PARTNERSHIP SCHEME 2019

About the International Foundation for Integrated Care
The International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) is a network that crosses organisational and professional boundaries to bring people together to advance the science, knowledge and adoption of integrated care in policy and practice (see www.integratedcarefoundation.org). As a ‘movement for change’, IFIC seeks to achieve its mission through the development and exchange of ideas among academics, researchers, managers, clinicians, policy makers, and users and carers of services throughout the world. IFIC supports a number of workstreams including: a peer-reviewed journal, international conferences and events, research and development, education and training activities, implementation support and various other activities to promote knowledge exchange and innovation.

About IFIC Australia
“The mission of IFIC Australia is to develop capacity and capabilities in Australia and the Asia Pacific Region in the successful design and delivery of integrated care in policy and practice. IFIC Australia seeks to achieve this by providing a platform that brings people together to develop and exchange ideas and promote activities in the region.”

Following the successful hosting of the 2nd World Congress on Integrated Care in Sydney in November 2014, and the subsequent realisation of a range of follow-up research and training activities, IFIC Australia was founded as a Collaborative Centre in November 2015 as a joint venture between IFIC and the Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health (CRRMH), University of Newcastle, NSW. The original Partners scheme for 2017/18 was launched in 2017 and IFIC Australia has since supported a series of activities to promote integrated care across Australia. Highlights from 2018 include:

- The development and launch of Integrated Care (IC) Search in partnership with CCLHD and Flinders Filters, Flinders University to support swift and tailored access to published research and evidence https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-integrated-care-search;
- The International Summer School on Integrated Care co-produced with North Coast PHN and the Centre for Health Care Knowledge and Innovation (CHKI) in Kingscliff, 25-29 March 2018 https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-australia-2#1526309617310-c9055f9b-380f;
- A series of workshops and events with various Partners including the Transformers Special Event Series organized in Partnership with the CHKI, the third iteration of which was convened between 5-8 November 2018 https://integratedcarefoundation.org/blog/promoting-better-value-in-care-provision-through-alliancing-prospects-for-australia;
- A six-part webinar program on the topic of ‘integrated care solutions’;
- Leading edge seminars held in NSW Parliament House;
- Supporting research and development work, including the formative evaluation of CCLHD’s integrated care program and subsequent journal publications; and
- The initiation of a case study collection exercise to share knowledge and showcase innovations in integrated care projects from across Australia.
**The IFIC Australia Partnership Scheme**

IFIC Australia seeks to work with a group of Partners to help take forward IFIC’s mission and aims across the Region on a more sustained basis. Partners will have a mutual commitment to standards of excellence in advancing the science, knowledge and the support to adoption of integrated care in policy and practice. IFIC and its Partners will seek to work together to develop projects, educational activities or material of mutual benefit that meet the aims and objectives of IFIC Australia. They will also promote their work to their members, customers and other relevant parties through, properly authorised, co-branded communication and marketing material at conferences and workshops, on their public and members’ websites, through social media, and word of mouth.

**Partner Packages**

All Partners must be paying members of IFIC Australia by taking out a Partner package (see document *IFIC Australia Partnership Packages 2019*) and signing a specific Partnership Agreement. These packages confer benefits for the Partners, but also include a commitment to advise, discuss and prioritize IFIC’s future activities in the Region. Implicit in the scheme is support of the annual operational overhead which funds IFIC Australia’s activities, and the reinvestment use of any surplus created in research, education, knowledge-sharing and other activities to the benefit of its mission.

Partnerships can be developed with both individual organizations as well as alliances or networked groups. To promote inclusivity and fairness, a minimum entry point (at silver level) has been set for organisations or groups with an expenditure above AUD$50 million. In addition, multi-year packages are available upon application.

**Organisation and Management**

IFIC Australia is a collaborative venture between IFIC and the CRRMH and is led by its respective Directors – Dr Nick Goodwin and Professor David Perkins. IFIC Australia is supported in its management by named coordinators and communication managers. Their role is to support the relationships with IFIC Australia’s members and Partners, enable knowledge sharing activities, support and maintain a website for IFIC Australia, including related social media including regular newsletters, and otherwise promote IFIC Australia’s work across the Region and internationally.

IFIC Australia is overseen by an *IFIC Australia Partnership Committee* that comprises the organising parties of the IFIC Australia Collaborating Centre together with its associates and Partners. These meetings are supported by an appointed Chair (currently Associate Professor Peter McGeorge) and meet at least quarterly (face-to-face and/or remotely) to discuss and prioritize IFIC Australia’s areas of work.

**Further Information and Key Contacts**

For further information about IFIC Australia and its activities, or to enquire about becoming a Partner, please visit our website at [https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-australia](https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-australia) or contact Lucy McEvoy at [ificaustralia@integratedcarefoundation.org](mailto:ificaustralia@integratedcarefoundation.org).

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