



MENTAL HEALTH – EVERYONE'S BUSINESS
A FOCUS ON
'RESILIENCE THROUGH THE LIFESPAN'
21 & 22 MARCH 2017
MERCURE BALLARAT HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTRE,
613 MAIN ROAD, BALLARAT VIC.

CONFERENCE KEY CONCEPTS

In 2017 the Grampians Mental Health Conference will be presenting a conference focussed on Resilience across the lifespan. The Committee invites submissions that focus on better outcomes for consumers, carers, staff and organisations, under the following key concepts:

- Resilience across the lifespan focusing on 5 key age groups
 - Conception to 2 years of age
 - 2 years to 12 years of age
 - 12 to 25 years of age
 - 25 to 64 years of age
 - 64 years and beyond
- The impact of mental health concerns and/or AOD use on a person's resilience or;
- Building the resilience of the health and welfare sector workforces or;
- Key theories/concepts/research conducted on what contributes to a person's resilience, such as:
 - Attachment theory
 - The impact of trauma on resilience
 - Grief/loss
 - Community/cultural resilience
 - Lived experiences of resilient people/communities

SCOPE

Submissions can consider the key concepts in any number of settings including, but not limited to:

- working with individual consumers or carers
- being a carer or person with lived experience
- program development, delivery, and review
- staff and organisational development
- system and policy development
- advocacy at any level
- research and applied research.

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION

Presentations will run for 30 minutes including question and answer time (unless there is a proposal for a group/interactive session to run across two session times, acceptance of these will be limited).

These session timings will be adhered to in all concurrent sessions and when the allotted formal presentation time has elapsed speakers will be asked by the session chairs/facilitators to move on to question time.



SESSION FORMAT

Innovative and creative session formats are encouraged and we invite submission across a variety of formats including, but not limited to:

- standard presentations
- panel discussions
- symposia, specifically where a number of different organisations come together to design their own session around a particular concept/issue
- interactive sessions
- presenting a debate
- multimedia presentations or visual display

SELECTION CRITERIA

Abstracts will be selected according to the following criteria:

- relevance to the key conference concepts
- the level at which it addresses/challenges key sector issues
- innovative thinking and/or practice, this includes innovative/creative presentation format
- highlighting evidence based practice and research
- highlighting collaboration and integrated service models
- building evidence and knowledge across the sector

*If in reviewing abstracts the Conference Committee sees the opportunity, individuals may be approached to work together to develop a single collaborative session across a particular issue or service area. We receive a large number of abstracts and unfortunately not all can be accepted. Once the Conference Committee has come to its decision, it is final.

PRESENTERS REGISTRATION:

All presenters will be required to register for the conference and pay the appropriate registration fee by 18th November 2016. Presenters also need to meet their own travel and accommodation costs.

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

Please submit the required information by the timelines listed below to: Email: admin@gmhc.org.au

Submitted in PDF or Microsoft Word **ONLY** (for any other types of submissions, please contact us directly at admin@gmhc.org.au)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstracts submission opens:	Friday 15 th July 2016
Abstracts submission closes:	Friday 2 nd September 2016
Notification of authors:	Friday 14 th October 2016
Author acceptance due:	Friday 4 th November 2016



Abstract Submission Cover Sheet

Presenter Name(s)	
Organisation Name(s)	
Position	
Mailing Address (incl. postcode)	
Phone	
Email	

Abstract Format:

Title of Presentation:

Which key conference age group are you addressing in your presentation?

Conception to 2 years of age.

2 years to 12 years of age.

12-25 years of age.

25-64 years of age

64 and over

Have you presented prior at this workshop at any other conferences, meetings, or forums?

Yes?

No?

If yes, please identify date, location and name of event:

Please attach a short paper outlining your poster/presentation and how it fits with the relevant key content area. Maximum 350 words.