

TheMHS Conference 2026

Illuminating Hope, Inclusion & Connection

August 4 - 7 2026 | Hilton Sydney



A SNAPSHOT OF THE CONFERENCE

35
YEARS

35 years of delivering the Mental Health Services Conference.



Attracts around a 1000 engaged delegates from all disciplines in mental health.



A highly respected, trusted and valued conference in mental health.



The most diverse mental health conference in Australia and New Zealand, with strong lived experience participation, as well as clinicians, educators, policy makers, service providers, and researchers.



The focus is not just on education but the wellbeing and inclusion of all delegates.



Conference location changes annually to encourage local attendance from different capital cities.



Live streaming of key sessions of the conference to ensure rural, remote and international delegates can participate.



In 2026 we are returning to the basics of human need, with a universal focus on hopefulness and the needs of people most impacted by their mental health challenges and experiences of social exclusion.

The Mental Health Services (TheMHS) Conference is Australasia's leading and most diverse mental health conference.

TheMHS Learning Network is an international learning network for improving mental health services in Australia and New Zealand. TheMHS Learning Network is a registered charity with a volunteer Board.

TheMHS Learning Network events 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. Partner with Australia and New Zealand's premier mental health organisation to promote your organisation and services, effectively deliver your message, and meet new people in the mental health sector.

PARTNER WITH US AND EXPAND YOUR PRESENCE IN THE SECTOR

WHY SPONSOR AT THEMHS CONFERENCE 2026?

Trust our experience

TheMHS has over 35 years' experience hosting some of the most inclusive conferences and learning conferences in Australia and New Zealand.

Diverse audience

TheMHS Conference draws a dynamic mix of delegates from across sectors, including those from clinical disciplines, service management, government staff and representatives, research organisations and universities, policy developers, consumer and family/carer organisations.

Build connections within the local and international mental health community

Your brand and booth presence allows you to connect with delegates and speakers throughout the conference. This opportunity for building relationships, not only allows you to promote your organisation but can also direct you to emerging developments and improvements in mental health services.

Develop high recognition with delegates

The exhibition layout is strategically organised to maximise delegate interaction. Additionally, the conference will actively encourage delegate conversation with exhibitors and sponsors by running a passport competition which requires delegates to visit each booth.

Network with experts

TheMHS brings together experienced mental health personnel, acclaimed speakers and researchers, academics involved in educating future and current workforces, consumers (people with lived experience), families/carers, educators, managers and policy makers responsible for mental health systems and reforms, and tertiary students in mental health fields.

Support and contribute to educational opportunities within the mental health sector

TheMHS offers bursaries to carers, consumers, First Nations people, and other key groups to attend our events. By sponsoring or exhibiting at TheMHS, you contribute to supporting these individuals and other delegates in their continual learning.

PROMOTING YOUR PARTICIPATION

Your support is publicised widely before and during TheMHS Conference 2026.

Database Emails

TheMHS has an extensive database of over 6,000 people working in the mental health sector and provides them updates regularly.

TheMHS Conference Website

The primary point of information regarding TheMHS conference. This will be updated regularly with the latest developments and includes sponsors logos.

Conference Handbook

The handbook is distributed to all delegates upon registration and is a reference point for sessions as well as an exhibition guide.

Social Media

Promotion via our various social media channels to promote interaction and discussion among attendees.

Signage

Sponsors will be featured on signage around the conference venue such as registration desk signage, program screens etc.

Conference App

Used by all delegates to complement their TheMHS conference experience.

Session Slides

Reinforcing your commitment and support to delegates during sessions.

DELEGATE PROFILE

92%

Likely to recommend TheMHS Conference

91%

Likely to attend TheMHS Conference again

19%

Service or Project
Management

19%

Service or
Project Delivery

18%

Consumer or
Carer

13%

Researcher/Educator
(Academic)

12%

Clinician (NGO,
public and
private)

6%

Government/Policy

13%

Other

DELEGATE TESTIMONIALS

"This being my first conference I was so amazed by how well it was done. I took so much away from it and loved every talk that I participated in."

