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Mental Health Nurses – rowing with a team or paddling alone?

Regardless of where Mental Health Nurses practice, and whether they choose to row with a team or paddle alone, Mental Health Nursing is a unique and collaborative pursuit.

The Tasmanian Branch of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses is hosting the 36th International Conference in Hobart at the Hotel Grand Chancellor from Monday 30 August to Thursday 2 September 2010. The Conference Theme is “Row with a Team or Paddle Alone”.

The Conference program includes:

- An Oration Ceremony at 5.30pm Monday 30 August 2010, including
  - an address by Professor David Adams, the Social Inclusion Commissioner of Tasmania.
  - the presentation of the Mental Health Nurse of the Year Award by Heloise Waislitz, Chair of Pratt Foundation and Patron of the College.
- His Excellency, The Honourable Peter Underwood, AC, Governor of Tasmania will officially open the conference on Tuesday 31 August 2010 at 9.00am.
- Michelle O’Byrne MP, Minister of Health will launch Standards of Practice for Australian Mental Health Nurses: 2010 on Tuesday 31 August 2010 at 1.00pm

The Conference provides an opportunity for mental health nurses to hear from eminent Australian and International speakers on key developments in mental health.

Keynote Speakers throughout the days of the conference will include:

- Professor Patrick McGorry, Australian of the Year 2010, “A 21st Approach to Mental Health Care”
- Professor Richard Gray, University of East Anglia, UK “Enhancing medication adherence in people with schizophrenia: An international programme of research”
- Dr Richard Seidler & Alan Hainsworth, “How the mental health nurse incentive program works in Kings Cross”

Presentations throughout the week will examine areas of nurse led practice, partnership and collaboration, physical and mental health needs and research. Attached is a copy of the program.

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