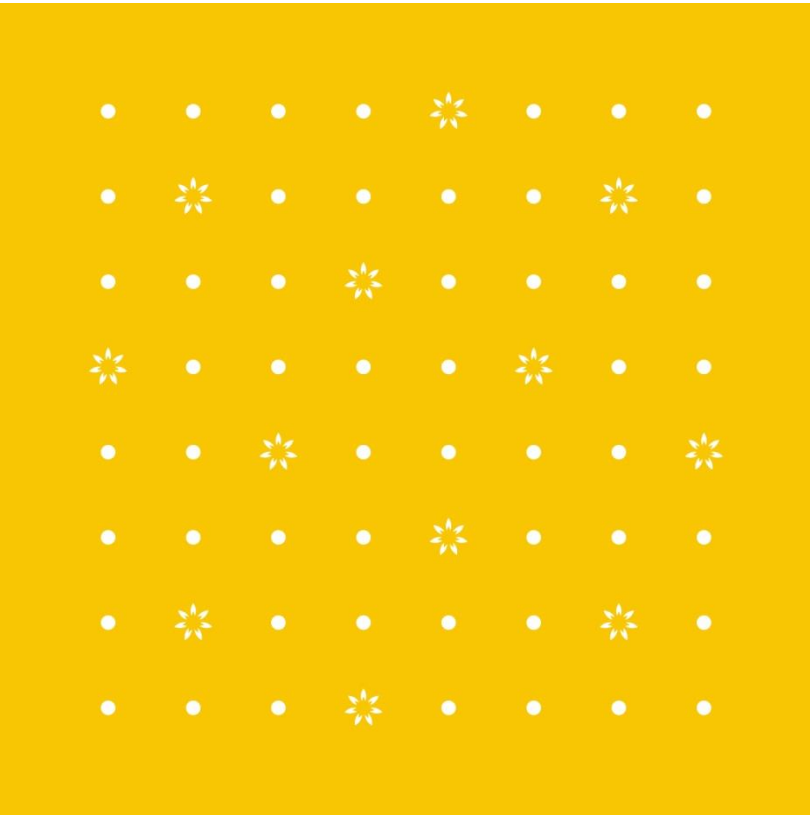


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Wheels in motion

- Implementation of the Government response to the National Mental Health Commission's Review of Mental Health Services and Programmes
- NDIS rollout & bi-laterals
- Medicare Review
- Primary Health Care Review



More wheels in motion

- 5th Plan for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Ice Taskforce response
- Federation Review
- Welfare Review (McClure, Forrest)
- Election readiness?





State & Territory NGOs

800 NGO community mental health service providers

8 Peak bodies

Consumers & Carers



- National MH Consumer and Carer Forum
- National Register of Consumers and Carers
- National Carer organisations
- National Consumer organisations

Research



- Universities
- Private research institutions
- National Centres of Excellence

Professional Bodies



- GPs
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- Psychiatrists
- Pharmacists
- Social Workers

Cross-Sector Relationships



- Disability
- Employment
- Housing
- Welfare

Key Groups



- ATSI
- CaLD
- LGBTI
- Rural

Service Providers



- National helplines
- Youth
- e-Mental Health
- Private services
- Employment agencies
- National charities

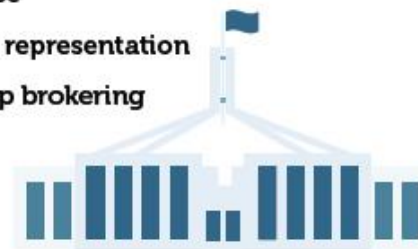
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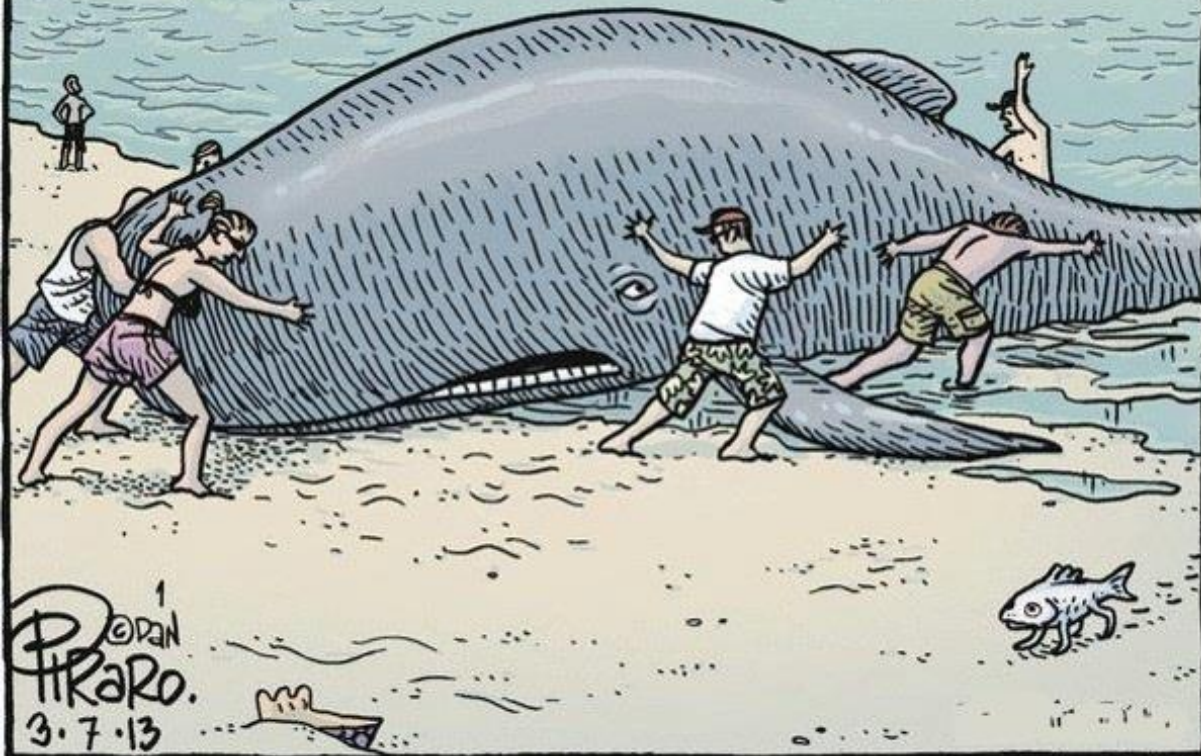
- ✦ Policy submissions
- ✦ Policy advice
- ✦ Committee representation
- ✦ Relationship brokering

