



## Te Ao Maramatanga

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## NEWS THIS MONTH

By Stacey Wilson

Welcome to the September newsletter; welcome to all of those who recently joined the college, welcome the change of season - to spring. As we have now had our inaugural college conference and are winding down toward the end of the year it's an opportunity to reflect on the year and challenge ourselves to participate in how our college will develop in 2008.

One of the intellectual virtues inherent in this New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses is the courage of independent thinkers. Independent thinkers do not ignore what others think nor do whatever they please, they consider a wide range of ideas, learn from them and make their own judgements about them.

This is a key reason why we stand as an independent collective of mental health nurses within New Zealand. Alongside this our college has members with intellectual curiosity and an attitude of inquiry. This allows our group to challenge the status quo and remove the comfort of habit. In nursing, this curiosity and questioning can sometimes be seen as dangerous by others. However what are far more dangerous are individuals or disciplines that are in a rut, not realising their old beliefs and practices need to be reconsidered.

This is a good time of the year to reflect on what has been achieved and consider new plans for next year. At the heart of our development as individual mental health nurses and within our collective is education. It is at the heart of our relationships with service users and their families as we work toward independence. Through education we can develop our attitudes and intellectual skills.

There are some seasoned learners within our college whom we are proud of. In 2008 new graduates will join entry to specialist mental health practice programmes and nurses at a variety of different levels may undertake short course learning, finish degrees, or begin new ones. If you had been thinking about finishing some learning or beginning something new, perhaps this might be a good time to think about what and how you might develop your own independent thinking and curiosity.

*NOTE from the Editor - Chris Taua*

*Got a good idea for the newsletter!*

*I would like your feedback/suggestions on what you would like to see in the newsletter. What works for you, what doesn't? I would really appreciate your comments. Send these either through Yahoo or direct to me at [tauac@cpit.ac.nz](mailto:tauac@cpit.ac.nz).*

## Presidents Comment

By Heather Casey

Hello to all

September already and thankfully some warmer weather as it has been a cold winter down south. Now that the conference is over there has been much more time to focus on other College activities and give them the time they deserve. Welcome to Samantha Kelly the new College Registrar, Sam is very keen and doing her very best to familiarize herself with the role. A big thanks to Shelley Gunther assistant Registrar for holding the fort since Brian's departure, she

has done an excellent job. I have no doubt that Sam will tell you more about herself in the next newsletter.

College work over the last month has included submissions on the following draft documents:

- A Career Framework for the Health and Disability Workforce in New Zealand. Thank you to Sandy Smith from the Hawke's Bay / Tarawhiti Branch for collating a response on behalf of the College.
- The Health and Disability Sector Standards. Thank you to Frances Hughes for collating response on behalf of the NGO sector and Jacquie Kidd for incorporating the NGO response into the wider College feedback.
- The Nursing Council Nurse Practitioner Competencies. Thank you to Bernadette Forde for collating response on behalf of College.

Yahoo groups is being used to seek feedback from nurses on the College writing to the Minister of Health supporting an acknowledgment or an apology as identified in the concluding section of the Report of the Confidential Forum for Former Inpatient of Psychiatric Hospitals (2007). An excellent response from members and there is a good discussion occurring between members which of course is the idea of yahoo groups.

The Police Taser trial is now complete. The College released a press statement and I was interviewed by Radio NZ as part of a panel interview with Jim Mora. Tony O'Brien has been the spokesperson till now and would like to continue in this role however research interests and potential conflicts of interests mean that I will be the spokesperson however I will be well informed by Tony as his interest in the issue will continue. I will include a copy of the press statement for this newsletter.

Helen O'Sullivan is off to Townsville to work for a while so has resigned from the National Committee. Helen is a College fellow, and has been on the National Committee since NZ College was founded. Helen has worked tirelessly on behalf of the College, her opinion and views have always been valued as they are grounded in her practice realities and experiences as a Mental Health Nurse. She will be missed but her significant contribution will be remembered. Helen will be back at some stage and will link back in with the College when she does.

