Dear colleagues and students,

Welcome to the first UNSW School of Psychiatry newsletter!

We are a large and highly diverse School that encompasses staff and students from a wide range of professional backgrounds, focused on teaching and research right across the spectrum of topics relevant to mental health. It is difficult to keep in contact with everyone and to be aware of all the activities and achievements of all our community members. We hope that this newsletter will be one way in which we can improve that engagement. It is definitely a work in progress and we welcome feedback on the topics we include and the approach we take.

Best wishes,

Professor Kimberlie Dean
Head of School
Nominations are now open for the Australian Mental Health Prize

The prize is awarded to an Australian who has made outstanding contributions to either the promotion of mental health, or the prevention/treatment of mental illness – in areas such as advocacy, research or service provision. Nominate here.

#InThisTogether

CheBA ran a Facebook campaign throughout the month of May with staff sharing inspiring and comforting messages to all the CHeBA community and study participants during this period of physical isolation. Click here for a snapshot.

TEDx Talk

Professor Henry Brodaty AO joined the TEDx community this year to teach everyone practical techniques to employ to enhance brain health and help prevent or delay the onset of dementia. Click here to watch the video.

New Website LIVE for 3DN

The Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN) is excited to announce the launch a brand new look for their website. The redesign of the 3DN website has been developed with the help if the Division of External Relations. The site offers information on current projects and recent publications as well as resources developed by 3DN which provide information and education.
on intellectual disability physical and mental health. The aim is that the redesigned site will continue to highlight the work that the department undertakes in their mission to improve health policy, practice, and supports for people with an intellectual or developmental disability.

Visit the 3DN website here.

Launch of CHeBA's Meet Our Researcher Series

You can find out more about Dr Nady Braidy here and access more articles via The Brain Dialogues (CHeBA blog page).

The CHeBA BrainBugs

The CHeBA BrainBugs comprised of Dr Katya Numbers, Dr Louise Mewton, Dr Claire Burley and Virginia Winter recently won the first UNSW Medicine Movement Challenge. Click here to watch the video.

Research

NHMRC Investigator Grant Announcement

22 UNSW Sydney researchers, including Prof Perminder Sachdev and Prof Colleen Loo have received NHMRC Investigator and MRFF Priority Grants in the latest round of federal government funding. Read more here and here.
Suicide Prevention Australia Grant

Professor Kimberlie Dean received an Innovation Grant for research titled ‘Reducing self-harm and suicidality in vulnerable prisoners: piloting a structures approach to risk assessment and intervention.’ Read more

3DN wins highly competitive grant to commence in 2020

The Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry were recently awarded a three-year grant from the National Disability Insurance Agency to deliver and evaluate an interactive mental health service pathway web-tool for people with intellectual disability. The tool will enhance the capacity of the NSW mainstream mental health sector to meet the mental health needs of people with intellectual disability by developing localised, responsive, collaborative services for people with intellectual disability. The project will link mental health staff and people with intellectual disability to the resources that they need to better support their mental health journey.
Mental health program receives funding to support Indigenous adolescents

A project aimed at improving Indigenous adolescent mental health will be rolled out in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across North Queensland. The program, led by UNSW Sydney Associate Professor Susan Rees, will promote parenting knowledge and empowerment in Indigenous fathers. Read more

World Class Research: Three Grants up to $600,000 Awarded

The Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration (DCRC) is delighted to announce the successful applicants receiving World Class Research Large Grants for dementia research for 2020. Read more

Understanding 'big emotions': early-intervention helps reduce toddler tantrums

Dr Jane Kohlhoff and her research in Parent – Child Interaction Therapy for toddlers from the UNSW-Karitane partnership is featured here

DCRC Grant for Dr Louise Mewton

Dr Louise Mewton has been awarded close to $600,000 by the Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration for her work linking reduced alcohol consumption and reversing cognitive decline. Read more

Opportunities
Applications are now open for the 2020 round of UNSW Medicine Neuroscience, Mental Health and Addiction Theme and Maridulu Budyari Gumal - SPHERE Clinical Academic Group (CAG) Collaborative Research Seed Funding. Read more

The Guidelines for Stage Two of the MRFF Frontiers Program are now available. These are useful not only for successful Round 1 applicants looking to progress to Stage Two, but also to prospective Stage One applicants who want to know what is expected. Find out more

The DCRC is seeking proposals to develop guidelines for the appropriate use of psychotropic medicines for people living with dementia. Clear and accurate guidance regarding the use of such medicines is required for clinicians and other care staff to reduce chemical restraints and improve care for people living with dementia. Read more

MRFF – Coronavirus Research Response – 2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research Grant – Now open. RGC deadline is Monday 29 June. Find out more or contact for RGC pre-award team with questions.

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**Events**

**Academic Forums**

Check out our next talk on Wednesday 22nd July at 4:00 – 5:00PM via Teams.

Presenter: Prof Phil Mitchell - ‘Delving into the origins of bipolar disorder’

Send us an email to make sure you are in our distribution list

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**Conjoints**

Reminder for all conjoints to submit their online renewal form here.

Click here to read more about Dr Jackie Curtis’ Keeping Body in Mind(Gardens) program.

Click here to read more about Dr Maryanne O'Donnell’s Tertiary Referral Service for Psychosis (TRSP) program.
Welcome to our new starters in the School!

Aishani Desai – 3DN
Sara Walker – 3DN
Laurie Mock – CHeBA
Katherine Walker – CHeBA
Christie Browne – School of Psychiatry Operating
Aileen Chen – St Vincent’s
Melissa Cahill – Education Support Officer

We would like your feedback and suggestions! Please contact us here.