

Keynote Speaker

Surviving Cancer: Body, Mind & Spirit



Dr Pam McGrath

Dr Pam McGrath, is a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Senior Research Fellow who has established the *International Program for Psycho-Social Health Research (IPP-SHR)* at Central Queensland University (www.ipp-shr.cqu.edu.au). Her research examines psycho-social issues in relation to serious illness including work in bioethics, oncology, haematology, paediatrics, palliative care, regional and rural health, spirituality, Indigenous health and mental health. She has written five books, over one hundred and forty peer-reviewed articles and publishes the international quarterly review, *Psycho-Social Review*. She views research as an important instrument for translating insights about the human experience of serious illness into programs for health care service delivery and health policy development.



Hamish Holewa - *due to circumstance, Hamish has very kindly agreed to give this Keynote and facilitate the Workshop*

Hamish Holewa is the program manager of the International Program of Psycho-Social Health Research (IPP-SHR). His research interests include the development and implementation of new web based technologies to support collaborative research, qualitative methodologies, health economics, international health inequality and psycho-social supportive care health issues. Mr Holewa is currently a member of CQ University's Human Research Ethics Council, the International Research Promotion Council, and the editorial board of the Austral-Asian Journal of Cancer. He is also the developer and founder of QuadrantTM, an online collaborative research project management portal.

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KEYNOTE PAPER

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Dr McGrath will use examples from her research to discuss the selection of agenda-setting issues, the process of obtaining funding and the finale of translating the research into practice, indicating what can be achieved and how far we have come. Current issues with regards to surviving cancer will be discussed.