That's enough from me this month as I suspect it going to be a full newsletter



**Remember: Mental Health Awareness Week is approaching 8 - 14 October. This year the theme is "Who we are and where we stand. Ko Papatuanuku toku turangawaewae" The Mental health Foundation has a list of activities and will be producing free posters and postcards. You can order these online at [www.mentalhealth.org.nz](http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz)**

## Press Statement - The Taser Trial

31 August 2007

### Press statement: Completion of Taser trial

The completion of the Taser trial creates the opportunity for a full review of the Police Taser policy, and the use of Tasers in mental health emergencies. So far the only data released by the Police is in the form of public statements which do not disclose the full details of cases, and do not report specifically on the use of Tasers on people in mental health crisis. However from the reports available there are at least 12 cases in which a Taser has been used on a person in a mental health crisis. These include one instance of the Taser being used within a mental health facility. The College notes that concerns about the possibility of Tasers being used in mental health crises were brought to the attention of the Police and the Police Minister at the onset of the trial. These concerns have been realised over the past year. A disappointing feature of the trial is that the police have not convened the medical advisory committee that was to oversee the health impact of Tasers.

The College calls on:

- The Police to convene the Taser medical advisory committee as a matter of urgency.
- The Police Minister to establish a process of consultation with the mental health sector, including service users, families, and health professionals.
- The Government to ensure that any decision to extend the use of Tasers to is reviewed by the Health Select Committee of parliament.

**Heather Casey  
President**

## Conference news

We have not received a final conference report as yet, it is coming. (Unfortunately demonstrates how busy our members are). By while you wait check out the *graphic conference notes*. Chris Hattan - the 'webmaster' has posted these onto the College website. There are 2 files to download. During all the proceedings of conference there was a person who very meticulously recorded the entire goings on graphically. These are in PDF format and can be downloaded to your computer. You will find them in the conference Tab. Photos and a complete report next issue is guaranteed.

### LATE PRESS



LATE PRESS: A late submission here from Mel Green in Otago presenting the Otago synopsis of the Conference. Thank you Mel.

New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Te Ao Maramatanga Inaugural Conference 2007

Ten mental health nurses were fortunate to be supported by the ODHB mental health service to attend the College Conference in Hamilton in July. The conference commenced with a variety of pre-conference workshops on the Wednesday and actual conference on the Thursday and Friday. The theme was "A fresh look at nursing in the mental health & addictions sector in Aotearoa New Zealand".

The topics for the workshops were practice development, solution-focused brief therapy, Whakatipuranga' cultural education tool kit and the relationship between humour, health and productivity. Participants in solution focussed therapy workshop were challenged to appreciate an approach seeming in reverse to most of what we currently understand as models. It might take a bit of thought to work out how this therapy might fit within our DHB setting. Amongst the positive feedback about the pre-conference workshops there was also some less positive feedback with attendee's expectations of the workshops not being met. In particular the practice development workshop fell short of expectations and left attendees wanting more information about practical applications of implementing change.

A few of the highlights for Otago folk included:

- A presentation from Helen Hamer from the University of Auckland and Debra Lampshire (an experienced-based expert). The title of their presentation was "Working with People Experiencing Positive Symptoms of Psychosis - A Psychological Approach". Their work is based on Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy and Dialectical Behaviour Therapy and focuses on enhancing the personal skills and resilience for people who experience positive psychotic symptoms, particularly auditory hallucinations. Client feedback from the groups they run is very positive.

-DAO's in the group were spurred into further debate after listening to Tony O'Brien's research into recent issues surrounding Sect 9(2b). It was interesting to hear how other DHB's are coping with the issues.

- The Best practice for the administration of IM Injection in the mental health setting was interesting. It made staff aware that the ODHB should have a formalised policy which around different needles sizes when administering IM Injection's based on the Body Max Index.

Of the keynote speakers, Dr Kate Prebble's presented a very interesting journey through the history of mental health nursing in New Zealand.

Amongst the attendees from the ODHB three staff were brave enough to present there own work. Jenni Topliss spoke about exploring the challenges of mental health nursing by telephone, Bernadette Forde's topic was Dual diagnosis: mental illness and intellectual disability and Mel Green presented psychiatric consultation liaison nursing: a model for practice. College president Heather Casey did us proud in particular with her opening and closing addresses on the Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday night we found ourselves at a vineyard for the conference dinner where the food was fantastic, company was great, as was the band who had everyone up dancing. The conference was thought provoking and challenging in many ways. It was great to mingle with other mental health nursing colleges and to get a glimpse of nursing practice in other areas of the country.

