



You are invited to a

CHURCHILL CHAT

Date: Monday 3rd April 2017
Time: 5.45pm – 7.30pm
Venue: The Masonic Club, 169 Castlereagh St Sydney (a 3 min walk from Town Hall Station just around the corner from Park St)
Cost: Nil – yes, like most Churchill Chats, its FREE
RSVP: Thursday 30th March

You are invited to attend a Churchill Chat on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start. A Churchill Chat is an opportunity for Fellows to share their work, and to introduce the Churchill Fellowship program to others. Dinner will be available at your own expense in the bistro at the conclusion of the chat (7.30pm). Arrangement will be in place for you to order prior to the Chat for 7.30pm meal service.

We have two presenters (PTO for information about the presenters):

1. Reg Davis (CF2004) - "A Psychologist in Every Village" - Using Technology to Improve Access to Mental Health Services: An Overview
2. Myree Harris (CF2002) - Who is my neighbour? What are our responsibilities to prevention of family violence in Australia and to alleviation of huge social problems facing the Pacific Islands?
3. Possible third presenter?

There is no formal need to book and you are welcome to bring a friend. However it is helpful to have an idea of those who are planning to attend for seating and catering purposes. Enquiries to Elizabeth Comino on 0417 402 369 or email Elizabethcomino@gmail.com

Abstracts

Myree Harris

In 2015, I was asked to represent Australia and Oceania at the International Symposium on Woman and Children of the Streets to be held at the Vatican in September.

I was asked to speak on this issue as it affected Oceania and the Pacific Islands.

For Australia and New Zealand, I focused on homelessness. One of the major causes of homelessness for women and children is family violence. I spoke of our national crisis in this area and the tragic numbers of women who have been killed.

My research into the Pacific Islands, assisted by people who had worked there and had ongoing contacts, unearthed horrifying facts. These were backed by reports from, un agencies, Amnesty Int and even the CIA. After my presentation in Rome, a number of delegates from other countries spoke to me about their horror at what had been revealed.

I will distribute copies of my presentation and of the more detailed report which include recommendations for action by Australia.

Reg Davis

Given the high incidence of mental health disorders, the poor access to face to face clinical services, high costs associated with training of mental health clinicians and delivery of centre based mental health services, it is imperative to explore new ways to deliver mental health services that are cheap, accessible, timely, confidential and engaging. Australia is an emerging world leader in the development and implementation of online mental health services, and an early adopter of new technologies. This paper will explore the range of technology based approaches, including, psycho-education, on-line treatment and education programs, consumer and professional web forums, social networking applications and smart phone based therapeutic tools, including monitoring and bio-metric technologies and use of wearable devices for bio-feedback and in vivo, real-time behavioural monitoring. These approaches have a strong literature of effectiveness but have had limited acceptance amongst psychological practitioners. There is also a struggle to understand how they can be made available for the general public of mental health consumers, or used to enhance traditional, centre based mental health services.

The presentation will explore the range of available technology based mental health applications and models of implementation in care delivery models, and possible relevance for Indian Psychologists.