September 2020 Edition

Dear colleagues and students,

Welcome to the second issue of the School of Psychiatry Newsletter. The Newsletter is still evolving and we welcome your feedback and suggestions for content we might include. The aim of the Newsletter is to engage with our School membership, staff, students and conjoint/adjunct/honorary partners. We are keen to know what you would like to be kept informed about and what would be helpful to include in this regular approach to communication. Improving engagement and communication is particularly important in the current context - we would also like to know what other approaches we can take to do better in this regard.

Best wishes,

Professor Kimberlie Dean
Head of School
News

Nominations for the Australian Mental Health Prize close on Sunday 30th Aug

The prize is awarded to a 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. Event will be held on the 5th November and details will be shared shortly.

UNSW Psychiatry Society (PsychiSoc)

PsychiSoc is a student-run SIG (Special Interest Group) affiliated with the Medical Society (MedSoc) at UNSW. They aim to promote, facilitate and consolidate learning about Psychiatry for UNSW medical students. Check them out here.

New Website for DCRC

The Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration (DCRC) is excited to announce the launch a brand new look for their website.

Prof Henry Brodaty’s Upcoming Debate on Capacity Australia

Prof Henry Brodaty is participating in a live debate on "Nursing Homes should be abolished" on 2nd September. This debate is being organised by Capacity Australia, whose President is our own Conjoint, Prof Carmelle Peisah.
You can register your attendance here.

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**Launch of a New Mental Health App**

The Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN) is excited to launch a new and innovative e-health tool for people with intellectual disability. Learn more [here](#).

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**New Partnership**

The School of Psychiatry, in partnership with the School of Women’s and Children’s Health, is delighted to appoint Dr Iain Perkes as Senior Lecturer in child and adolescent psychiatry. This new Clinical Academic position represents a collaboration with the Department of Psychological Medicine in the Sydney Children’s Hospital Network where Dr Perkes works clinically. He also collaborates with the UNSW Decision Neuroscience Lab and Neuroscience Research Australia to investigate the mechanisms of neurodevelopmental disorders including OCD and Tourette syndrome. An NHMRC Scholarship supported his doctorate research and he recently earned the Tourette’s Association of America Young Investigator Award. Dr Perkes supervises higher degree research candidates.
School of Psychiatry Survey

In July 2020, we conducted a “Hearts and Minds” survey to gauge the perceptions and preferences of the School of Psychiatry, a sense of current supports, and thoughts on both current and potential future models. These are the results.

Education Reduces Dementia Risk

Research led by CHeBA and published in *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics* supports the finding that more years of education are associated with a decreased risk of dementia. Read more [here](#).

Mindgardens’ COHFIT study

Australians are invited to participate in the world’s largest survey of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on physical and mental health, to generate new insights that can drive better health policies and investments. Take the survey [here](#).

Media
**Prof Kimberlie Dean on Four Corners**

Professor Kimberlie Dean is interviewed on ABC's Four Corners episode "Please don't judge": Violent Crime and the Mentally Ill. Watch it [here](http://example.com).

**Dr Stephanie Ward on ABC Overnights**

CHeBA Senior Research Fellow Dr Stephanie Ward, who worked on the TV series ‘Old People’s Home For 4 Year Olds’, was interview by ABC Overnights about her work with seniors and kids since the popular program aired. Watch it [here](http://example.com).

**Dr Julia Lappin on Insight SBS on Demand**

Dr Julia Lappin makes an appearance on Insight episode of “Hearing Voices”. Watch it [here](http://example.com).

**A/Prof Simon Rosenbaum on Learn@Lunch webinar**

In September’s Learn@Lunch webinar, Simon will explore the relationship between physical exercise and mental health. Watch it [here](http://example.com).

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**EDUCATION**
**Medicine Educational Technology Support**

The Medicine education Development Unit (MEDU) provides design and development services for courses and advice on how to use educational technologies effectively. Learn more about MEDU [here](#).

**Updates from Lead of Undergraduate Psychiatry**

Dr Megan Kalucy started her role in March and has since made a significant difference in overseeing undergraduate education in the School. Read her statement [here](#).

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**UNSW Awards for Teaching**

There is a new category of award this year – the UNSW Higher Education Heroes Award. This inaugural award is offered to an individual or team that has supported a colleague or team of colleagues during COVID-19 in unexpected or exceptional ways through their generosity and kindness. The generosity can be in the areas of teaching, service, or academic development. Click [here](#) for guidelines and more details.
Opportunities

The DCRC is seeking to appoint a co-ordinator for our Consumer Advisory Initiative. The role is one day per week until December 2021 and may be based in Sydney or Brisbane, reporting to one of the DCRC Directors. Find out more here.

CHeBA is recruiting a Research Officer to assist with the conduct of the “Co-designing dementia diagnosis and post-diagnostic care” (COGNISANCE) project. Find out more here.

CHeBA is recruiting a Project Officer liaise closely with the ADNeT Memory Clinics (MC) Project Manager and ADNeT Registry Program Manager and collaborate closely with other ADNeT State Coordinators. Find out more here.

Events

Academic Forums

Check out our next talk on Wednesday 23rd September at 4:00 – 5:00PM via Teams.

Presenter: Prof Iain McGregor from the University of Sydney presenting "Using Cannabis-Based Medicines To Treat Psychiatric Disorders: Current Trends And Future Promise"

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

Conjoint

Reminder for all conjoints to submit their online renewal form here, and learn more about Conjoint Onboarding here.
HDR

Congratulations to Dr. Anne Wand for receiving the Dean’s Award for Outstanding PhD Theses!

New Starters

Welcome to our new starters in the School, and Congratulations for those starting new roles!

Dr. Iain Perkes – Psych/WCH role

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