All presentations from the college conference will be available on the college website [www.nzcmhn.org.nz](http://www.nzcmhn.org.nz).

Anyone interested in joining the college please contact Mel Green extn 5592.



## Member Profiles this month

**Toni Dal Din, RN, MA (Applied) Nursing, PG Cert Forensic Psych.  
Director of Nursing  
Hutt Valley DHB**

I began my nursing career as a Psychopaedic Nurse in 1982. I completed a general and obstetrics-bridging programme for comprehensive registration in 1987. I hold a postgraduate certificate Forensic Psychiatric care. I completed my Masters of Arts degree in nursing in 2006.

Over the last 25 years I have undertaken various roles within the general health area, intellectual disability area and mental health including the forensic psychiatric area. In each practice setting I have worked in I have strived to master the art of nursing. I have always undertaken extra education and have accepted responsibility and accountability for every action I have undertaken.

I have also accepted new challenges when they have been presented. I have the belief that a person develops because they want to, and if you focus enough attention to a particular situation you can achieve the result you seek.

Over the years I have accepted many new roles including the Duly Authorised Officer Responsible Clinician and Director of Area Mental Health Services. I was appointed to the position of Director of Nursing permanently 1 July 2005. My previous role was Clinical Nurse Consultant for Mental Health and Director of Area Mental Health Services (DAMHS) for Hutt Valley DHB: I held these positions in the organisation since April 2000.

When I began in the position of Director of Nursing there were a number of Challenges including the need to continue with preparations for this organisation to gain Magnet Recognition accreditation by the American Nurses Credentialing Centre (ANCC) that had been started in 2002. Hutt Valley DHB achieved Magnet recognition in June 2007. This has been a very valuable experience for me personally, for the organisation and particularly Nurses.

### **Nursing Vision**

As Director of Nursing I am committed to strengthening nursing leadership and education opportunities for all nurses to provide a highly skilled autonomous nursing workforce, which is empowered to deliver effective interdisciplinary patient care.

## News this month

### **Dioxin exposure in New Zealand**

In March 2007, Allen & Clarke Policy and Regulatory Specialists Ltd was asked by the Ministry of Health to identify possible health support services for people who lived in Paritutu, New Plymouth between 1962 and 1987, and other groups, who may have been exposed to higher levels of dioxin than other New Zealanders. We have also been asked to develop options for the provision of ongoing information and advice for clinicians and other health professionals who would need to support people who may have been exposed to dioxin.

Further information about the project, including our Phase 1 report, are available on the Ministry of Health's website at: <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/dioxins-healthsupportprogramme>

### **New code of conduct**

The State Services Commissioner has drawn up a new code of conduct that will come into force on 30 November 2007 unless organisations choose to adopt it earlier. Organisations will be required to comply with the minimum standards of integrity and conduct that the code sets. The code will replace the Public Service Code of Conduct. The code of conduct will apply to public services and crown entities including the Ministry of Health, ACC, the Health and Disability Commissioner, Privacy Commissioner and DHBs.

## The College Boards

The three Boards are Professional Practice, Research, and Education. The purpose of the Boards is to promote, support and develop the professional practice of psychiatric mental health nurses in the three key areas. In time this will allow the College to be responsive to professional issues.

### Research Board

*BY Brian McKenna,  
Chairperson, Research Board.*

#### New Research Board Appointment

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Dr Tula Brannelly, Senior Lecturer in Mental Health Nursing, School of Health Sciences, Massey University, Wellington, to the Research Board of the College. Tula is pleased to be on the Board and looks forward to receiving interesting proposals and inquiries about building research capacity in the mental health workforce in New Zealand.



Tula has been in New Zealand since 2006, working in her current capacity of lecturer at Massey University in Wellington. Before this, Tula trained as a Registered Mental Nurse in England, at Hollymoor Hospital on the outskirts of Birmingham, then worked in acute care before working with older people in community, voluntary and institutional settings. Having taken a year off to travel and liking New Zealand very much, it was decided to return home and study which prompted the start of her research career.

After completing an applied undergraduate degree in management and professional development, Tula was offered a scholarship by the School of Health Sciences at the University of Birmingham to continue her undergraduate research and develop it to PhD. Tula completed her PhD, "Citizenship and Care for People with Dementia", in 2004.

