OCTOBER UPDATE

The Commission regularly holds open community and stakeholder forums as it visits states and territories around Australia. If you have a lived experience of mental health issues, are a family member, friend, or support person for someone with a mental health difficulty, or you work in the mental health sector or a related field and would like to attend a future event, please subscribe to our mailing list on our website and be sure to list your home state. This mailing list will also keep you updated on all our news and activities.

Our new website is now LIVE!

Have a look at www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au (the address hasn't changed). We hope the site is easier to navigate and provides you with useful information about the Commission and our work.

Some of the features of the new site include;

KEY DOCUMENTS - Our key documents are now easier to find at the bottom of the website’s homepage.

OUR PEOPLE – Read about the commissioners and what inspires them to do the work they do.

EVENTS – Find out where the commission will be next and what we have been up to in the events section at the bottom of the website’s homepage.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to develop and add content to the new site. Make sure you add us to your favourites and keep checking back to see what’s new.

Jobs at the Commission

We have now advertised a number of jobs in our small Sydney-based team at the Commission on APSJobs. They will also be advertised on SEEK within the coming days. They range from policy, research and project roles to positions providing corporate, administrative, secretariat and communications support (from the Executive Level 2 to APS 4 levels).

The application documents and further information is available at APSJobs and will also shortly be available on SEEK. Applications close on 16 October 2012.
To be a strong contender for these diverse and demanding roles you will enjoy working in a complex and challenging environment, be a team player who is flexible and delivers results, have the highest standards of personal integrity, and be committed to social justice.

Applicants who have a lived experience of mental health difficulties, a disability and/or are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or come from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply and to indicate this in their application.

We are in Adelaide (3-4 October)

The fifth meeting of the National Mental Health Commission will take place this week in Adelaide.

As well as a formal Commission meeting, Commissioners will meet with and listen to people with a lived experience of mental health issues, their families and other support people, visit services and talk to service providers, government representatives and leaders in the local mental health sector.

The draft meeting Minutes and a communique will be available, as is our usual practice, on our website within seven working days of the meeting.

The Commission’s CEO, Robyn Kruk, will be dropping in to the 2nd National Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Day Conference on the morning of Friday 5 October.

World Mental Health Week: get involved and find an event

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) – 10 October – is a day for mental health education, awareness and advocacy around the world. In Australia, WMHD coincides with National Mental Health Week (7 – 13 October).

The Mental Health Council of Australia’s theme for 2012 is "Whoever you are and wherever you live, you’re not alone". The Commission was pleased to support the development of a new national events map launched by the MHCA. You can register your event and search for what’s happening in your local area using the map.

The Commission’s collaboration with the MHCA will also result in us co-hosting the first meeting of the Council of Non-Government Organisations (CONGO) on Mental Health in Canberra on 9 October. The Commission is keen to help foster collaboration and to hear first-hand from a number of community organisations working in a range of sectors. A report of the day will be available on the Commission and the MHCA’s websites after the event.

2012 Key Dates

Remaining Commission meetings 2012:

- 3 - 4 Oct in Adelaide, SA
- 21 - 22 Nov in Orange, NSW

Other events include

2013 Commission Meetings

Commission meetings 2013 dates and locations:

- 31 Jan - 1 Feb in Sydney NSW
- 7- 8 March in Cairns QLD
9 Oct – the first Council of Non-Government Organisations (CONGO) on Mental Health will be held in partnership with the Mental Health Council of Australia

10 Oct – World Mental Health Day

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focus in the lead up to National Close the Gap day

9 - 10 May in Canberra ACT

18 - 19 July in Port Hedland WA

22 - 23 Aug in Launceston TAS

10 - 11 Oct in Melbourne VIC