



Mental Health across the Lifespan Conference postponed

13 March 2020

With heavy hearts, Mental Health Victoria has been decided to reschedule the *Mental Health across the Lifespan Conference* which was due to be held 17–18 March 2020 in Melbourne. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The conference will now take place in **November 2020** shortly after the release of the *Final Report of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System*.

Our members, supporters, and stakeholders within the mental health and related sectors work with some of the most at-risk groups of people in the community. We have a responsibility to support the sector, who in turn need to prioritise their organisation's response to COVID-19 during this time rather than spare resources to attend the conference. We also have a duty to ensure that we do everything we can to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19.

By taking this action of postponing the conference, Mental Health Victoria is seeking to assure conference guests, delegates, speakers, partners, and exhibitors that our highest commitment is to everyone's health, safety and wellbeing.

Mental Health Victoria prioritises its support to the sector, and during the coming days, weeks, and months we will share information, resources, and best-practice examples with our members and the sector via our regular communications channels.

We will be in touch with all delegates soon with options. We are also working with all conference speakers with the hope that they will be available in November.

Updates will follow in the coming weeks.