



Network Funding Fact Sheet

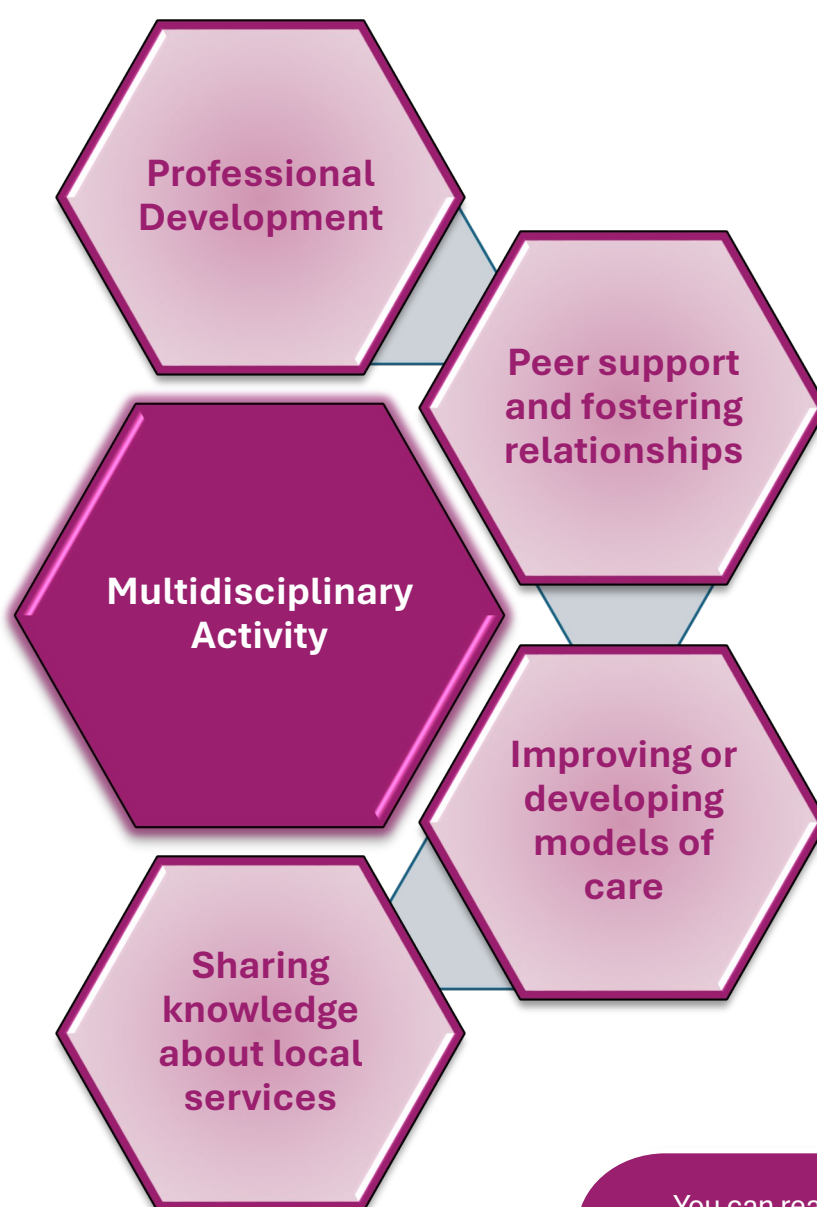
MHPN Multidisciplinary Networks

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MHPN Networks exist to connect mental health practitioners with a shared interest. The interest may be based on the local area where they work or a particular mental health area of interest. Networks connect face to face, hybrid or online.

Networks are expected to undertake Activity at least 4 times per year

MHPN Networks undertaking/planning activity at least 4 times per year, are eligible for funding to support one or more of the following four multidisciplinary activities.



