



Medicinal Cannabis Forum: Debunking the Myths

Friday 8 September



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- 8.15am** **Special pre-forum screening of Helen Kapalos' documentary:
A life of its own: The Truth about Medicinal Marijuana**
- 9.00am** **Forum Opening**
Brett Holmes, General Secretary, NSWNMA
- 9.20am** **Dan's Story**
Lucy Haslam, United in Compassion Director and former nurse
- 10.00am** **What is Medicinal Cannabis? The facts and the fiction**
Justin Sinclair, Research Fellow, NICM (Western Sydney University)
- 10.55am** **MORNING TEA**
- 11.15am** **Mental Health and Cannabis**
Dr Mark Montebello, Senior Staff Specialist in Addiction Psychiatry and the Medical Manager at the Drug and Alcohol Service, SESLHD
- 11.55am** **Understanding the NSW and Australia Regulatory Framework and Approach**
Suzanne Peirce, Director Policy Science and Research, Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research and Innovation
- 12.35pm** **Panel Discussion:** Lucy Haslam, Justin Sinclair, Dr Mark Montebello and Suzanne Peirce
- 1.15pm** **LUNCH (and screening second half of 'A life of its own')**
- 2.00pm** **Optimising Medicinal Cannabis Net Benefit**
Prof. Simon Eckermann, Senior Professor of health Economics at the Australian Health Services Research Institute and University of Wollongong
- 2.30pm** **A GPs Perspective and the Opioid Crisis**
Dr Teresa Towpik
- 3.10pm** **Retired Palliative Specialist (now advocate for palliative care)**
Dr Yvonne McMaster
- 3.35pm** **Where to next for NSW? The role of nurses?**
- 4.00pm** **Evaluation and Close**

Note: Helen Kapalos' Documentary 'A Life of Its Own: The truth about Medicinal Marijuana' will screen in 2 parts, first half shown in our Eora room from 8.15am, second half screening during lunch. **For those not wishing to view the documentary, start time for the day will be 9.00am.**

Venue: NSWNMA, 50 O'Dea Avenue, Waterloo
Cost: Members \$30 / Non-members \$60

Lunch and refreshments are provided

[Register Online Here](#)