She worked as a Research Fellow at the Institute of Applied Social Studies until coming to New Zealand in 2006. During this time she worked with a network of mental health service users, SUREsearch (Service Users in research) to develop capacity for research through training and support and worked collaboratively on funded research projects such as evaluating local services, pilot initiatives and identifying gaps in services when service users are in transition. She is currently leading an evaluation of a new service for young people with mental health and drug and alcohol problems.

It is great to have someone of Tula's talents on the Research Board

## Consultation – 'Let's Get Real'

The Ministry of Health is leading consultation hui on the draft framework Let's get real: Real skills for people working in mental health & addictions.

This draft of Let's get real, also known as 'Real skills', has been developed in response to feedback and workshops in late 2006. The consultation document will be published on Monday 3 September. Copies of the consultation document will be available at the consultation meetings. It will also be available from the Let's get real website, at [www.moh.govt.nz/letsgetreal](http://www.moh.govt.nz/letsgetreal).

If you would like a hard copy posted to you, please call the Ministry's Auckland office, ph (09) 580 9000. The deadline for feedback on the draft Let's get real framework is Friday 12 October. Please turn the page for more information about venues...

### Meeting dates and locations

Wednesday 12 September Auckland, Aotea Centre

Friday 14 September Rotorua, Millennium Hotel

Tuesday 18 September Christchurch, Hotel Grand Chancellor

Wednesday 19 September Wellington, Copthorne Hotel



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o  
Te Ao Maramatanga

CHECK OUT THE TE POU WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER AT  
[http://www.tepou.co.nz/page/tepou\\_255.php](http://www.tepou.co.nz/page/tepou_255.php)

## Regional News

### AUCKLAND BRANCH

"Dancing with the Stars" - Auckland Branch Symposium on forging a College partnership with consumers.

Over the past year, the Auckland Branch of the College has radically shifted its emphasis on Branch gatherings. Gone are the days when the same half dozen sat around the table discussing the world of mental health nursing as they saw it. Instead we are trying to attract broad membership through a series of symposium on topical issues for mental health nursing.

The first symposium was on the relationship between the media and mental health; the second on the implications for mental health nurses of the court hearings on section 9 2 (d) of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992; and the most recent on Te Ao Maramatanga's partnership with consumers

As usual the event attracted quality speakers. First up were Iona Edmonds and Kate Prebble who provided joint background on the College partnership with Maori, which was forged from its inception. We then had two moving presentations from consumer leaders - Carolyn Swanson the Consumer Leader from Te Pou and Debra Lampshire the Experienced Based Expert from the Auckland DHB. Finally, Ruth Harrison, the Commissioner for the Mental Health Commission gave us a sneak preview of Te Hohonga (the vision for services in the year 2015, including consumer-led services) and nicely wove that vision into the discussion of partnership with nurses.

The consumer leaders talked about consumers not being designed to travel alone and that nurses were the natural partners to walk with them in recovery. We were acknowledged as the experts in developing relationships. It was expressed that what has been achieved with Maori could naturally flow into a viable partnership with service users.

A word of caution though - this relationship needs to be sooner rather than later. The desire of consumers is for partnership from the outset. Furthermore nurses are inclined to take what is simple and make it complex. By returning to the relationships that we value, we can make this partnership work by "walking the talk".

The discussions were robust, personal, funny and challenging. The Branch is resolved to take the gifts given to us and to frame them up into concrete recommendations about where we go from here - both for the Branch and the College as a whole. The Auckland Branch intends to develop a position statement which it will offer to the College for consideration

*National Information Service and Resource Centre Coordinator  
Mental Health Foundation NZ*

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*Kim Higginson DD (09) 300 7038*

*The Resource and Information Centre is located at 81 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland. Open to the public from 9.00am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Resource Centre Phone (09) 300 7030.*

*Working to improve the mental health of all people and communities in New*

The NZ Branch of the International Society for the Psychological Treatments of Schizophrenia (**ISPS-NZ**), and the Psychology Department of the **University of Auckland**, invite you to:

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**MAKING SENSE OF  
PSYCHOSIS**  
Conference

**“Schizophrenia - A Set of Symptoms or Something More?”**

**NOVEMBER 14 (Workshops), 15 & 16 (Conference), 2007**  
**(9am – 5.30pm – sign in from 8.30)**  
**Population Health Building (730), Tamaki Campus, University of Auckland, Glen Innes**