You can read more about our [Networks program here](#)



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Financial Year Funding available to each Network

Funding guidelines included on page 3

Online activity and Balint Networks	Guest Speaker / Balint Networks Facilitator Allowance
3 or greater attendees	\$660/max annual allowance

Face-to-Face activity	A. Recommended Guest Speaker Allowance* <small>(not to exceed Maximum Annual Allowance)</small>	B. Recommended Catering, Venue Hire or Supplies Allowance* <small>(not to exceed Maximum Annual Allowance)</small>	A+B Total Maximum Annual Allowance*
3-5 attendees	\$165*/activity	\$55/activity \$220 max. annual	\$880
6+ attendees	\$660* max. annual	\$11pp/activity \$44pp max. annual	\$660 + \$44pp eg. 30 attendees = \$1,980

In recognition of access and availability, face-to-face activity in MMM2-7 locations may utilise [if required] an additional 10% of the B. Catering, Venue Hire, Supplies Allowance.

*All amounts shown are including GST. If a speaker or provider is not registered for GST, GST will not be paid by MHPN.

+Networks that undertake/plan activity at least 4 times per financial year, that are not utilising the Guest Speakers **may** seek approval to utilise the Guest Speaker Allowance for other expenses (eg. Catering, Venue Hire, providing Accessibility) that support face-to-face multidisciplinary Network Activity. Please contact MHPN to seek pre-approval.

Important note: unused funding does not roll over from Financial Year to Financial Year

Quarterly Photo Competition

Share some meeting photos on social media (use **#MHPNNetworks**) or submit details to MHPN via this [online form](#) to go in the draw to win an extra \$100 towards a future meeting.

All entries are shared on the Network Highlights page on the MHPN website.

The \$100 prize will be drawn at the start of each quarter (January, April, July, October), and can be used for catering or venue hire, or toward a guest speaker.



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Funding Guidelines

Item	Considerations	Reasonable expense examples	Examples of expenses NOT remunerated
Venue hire	<p>MHPN prioritises free or low-cost community venues to ensure the responsible use of funding and to manage real or perceived conflict of interest.</p> <p>Venue hire can be paid pre or post-activity upon presentation of a tax invoice (<u>not</u> eftpos receipt).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local council venue. Community hall. University spaces. Commercial spaces / function rooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venues owned or utilised by coordinators or Network members are not ordinarily reimbursed to manage conflict of interest / real or perceived financial gain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some exceptions do apply, please contact MHPN for guidance.
Catering	<p>MHPN is unable to fund or provide alcohol at Network activities. Modest refreshments within the funding available is to support participation in Network activity.</p> <p>Catering can be paid pre or post-activity upon presentation of a tax invoice (<u>not</u> eftpos receipt).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering, refreshments / non-alcoholic drinks and snacks. Napkins, cutlery and plates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol.
Guest speaker fees	<p>Guest speaker activity must be aligned to the purpose of the Network and must have a qualification or equivalent experience working within Mental Health.</p> <p>Guest speakers may be remunerated upon receipt of an invoice / tax invoice, or submission of the MHPN Guest Speaker Claim Form. *A gift voucher and / or gift hamper may be purchased in lieu of remuneration. Please note, it is not possible to be reimbursed for purchase of vouchers where the recipient/s are not yet known.</p> <p>Guest speakers (or reasonable Guest Speaker expenses in line with these guidelines) can only be paid post-activity upon completion of the MHPN Guest Speaker claim form, OR, presentation of a tax invoice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Speaker Remuneration. *Voucher or gift hamper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations by Co-ordinators will be only remunerated in line with the Volunteer Agreement Alcohol, including bottles of wine, vouchers for alcohol selling venues.
Printing / stationery	<p>Materials like printing and stationery can be reimbursed if directly tied to Network activity.</p> <p>Printing/stationery can be paid pre or post-activity upon presentation of a tax invoice/receipt (not eftpos receipt)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationery. Promotional flyers and handouts with the MHPN logo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotional materials without the MHPN logo and/or MHPN endorsement
Other supplies	By pre-approval and assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact MHPN to discuss.		