

Mental Health Sector Expo 9am – 1pm (AEDT) - Wednesday 9 October Mural Hall, Parliament House, Canberra

Mental Health Australia is delighted to announce a Mental Health Sector Expo - co-hosted with Parliamentary Friends groups - and we invite members to join us at Parliament House on Wednesday 9 October.

In one of the last federal parliamentary sitting weeks of 2024, the Expo's purpose is to provide access and opportunities for members to showcase your organisation to federal parliamentarians, feature sector achievements, and promote the availability of mental health supports and services in local electorates.

There are limited spots for an exclusive opportunity to book a display space to showcase your organisation to Parliamentarians on the eve of World Mental Health Day.

Who can attend and what will it cost?

Attendance is free for Mental Health Australia members.

Members wishing to book a display space are asked to make an \$80 contribution per organisation to assist with event costs and to secure their space and equipment.

Travel and accommodation costs are at members' expense. As it will a Parliamentary sitting week, interested members are encouraged to make arrangements as early as possible.

Who am I going to see?

The Expo will highlight the sector to parliamentarians and members will hear from Parliamentary Friends Co-Chairs and government representatives as part of the formal proceedings.

Parliamentary Friends groups will coordinate for parliamentarians to visit the event during the morning around necessary Parliamentary duties. We expect most MPs to pass through the mural hall as it's a very central location in Parliament House.

Will there be food?

Light refreshments will be served at morning tea, with tea and coffee available throughout the event.

What does a 'Display Space' look like?

A display space is a dressed trestle table and two chairs.

What do I need to bring?

Members wishing to reserve a display space should consider bringing:

- Two staff to attend your display space
- Banners (no more than 2 standard pull-up banners 800mm wide by 2000mm high.)
- Collateral (e.g. brochures, factsheets, annual reports)
- Merchandise (e.g. stickers, wristbands, pens)
- Members are also invited to submit 'highlight' videos for loop display on TVs at the event.

It is recommended that members consider what they will bring and their quantities and make appropriate arrangements (e.g. reprint brochures etc.) as soon as practicable.

Please note due to security restrictions, anything larger than an A4 box will need to be couriered to Parliament House.

For example, if the items fit through the main scanners at the public entrance (600mmx400mm) members are welcome to bring the items with them however if the items are larger you will need to arrange their delivery through the loading dock.

To RSVP and book your display space please complete this form.

Secure your spot now! Bookings close COB Tuesday 27 August.

Enquiries can be directed to events@mhaustralia.org or call the Mental Health Australia office on (02) 6285 3100.