You are invited to a Public Forum on

“Is it depression, is it dementia or both?”

Often the symptoms of depression and dementia can be confused and in either case an early diagnosis and treatment can make all the difference. For dementia, early detection and recognition enables more timely access to treatment and social support as well as enabling the person and families to plan for the future. For depression, early diagnosis and intervention is important to maintain wellbeing and prevent further deterioration. Most mental health conditions are treatable.

DATE: August 27th 2013
TIME: 5.30 pm
VENUE: MS2 Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Building, 17 Liverpool St, Hobart

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dr Joanna Bakas
Dr Bakas is a Fellow of the RANZCP Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age and the International Psychogeriatrics Association and specialises in depression, anxiety, grief, bipolar disorder and late onset psychosis in older adults. Dr Bakas has many years’ experience in both the public and private sectors and for the past 5 years has been working in the public sector, Older Persons Mental Health Service.

Dr Kate-Ellen Elliott MAPS (Clin)
Dr Elliott is a researcher and clinical psychologist at the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre. She has experience conducting research and delivering psychological treatment to people with mental health and adjustment related disorders. Her specialities include psycho-oncology in prostate cancer and capacity building for the dementia care workforce. Kate is a Member of the Australian Psychological Society, College of Clinical Psychologists and the early career representative on the Australian Association of Gerontology, Tasmanian branch.

Forum Facilitator: Dr Kristy Sanderson, Senior Research Fellow, Menzies Research Institute Tasmania.

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