

## Western Sydney Partners in Recovery Legacy Lunch

On Wednesday 3rd October Western Sydney Partners in Recovery (WSPiR) held a legacy lunch to show their gratitude for the determined efforts, dedication and persistence of staff over the course of the program. The program will wrap up in June when it transitions into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

On the day, we heard presentations from Melissa Gibson (WentWest Director of Programs and Partnerships), Antoni Yesudoss (Western Sydney Local Health District Community Mental Health Services Manager), Brian Maruziva (WSPiR Program Manager), Jacqui Hartswell (Mental Health Carer Advocate), Beth Marinello (WSPiR Client), Rebecca Kokany (Daughter of Allison Kokany, Mental Health Consumer Consultant) and our WSPiR Support Facilitators.

Rebecca Kokany presented a moving speech on the life and legacy of her mother, Allison Kokany. Allison was a strong mental health advocate, not only at WentWest but locally and nationally. She was actively involved in mental health forums, the Mental Health Official Visitors Program, professional networks, and was an instrumental in the implementation of the WSPiR program.

Allison worked tirelessly to provide a voice for consumers; constantly challenging mental health care conventions and nurturing the next generation of mental health advocates. Allison's memory is held in high regard by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. A consumer advocacy scholarship has been established by WentWest to honour her legacy.

WSPiR continues to support consumers with severe and complex mental health concerns. Visit our referral webpage or contact the WSPiR team on 8811 7650 or [wspir@wentwest.com.au](mailto:wspir@wentwest.com.au) for more information.



## Events

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### Small group learning - My Health Record: Best Practice Training

Thursday 18th October 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

### Working Together in Residential Aged Care

Tuesday 6th November 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

### Slow the Clock on Kidney Disease

Tuesday 27th November 2018

5:30pm - 8:00pm

### Mental Health Professional Network event

Monday 29th October 2018

6:00pm - 8:30pm

## Other News

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### Tender opportunities

Western Sydney Primary Health Network is looking to develop and commission new early intervention services to meet the needs of young people with or at risk of severe mental illness, who can be appropriately managed in the primary care setting.

For more information and guidance with the new tenders and the application process please join us for an information session on Wednesday, 17th October.

Further details can also be found on the Tenderlink website. Submissions close Wednesday, 7th November.

### New HealthPathways

Our latest pathway on Poisoning and Drug Overdose is now available on the HealthPathways portal. This pathway has been updated by local experts to support primary care in western Sydney.

☒ You can access this and many more ☒ HealthPathways using the below login details:

☒ Username: health Password: w3stern

☒ If you can't find a pathway and would like one to be developed or localised, contact the team via

healthpathways@wentwest.com.au or 8811 7100.

## Vaccination for special risk groups

The digital Australian Immunisation Handbook provides advice and recommendations to assist immunisation providers to discuss the impact of vaccine preventable diseases and the importance of vaccination for those people, with special vaccination requirements associated with health, age, lifestyle and occupation. Vaccination for special risk groups can be accessed via the Handbook website.

## GP Association meetings

The below GP Association meetings are coming up in western Sydney:

Blacktown: Heart Failure and Atrial Fibrillation, Wednesday 17th October

Mount Druitt: Common Shoulder and Elbow Conditions, Friday 26th October

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