Eric Lim, Murdoch University</p>	<p>Building capability in mental health deterioration within non-mental health services: A service-wide response Stuart Wall, Peninsula Health</p> <p>Co-authors: Allan Carlow, Diana Patton, Peninsula Health</p>	<p>Siobhan Sharpe, University of Melbourne</p>
1135					<p>Indoctrinating into our tribe: Nurses reflections on the alcohol and other drug (AOD) student support program in Metro North Samantha Clark, Insight</p> <p>Co-author: Tracey Swan, Insight</p>	

1145	Real care the second time around: Trauma aware, healing informed aged care for forgotten Australians and care leavers Sarah Lim, Helping Hand Aged Care Co-author: Chelsea Lewis, Helping Hand Aged Care	A national evaluation of the prevalence and impact of vision-based technology in mental health inpatient wards in England Dr Fiona Nolan, North London NHS Foundation Trust Co-authors: Madeleine Devon, Ella Dowling, Dr Nicola Armstrong, Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	Equally well in Victoria Anna Love, Safer Care Victoria Co-authors: Rebecca Helvig, Safer Care Victoria, Trudy Brown, RMIT University	People with people: Embodied experiences of compassion in mental healthcare Cameron Marshman, Monash University Co-authors: Dr Jacqui Allen, Dr Debbie Ling, Dr Gabrielle Brand, Monash University	Partnering with consumers: Co-designing a nurse-led groups program with lived experience experts A/Prof Suzie Hooper, Natalie Nardella, Epworth HealthCare Co-authors: Damien Khaw, Epworth-Deakin Centre for Nursing and Midwifery, Prof Ana Hutchinson, Epworth HealthCare	
1155					The Safer Households Pilot Project: Introducing the Safewards Model into residential aged care facilities Brian Tomney, Uniting NSW.ACT Co-author: Dr Rebecca C Hardy, Uniting NSW.ACT	
1205	Freeing up expertise: How implementing a supplementary workforce supports mental health nurses to focus on high-value care in a MBU Dannielle Orifici, Gillian Ennis, Women and Newborn Health Service	Digital wellbeing resources for Mob: Let's stay strong and well! A/Prof Kylie Dingwall, Menzies School of Health Research	Eliminating seclusion for women: Are we doing enough? Alison Hansen, University of Newcastle Co-authors: Dr Robyn Rosina, Independent Researcher, Conj Prof Michael Hazelton, Prof Kerry J Inder, University of Newcastle	Effect of consumer-led education on Australian acute inpatient psychiatric units' MHNs' attitudes towards consumers with mental illness Dr Anju Sreeram, Federation University Co-authors: Em Prof Wendy Cross, Federation University, Dr Louise Townsin, Torrens University	Enhancing psychosexual safety of people with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) in forensic mental health setting Anumol Joseph, James Nash House Co-authors: Shweta Chadda, Alana Nagel, James Nash House, Natasha Jojo, University of Canberra	

1215					Lived experience workforce leadership: Further understanding the consumer's experiences of Safewards Antony Mullen , Southern Cross University Co-authors: Prof Brenda Happell , Southern Cross University, A/Prof Bridget Hamilton , University of Melbourne, Stephanie Skinner , Hunter New England Mental Health	
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1335	A nurse is a nurse. Credentialed mental health nurses: A disappearing specialty; current trends and attitudes Simone Harvey, Maureen Sheehan , Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services Co-authors: Jill Evans, A/Prof Marianne Wyder , Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services	International pre-registration nursing students' experiences of mental health clinical placement: A scoping review Alana Wilson , Monash University Co-authors: A/Prof Adam Searby, Renee Molloy , Monash University	Using machine learning to assist decision making in the assessment of mental health patients presenting to emergency departments Dr Oliver Higgins , Central Coast Local Health District Co-authors: Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University, Prof Stephan K Chlaup , University of Newcastle	Improving collaborative care planning on an older adult mental health inpatient unit: Doing with not for Barbara Williams , Northern Health	Testing Safe Steps for de-escalation: A clinician-emerged approach to reducing coercive practices Alison Taylor, Matthew Flowers , Coffs Harbour Base Hospital Co-authors: Esario IV Daguman, A/Prof Richard Lakeman, Prof Marie Hutchinson , Southern Cross University, Dane Owen , Coffs Harbour Base Hospital, Leo Waterhouse , Cumberland Hospital	<i>Pre-registration is required.</i> This session will provide an update on credentialing and suggestions for preparing your application. Catherine Hangan , Queensland Health, Joanne Wild , Metro North Addiction and Mental Health Services

