

Shaping Tomorrow Together

Building a mental health, suicide prevention and alcohol and other drug system that meets people where they are

Gold Coast Mental Health Symposium 2025

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

09:00 – 09:25

Welcome to Country and Cultural Therapy: A moving meditation Lann Levigne

09:25 – 09:45

Opening

Lived Experience Representatives

01
09:45 – 10:30

Keynote Address | Meeting People Where They Are : Online

Dr Louise La Sala

Senior Research Fellow (Youth Self-harm and Suicide Prevention, Online Safety) | *Orygen, Centre for Youth Mental Health, The University of Melbourne*

02
10:30 – 10:45

Executive Welcome

Philip Williams

A/Executive Director, Mental Health and Specialist Services | *Gold Coast Health*

Matt Carrodus

Chief Executive Officer | *Gold Coast Primary Health Network*

10:45 – 11:15

Networking Morning Tea

03
11:15 – 12:00

Panel Discussion | Meeting People at Their Intersections

Panellists – will include voices from youth homelessness support services, domestic and family violence initiatives, mental health and community response.



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12:00 – 12:45

Keynote Address

Dr Clinton Schultz

Director, First Nations Strategy and Partnerships, Head of First Nations Research |
Black Dog Institute and Member of Gold Coast Suicide Prevention Collaborative

12:45 – 13:30

Networking Lunch

05

13:30 – 14:15

New Service Spotlight | Finding New Ways to Meet People on Their Recovery Journey

Addiction In-Home Recovery

AIR Detox

Culture in Mind

*Multicultural Communities Council Gold Coast
Gold Coast Health*

Mental Health Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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14:15 – 14:45

Panel Discussion | Connecting Through Community

Panellists – will include voices from perinatal mental health peer workforce, City of Gold Coast, The Men's Table and Gold Coast Medicare Mental Health Centre.

14:45 – 15:00

Closing Remarks

15:00 – 16:00

Networking Afternoon Tea

