

# MAIN BRAINSTORM



MEETING  
FOR  
MINDS

**WORLD IN A BRAINSTORM**  
2023 FORUM

## FRIDAY 12 MAY - MORNING

REGISTRATION 8.30 am – 9.00 am

**OPENING &  
WELCOME TO COUNTRY**  
9.00 am

**Welcome to Country**  
Emeritus Prof Simon Forrest  
**Opening by Meeting for Minds**  
Susie Hincks, Co-Founder and Celia Hammond, Patron  
**Program Overview**  
Geraldine Mellett, MC

**PLEX IN RESEARCH**  
9.30 am

**The Meeting for Minds Approach**  
Hon Keith Wilson, Director and Christopher Archer, International Chief Scientist  
**Other Approaches**  
Deb Langridge, Head of CCIProgram, Western Australian Health Translation Network  
Assoc Prof Michelle Banfield, Co-Director, ALIVE National Mental Health Research Translation Centre  
Thomas Kabir, Head of Public Involvement in Research, McPin Foundation, United Kingdom (virt)

BREAK 10.45 am – 11.15 am

**DIVE INTO BRAIN RESEARCH:**  
*NEURAL PATHWAYS*  
11.15 am

**Music and the Brain**  
Emeritus Prof Alan Harvey, University of Western Australia  
**Body Percussion Workshop**  
Gina Newport, Dindindi Drums  
**Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS): Treating Depression**  
Assoc Prof Jenny Rodger, University of Western Australia

BREAK 12.45 pm – 1.30 pm

## FRIDAY 12 MAY - AFTERNOON

**DIVE INTO BRAIN RESEARCH:**  
*CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS*  
1.30 pm

**The Impact of Sports Concussion**  
Dr Sarah Hellewell, Curtin University, Australia (virtual) and Thomas Bergin  
**MDMA Research Down Under: A Decade of Persistence**  
Dr Stephen Bright, Edith Cowan University, Australia  
**Investing in Psychedelics: In Search of Better Treatments**  
Christian Angermayer, Apeiron Investment Group & atai Life Sciences, Germany (virtual)

BREAK 3.00 pm – 3.30 pm

**DIVE INTO BRAIN RESEARCH:**  
*BRAIN TRAUMA*  
3.30 pm

**Inherited Trauma: Epigenetics in Action**  
Prof Isabelle Mansuy, University Zürich, Switzerland (virtual)  
**How Female and Male Brains React Under Mental Insults**  
Prof Hermona Soreq, The Hebrew University, Israel  
**Indigenous Mental Health**  
Prof Pat Dudgeon, University of Western Australia

WRAP UP 5.00 pm – 5.15 pm

**MASTERCLASS**  
*PRESENTING YOUR SCIENCE*  
5.30 pm

**Presenting your Research: Techniques to Enhance your Style**  
Luzita Fereday, WAAPA

CLOSE 7.00 pm

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Welcome  
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DIVE INTO BRAIN RESEARCH:  
*YOUTH & MENTAL HEALTH*  
9.45 am

**Childhood Trajectories to Youth-Onset and Adult Mental Disorders**  
Prof Ian Hickie, University of Sydney, Australia  
**Youth Mental Health: Providing the Right Care, First Time, Where you Live**  
Prof Ian Hickie, University of Sydney, Australia

BREAK 10.45 am – 11.15 am

BREAKING DOWN THE SILOS  
11.15 am

**Co-managing Young People and Families: Immunotherapy for Atypical Disorders**  
Assoc Prof Elizabeth Scott, University of Sydney, Australia  
**GLAD Study: (Pharmaco)Genetics Linked to Anti-Depressants**  
Prof Anthony Akkari, University of Western Australia  
Prof Sean Hood, University of Western Australia

DIVE INTO BRAIN RESEARCH:  
*LEARNING PATHWAYS*  
12.15 pm

**Learning Under Emotional Pressure**  
Prof Rony Paz, Weizmann Institute, Israel (virtual)

BREAK 12.45 pm – 1.30 pm

## SATURDAY 13 MAY - AFTERNOON

PANEL DISCUSSION  
1.30 pm

**How can Brain and Behavioural Science Impact the Life of the Community for Good?**  
Moderator: Geraldine Mellett  
Panellists: Neil Cole, Playwright; Emeritus Prof Hon Dr Geoff Gallop, University of Sydney; Assoc Prof Michelle Banfield, ALIVE National Mental Health Research Translation Centre ; Prof Ian Hickie, University of Sydney, Darren Seiwright, Commander Operations - WA Police Force; Prof Mohan Isaac, University of WA

BREAK 3.00 pm – 3.30 pm

BRAINSTORMING THE FUTURE  
3.30 pm

**Telling Humanity's Brain Story: Insights from Brain Capital**  
Dr Harris Eyre, Deakin University, Australia (virtual)  
**Funding our Future Research**  
Prof Michaela Lucas, University of Western Australia (virtual)  
**Learnings and Opportunities for Future Research**  
Maria Halphen, Founder & Director of Meeting for Minds

BREAK 5.00 pm – 5.30 pm

COCKTAILS WITH  
NORMAN SARTORIUS  
5.30 pm

Cocktails and Q+A  
Prof Norman Sartorius (virtual)

FEATURE FILM SCREENING  
7.00 pm

**Pieces (90mins)**  
[PIECES](#) is an authentic, heartfelt drama about the healing power of care, compassion, and love. The film aims to demystify mental illness, to start a conversation that debunks the misconceptions and negative stereotypes that complicate and amplify the stigma, discrimination, and isolation experienced by people afflicted with a mental health illness.

CLOSE 9.00 pm

*\*Just like life, the program could change without notice. We make every endeavour to keep it as is at the time you purchased a ticket but we can't make any guarantees.*