For more information or if you would like to give a talk about your work, personal experiences with psychosis, research etc. (send an abstract of about 100 words, by Sept 30): [ispsnz@gmail.com](mailto:ispsnz@gmail.com)

Registration forms: [ispsnz@gmail.com](mailto:ispsnz@gmail.com) [www.isps.org](http://www.isps.org) [www.psych.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.psych.auckland.ac.nz)

**Trauma Education  
Auckland  
8 & 9 November 2007  
by Dr Leah Giarratano**

Leah is an Australian doctoral-level clinical psychologist with 15 years of clinical and teaching expertise in cbt and traumatology



Sky City Convention Centre, 90 Federal Street, Auckland  
\*\*\*\* LIMITED POSITIONS Registrations close on 5/11/07 REGISTER EARLY \*\*\*\*  
These programs include handouts and numerous case examples. The emphasis is upon imparting practical skills and up-to-date research in this area. The programs are suitable for psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, social workers, mental health nurses and medical practitioners.

**8/11/07:**

**Treating traumatised adolescents (9am-4pm)**

This one day workshop is aimed at providing an overview of the psychological treatment of traumatised adolescents, with an emphasis upon current, evidence-based interventions. Topics include:

- Posttraumatic stress disorder in adolescents: including symptom manifestation, the epidemiology of PTSD in young people, risk factors, self-harming
- Other trauma-related conditions, including an overview of the impact of traumatisation upon neurobiology, developmental milestones and personality
- Treatment approaches for traumatised adolescents: including the efficacy of various

- approaches; treatment frameworks, models and maps for use by clinicians, and some practical treatment tools to use immediately with patients
- Contraindications for some treatment techniques

**9/11/07:**

**Treating traumatic memories: Targeting the re-experiencing symptoms of PTSD (9am-4pm)**

This one day workshop focuses upon the psychological management of arguably the most distressing aftermath of traumatisation, the Criterion B cluster of symptoms of PTSD (re-experiencing symptoms). The aim is to provide a wide and diverse range of clinical tools to reduce intrusive thoughts and images of the traumatic experience and nightmares, flashbacks and distress when exposed to environmental triggers that remind the patient of the traumatic event.

The focus is upon detailed training in exposure therapy for traumatic memories (prolonged imaginal exposure), including cognitive challenging strategies to help shift negative self-statements in relation to the traumatic event. The orientation is cognitive behavioural, although other trauma-focused strategies are discussed, including eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing, and gestalt techniques to target nightmares.

**PROGRAM FEES**

One program: \$300 Australian Dollars if you register before 9/10/07 or \$350 Australian Dollars after 9/10/07

Both programs: \$500 Australian Dollars if you register before 9/10/07 or \$600 Australian Dollars after 9/10/07

Registration Form: contact Joshua at for a registration form.

Please direct enquiries to Joshua George: [info@talinminbooks.com](mailto:info@talinminbooks.com) or (61 2) 9823 3374

Find out more about this and other workshops and books by Dr Giarratano at [www.talinminbooks.com](http://www.talinminbooks.com).

## Message from the Registrar

Can the following members please notify their contact email addresses to the Registrar at [admin@nzcmhn.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzcmhn.org.nz)?

*PS: If you know any of these members can you please tell them of this request?*

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| M.E Martin   | C.J Kernaghan   | E. W. Hussey |
| Bob Reynolds | Z Dmitrovic     | M D Gannaway |
| D J Holder   | T E Tetiarah    |              |

*Thanks  
Sam*

## Coming events

**(10th workshops) 11-13 September 2007, Hamilton**

*In synch: A collective approach: NZ Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Addiction Services*

For more go to: <http://www.werrycentre.org.nz/?t=261>

**12 September 2007, Auckland**

*Responding effectively to victims of domestic violence*

Inquiries contact Linda Hall on 09 303 3938 ext 811

**19-21 September 2007, Hamilton**

*Building bridges to wellbeing: national local authority community development conference*

Novotel Tainui Hotel, Hamilton

For further details check out: [www.hamilton.co.nz/comdevconference](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/comdevconference)

**24 - 26 September 2007, Christchurch**

*Research into practice, evidence into policy conference The Collaborative for Research and Training in Youth Health and Development*

<http://events.lincoln.ac.nz/youth/>

**2 - 4 October 2007, Wellington**

*He Kakano - planting the seeds: Australasian Mental Health Outcomes Conference 2007*

For more information visit [www.tepou.co.nz](http://www.tepou.co.nz) or phone Marihi Langford on 021 606 466.

