



Mental Health First Aid: An international program for early intervention

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Prof Tony Jorm is a Professorial Fellow at ORYGEN Research Centre at the University of Melbourne. His current research focuses on public knowledge and beliefs about mental disorders, and particularly on interventions to improve the public's helpfulness towards people developing mental disorders. Prof Jorm is the author of 12 books or monographs, over 300 journal articles and over 25 chapters in edited volumes. He has been awarded a Doctor of Science for his research and elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. He is a member of the Research Committee of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. He is a past President of the Australasian Society for Psychiatric Research. He has been listed in ISI HighlyCited.com as one of the most cited researchers in Psychology/Psychiatry of the past 20 years.

Ms Betty Kitchener

Ms Betty Kitchener is an experienced educator, registered nurse, counsellor and basic researcher. She is the Program Director and co-developer of the Mental Health First Aid Training and Research Program, auspiced at ORYGEN Research Centre, University of Melbourne. She has facilitated the spread of the MHFA Program to every state and territory of Australia and internationally to numerous countries. Having experienced recurrent major depression herself, she brings an important consumer perspective to her work. She has received a number of awards for her work. In January 2008 she received an Order of Australia Medal for her MHFA work. She is the author or co-author of 27 refereed articles and five MHFA manuals.

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