



Section of Social, Cultural and Rehabilitation Psychiatry
2026 Conference

Many minds, one mission:

advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in mental health care
20-22 March 2026 • Launceston, Tasmania

* Program is subject to change

Friday 20 March – Rehabilitation psychiatry

12:30-13:30 *Lunch on arrival & registration open*

13:30-14:30 **Keynote Speaker:** Professor Emma Lee OAM, Federation University

14:30-15:00 *Afternoon tea*

Debate: Generalism or sub-specialisation?

Topic: Rehabilitation psychiatry should be its own unique sub-specialty

15:00-16:30 Facilitator: A/Professor Greg de Moore
Affirmative Team: Dr Frances Dark, Dr Angelo Virgona, A/Professor Stephen Parker
Negative Team: Dr Agnew Alexander, Dr Arnob Chakraborti, Professor David Castle

The debate will be followed by a Panel discussion open to audience questions

17:30-20:00 *Welcome reception*

Saturday 21 March – Social determinants of mental health

08:30-09:00 *Registration open*

09:00-10:00 **Social and Emotional Well-Being and Decolonizing Health Narratives**
Professor Jen Evans, UTAS

10:00-10:30 **Social inequity and mental health outcomes**
A/Professor Matthew Coleman

10:15-11:00 *Morning tea, Networking*

The Migration Experience and Mental Health Outcomes
Professor David Castle

11:00-12:30 **Childhood Adverse Events and Mental Health Outcomes**
Professor Brett McDermott

Panel Discussion

12:30 -13:30 *Lunch*

14:00 -17:00 *Social activity / free time*

18:00-20:00 **Conference Dinner:**
Guest Speaker: A/Professor Greg de Moore

Sunday 22nd March 2026 | Day 3: co-facilitated with WAPR-AUS

08:15-09:00 Registration open

Fixing The NDIS for People with Psychosocial Disability

Professor Jennifer Smith-Merry

09:00-10:15

Updates on NDIS Reforms for People with Psychosocial Disability

Dr Gerry Naughtin

10:15-10:45 *Morning tea*

Perspectives of a Small Service Provider and the Interface with Mental Health Services

10:45-12:00 Dorothy Belperio

The Impact of Current Reforms from a Peak Body Perspective

Michael Perusco:

12:00 -12:45 *Panel discussion*

13:00 -14:00 *Lunch and departure*