



The Mental Health Council of Australia
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**PROMOTING SUPPORTIVE WORKPLACES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
EMPLOYER FORUM
Melbourne, 29 June 2005**

Dear Forum Participant

Thank you for attending the "Promoting Supportive Workplaces for People with Mental Illness Employer Forum" on 29 June at the Sofitel, Melbourne.

The objective of the Forum was to engage the business community in examining ways to promote the employment of people with mental illness through the promotion of best practice programs.

The Mental Health Council of Australia is keen to ensure the views of forum participants are included in feedback to the Australian Government. Comments will be incorporated into a final evaluation report and will remain confidential.

VENUE

Comfort of venue	Excellent / Good / Fair
Quality of AV/sound/lighting	Excellent / Good / Fair
Standard of morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea	Excellent / Good / Fair
Comments _____	

MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

Standard of presentations overall	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
Value of information overall	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
How valuable were the following presentations:	
▪ Consumer Perspective - Ingrid Ozols, MHCA	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
▪ Carer Perspective - Keith Wilson, Carers Australia	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
▪ Dept of Employment and Workplace Relations - Barry Sandison	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
▪ Awareness of Mental Illness Issues - Prof Pat McGorry, Orygen	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
▪ Mental Health Provider Perspectives	
- Barbara Hocking, SANE Australia	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
- Nic Bolto, Ostara	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
- Nicole Highet, <i>beyondblue</i>	Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor

Did the presentations increase your awareness of:

- mental health issues (A great deal) -5---4---3---2---1- (Minimal)
- current treatment practices and efficacy (A great deal) -5---4---3---2---1- (Minimal)
- barriers faced by consumers in obtaining and maintaining work (A great deal) -5---4---3---2---1- (Minimal)
- services available for people with mental illness (A great deal) -5---4---3---2---1- (Minimal)
- how to better manage mental illness in the workplace (A great deal) -5---4---3---2---1- (Minimal)
- services available to support job network and employment service providers and employers (A great deal) -5---4---3---2---1- (Minimal)

Comments _____

INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS

How informative were the industry presentations?

- Telstra Care - Paul Baulch/Simone Adamczyk Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
- ATO Wellbeing - Paul Fyfe Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
- Toll Holdings - Ruth Oakden/Bryan Ambrosius Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor

Did the industry presentations provide any practical ideas/solutions to recruiting people with a mental illness?

Did the industry presentations provide examples of ways to improve workplace practices for dealing with the episodic nature of mental health problems?

Did the industry presentations showcase successful strategies to recruit and retain people with a disability?

Has the Forum generally assisted you in:

- identifying/developing strategies for use in recruiting _____
- supporting the ongoing employment of people with a mental illness _____

Comments _____

WORKGROUPS

How would you rate the workgroup discussions?

Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor

Were you able to actively participate in workgroup discussions?

Are there other issues which you believe the Workgroups should/could have discussed?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Are there any ways in which you see improved linkages developing between the mental health services, job network and DEA employment services providers and employers?

WHAT FURTHER ACTION WOULD YOU LIKE FROM THIS FORUM

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE FORUMS

Name _____

Position _____

Company _____

Email _____

Please indicate if you agree to having your name and organisation recognised in the final report to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Yes / No

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation****Please return this evaluation to Lynnette Eager at the MHCA
either via facsimile (02) 6285 2166 or via email to lynnette.eager@mhca.com.au***



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**PROMOTING SUPPORTIVE WORKPLACES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
EMPLOYER FORUM
Sydney, 20 July 2005**

PARTICIPANT EVALUATION

Dear Forum Participant

Thank you for attending the "Promoting Supportive Workplaces for People with Mental Illness Employer Forum" on 20 July at the Star Room, Darling Harbour.

The objective of the Forum was to engage the business community in examining ways to promote the employment of people with mental illness through the promotion of best practice programs.

The Mental Health Council of Australia is keen to ensure the views of forum participants are included in feedback to the Australian Government. Comments will be incorporated into a final evaluation report and will remain confidential. Could you please complete the following evaluation of the forum, and return it to Lynnette Eager at the MHCA, either via facsimile 02 6285 2166 or via email to lynnette.eager@mhca.com.au by **Friday, 22 July**.

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