

Is psychiatry re-enacting the myth of Sisyphus?

Tasmania Branch Conference
22–24 November 2024
 Peppers Silo Launceston

Conference Program

Psychiatry is in such an exciting phase, with new medications, new mechanisms of action, new ways of integrating psychotherapy and neurobiology. But are we ready and able to capitalise on these gains and ensure better, enduring outcomes for our patients and their families? Or are we merely going to push the proverbial boulder to the top of the hill, simply to see it roll down again? This conference has a broad scope, with clinical updates on topics relevant to all in the field. And there will be plenty of time for discussion, both formal and informal, as we try to plan for a better future for our discipline.

Friday 22 November	
Town Point Function Room	
6.00 – 7.30 pm	Welcome Reception
Saturday 23 November	
King's Wharf Lounge	
8.45 - 9 am	Daisy Allan <i>Celebration of Country in palawa kani</i> Dr Ben Elijah and Professor David Castle <i>Conference Opening Address</i>
Plenary : Pushing the Therapeutic Boundary	
9 – 9.30 am	Associate Professor Rajeev Jairam and Ms Natalie Medel <i>Novel mental health services for children in out of home care - from "Silo to Joint Care"</i>
9.30 – 10 am	Professor David Castle <i>Psychedelics and psychiatry: controversies</i>
10 – 10.30 am	Dr Andrea Putica <i>New psychological approaches to managing PTSD</i>
10.30 – 11 am	Panel: A/Prof Rajeev Jairam, Prof David Castle, Dr Andrea Putica and Ms Natalie Medel

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Saturday 23 November continued..	
11 – 11.30 am	Morning Tea
Plenary : Keynote	
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	Professor Chris Pantelis <i>The search for biomarkers of schizophrenia - a moving target?</i>
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch
Plenary : Putting the Brain Back into Psychiatry	
1.30 – 2 pm	Dr Andrew Gleason <i>Current approaches to Huntington's</i>
2 – 2.30 pm	Dr Sarah Lee <i>Neurology and psychiatry: Bedfellows or bed-foe</i>
2.30 – 3 pm	Professor Dennis Velakoulis <i>The role of blood and cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers in helping distinguish psychiatric from neurodegenerative disorders</i>
3 – 3.30 pm	Panel: Dr Andrew Gleason, Dr Sarah Lee and Dr Dennis Velakoulis
3.30 – 4 pm	Afternoon tea
Plenary : Address from the Chief Psychiatrist	
4.00 – 4.45 pm	Adjunct Professor Dinesh Arya <i>Design considerations for acute mental health inpatient units.</i>
4.45 – 4.50 pm	Day one closing remarks
6.30 – 10 pm	Conference Dinner Town Point Function Room Presentation: Tasmania Branch Meritorious Service Award 2024 Entertainment: Rachel Berger comedian

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Sunday 24 November	
King's Wharf Lounge	
Plenary : Putting the Mind Back into Psychiatry	
9 am – 9.30 am	Associate Professor Paul Cammell <i>Putting the Mind Back into Psychiatry - Focusing on relational, somatic, affective and contextual factors</i>
9.30 – 10.20 am	Associate Professor Frank Yeomans (pre-recording from Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Columbia Psychoanalytic Centre, New York, USA) <i>Trying to meet the challenge of psychotherapy for narcissistic personality disorder</i>
10.20 – 10.50 am	Dr Gabriel Feiler <i>Am I re-enacting the myth of Sisyphus after four years of running a registrar reflective space? Brief reflections on a vignette from a consultant and registrar co-led confidential registrar space.</i>
10.50 – 11.10 am	Panel: A/Prof Paul Cammell and Dr Gabriel Feiler
11.10 – 11.30 am	Morning Tea
Plenary : Professional Issues in Psychiatry	
11.30 – 12 pm	Professor Brett McDermott <i>What CAMHS can do for you: reform in the youth, forensic and Out-of-Home-Care space</i>
12 – 12.30 pm	Dr Stephen Rosenman <i>Conceptual and philosophical problems of clinical practice</i>
12.30 – 12.50 pm	Panel: Prof Brett McDermott and Dr Stephen Rosenman
12.50 – 1 pm	Conference closing remarks
1 pm	Conference close