



Australian College
of Mental Health Nurses

CCHNE Branch Winter Symposium

Friday 12 June 2026

08.30am	Registration and arrival tea and coffee	
9.00am-10.40am	Opening plenary	Gallery 1
9.00am	Welcome to Country, to be announced	MC: Peter Santangelo
9.10am	Branch Chair Remarks, Janine Max , Chair of ACMHN CCHNE Branch	
9.25am	Symposium opening, Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University, President of ACMHN	
9.40am	KEYNOTE: Beyond the Label: A practical guide to assessing and managing Borderline Personality Disorder, Amanda Butt , Npathy	
10.25am	Q&A	
10.40-11.10am	Morning tea and exhibition	
11.10-12.40pm	Plenary and Abstract Session 1	Gallery 1
11.10am	RESEARCH PRESENTATION: The Central Coast Health & Wellbeing Living Lab: A different model for health innovation, Dr Courtney Molloy , University of Newcastle	MC: Peter Santangelo
11.30am	Q&A	
	Abstract Session 1	Gallery 1
11.40am	Recovery Camp and the power of lived-experience learning and co-production, Julie Millard AM , Julie Millard Consultancy	MC: Peter Santangelo
12.00pm	Mental health registered nurse prescribers and their role in the management of adult ADHD. Project overview, Amy Kelty , RMIT University and Central Coast Research Institute, A/Prof Oliver Higgins , RMIT University, Central Coast Research Institute, University of Canberra	
12.20pm	Tooth be told: Mental health nurses perceptions of oral health promotion, Alisha Johnson , South Western Sydney Local Health District and Western Sydney University	
12.40-1.40pm	Lunch and exhibition	
1.40-3.00pm	Abstract Session 2	Gallery 1
1.40pm	Implementing the Safer Households Model in residential aged care: Early insights from a multi-site pilot evaluation, Brian Tomney , Uniting NSW ACT	MC: Peter Santangelo

2.00pm	Mental health nursing research re-imagined, Antony Mullen , Hunter New England Local Health District	
2.20pm	A gentle plea for climate sensitive practice, Kerryn Coombs-Valeontis , Nan Tien Institute	
2.40pm	Beyond silos: Re-imagining mental health nursing through integrated care for people with complex needs, Brendan Vera Fang , Northern Sydney Local Health District	
3.00-3.30pm	Afternoon tea and exhibition	
3.30-5.00pm	Closing Plenary	Gallery 1
3.30pm	PANEL: Amanda Butt , Npathy, Dr Courtney Molloy , University of Newcastle, Prof Rhonda Wilson , RMIT University, President of ACMHN	MC: Peter Santangelo
4.35pm	Symposium summary, Peter Santangelo	
4.45pm	Acknowledgements & Symposium close, Janine Max , Chair of ACMHN CCHNE Branch	
5.00-6.00pm	Sundowner drinks	

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