



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*

***Does Migration Cause Psychosis***  
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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 | Day 3: co-facilitated with WAPR-AUS**

**08:15-09:00** Registration open

***Making the NDIS Work Better 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*