

NZHPA Mental Health Special Interest Group Seminar

9-10th August 2025,
Ward Support Block, Wellington Hospital

Programme



Saturday 9 th August 2025	
8.00 am	Registration. Tea and coffee on arrival.
8.30 am	Welcome & Opening - Koro Meke, Kaumatua MHAIDS; Harriet Sands, MHSIG Convenor: Brian Almand, MHSIG Committee
8.45 am	Keynote Speaker – Mental Health and Addiction Treatment with First Australians Kate Fulford – Associate Director, Strategy and Clinical Innovation, Pramana Medical Centre, Perth, Australia
9.45am	Clozapine Update Dr Susanna Every-Palmer
10.30 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am	Te Whatu Ora Stuff Leeanne Fisher, National Chief Mental Health and Addiction, Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora
11.30 am	PHARMAC, On minimising the impact of pharmaceutical product shortages , Marinda Van Zyl-Green, Contract Manager Team Leader and Ashleigh Kleinsman, Therapeutic Group Manager – Mental Health
12:00 pm	A word from the Minister of Mental Health The Honorable Matt Doocey, Minister for Mental Health NZ & Associate Minister of Health NZ
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Keynote Speaker – Establishing new roles for pharmacists in non-traditional health sectors. Kate Fulford – Associate Director, Strategy and Clinical Innovation, Pramana Medical Centre, Perth, Australia
2.00 pm	Deprescribing Marleen van Oeveren, Mental Health Pharmacist, Ashburn Clinic, Dunedin
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm	Open Forum: Clozapine in the Community Rebecca Lukey, Pharmacist Facilitator - Mental Health and Addictions Nelson Marlborough & Linda McKay, Advanced Clinical Pharmacist – Mental Health Addictions & Intellectual Disabilities Service Dunedin, and Topics for General Discussion - chaired by Harriet Sands
4.15 pm	Close Day One of Seminar , NZHPA MHSIG Members to stay for AGM
4.30 pm	NZHPA Mental Health SIG AGM for NZHPA Mental Health SIG members only
5.15 pm	Close

Sunday 10 th August 2025	
8.30 am	Tea and coffee on arrival.
9.00 am	Keynote Speaker – Addiction and ADHD Kate Fulford – Associate Director, Strategy and Clinical Innovation, Pramana Medical Centre, Perth, Australia
10.00 am	Te Hekenga Whaiora Co-design in First Episode Psychosis project Kat Mellor – Mental Health Pharmacist, Te Whatu Ora – Kenepuru Community Hospital
10.45 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am	Methamphetamine Addiction Dr Sam McBride, Consultant Psychiatrist, MHAIDS Alcohol & Drug Services
12.15 pm	Bariatric Surgery and Mental Health , Elisse Crawford, Dietician - Outpatient Paediatrics & Bariatrics, Te Whatu Ora Wellington Regional Hospital
1.15 pm	Closing remarks, Harriet Sands , NZHPA Mental Health SIG Convenor Close Koro Meke
1.30pm	Depart

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