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OCTOBER 11  
FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

# Mentally Distressed? Who Cares?

## WHO'LL TEND AUSTRALIA'S GROWING RANKS OF MENTALLY ILL?

Australia is gripped by a nursing shortage, but in the face of an ageing population and increasingly stressful modern world, our need for well-educated and seasoned mental health nurses is equally urgent.

Coinciding with Mental Health Week, this public lecture reveals the unique role played by mental health nurses in Australia's health care system, the essential qualities needed to care for people with complex, new and extreme forms of mental illness and the challenges ahead for mental health nursing, education and research.

### KEVIN KELLEHEAR

An expert in mental health and general nursing, psychology and nursing education, Kevin Kellehear has keenly observed and actively contributed to important changes in mental health and nursing for more than 40 years. He is a Foundation Adviser to the National Consortium for Multicultural Mental Health Australia and the current Deputy Chair of the Mental Health Services Conference of Australia and New Zealand. He has extensive experience as a consultant in nursing and mental health services in the South Pacific and Indonesia. Kevin's research focuses on ways to improve the theory-practice relationship in nursing and mental health care.

#### When

Thursday 11 October 2007  
6pm drinks for 6.30pm start  
Concludes 7.45pm

#### Where

University Hall  
UTS Science Building  
745 Harris Street Ultimo  
(diagonally opposite ABC headquarters)

#### Free Parking

Peter Johnson Building  
basement carpark  
702-730 Harris St, Ultimo

#### RSVP

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