

Responding to the needs of a person presenting with suicidality

Panellist biographies



Dr Graham Fleming

General Practitioner, SA

Graham is a rural general practitioner, who has completed a doctorate in

community psychiatry and works in Kimba, South Australia. Graham was named a member of the Order of Australia in 2014 for his significant service to medicine in rural South Australia, and as an advocate in the field of mental health and suicide prevention.

He commenced his interest in combatting local suicide issues in 1986 after a spate of suicides in his region prompted him to increase his work in the mental health field.

In 1993, Graham extended this work into a community wide mental health and suicide prevention program with a strong emphasis of child and adolescent mental health. Graham finds great pride in helping people get through their personal issues.



Dr Lyn O'Grady

Community Psychologist

Lyn is a Community Psychologist with a

particular interest in the mental health of children,

young people and families.

She has previously worked with parents in the community sector, as a school psychologist and as a manager of the KidsMatter Project for the Australian Psychological Society.

She currently works in private practice with children, young people and families and is a registered supervisor of psychology interns.

Lyn is also interested in suicidology and regularly conducts workshops and training in this area for mental health professionals. She is also the author of a book for parents of teenagers who are suicidal.

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Professor Tim Wand

Nurse Practitioner, NSW

Tim Wand is an Associate Professor at the Sydney Nursing School, University of Sydney and a nurse practitioner

in mental health liaison in the Emergency Department at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Tim has extensive experience in education and training at a clinical, undergraduate and postgraduate level and is involved in clinical research mainly around the developing specialty of mental health liaison nursing and the role of the nurse practitioner.

He has published multiple papers in his specialty area and also on the topics of risk assessment, aggression and violence, mental health legislation, solution-focused therapy, and mental health promotion.



Facilitator: Nicola Palfrey

Clinical Psychologist, ACT

Nicola Palfrey is a Clinical Psychologist and researcher who has worked extensively

with children, adolescents and adults who have experienced significant adversity and trauma.

In her current role as Director of the Australian Child & Adolescent Trauma, Grief & Loss Network at the ANU she is responsible for developing and delivering resources, training and interventions based on the latest evidence base to support individuals and families affected by adversity and trauma.

She is the ANU lead for the National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health, an initiative to support workforces identify, assess and support children under 12 years who are at risk of experiencing mental illness.