

**NT Mental Health Coalition** eBulletin - featuring CMHA news, NDIS News, General News, Events and Conferences, Employment

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NT Mental Health Coalition's (the Coalition) e-bulletin has updates, news and information related to the Mental Health and the Community Managed Mental Health (CMHA) sector.

Please forward to anyone you think may be interested in highlights from this edition, or interested in becoming a member of the Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition.

**NT Mental Health Coalition's Annual General Meeting -** held on Thursday 23 November at 4pm voted in some new Board members and not so new Board members, all veterans in community mental health. Welcome all to another productive year ahead and to continue to work and advocate on behalf of our members to raise mental health awareness across the Northern Territory.

The Coalition wishes to also thank the Department of Health, Mental Health Directorate for their continued support and collaborations in growing a peak body.

A full list of Board Members for 2017/2018 can be viewed

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This month there were many new individual subscribers, welcome. The Coalition would also like to welcome the **Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC)** Since 1993, WYDAC has dedicated itself to developing the strength, health, confidence and leadership of Warlpiri youth. The program aims to promote positive and meaningful future pathways for all young Warlpiri people. Visit the WYDAC [website](#)

## Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA)



Community Mental Health Australia, promoting the importance and benefits of community mental health and recovery services across Australia. Visit our website [here](#)

Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA) is a coalition of eight state and territory peak community mental health organisations. CMHA, through its state and territory bodies, has direct link and contact to community mental health organisations delivering services to the community. The NT Mental Health Coalition is a founding member of the CMHA. CMHA continues to lobby and advocate on behalf of the community mental health sector.

[CMHA National NDIS Mental Health Conference: 16-17 November, Sydney](#)

Thank you to all those who attended the National NDIS Mental Health Conference held at SMC Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November 2017. If you were fortunate enough to attend the conference and would like to help us make what was a fantastic, enjoyable and educational event even better next year, please take

a few minutes to complete the survey [here](#). This survey will remain open until COB Monday 4th December 2017. A link to the presentations from the conference will be coming shortly.

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## NDIS News



### NDIS Pathway Pilot released

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has announced the initial pilot of the new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participant pathway will commence in mid-December in two NDIS regions in Victoria. The announcement follows the NDIA's release of a new participant and provider pathway on 18 October 2017, which is designed to improve the experience people and organisations have with the ground-breaking NDIS. Click [here](#) to view the full release. Click [here](#) for the NDIS Quarterly Report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2017

### Translations and Interpreter Services

Participants from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds may require assistance to access translation and interpreting services in order to implement the supports available in their National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Plan. If participants or their parents or carers have English as a second language, assistance from the National Translation and Interpreter Services (TIS National) is available to assist with translation. For more information click [here](#)

### Weekly Questions and Answers

If I take my support worker on holidays with me will the NDIS only cover hours worked, or can I claim towards cost of airfares, accommodation and meals? How do I claim wages back after I have paid our employee? We self-manage our plan and directly engage our own staff. For answers to these and many more click [here](#)

### Resources to Access NDIS

The NDIA funded the Mental Health Coordinating Council (NSW) to create a resource to help people with psychosocial disability, their families and carers, and providers, to understand how the NDIS can assist them, how to apply, and how to get ready. Click [here](#) to access resources.

NDS Annual Report is now available online. It highlights a year of great change for the disability sector. National reforms, particularly the NDS are transforming the operating environment for disability service providers and for NDS. Click [here](#) to view the report.

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## Other

**The NT Mental Health Coalition (the Coalition)** welcomes the [release of the Royal Commission Report](#) into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory. A comprehensive overview of findings and recommendations [can be accessed here](#).

The Coalition's submission to the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory can be viewed [here](#).

A Northern Territory Government Communications Resource: Reframing the public conversation on youth justice, has been developed. This kit has been developed to guide communications about the Northern Territory's Youth Justice Reform. To view the kit click [here](#)

#### **2017 NDS NT Disability Services Awards**

As a member of the Coalition we wish to congratulate Carers NT who took out the Excellence in Improving Participation Awards, as well as the Overall Award for Excellence at the recent Northern Territory Disability Services Awards 2017.

#### **Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day) Grant**

The Northern Territory Government is looking at ways to evolve Australia Day to ensure it meaningfully acknowledges, recognises and celebrates Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal people's contribution to our national identity. As part of Australia Day celebrations in 2018, an inaugural Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day) Grant is available. This money can go towards an event or activity that helps celebrate Aboriginal culture, language and history, whilst enhancing the overall experience of Australia Day across the Territory. All events and activities must be held during the period 19 January to 11 February 2018. Information can be found by clicking [here](#) or [here](#) Contact the Office of Aboriginal Affairs on (08) 8999 8540 or email [qaa@nt.gov.au](mailto:qaa@nt.gov.au). Applications close 7 December 2017.

