

Info Night—Weds 27 February, 6.30pm



Our opportunity for change

Change is exciting when we have the opportunity to control its direction, and we are in exciting times! This year there are many opportunities for us to influence change. The Royal Commission into Mental Health is our biggest chance for many years.

We all know how difficult it is for us when we reach out for support and it is not there: there seem to be so many hurdles to overcome, so many blocks in our path. Also, for each of us in our community, our own personal change is perhaps, our greatest challenge. Change is needed on so many levels.

We were promised a Royal Commission into Mental Health in Victoria and we have one. The Terms of Reference are being firmed up and the Commissioners are soon to be announced. They will be taking submissions and we need to be ready to speak.

Speaking out for us will comprise two core elements: one is what we say as BPD Community; the other is what we as individuals share of our own experience in the system.

What we say as BPD Community is currently being drafted as a joint position for all BPD organisations. It would be tragic if this opportunity to speak with one voice was lost. BPD Community has been actively involved in this process and we hope it bears fruit.

As individuals, we each have a story. Many of these stories can be sad, many are stories of hope and optimism, it is important for all stories to be heard. BPD Community is developing its Ambassador Program to support anyone interested in telling their story. We would like to encourage everyone to participate, currently we are collecting names of those who want to participate.

We hope you can join us and learn more about what we can all do to change the way things are.

TITLE: Our Opportunity for Change

PRESENTED BY: Angus Clelland

TIME: 6.30pm

DATE: Weds 27 Feb, 2019

PLACE:

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Please RSVP to:

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Angus Clelland



Angus Clelland became Chief Executive Officer of Mental Health Victoria (MHV) about 18 mths ago and in that short time, he has been actively involved in a campaign to advance changes to improve mental health for Victorians.

The introduction of the NDIS has turned everything topsy turvy in the mental health system. We all know of the thousands in the community mental health sector who lost their jobs. This meant that support for our people

was subsequently disrupted. MHV had a key role in the joint campaign to get the state government to do something—and now we have a Royal Commission.

Angus will share with us his thoughts on how we at BPD Community can take advantage of this opportunity to speak out.

Come and share this opportunity to learn what we can do.