**9th October 2007, 9am - 3.30pm, West Auckland**

*Shared Vision Recovery Conference*

Organised by Waitekere Shared Vision and Regional Consumer Network, in conjunction with West Auckland Mental Health Support (Te Ata) and Equip  
Held at the New Lynn Community Centre  
For inquiries contact Jim Campbell at the Auckland Regional Consumer Network.  
Registrations required, numbers limited.

**HRC Pacific Health Forum:** (previously known as HRC Pacific Health Research Fono) for more details email [dalofivae@hotmail.com](mailto:dalofivae@hotmail.com) or [nwchmantou@hrc.govt.nz](mailto:nwchmantou@hrc.govt.nz)

**14th - 18th October 2007 ROTORUA**

Aotearoa Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge & Development Trust (ANIHKD) Conference.  
Visit: [www.conference.co.nz/INIHKD2007](http://www.conference.co.nz/INIHKD2007) for more information. Noho ora mai Seilena Phillips  
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**29 - 31 October 2007, Napier**

*Injury Prevention Network of Aotearoa New Zealand Conference*

For more details check out [www.ipn.org.nz](http://www.ipn.org.nz)

**5 - 7 November, Palmerston North**

*Strengths Conference 2007*

For more details check out:

[http://fromstrength2strength.org.nz/?page\\_id=3](http://fromstrength2strength.org.nz/?page_id=3)

**14 (workshops), 15 & 16 November 2007, Auckland**

*The 5th Annual Making Sense of Psychosis Conference - "Schizophrenia - a set of symptoms or something more?"*

Registration forms from [www.isps.org.nz](http://www.isps.org.nz)

**16 - 18 November 2007, Hamilton**

*Balance NZ National Training Days*

Keynote speakers include: Dr Erin Michalak, Associate Professor Annette Beautrais and Associate Professor Samson Tse

For more details go to [www.balance.org.nz](http://www.balance.org.nz)

**21 & 22 November 2007, Wellington**

*5th National Suicide Prevention Symposium - Building the Jigsaw - Collaborating for Suicide Prevention*

Wellington School of Medicine & Health Services

Details at [www.spinz.org.nz](http://www.spinz.org.nz)

**26 November 2007, Auckland**

*Strengthening Consumer Voice, 2nd National Consumers' Summit*

Supported by the New Zealand Guidelines Group

For more details check out, [www.nzgg.org.nz](http://www.nzgg.org.nz)

**21 - 23 February 2008, Auckland**

*2008 International Gambling Conference: Looking Forward, New Directions in Research and Minimizing Public Harm*

Hosted by AUT Gambling Research Centre, and Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand

For more details check out: <http://www.pgfnz.co.nz/2008conference/>

## Overseas events

**4-7 September 2007, Melbourne**

*TheMHS Conference*

More information is available at [www.themhs.org](http://www.themhs.org).

**13 - 15 September 2007, Barcelona**

*Joining forces across Europe for prevention and promotion in mental health*

Website: <http://www.gencat.net/salut/imhpa/Du32/html/en/dir1662/doc13013.html>

**26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007, Oxford, England**

*13<sup>th</sup> International NPNR (Network for Psychiatric Nursing Research) Conference*

Researching beyond the boundaries....

Call for abstracts until 23 March, 2007. Contact [Sheavaune.Fox@rcn.org.uk](mailto:Sheavaune.Fox@rcn.org.uk)

**8th - 12th October 2007 • CAIRNS**

33rd Annual International Conference of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.

*Call for Abstracts: Closing date for abstract submission - 23 March 2007*

<http://astmanagement.com.au/anzcmhc7/>

**17 - 18 August 2007, Gold Coast**

*The 8th International Mental Health Conference Mental Health Prevention: From Policy into Practice.*

For more detail: [www.gcimh.com.au](http://www.gcimh.com.au)

**29 - 30 October 2007, Minnesota**

*Transcultural mental health in a changing world: building a global response*

*World Federation for Mental Health Conference*

[http://www.wfmh.com/documents/MNCallforPapers2\\_001.pdf](http://www.wfmh.com/documents/MNCallforPapers2_001.pdf)

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