- HVL from SA Health

"This was amazing, I loved every part of the conference and would like to attend again in the future."

- AWF from CAMHS

"I thoroughly enjoyed the learnings, the range of topics, networking with like-minded people."

- NS from Flourish

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SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION PACKAGES

A diverse range of sponsorship packages have been created to harness the many opportunities TheMHS Conference offers.

| Sponsorship | Level | Opportunities | Page | Price AUD (Incl. GST) |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|------|-----------------------|
| Platinum Sponsor | Platinum | 1 | 5 | \$29,500 |
| Gold Sponsor | Gold | 2 | 6 | \$25,500 |
| Silver Sponsor | Silver | 2 | 6 | \$16,330 |
| Award Sponsor | Bronze | 1 | 7 | \$15,500 |
| Wellness Sponsor | Bronze | 1 | 7 | \$13,500 |
| Technology Sponsor | Bronze | 1 | 8 | \$12,775 |
| Standard Exhibitor | Exhibitor | 10 | 9 | \$6,651 |
| Conference Handbook Adverts | Advertising | 3 | 10 | \$500 - \$2,000 |
| Rolling Ads on App | Advertising | 2 | 10 | \$1,500 |
| App Push Notifications | Advertising | 4 | 10 | \$1,000 |
| Satchel Inserts | Advertising | 10 | 10 | \$600 |
| Logo on Conference Satchel | Advertising | 2 | 10 | \$2,000 |

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our sponsorship opportunities are tailored to suit your organisations needs. Specific marketing opportunities such as sponsored events and content marketing are available according to your sponsorship type. We are happy to discuss how we can tailor your sponsorship to fit the needs of your organisation. Please contact conference@themhs.org

Cost incl. GST
\$29,500

PLATINUM SPONSOR (1 opportunity)

Inclusions:

- One (01) double exhibitor booth or equivalent floor space (6m x 2m) – select your preferred location
- Four (04) exhibitor registrations with access to full conference
- Two (02) complimentary virtual registration
- Add either option to your booth (custom branding extra cost):
 - Coffee cart during the arrivals, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea
 - Headshot activation
- 1st Prize of Passport Price competition \$1000 VISA Gift Card
- One (01) sponsored email sent to all event attendees 2 weeks prior
- 5-minute speaking opportunity or video to be played at the Conference Opening
- Opportunity to sponsor a Keynote or Symposium session which includes a logo on the conference program and on the session holding slides
- Official sponsor of the Networking Reception
- Opportunity to supply pull-up banners to be displayed within conference venue (max 2)
- One (01) rolling ad on TheMHS Conference app
- One (01) full page advert in the Conference Handbook
- Two (02) satchel insert (as per satchel insert guidelines)
- Three (03) push notifications (*one per day*) on TheMHS Conference app at the day/time of your choice
- Sponsorship recognition, company logo, 50-word company profile and link to company website on TheMHS Conference website and app
- Company logo on the virtual conference platform
- Company logo displayed on all TheMHS Conference electronic marketing
- Company logo displayed on TheMHS Conference Handbook
- Electronic delegate listing (*privacy excluded*), provided 2 weeks prior to the TheMHS Conference
- Professional photos of the booth by designated TheMHS photographer

GOLD SPONSOR (2 opportunities)

Cost incl. GST
\$25,500

Inclusions:

