



Dear colleagues and students,

There has been a lot of discussion of mental health and mental health services in the public of late, prompted by various nationally significant events, including Federal Budget funding announcements and the report from the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. The prioritisation of mental health by the public, and increasingly by governments, is heartening. There is an important part for all of us in our community, of researchers, educators, and clinicians, to play in addressing the shortfall between public aspirations and realities for those with mental illness. Our newsletter this month highlights some these efforts and I encourage you to let us know about other work we can celebrate in this forum.

Best wishes,
Professor Kimberlie Dean
Head of School

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News



Australian Mental Health Prize 2021

The Australian Mental Health Prize welcomes its two new co-chairs, Lucy Brogden AM and Prof Allan Fels AO, and is being launched on 9 June at 11.30AM. Click [here](#) for more info and latest updates on AMHP.



Keeping the Body in Mind Program

The Keeping the Body in Mind program has a track record of delivering lifestyle interventions to protect and maintain the physical health of people living with mental illness. Find out more about their program [here](#).



Professor Florence Levy AM's Memorial

Professor Valsa Eapen held a memorial event on 30 April 2021 in Black Dog Institute, Prince of Wales Hospital, to commemorate the life of Prof Levy.

Prof Levy is dearly missed and the School thinks of her family on the anniversary of her passing.



Successful applicants to DCRC Grants are announced

Congratulations to the successful applicants of DCRC pilot grants and World Class Research Projects! See the list of winners [here](#) and [here](#).



Dementia Australia Research Foundation grants

Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Clinical Psychologist Dr Suraj Samtani, and Senior Research Fellow Dr Simone Reppermund, are both recipients of the highly competitive Dementia Australia Research Foundation grants. Read the great news [here](#).

Media



Congratulations to Professor Valsamma Eapen for leading the new Watch Me grow program.

Watch Me Grow was initially trialled on iPads in GP waiting rooms, taking advantage of the opportunistic contact of children and parents with GPs, but in the latest research funded by NSW Health it is being rolled out through Child and Family Health Nurse Services to more families. Read more [here](#).

EDUCATION



Teaching at UNSW: Reflections from the Vice-Chancellor

In this [short video](#), UNSW President & Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Jacobs, reflects on the importance of teaching and brings examples of how it is supported, recognised and celebrated at UNSW Sydney.



Education Focussed Careers

The [Education Focussed \(EF\) career model](#) recognises, rewards and develops our most passionate educators. The EF community makes a vital contribution to our students' learning and to educational excellence at UNSW.



Scientia Education Academy

The [Scientia Education Academy](#) recognises our most outstanding educators and provides them with a platform to inspire educational excellence at UNSW and beyond.

Opportunities

- The Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing is hiring: CHeBA is looking for a talented Engagement & Projects Officer to be part of their vision of achieving healthier brain ageing and better clinical care of age-related brain diseases. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Click  [here](#) to see Associate Professor David Simar's presentation on HDR Updates, and check out the Graduate Research Scholarships: [Graduate Research Scholarships | UNSW Research](#)

Events



Academic Forums

Join us at the next Academic Forum on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 4:00 – 5:00PM [via Zoom](#).

Our own Prof Melissa Green will present “Detecting Risk for Mental Illness in Childhood”.

Send us [an email](#) to make sure you are in our distribution list!

Professor John O'Brien presents “Improving the Diagnosis and Management of Lewy Body dementia” as part of CHeBA's Visiting Lecture Series on Wednesday 21st July. Register [here](#).

The **DCRC** is excited to announce three [online symposia](#) and one workshop in 2021!

Symposium 1: Disinhibited Behaviours

Friday 18 June, 10am to 12:30pm (AEST)

Abstract deadline: Friday 21st May

Symposium 2: Sleep Disturbances

Friday 16 July, 10am to 12:30pm (AEST)

Abstract deadline: Friday 18th June

Symposium 3: Anxiety & Depression with ADDResearch (Anxiety and Depression in Dementia Research Network)

Friday 17 September, 10am to 12:30pm (AEST)

Abstract deadline: Friday 30th July

Workshop: 'Making Person Centred Care a Reality'

Friday 19 November, 10am to 4pm (AEDT)
Abstract deadline: Friday 24th Sept

Register for FREE [here!](#)

Conjoints

Professor Matthew Large's Interview

Abdi Sanati from BJPsych Bulletin recently sat down with Prof Large to discuss risk assessments in psychiatry. Read the interview [here](#).

Applications for Progression of Conjoint Title will open again in 2021

Application periods for Progression of Conjoint Title in 2021 will follow the schedule outlined in the Conjoint Procedure document available via the [UNSW Medicine website](#). The table below has been included for your convenience, outlining the planned 2021 dates for each Conjoint Title.

For Progression to:	Submission to host School	School submission to Faculty	Faculty Consideration, or Faculty endorsement for DVCA Consideration
Lecturer	First week August	August	October
Senior Lecturer	First week April	April	June
Associate Professor	First week May	May	August
Professor	First week July	July	October

Reminder for all conjoints to submit their online renewal form [here](#), and learn more about Conjoint Onboarding [here](#).

Students



All students must read the **Safe Return to Campus** guides and become familiar with the changes UNSW made to keep UNSW community safe. Read more [here](#).



Stay social and connected! Student Life is alive! Follow the UNSW community on socials, chat live online with a student mentor, take part in online challenges, activities and so much more! Read more [here](#).

HDR Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors

We are a team of HDR students who have been trained as Mental Health First Aid officers. Our team has representatives from every School and institute across the Faculty, including 3 from Psychiatry, and we are here to provide confidential peer support for initial contact, assistance and referrals for HDR candidates who have concerns about their mental health or that of other candidates.

Look out for events we will be hosting throughout the year for mental health awareness, training and a greater sense of community within UNSW.

If you or others are struggling with mental health or would just like some support, please don't hesitate to reach out! Our sites are: [Wallace Wurth](#), [BDI](#), [NeuRA](#).

New Starters



Welcome to our new starters and congratulations to those starting new roles!

Francine Cox – Central Psychiatry
Rohan Francis-Taylor – Central Psychiatry
Prof Kimberlie Dean - Faculty Executive
Team member, representing the
Clinical/Discipline Schools

We would like your feedback and suggestions! Please contact us [here](#).
