

# Trauma & Homelessness Forum

A professional development forum for managers and staff working in homelessness services, housing organisations or community support agencies



## The impact of trauma isn't always visible

This is a Mercy Foundation event that will provide valuable information and insights about different types of trauma and the impact it has on adults and children. You will hear from leading experts about ways to understand and support people who have experienced trauma.

### Topics:

- ❖ Trauma and its effects on childhood brain development
- ❖ Traumatic Brain Injury
- ❖ Intergenerational Trauma experienced by Aboriginal people
- ❖ Lateral violence

Each presentation will be followed by a Q & A discussion

### Expert Speakers:

**Dr Jamie Berry**, Senior Clinical Neuropsychologist

**Professor Maxwell Bennett AO**, Professor of Neuroscience, University of Sydney

**Bronywn Penrith**, Chair of Mudgin-Gal and expert on lateral violence

Date: Tuesday 16 August 2016  
Time: Start 9.00am sharp, finish by 3.15pm  
Venue: Mercy Foundation 40 Rocklands Road Wollstonecraft  
Cost: \$45 per ticket includes morning tea and lunch  
Booking: TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/MDPF>  
RSVP by: Wednesday 10 August 2016

Please note numbers are limited due to venue restrictions.

If you have any questions about the event please call the Mercy Foundation on 02 9911 7390 or email [events@mercyfoundation.com.au](mailto:events@mercyfoundation.com.au)

### **Ms Bronwyn Penrith**

Bronwyn is a Wiradjuri woman who has worked all her life for equality and the recognition of Aboriginal people and their rights. She is the Chair of Moreton Consulting's Board of Directors. She is currently on the Board of the Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Women's Corporation near the Block in Redfern and a Director of the Redfern Foundation Ltd. She is also a recent past member of the Redfern/Waterloo Aboriginal Justice Group and the City of Sydney Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Bronwyn delivers mentoring training, cultural awareness and community education workshops. She is also a highly skilled mediator and is a registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner with the Australian Government Department of the Attorney General. Additional to her life and work experience, Bronwyn's qualifications include a Diploma in Business: Indigenous Governance from Tranby Aboriginal College and a Certificate IV - Mentoring in Diversity. Bronwyn is a very experienced facilitator and consultant advisor. She enjoys working on projects to help improve communication, planning, consultation and team effectiveness.

### **Professor Maxwell R Bennett AO**

Maxwell Bennett is Professor of Neuroscience and holds the first University Chair at Sydney for 'research recognized internationally to be of exceptional distinction'. His over 400 papers are concerned with synaptic connections between nerve cells in the brain during development and following disease or injury. Professor Bennett has written eight books on the history and philosophy of the brain and mind, including *History of The Synapse*, *Virginia Woolf and Neuropsychiatry*, *The Idea of Consciousness* and with Peter Hacker, *Philosophical Foundations of Neuroscience*, *Neuroscience and Philosophy* and *History of Cognitive Neuroscience*. Amongst the organizations he has initiated to promote the amelioration of brain and mind disabilities are the *Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies*, *The International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience*, *Brain and Mind Research Asia/Pacific*, *The Tropical Brain and Mind Research Foundation*, *The Brain and Mind Research Institute* and the *Mind & Neuroscience Thompson Institute*.

### **Dr Jamie Berry**

Dr Jamie Berry is a Senior Clinical Neuropsychologist and the Director of Advanced Neuropsychological Treatment Services. Jamie is endorsed as a Clinical Neuropsychologist by the Psychology Board of Australia and is a member of the College of Clinical Neuropsychologists (CCN) of the Australian Psychological Society (APS). He is a lecturer on the postgraduate programs at Macquarie University and the University of Technology, Sydney. Jamie has extensive experience conducting neuropsychological assessments for currently or formerly homeless individuals or those at risk of homelessness, through partnerships with St Vincent's Hospital, Mission Australia and the Haymarket Centre. Jamie has also consulted to various other Homelessness services over the past eight years.

### **Transport to the Mercy Foundation**

The Mercy Foundation is located on level one of the Poche Centre, 40 Rocklands Road Wollstonecraft, opposite the Mater Hospital. The Poche Centre is also home to the Melanoma Institute of Australia. The main street entrance is on the corner of Sinclair Street and Rocklands Road.

Limited parking is available in surrounding streets and in the secure paid parking under the building. Entrance to the car park is from Rocklands Road. We advise you to allow extra time for parking.

The Mercy Foundation is a 10 minute walk from Waverton railway station and is within a 15 minute walk from Wollstonecraft and North Sydney stations. Bus services run frequently on the Pacific Highway and the bus stop is a short walk to the Poche Centre. For more information about transport call 131 500 or visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info).