

DAY 1

Friday 8th August

8:45 am – 4:30pm

7.45am Registration opens

8.45 am Acknowledgement/Welcome to Country and Conference Opening

9.00 - 10.00 am KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Associate Professor Ajay Macharouthu, Psychiatrist
Late Life Depression Super imposed on Dementia

10.00 – 10.30 am Dr Denise Craig, Psychologist
**Alzheimer's, Autonomy and Advance Care Planning:
but whose autonomy?**

10.30 - 10.45 Morning Tea

10.45 -11:45 am Dr Kim Forrest, Neurologist
Update on FND and What is happening in FNQ

11.45 -12.30 pm Dr Jenny Promnitz Clinical Psychologist
**13 years on the Mental Health Review Tribunal:
Reflections on the experience**

12.30-1.30 LUNCH

DAY 1 – Afternoon Session

1.30 – 2.15 pm Jenell Wilkie, Psychologist EMDR Consultant.
Changing Traits not just states: Transforming the self with EMDR

2.15 – 2.30 pm Hugh Woolford, Clinical Psychologist.
Feedback from the 2025 EMDRAA conference

2.30 – 2.45 Afternoon Tea

2.45 - 3.15 pm Laura Love, Psychologist.
**Clinical Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT):
An Overview of the Evidence - Part II:
Integrating EFT into Telehealth for Anxiety, Grief and Beyond**

3.15-3.45 pm Dr Jodi Sariman, Social Worker.
**Young People Living with Cancer in Rural & Remote Queensland:
Connection Helps Through Treatment Relocation Experiences**

3.45- 4.15pm Dr Kerry Francis, Clinical Psychologist
and Pier Portella, Psychologist.
**The Past is Present:
The Gift of Understanding Schemas and Modes**

4.15 – 4.30 pm Closing remarks and Q and A's

**Registrants may then attend a “meet, munch and sip”,
at The Benson’s convenient bar area adjacent to the conference area
which has a Happy Hour from 4.00-6.00.**

DAY 2

Saturday 9th August

8.50am – 4.30pm

7.45am Registration opens

8.45 am Acknowledgement/Welcome to Country

9.00 – 10.30 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Professor Ernest Hunter, Psychiatrist,
Helen Travers, Clinical Nurse,
Danielle Williams, School Teacher

The SUN Program. Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Keeping young people across the Cape and Torres engaged in school

10.30 – 10.45 Morning Tea

Our journeys as First Nations Health Professionals

10.45 – 11.00 Karen Ott, Psychologist and M Psych Clinical candidate

11.00 – 11.15 Helena David, Psychologist

11.15 - 11.30 Nedhtalia Nona, Liaison Officer

11.30 – 11.45 Renee Dodge, MH Nurse, and psychology student in Cairns

11.45 -12.00 **Panel discussion: where to from here?**

12.00 – 12.30 Bernadette Rogerson - Clinical Psychologist.

Andrew Lynam – Psychologist.

The development and flexible delivery of an 18-week DBT programme for Ramsay Clinic

12.30-1.30 LUNCH

DAY 2 Afternoon Session

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

1.30 - 2.45 Professor Zoltan Sarnyai, Psychiatrist

**An overview of the emerging field of Metabolic Psychiatry:
Putting the brain back in the body**

2.45-3.00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.00 – 3.30 Joyce Matthijssen, Physiotherapist.

**Cutting edge methods to provide a holistic approach to
Parkinsonian's Disease clients to ensure the greatest quality of life**

3.30 – 4.15 Simone Fischer, Psychologist

**The body holds the subconscious mind:
An exploration and explanation**

4.15 – 4.30

Closing remarks and Q and A's

**In the event of a speaker being unable to present we have a great back-up speaker
Dr Jack Menges, Psychologist
Current developments in psychedelic psychotherapy:
The contribution of psychology.**

**Registrants may then attend a wonderful closing dinner at the Benson,
to cement the relationship forged during this great event,
while planning the next event in two years' time.**

**NB The committee is subsidizing the Dinner on Saturday night with several free drink
vouchers, that can also be used to reduce the cost of the meals.**

**In addition there will be lucky door prizes;
the winner of the Green Island prize will be announced;
and???? More to come**