PUBLIC HEARINGS WITNESS LIST

2 - 5 JULY 2019

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Between 2 and 26 July 2019 the Royal Commission will conduct its first public hearings. The public hearings are an important part of the activities of the Royal Commission and will allow the Commission to gather information about Victoria’s Mental Health System. The hearings will inform the Commissioners deliberations leading up to the production of an interim report in November 2019.

At the public hearings, the Royal Commission will hear from witnesses about issues and questions relevant to the Royal Commission’s Terms of Reference. Witnesses will include consumers and carers, service providers and their workforce, experts and government representatives.

The Royal Commission values and respects the contribution that people living with mental illness provide to inform the work of the Commission, and a significant proportion of the hearings will be dedicated to listening to hearing about their experiences.

The schedule below may be subject to variation and the Royal Commission may depart from it before or during the hearings if it considers it appropriate to do so.

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<td><strong>Opening day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wayne Schwass, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of PukaUp&lt;br&gt;Community witness&lt;br&gt;The Hon Andrew Robb AO, former Australian Minister for Trade and Investment&lt;br&gt;Community witness</td>
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<td><strong>Day two</strong>&lt;br&gt;3 July 2019</td>
<td><strong>Stigma</strong>&lt;br&gt;Janet Meagher AM, Member of the Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS&lt;br&gt;A/Professor Nicola Reavley, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health&lt;br&gt;Community witness&lt;br&gt;Dr Chris Groot, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences&lt;br&gt;Dr Michelle Blanchard, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of SANE Australia and founding Director of SANE’s Anne Deveson Research Centre</td>
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| **Day three**  
4 July 2019 | Prevention and early intervention  
Georgie Harman, Chief Executive Officer of Beyond Blue  
Professor David Forbes, Director of Phoenix Australia Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health and Deputy Head, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne  
Community witness  
Professor Helen Herrman AO, Psychiatrist and Public Health Physician, Head of Vulnerable and Disengaged Youth Research at Orygen |
| **Location**  
Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria |

| **Day four**  
5 July 2019 | Prevention and early intervention  
Community witness  
Dr Gaynor Blankley, Perinatal Psychiatrist at Mercy Perinatal, Mercy Hospital for Women  
Shaun McClare, Principal at Kalinda Primary School  
Dr Ric Haslam, Director of Mental Health at the Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne  
Professor Patrick McGorry AO, Executive Director of Orygen, Professor of Youth Mental Health at the University of Melbourne and a Founding Director of the National Youth Mental Health Foundation |
| **Location**  
Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria |

The hearings will also be live streamed on our website at [www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au), unless the Royal Commission orders otherwise.