- One (01) double exhibitor booth or equivalent floor space (6m x 2m) – select your preferred location
- Four (04) exhibitor registrations with access to full conference
- Two (02) complimentary virtual registration
- Add either option to your booth (*custom branding extra cost*):
 - Coffee cart during the arrivals, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea
 - Juice bar with 300 bottles (250ml) per day
 - Icecream / Gelato Cart with 300 servings per day
- 2nd Prize of Passport Price competition \$500 VISA Gift Card
- Opportunity to sponsor a Keynote or Symposium session (*incl. logo on the conference program and session holding slides*)
- One (01) rolling ad on TheMHS Conference app
- One (01) half page advert in the Conference Handbook
- One (01) satchel insert (*as per satchel insert guidelines*)
- Three (03) push notifications (*one per day*) on TheMHS Conference app at the day/time of your choice
- Sponsorship recognition, company logo, 50-word company profile and link to company website on TheMHS Conference website and app
- Company logo on the virtual conference platform
- Company logo displayed on all TheMHS Conference electronic marketing
- Company logo displayed on TheMHS Conference Handbook
- Electronic delegate listing (*privacy excluded*), provided 2 weeks prior to the TheMHS Conference
- Professional photos of the booth by designated TheMHS photographer

Cost incl. GST
\$16,330

SILVER SPONSOR (2 opportunities)**Inclusions:**

- One (01) single exhibitor booth or equivalent floor space (3m x 2m) – select your preferred location
- Two (02) exhibitor registrations with access to full conference
- Option to add either of the following options:
 - Official sponsor of the art exhibition, opportunity to add a poster and a banner
 - Official sponsor of the speaker room, opportunity to place banner in the room
- One (01) half page advert in the Conference Handbook
- One (01) satchel insert (*as per satchel insert guidelines*)
- One (01) push notification on TheMHS Conference app at the day/time of your choice
- Sponsorship recognition, company logo, 50-word company profile and link to company website on TheMHS Conference website and app
- Company logo displayed on all TheMHS Conference electronic marketing
- Company logo displayed on TheMHS Conference Handbook
- Electronic delegate listing (*privacy excluded*), provided 2 weeks prior to the TheMHS Conference

AWARD SPONSOR (1 opportunity)Cost incl. GST
\$15,500**Inclusions:**

- One (01) single exhibitor booth or equivalent floor space (3m x 2m) – select your preferred location
- Two (02) exhibitor registrations with access to full conference
- One (01) full table of 10 at TheMHS Gala Dinner
- Prominent branding at the TheMHS Gala Dinner (*banner, menu, holding slides etc*)
- Company logo on the program & Awards holding slides
- One (01) half page advert in the Conference Handbook
- One (01) satchel insert (*as per satchel insert guidelines*)
- One (01) push notifications on TheMHS Conference app at the day/time of your choice
- Sponsorship recognition, company logo, 50-word company profile and link to company website on TheMHS Conference website and app
- Company logo displayed on TheMHS Conference Handbook
- Electronic delegate listing (*privacy excluded*), provided 2 weeks prior to the TheMHS Conference

WELLNESS SPONSOR (1 opportunity)Cost incl. GST
\$13,500**Inclusions:**

- One (01) single exhibitor booth or equivalent floor space (3m x 2m) – select your preferred location
- Two (02) exhibitor registrations with access to full conference
- One (01) exclusive massage chair activation as the official Wellness Sponsor
- Official sponsor of the wellness sessions of the conference
- One (01) half page advert in the Conference Handbook
- One (01) satchel insert (*as per satchel insert guidelines*)
- One (01) push notifications on TheMHS Conference app at the day/time of your choice
- Sponsorship recognition, company logo, 50-word company profile and link to company website on TheMHS Conference website and app
- Company logo displayed on TheMHS Conference Handbook
- Electronic delegate listing (*privacy excluded*), provided 4 weeks and 1 week prior to the TheMHS Conference

TECHNOLOGY SPONSOR (1 opportunity)

Inclusions:

- One (01) single exhibitor booth or equivalent floor space (3m x 2m) – select your preferred location
- Two (02) exhibitor registrations with access to full conference
- Official sponsor of TheMHS Conference app with branding on home screen
- One (01) rolling ad on TheMHS Conference app
- One (01) half page ad in the Conference Handbook
- One (01) satchel insert (*as per satchel insert guidelines*)
- Three (03) push notifications (*one per day*) on TheMHS Conference app at the day/time of your choice
- Sponsorship recognition, company logo, 50-word company profile and link to company website on TheMHS Conference website and app
- Company logo on the virtual conference platform
- Company logo displayed on TheMHS Conference printed program
- Electronic delegate listing (privacy excluded), provided 2 weeks prior to the TheMHS Conference



MEDIA & CROSS-PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

We welcome expressions of interest from media partners and organisations seeking cross-promotional opportunities.

