



Government of **Western Australia**  
**WA Country Health Service**

# Rural and Remote Mental Health Conference We're In It Together

Broome WA 25-27 October 2017

## Call for Abstracts

WA Country Health Service Kimberley - Mental Health and Drug Service will host the **2017 Rural and Remote Mental Health Conference**. The **"We're In It Together"** theme highlights the challenges faced daily by local services involved in the care of drug and alcohol, and mental health consumers.

The conference program includes keynote speakers, concurrent sessions and a poster display. It will focus on creative ways regional health workers develop approaches, and share knowledge and expertise with communities to maximise health, wellbeing and social outcomes for consumers, and their carers and families.

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration - being part of the program enables the sharing of stories, lessons learnt, projects, and research with a view to improving service delivery.

**All presenters will be entitled to discounted registration fee**



### Abstracts

Please complete the attached Abstract Template and submit via email to [event@peppermint.com.au](mailto:event@peppermint.com.au) no later than 21 April 2017. You will receive an email acknowledgement within five working days of receipt of the document(s).

The abstract should outline the purpose of the presentation, methodology used, issues addressed, conclusions, and/or implications or relevance to other services. Please observe the limit of 300 words.

By submission of abstracts, authors give permission for the publication of the abstract in the conference handbook and/or website, and certify that the abstract is original work.

Presenters are required to register for at least one full day of the conference.

First-time presenters are welcome and may contact Peppermint Solutions if they require assistance in preparing their abstract.

**Abstracts to be submitted by Friday 21 April 2017**



### Presentations

Audio-visual material should be in Microsoft PowerPoint format, compatible with Microsoft Windows 7. A laptop computer, data projector, screen and microphone will be made available for the presentation. Successful applicants will need to discuss alternative audio-visual formats and additional equipment requirements with Peppermint Solutions prior to the development of their presentation.

## Oral

Oral presentations will be limited to 30 minutes (inclusive of 10 minutes for questions and answers).

## Workshop

Workshops will be up to 90 minutes (including 10 minutes discussion time), with a maximum of four presenters. Workshops should encourage audience participation with the aim of building skills. The workshop coordinator should submit a brief workshop plan along with the abstract.

## Symposium

Symposia will be up to 90 minutes (including 10 minutes discussion time). A symposium will be up to four papers offering perspectives on a single issue, and facilitated by a symposium coordinator. There should be one abstract for the overall symposium containing a description of the unifying theme(s); and each presenter should also submit an abstract that identifies their perspective. The symposium coordinator is to submit all abstracts on behalf of the group.

## Poster Display

Poster displays provide an opportunity for presenters to exhibit new research/evaluation results, clinical or service advances, or work in progress, and will be on show throughout the conference.



## Selection Criteria

The Conference Committee is seeking presentations focusing on initiatives in drug and alcohol, and mental health. Evidence-based initiatives, case studies and examples of best practice will be highly regarded.

When reviewing abstracts, the Committee will consider the following:

- Relevance to the Rural and Remote Mental Health Conference “We’re In It Together” theme.
- Innovation, originality, and congruity with contemporary issues.
- Interest to a multi-disciplinary audience including people with lived experience, their carers and families.

The Conference Committee reserves the right to choose presentations outside of the “We’re In It Together” theme.



## Acceptance and Notification

Acceptance of abstracts is at the discretion of the Conference Committee, and applicants will be notified of the outcome of the submission by email by Friday 16 June 2017.

The Conference Committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or other expenses, however, presenters will be entitled to a discounted registration fee. A conference registration form will accompany the invitation to successful applicants.

Receipt of the completed registration form and payment confirms your presentation in the conference program. You will then be sent specific information outlining the parameters of presentations or posters.

**For inclusion in the conference program, successful applicants must complete the registration process and payment**



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## Abstract Template



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