

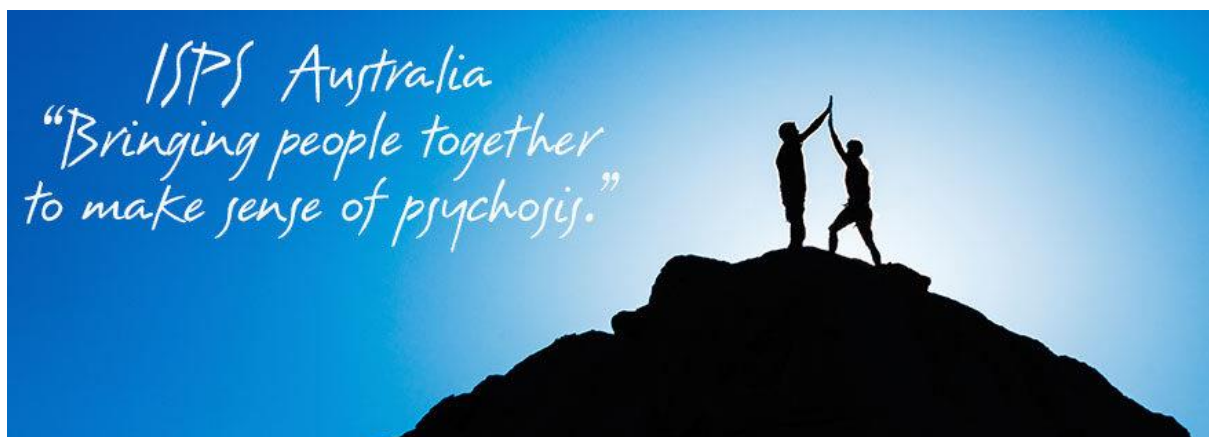


International Society for Psychological  
and Social Approaches to Psychosis



**2020-2021**

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## OUR OBJECTIVES

Our principle objectives are to:

- promote the appropriate use of psychosocial approaches to psychosis which include but are not limited to peer lead recovery, psychotherapy and other psychological treatments;
- promote research and dissemination of evidence relating to psychosocial programmes for those with psychosis;
- advance education, training and knowledge for mental health professionals in comprehensive approaches to the treatment and prevention of psychotic mental health;
- develop partnerships with other organisations and individuals working in the area of psychosis management and education

## ABOUT US

ISPS Australia is part of a broader international organisation that has its origins in Europe in the 1950s. It was formed with the intention of promoting psychotherapy for psychosis and providing a forum for like-minded individuals to exchange ideas. Since then it has continued to grow and refine its objectives. Now ISPS has expanded to have branches in 19 countries, across 5 continents and involves many leaders in this field.

ISPS Australia was first incorporated as a public company limited by guarantee in October 2013 and is also recognised as a small charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. We are a member-based association.

Since our branch has incorporated, we have been presenting training seminars, workshops, and conferences around Australia from a number of important leaders in the field of psychosis.

We have also supported local events and have provided a forum for debate and the exchange of information through our website and email discussion group whilst also working behind the scenes to develop and sustain the organisation by maintaining good governance.

## STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

ISPS Australia is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). We are considered a small size charity and operate in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the ACNC Act and in our constitution. We are an unfunded member-based organisation and therefore do not have paid staff at this point in time. All activities are carried out voluntarily by the Board.

The ISPS Australia Board is composed of up to seven members who are elected by the ISPS membership every year. The ISPS Board is made up of people with a wide range of interests and experience, all of whom donate their time voluntarily. The board is geographically spread out across different states in Australia and so we meet for our monthly board meetings via Video Conferencing.

## OUR PEOPLE

<b>Voluntary Board of Directors 2020-2021</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Board Director Roles</b>
Amanda Waegeli	WA/QLD	Chair
Julia Nichols	VIC	Secretary
Melissa Connell	QLD	Membership /Treasurer
Cherie McGregor	QLD	Treasurer
Sue Belmore	VIC	General Member
David Ward	QLD	General Member

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I would like to begin in the spirit of reconciliation, by stating that ISPS Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of the country throughout Australia and their ongoing connection to land sea and community. We pay our respects to the elders past and present and extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

As a small organisation, ISPS Australia has also felt the effects of COVID 19. Our board have had to rethink how we best meet the needs of our community within the limitations of our resources and skills. Learnings from the previous year was that planning face to face events was going to be too risky.

We first needed to give our website an upgrade and are pleased to report this has occurred. Our new website is [www.ispsaustralia.com](http://www.ispsaustralia.com)

We then had our first online event in early July with an extremely valuable presentation by Kerry Hawkins on Relational Recovery. Our plan is to provide bi-monthly online presentations and webinars moving forward.

Thank you to our many members, your financial membership continues to support us in achieving our objectives. We trust you will continue to support us by renewing your membership, and perhaps even encouraging your colleagues to join too.

As current Chair, I would like to thank my fellow board members, David, Melissa, Julia, Cherie, and Sue for all their work as volunteer board members. Sadly, we now farewell two board members Melissa Connell and Cherie McGregor. Melissa was a foundational member of ISPS Australia and has gone over and above in establishing and maintaining our organisation. Cherie has been a committed and valued member of our board, assisting us with finances and sharing her wealth of wisdom. We wish both all the best with their future endeavours.

The board and its members provide an important voice towards alternative approaches for people experiencing psychosis in our communities in Australia. We look forward to continuing to make a difference through ISPS Australia over the next 12 months and thank you all for your continued support on this journey

Warm Regards

**Amanda Waegeli**

ISPS Australia Chair 2020-2021

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### ISPS AUSTRALIA FINANCIAL REPORT 2020-2021

There are no outstanding debts or liabilities.

Opening balance 01.07.19	\$8, 688.00
<b>Balance 26/11/21</b>	<b>\$8, 172.00</b>
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ 515.00</b>

Best wishes,  
Cherie McGregor  
ISPS Australia Treasurer

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### Corporate & community partners/collaborators

- Australian College of Applied Psychology
- University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research
- Monash University
- Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWA)
- Total Website Management

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Become a member/ Renew your membership

ISPS Australia receives no funding other than memberships. In order to continue to provide the events and resources we offer; we need membership support! Memberships are yearly and run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Go to [www.ispsaustralia.com](http://www.ispsaustralia.com) and select “membership” and “sign up”

### Join our online events

You don't have to be a member to join our online events, but you do get a discount on your ticket purchases. We would love you to support us by joining and sharing our events with your networks.

### Donate

Please contact [admin@isps.org.au](mailto:admin@isps.org.au) for more information on how you can support us through donating. As we are a registered charity, donations are tax deductible.

### Become a corporate partner

We have opportunities for other organisations to become involved in ISPS Australia through co-sponsoring events, donating money, or pro-bono work.

Send us an email for more information.

## CONTACT US

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