A range of tailored partnerships are available to deliver shared value, expanded reach and meaningful engagement for both organisations.

To discuss opportunities, please contact comms@themhs.org.

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

The exhibition is a major component of TheMHS Conference 2026. The Conference program and floorplan has been designed to maximize the opportunities for delegates to visit exhibitors. All catering is strategically placed near exhibitors. The exhibition runs from 5-7 August, 2026. For more information, please contact conference@themhs.org

Level: Exhibitor

STANDARD EXHIBITOR

Cost incl. GST
\$6,651

Inclusions:

- One (01) standard booth (3x 2 m) with the following:
 - One (01) company signage
 - One (01) table and Two (02) chairs
 - One (01) 4-amp general-purpose outlet (GPO)
 - One (01) LED vario arm light

(Note: If you wish to hire your own furniture in lieu of the table and chairs provided, this may be done through the exhibition contractor at an additional cost)

- Two (02) full conference registration. *Additional exhibitor registrations (max 2) are chargeable \$1355 per person for 3-days of TheMHS Conference*
- Exhibition recognition, company logo, 50-word company profile and link to company website on TheMHS Conference website and app
- Space will be assigned in accordance with sponsorship level, after which the selection will be on a first-come-first-served basis
- EXHIBITOR CUSTOM STANDS - contact TheMHS to confirm cost
 - We welcome organisations who would like to create a customised experience at the TheMHS Conference 2026, please contact us on conference@themhs.org



ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

These opportunities are only available for sponsors and exhibitors. These cannot be booked standalone.

HANDBOOK ADVERTS

\$500 - \$2,000 incl. GST | 3 OPPORTUNITIES

Each delegate will receive a Conference Handbook which will be hardcover A4 notebook which includes TheMHS Conference program. This is an ideal opportunity to display your brand in front of all delegates, by ensuring your organisation's advert is in the TheMHS Conference Handbook.

Adverts can be a full A4 page at \$2,000, half page at \$1,000, or quarter page at \$500.

SATCHEL INSERTS

\$600 incl. GST | 10 OPPORTUNITIES

Each delegate will receive a satchel containing TheMHS Conference material.

Inclusion of a company flyer (max A4 page) or promotional item in satchels will ensure direct access to all delegates.

There are only 10 inserts available.

CONFERENCE PUSH NOTIFICATION

\$1,000 incl. GST | 4 OPPORTUNITIES

Phones are an integral part of our lives, TheMHS Conference app allows delegates to have all TheMHS Conference information at their fingertips.

This is an opportunity to get a message from your organisation to all delegates via rolling ad that will be on App home page.

CONFERENCE APP ROLLING ADS

\$1,500 incl. GST | 2 OPPORTUNITIES

LOGO ON CONFERENCE SATCHEL

\$2,000 incl. GST | 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Each delegate will receive a satchel containing TheMHS Conference material and sponsor flyers. This is an opportunity to have your company logo printed onto this satchel for optimal exposure throughout the conference.

WHAT'S NEXT?

SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW

If you have any questions or to complete the booking, please contact TheMHS team at conference@themhs.org. Please note full terms and conditions can be found on TheMHS conference website.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Once we have confirmed your sponsorship, TheMHS Learning Network will issue an invoice for the full amount. Payment is available via Direct Deposit or by credit card. Full payment is required within 30 days of invoice date or prior to the conference (whichever date comes first). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on conference@themhs.org.

