

Mental Health Reform: The Top Human and Economic Priority in National and Global Health Care

will be presented by Professor Patrick McGorry AO

**The Annual Dinner of the Society will be held on Saturday 20th July 2018
Melbourne Club, 36 Collins Street, Melbourne.**

**Drinks served 6.30 pm, the Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.00 pm, followed by the
Annual Dinner
Dress: Black Tie**

Professor Patrick McGorry is the Executive Director of Orygen and Professor of Youth Mental Health at the University of Melbourne, and a Founding Director of headspace. He has played a critical role in the development of safe, effective treatments for young people with emerging mental disorders. He is a world leader in the transformational reform of mental health services for young people. Professor McGorry is the key architect of the headspace model and its national and international expansion. From 1992, he led the design and global scaling up of early intervention for psychosis programs. Professor McGorry has published over 700 papers, edited 8 books, and is Editor-in-Chief of the journal, Early Intervention in Psychiatry. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, and the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science. He was also the 2010 Australian of the Year.

25 years ago Victoria led Australia, and arguably the world, as the 19th century asylums were swept away in the final phase of deinstitutionalisation. The land was sold and realised huge sums of money for government. We drastically reduced inpatient beds with were relocated to general hospitals, though typically squeezed into poorly designed and confined spaces. Victorians were promised that this would work, provided we built strong community mental health services to allow us to cope with the loss of beds. There was initially great energy and innovation, with early intervention, dynamic and intensive home-based care and case management teams springing up. 20 years ago Victoria had the highest per capita spend of all States on mental health care, and was seen as the “jewel in the crown” of Australian and even global mental health care.

Tragically over the past two decades, Victorians have seen this brave new world crumble and descend into an appalling crisis. Professor McGorry has characterised this decline as “Victoria’s Mental Breakdown”. The causes are clear.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Acceptances close Monday 15th July 2018.

No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside Melbourne Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9650 4941) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

The Committee reminds Members that the premises are to be vacated by 11.30 pm.

Host Members: Dr Glenn Howlett and Mr Darren Bracken

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