



## 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MINI CONFERENCE

# DEPENDENCE OR INDEPENDENCE: WHICH IS THE DIRTY WORD?

TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

At the 16th Annual Mini-Conference, we will attempt to tackle and unpack assumptions and explore tensions that surround notions of 'dependence' and 'independence' as they are perceived and used in mental health settings. With prominent keynote speakers and a triologue of mental health consumers, family-carers and practitioners, we will wrestle with questions such as: Are the concepts of dependence and independence oppositional or complementary? What are the consequences of promoting one over the other? Which is the 'dirty word' or 'less desirable state?' How does dependence and independence align with concepts such as recovery and culture?

## Featured speakers

**Dr Mark Furlong** works as an independent scholar and 'thinker in residence' at The Bouverie Centre. Previously, he practised in clinical mental health and therapeutic settings prior to academic positions at La Trobe and Deakin Universities.

**Dr Rhys Price-Robertson** is a Workforce Development Officer | Practice Evidence & Engagement, located at the Australian Institute of Family Studies. He has published widely on mental health, fathering, family recovery and social theory.

**Marie Piu** is the CEO of TANDEM, the peak body for mental health carers in Victoria and has held senior management roles and managed multiple programs and projects in a range of sectors. She is advocate for a compassionate health system designed to support consumers, family and friends.

**Who should attend:** The Bouverie Centre warmly welcomes mental health consumers, family members, practitioners, researchers, policy makers and other people that are interested in the topic of the Mini Conference.

**Venue:** The Bouverie Centre, 8 Gardiner Street, Brunswick

**Time:** 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Cost:** free for Carers & Consumers, \$70 for workers

How to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/miniconference16>

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