



International Society for Psychological
and Social Approaches to Psychosis



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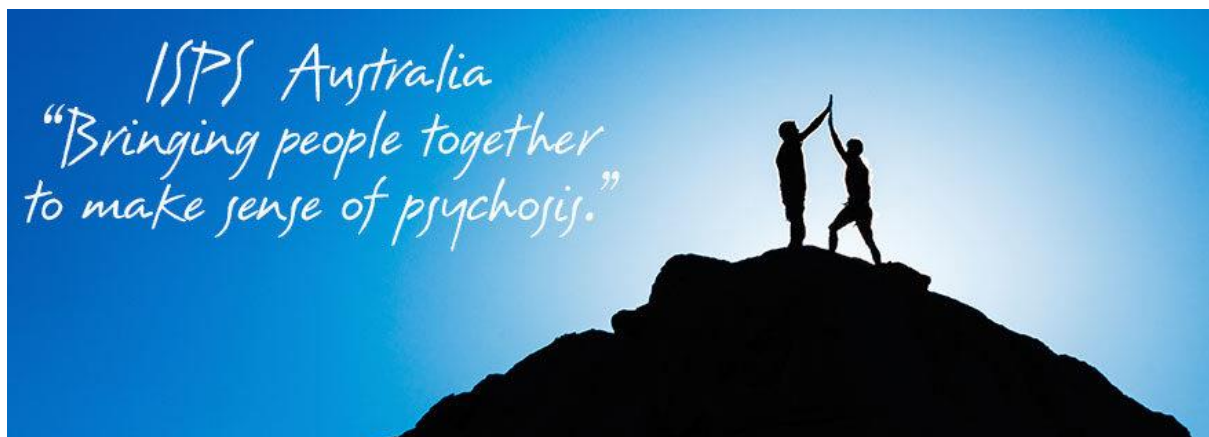


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OUR OBJECTIVES

Our principle objectives are to:

- promote the appropriate use of psychosocial approaches to psychosis which include but are not limited to peer lead recovery, psychotherapy and other psychological treatments;
- promote research and dissemination of evidence relating to psychosocial programmes for those with psychosis;
- advance education, training and knowledge for mental health professionals in comprehensive approaches to the treatment and prevention of psychotic mental health;
- develop partnerships with other organisations and individuals working in the area of psychosis management and education

ABOUT US

ISPS Australia is part of a broader international organisation that has its origins in Europe in the 1950s. It was formed with the intention of promoting psychotherapy for psychosis and providing a forum for like-minded individuals to exchange ideas. Since then it has continued to grow and refine its objectives. Now ISPS has expanded to have branches in 19 countries, across 5 continents and involves many leaders in this field.

ISPS Australia was first incorporated as a public company limited by guarantee in October 2013 and is also recognised as a small charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. We are a member-based association.

Since our branch has incorporated, we have been presenting training seminars, workshops, and conferences around Australia from a number of important leaders in the field of psychosis.

We have also supported local events and have provided a forum for debate and the exchange of information through our website and email discussion group whilst also working behind the scenes to develop and sustain the organisation by maintaining good governance.

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

ISPS Australia is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). We are considered a small size charity and operate in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the ACNC Act and in our constitution. We are an unfunded member-based organisation and therefore do not have paid staff at this point in time. All activities are carried out voluntarily by the Board.

The ISPS Australia Board is composed of up to seven members who are elected by ballot by the ISPS membership every year. The ISPS Board is made up of people with a wide range of interests and experience, all of whom donate their time voluntarily. The board is geographically spread out across different states in Australia and so we meet for our monthly board meetings via Video Conferencing.

OUR PEOPLE

Voluntary Board of Directors 2019-2020		
Name	State	Board Director Roles
Amanda Waegeli	WA/QLD	Chair
Julia Nichols	VIC	Secretary
Melissa Connell	QLD	Membership /Treasurer
David Ward	QLD	General Member
Cherie McGregor	QLD	General Member

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I would like to begin by acknowledging those who have been impacted by the effects of COVID 19 in this unprecedented and challenging year. The impacts have no doubt affected many of us both personally and professionally and in so many different ways, our thoughts are with everyone, especially our Victorian members at this time.

As a small organisation, ISPS Australia has also felt the effects. Our board spent the first part of this financial year planning a conference and training event, only to have the uncertainty of the times force us to change and now cancel this event.

Whilst we grapple with that now for our members, we are inspired by our bigger sister branches in other countries as they turn to online conferences and webinars, and are grateful for this modern technology that opens up opportunities for our wider ISPS community to stay connected and get involved online.

Thanks to our 43 members, some of which are new and those who have renewed, your financial membership continues to support us in achieving our objectives. Our members come from WA, QLD, VIC, NSW and SA and include, consumers, carers/family members, Mental Health Professionals, including, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Nurses, OT, Social Workers, Academics and other mental health workers.

Your membership continues to give you:

- Four issues per annum of the ISPS Journal: 'Psychosis: Psychological, Social and Integrative Approaches'
- Online access to all Psychosis issues
- You can join one of our many e-mail discussions groups
- Reduced rates at ISPS international conferences and local events
- 20% discount on all books published by Routledge

As current Chair, I would like to thank my fellow board members, David, Melissa, Julia, and Cherie for all their time and work as volunteer board members. They have helped keep ISPS Australia moving forward. The board and its members provide an important voice towards alternative approaches for people experiencing psychosis in our communities in Australia.

We look forward to the positive steps forward through ISPS Australia over the next 12 months and thank members for their continued support on this journey

Warm Regards

Amanda Waegeli
ISPS Australia Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

ISPS AUSTRALIA FINANCIAL REPORT 2019-2020

During the 2019-2020 financial year, ISPS Australia brought in \$2 747 and had a total expenditure of \$2 094 resulting in a net profit of \$652. There are no outstanding debts or liabilities.

Opening balance 01.07.19	8 036
Total Income	2 747
Total Expenditure	2 094
Balance 30.07.20	8 688
Net profit	\$ 652

Best wishes,
Melissa Connell
ISPS Australia Treasurer

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Corporate & community partners/collaborators

- Australian College of Applied Psychology
- University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research
- Monash University

- Richmond Wellbeing
- SANE
- Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWA)
- And Isabelle Patterson, Graphic Design, Branding & Illustration
- Barry Lee Website maintenance

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Become a member

ISPS Australia receives no funding other than memberships. In order to continue to provide the events and resources we offer; we need membership support!

Go to www.isps.org.au and select “membership” and “sign up”

Join the Board

We welcome people with governance expertise and time to support policy and procedure development as well as co-design and co-create activities.

Volunteer your time

As we are all volunteers, we have limited time to devote to organisational activities such as website maintenance, event planning and resource building. We would greatly benefit from any time you can offer to assist us with the important work of growing and maintaining the organisation by perhaps joining us on a subcommittee.

Contact us at admin@isps.org.au

Make a donation

Please contact admin@isps.org.au for more information on how you can support us through making a donation.

Become a corporate partner

We have opportunities for other organisations to become involved in ISPS Australia through co-sponsoring events, donating money, or pro-bono work.

Send us an email for more information.

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