1345					<p>Transforming care: Examining the role of mental health nurses in supporting adults with ADHD Sarah McKay, RMIT University</p> <p>Co-author: Prof Rhonda Wilson, RMIT University</p>	
1355	<p>What am I? Navigating mental health nursing as a secondary professional identity Dr Anita Moyes, Edith Cowan University</p>	<p>Clinical placements in mental health: Enhancing the student experience and promoting a career in mental health nursing Emily Bate, Hunter Valley Mental Health Service</p> <p>Co-authors: Antony Mullen, Southern Cross University, Katherine Price, Hunter New England Mental Health, Gary Crowfoot, University of Newcastle</p>	<p>A digital journey for young people: Codesigning the AIMhi for Youth app A/Prof Kylie Dingwall, Menzies School of Health Research</p>	<p>Community groups creating places for people living with a mental illness to thrive Prof Caryn West, Charles Stuart University, Prof Tanya Park, James Cook University</p> <p>Co-authors: Suzi Pont, Samantha Santarossa, The Junction Clubhouse</p>	<p>Is mentorship a pathway to improving the student nurse experience? Exploring how mentorship enhances nursing students' transition into clinical practice Joceline Turner, South Metro Health Service, Nathan Dart, Metro North Health</p> <p>Geopolitical determinants of refugee and asylum seeker mental health Jacob Mabil Atem, RMIT University</p> <p>Co-author: Prof Rhonda Wilson, RMIT University</p>	
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1425	Addiction and Mental Health Services, De Backman-Hoyle , Mental Health Carers Australia.	Co-authors: Prof Jennene Greenhill , Dr Louise Ward , Southern Cross University, Dr Susan Kidd , Northern NSW Local Health District	Co-authors: A/Prof Cathy Daniel , A/Prof Andrea Phillipou , University of Melbourne, Profe John Oliffe , University of British Columbia, Peta Marks , Inside Out Institute		Mental health awareness programs for culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in Australia Dr Bindu Joseph , Robeena Emmanuel , Federation University Co-author: Prof Michael Olosoji , Federation University	
1435	It's in our hands: The role of mental health nurses in supporting deaf young people to access mental health services Megan Christophers , Victorian College for the Deaf	Implementing trauma and violence-informed approaches in nursing education: Navigating policy spaces Randi Ziorio Dunlop , University of Alberta	"Just leave, forgive and move on!" What not to say to victims of bullying Prof Brenda Happell , Southern Cross University	Clinical supervision implementation for paediatric nurses: Where a mental health nurse is the expert Liz Dugdell , Queensland Children's Hospital	Therapy dogs in a secure forensic psychiatric facility: Benefits and considerations Sneha Jose , Forensicare Co-author: Brooke Turner , Forensicare	
1445		Co-authors: Dr Holly Symonds-Brown , Dr Kathleen Hegadoren , University of Alberta, Prof Tanya Park , James Cook University			Rural health care: A non-linear journey into private practice Kylie Straube , Remote Territory Health Care	
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1530-1715	<p>Closing plenary</p> <p>Keynote panel: The future of our impact, influence and identify of mental health nursing, Prof John Baker, University of Leeds, Nathan Dart, Metro North Health, A/Prof Adam Searby, Monash University, Prof Roianne West, University of Sydney, Prof Shelley Nowlan, Department of Health, facilitated by Prof Rhonda Wilson RMIT University</p> <p>ACMHN president wrap-up, Prof Rhonda Wilson, RMIT University</p> <p>Announcement of awards, Prof Rhonda Wilson, RMIT University, Jo Suggett, Western Health Research Award, Meryl Caldwell-Smith First Time Presenter Award, General Award, Poster Award, Stan Alchin Award, Clinical Supervision Award – presented by Paul Spurr, sponsored by Clinical Supervision Consultancy</p> <p>Reflections from outgoing Scientific Chair, A/Prof Cathy Daniel, University of Melbourne</p> <p>Looking forward and 2026 announcement with incoming Scientific Chair, Dr Brent Hayward, Monash University</p> <p>Close of conference</p>	<p>Plaza Auditorium</p> <p>MC: A/Prof Cathy Daniel</p>
1730 onwards	<p>Post conference event</p> <p><i>Drinks and nibbles at own cost</i></p>	<p>Soleil Pool Bar, Rydges South Bank Brisbane</p>