

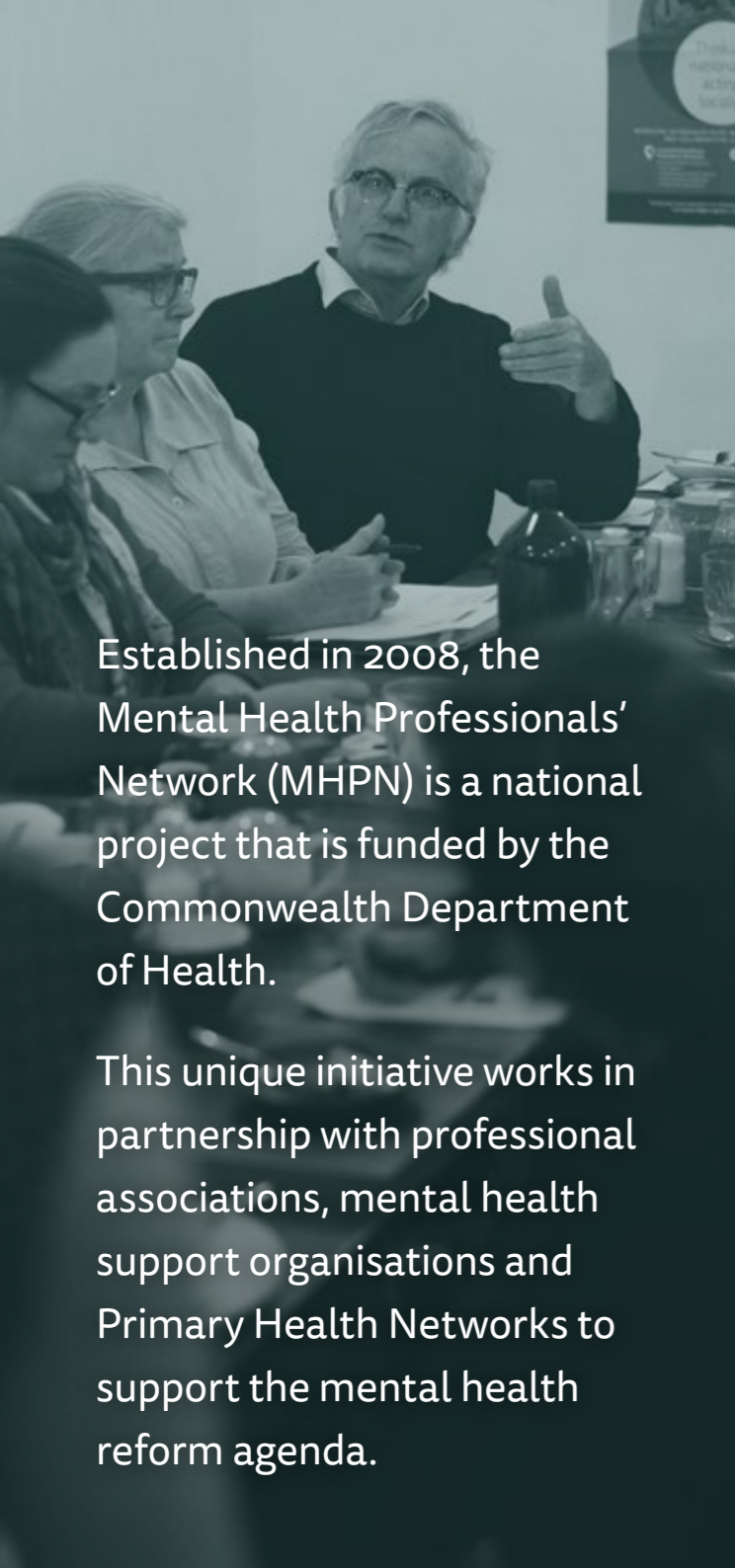


# Mental Health Professionals' Network

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*Improving interdisciplinary mental health practice and collaborative care*





Established in 2008, the Mental Health Professionals' Network (MHPN) is a national project that is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

This unique initiative works in partnership with professional associations, mental health support organisations and Primary Health Networks to support the mental health reform agenda.

# Networks

MHPN supports over 380 practitioner networks in metropolitan and rural Australia. Members include a mix of GPs, psychiatrists, psychologists, mental health nurses, social workers, occupational therapists or any other associated mental health practitioner.



Strengthen relationships between local practitioners



Increase referral confidence and pathways



Raise awareness and knowledge of local practitioners and services



Meeting topics are selected at a local level to reflect the needs of the community



Over 40% of networks support rural practitioners



155 special interest networks – many in key priority areas

# Webinars

Free online professional development featuring a panel of leading experts, covering a range of mental health topics.



Increase and improve clinical knowledge and skills



Access to national experts



CPD accreditation



90% of webinar practitioners make changes to clinical practice



Convenient PD for professionals practising in cities and in rural Australia



60+ webinars on the MHPN webinar library

Working to improve mental health outcomes for all Australians

Interdisciplinary practice supports the mental health reform

Partnering with Primary Health Networks

## Why interdisciplinary?

Interdisciplinary professional development equips practitioners with the knowledge and tools to work together, to improve mental health care to all Australians.

Recent MHPN independent evaluations have shown that when mental health practitioners from different disciplines network on a regular basis, practitioner relationships strengthen and referral confidence and pathways improve.

The project works with a variety of mental health professions through two core platforms:

Interdisciplinary  
practitioner  
networks

Professional  
development  
webinars

## Primary Health Networks

### Mental health – a key priority area

MHPN's practitioner networks and online professional development webinars support practitioners working with Primary Health Networks (PHNs). MHPN works with PHNs to support the implementation of the national mental health reform.



MHPN is supported by member organisations:



MHPN is supported by partner organisations:



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