**NT Council of Social Service (NTCOSS)** is conducting a project to identify workforce development and organisational support needs of non-government domestic and family violence services in the NT. The purpose of this survey is to identify initiatives that can be implemented within the resources and time of this project, gather information about workforce development and organisational support needs of non-government domestic and family violence services in the NT, and seek further information on non-workforce development needs of the sector raised during consultations. The project goes until 30 June 2018. For more information email: [caitlin@ntcoss.org.au](mailto:caitlin@ntcoss.org.au). To complete the survey click [here](#)

#### **Enabled Employment - Real work, Real jobs, Real people.**

Just because you have a disability doesn't mean you shouldn't have the same work opportunities that every other Australian can access. Enabled Employment is an online portal for flexible jobs – so you can choose a job in your field where you can use your skills and qualifications, and previous work experience, while working within your limitations. Learn more about the recruitment services for people who acquire disabling illness or injury, chronic pain, and those who care for them. That includes people with, or

recovering from, mental health conditions who face discrimination when looking for work, or during their employment. For more information visit the website [here](#)

**Streamlining Governance to Improve Health Services** *Media Release 16 November 2017*

The Territory Labor Government is improving health services with the appointment of the new Health Advisory Committees and Clinical Senates. The Minister for Health Natasha Fyles announced sweeping reforms to Territory Health Service governance early this year. "Territorians want and deserve access to high quality services and we're delivering this through a more streamlined structure that maintains and strengthens accountability across the system at lower administrative costs," Ms Fyles said. "We've replaced the two former Health Boards with two community based Health Advisory Committees for Top End Health Services (TEHS) and Central Australian Health Services (CAHS) and one Territory Wide Clinical Senate." Read the full Media Release [here](#)

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## Events, Conferences & Training

**Darwin Mental Health Network Meeting 7 December 2017**

The Darwin Mental Health Network is an information sharing and networking opportunity for Workers within the Mental Health Sector. Guest speaker at the next event is Katie Lewis from the Primary Health Network (PHN) who will present an Overview to the National Suicide Prevention Trial. For more information email Noelene Armstrong at [mhcoordinator@carersnt.asn.au](mailto:mhcoordinator@carersnt.asn.au)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Release of the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services Review

The Coalition is pleased to be able to release the full report and recommendations at the end of January and an opportunity to attend a face to face meetings in both Darwin and Alice Springs. Darwin - 22 January, Barbara James House and Alice Springs to be confirmed. For any further information please contact the office on 89 48 2246.

**Integrated disAbility Action Inc (IdA)** is holding a *Morning Tea* to help celebrate International Day of People with Disability and the upcoming festive season. Monday 4 December at 10.00am to 12pm at IdA's office - 4/18 Bauhinia Street, Nightcliff Community Centre. For catering purposes please **RSVP** to Sara on 8948 5400 or email: [office@idainc.org.au](mailto:office@idainc.org.au)

**Implementing the National Code of Conduct for health care workers in the NT – Have your say**

A consultation is being conducted by the NT Department of Health and the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission. Feedback is sought from workers in the health, aged care and disability sectors, allied health practitioners, alternative and complementary medicine practitioners and as well as service providers, consumer groups, peak organisations and all other interested members of the public. An Information Paper and feedback template has been released and obtained via email by clicking [here](#). Feedback can be submitted until 20 January 2018. Public forums are now being conducted in

Katherine 5th December, Darwin 7th December, and Alice Springs 11th December. For further information email [here](#)

**The Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Annual Conference** is in Canberra this year and will be held at the Hyatt Hotel from December 6-8. SMHR is the national peak body for mental health research in Australia and New Zealand. To enable you to view the diverse and exciting range of speakers who will be presenting at the conference this year click [here](#) for the preliminary program. You can find out more about the conference and to register for the event click [here](#)

### **2nd National Indigenous Mental Health & Wellbeing Forum**

The 2nd National Indigenous Mental Health & Wellbeing Forum, 21-23 February 2018 in Perth has been developed together with community and industry leaders to provide attendees with practical tools to tackle mental health issues within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Community and industry leaders from across the country will share their successful case studies on how to improve services and outcomes through better engagement, assessment and treatment. Learn more about the forum [here](#). For early bird registrations contact: Scott Nham on (02) 7200 2135) or email: [scott.nham@akolade.com.au](mailto:scott.nham@akolade.com.au) and mention you saw this forum on the Coalition's e-bulletin for a NT group discount.

### **2018 IASP Asia Pacific Conference**

The 8th Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Suicide Prevention will bring together researchers, practitioners, helpline workers, programme planners, graduate students, those within the community and anyone affected by suicidal persons, from a range of disciplines from within New Zealand, the Asian-Pacific Region and around the world. This Conference will focus on evidence based research, best practice and innovative suicide prevention activities. The Conference will also provide opportunity to encourage young researchers and practitioners together with mentorship and training. For more information click [here](#)

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## **Employment**

**Anglicare NT** offers a range of career opportunities in the community and social services sector in a diverse range of fields such as children and youth, family relationships and counselling, out of home care, refugee and migrant, corporate services, financial counselling, mental health, disability and home care, social enterprises and specialist homelessness services. There are several positions available, [click here](#) for more information.

**Carers NT** is inclusive of all carers and the people they care for, no matter their age, background, ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. Carers NT has a number of positions available including a Carer Counsellor, Peer Support Workers (Darwin & Katherine), Support Workers and a Mental Health Coordinator. For information visit our [website](#).

**CatholicCare NT** provides unique career and personal opportunities that include travel and the experience of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in both local and remote community settings. For positions vacant information [click here](#)

#### **Danila Dilba Health Service**

Danila Dilba Health Service is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation providing comprehensive, high-quality primary health care and community services to Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in Yilli Rreung (greater Darwin) region. To apply online click [here](#)

**TeamHEALTH** has become the leading not for profit provider of mental health services in the Top End of the Northern Territory. TeamHEALTH has provided outreach services, support and advocacy for Territorians with mental illness for over 30 years. Mental Health Recovery Worker position available. For more information click [here](#)

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