

Media Release

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\$80 million to help Australians with a mental illness

Australians with a severe mental illness will continue to have access to intensive, one-on-one support through an \$80.3 million over three years funding extension to the Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) program.

Through this funding, 33 providers offering services at 58 locations across Australia will be able to continue to employ 290 full-time equivalent personal helpers and mentors to work individually with people with mental illnesses.

Since 2007 PHaMs services have helped around 9,000 people with a mental illness.

PHaMs is designed to help people with a severe mental illness reconnect with the wider community and live more independent and satisfying lives.

Working one-on-one with participants, personal helpers and mentors provide practical help with setting and achieving personal goals, such as finding suitable housing, using public transport or improving relationships with family and friends.

By building their confidence and increasing their connections within the community, personal helpers and mentors help participants overcome the social isolation that can be so crippling for someone with a mental illness.

PHaMs is an innovative model for supporting people with a severe mental illness in the community, rather than solely in medical services. Early findings from an independent evaluation show that participants in the program had more confidence to re-connect with mainstream health services, learnt new skills and were less socially isolated.

This \$80.3 million funding extension will allow services to continue for the thousands of people who are already benefiting from PHaMs, as well as new participants who can benefit from these services in the future.

There are over 170 PHaMs sites operating across the country, including specialist sites that focus on people who are homeless, refugees and Indigenous Australians.

PHaMs services to share in \$80.3 million funding:

Location	Provider	Funding (to 30 June 2013)
Armidale, NSW	The Benevolent Society	\$1,434,000
Liverpool, NSW	The Benevolent Society	\$1,296,000
Wingecarribee, NSW	The Benevolent Society	\$1,296,000
Inner City Sydney, NSW	CatholicCare	\$1,368,000
Moree, NSW	Centacare - New England North West	\$1,434,000
West Wyalong, NSW	Lambing Flat Enterprises Ltd	\$1,434,000
Campbelltown, NSW	Macarthur Disability Services Ltd	\$1,368,000
Orange, NSW	Mission Australia	\$1,513,670
Wollongong, NSW	Neami Limited	\$1,368,000
Lower North Shore, NSW	New Horizons Enterprises Limited	\$1,296,000
Northern Beaches, NSW	New Horizons Enterprises Limited	\$1,296,000
Ryde, NSW	New Horizons Enterprises Limited	\$1,368,000
Dubbo, NSW	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc	\$1,434,000
Ulladulla / Shoalhaven, NSW	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc	\$1,434,000
Wagga Wagga, NSW	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc	\$1,434,000
Parramatta, NSW	UCA - Parramatta Mission	\$1,368,000
Canberra City, ACT	Mental Health Foundation (ACT) Inc	\$1,368,000

Southside, ACT	Woden Community Service Incorporated	\$1,368,000
Darwin-Palmerston Urban, NT	Mission Australia	\$1,368,000
Katherine - Urban, NT	Australian Red Cross Society	\$1,513,670
Top End - Remote and Rural communities, NT	Top End Association for Mental Health Inc.	\$1,434,000
Sorell & Districts, TAS	Anglicare Tasmania Inc	\$1,434,000
Launceston, TAS	Mission Australia	\$1,513,670
Fraser Coast, QLD	Community Solutions Incorporated	\$1,434,000
Gold Coast, QLD	Mental Illness Fellowship of Victoria	\$1,368,000
Bayside, QLD	Open Minds Australia	\$1,296,000
Caboolture, QLD	Open Minds Australia	\$1,434,000
South Brisbane, QLD	Open Minds Australia	\$1,296,000
Sunshine Coast, QLD	Ozcare	\$1,513,670
Townsville, QLD	Ozcare	\$1,513,670
Logan, QLD	Youth & Family Services (Logan City) Inc	\$1,368,000
Mid-North Country, SA	Australian Red Cross Society	\$1,434,000
Noarlunga, SA	Mental Illness Fellowship of South Australia Incorporated	\$1,296,000
North and Far West Country, SA	Mission Australia	\$1,513,670
Southern Metro -	UnitingCare Wesley Port	\$1,296,000

Marion sub area, SA	Adelaide Incorporated	
Outer East Melbourne - Eastern, VIC	EACH	\$1,368,000
Outer East Melbourne - Knox, VIC	EACH	\$1,296,000
Outer East Melbourne - Maroondah, VIC	EACH	\$1,296,000
Outer East - Mooroolbark to Healesville, VIC	EACH	\$1,296,000
Central East Melbourne - Manningham, VIC	Inner East Mental Health	\$1,434,000
Inner South Melbourne VIC	Inner South Community Health	\$1,296,000
Middle Southern Melbourne VIC	Jobco Employment Services Inc	\$1,296,000
Inner Urban East Melbourne - Boroondara, VIC	Jobco Employment Services Inc	\$1,434,000
Inner South Melbourne VIC	Mind Australia	\$1,368,000
Barwon South West - Glenelg, VIC	Mind Australia	\$1,434,000
Central East Melbourne - Whitehorse, VIC	Mind Australia	\$1,296,000
Greater Dandenong, VIC	Mind Australia	\$1,296,000
Gippsland - Traralgon / Morwell, VIC	Mind Australia	\$1,434,000
Southern Melbourne - Cardinia, VIC	Mind Australia	\$1,296,000
Gippsland - Korumburra / Lakes Entrance, VIC	Mind Australia	\$1,434,000
Barwon, VIC	The Salvation Army (VIC) Property Trust - Kardinia	\$1,513,670
Central East Melbourne - Monash, VIC	Prahran Mission	\$1,296,000
Southern Melbourne - Casey, VIC	WISE Employment Ltd	\$1,296,000
Albany, WA	Community First International Ltd	\$1,513,670

Peel, Rockingham & Kwinana, WA	Community First International Ltd	\$1,513,670
Wheatbelt, WA	Perth Home Care Services	\$1,434,000
Bentley Health Service Region, WA	The Richmond Fellowship of WA	\$1,296,000
Midland / Guildford, WA	The Richmond Fellowship of WA	\$1,296,000
TOTAL		\$80,337,030

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