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How are we ever going to evolve
if you people keep pushing us
back into the ocean?



Why are our members interested in working with PHNs?

- *PHNs have sufficient focus on all aspects of client need, both clinical and psychosocial, and on improving integration and coordination across the range of services that a person with mental illness might access*



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- *Consumers and carers can contribute meaningfully to decision-making – eg through inclusive governance arrangements, through a growing role for the mental health peer workforce, and through maximising individual autonomy in decisions about care and treatment*



Why are our members interested in working with PHNs?

- *The investments made by PHNs reflect best practice, are recovery-oriented and are appropriately targeted at community need*



Why are our members interested in working with PHNs?

- *Priority is given, both in commissioning and in service delivery, to improving whole-of-life outcomes, rather than focussing on activity-driven inputs or clinical considerations in isolation.*



Why are our members interested in working with PHNs?

- *Communication channels are opened up so the contribution of mental health stakeholders to the PHN rollout can be maximised.*



An example of what our members have to offer PHNs



Some possible objectives for a PHN Mental Health Network

- Interdisciplinary and cross-sector dialogue
- Prioritisation and risk mitigation
- Securing consensus
- Agreeing a joint work plan



Some possible elements of a PHN Mental Health Network work plan

- Establish agreed communication channels
- Supporting consumer and carer engagement and co-design
- National needs assessment
- Knowledge network & best practice registry
- Guidance for commissioning and contracting



Some possible elements of a PHN Mental Health Network work plan

- Building and sharing models of service
- Building data and research capacity – and avoiding pitfalls
- Specific workshops to address agreed challenges and/or opportunities

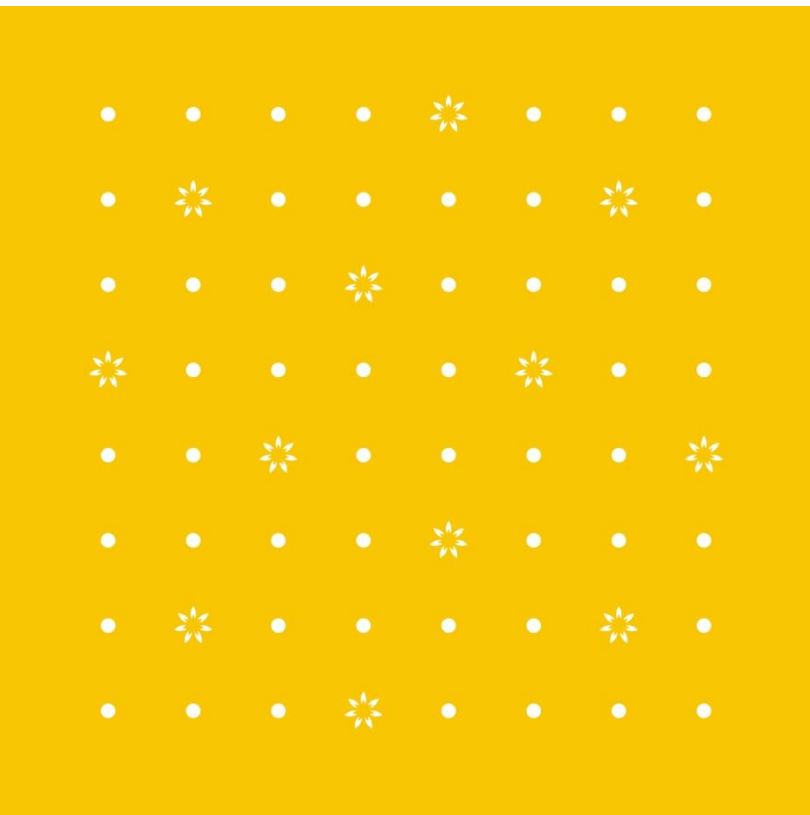


Some challenges for a PHN Mental Health Network

- Time is not our friend
- Commercial interest and/or self interest responds quickly to an information vacuum
- This is not the only huge reform agenda afoot
- The personal, political, economic and cost of mistakes can be high



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