



Network Funding Fact Sheet

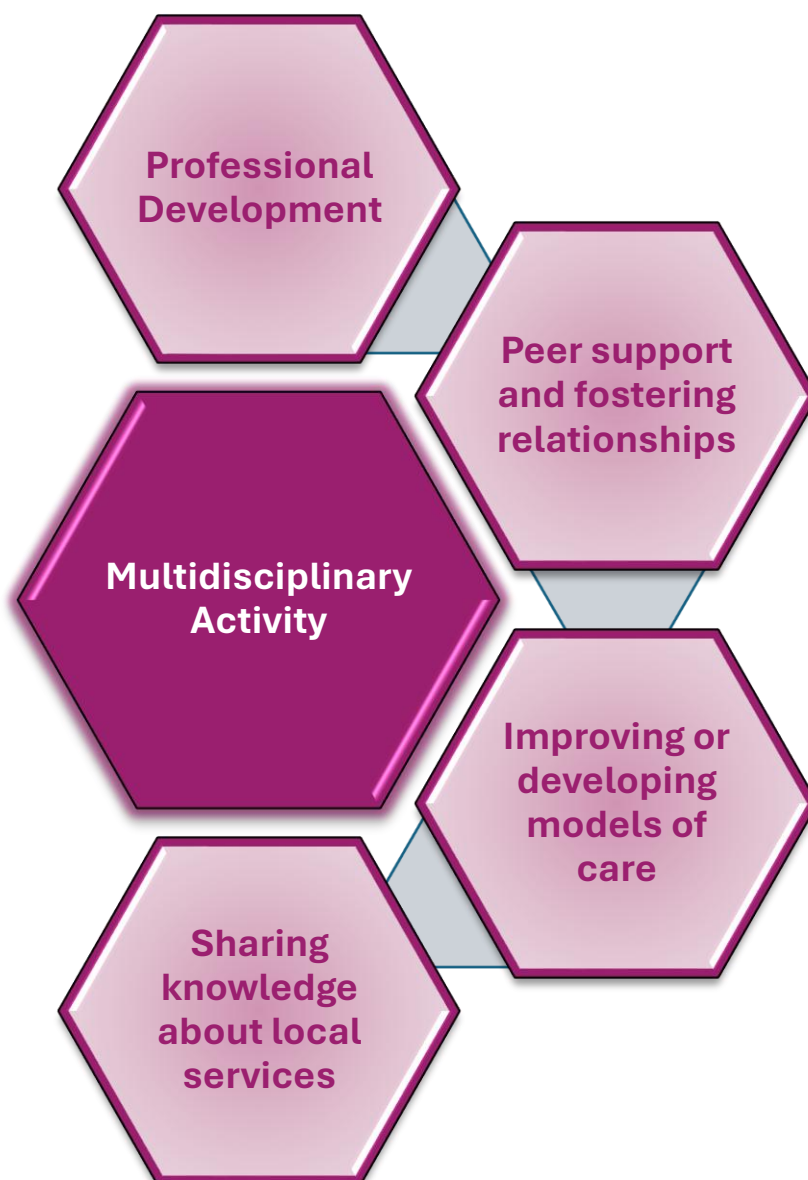
MHPN Multidisciplinary Networks

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MHPN's National Networks Program exists to connect mental health professionals with shared interests and objectives. Interests and objectives may be related to the local area where they work or on particular mental health conditions, cohorts, or therapeutic offerings. Network members connect in multiple ways, including face-to-face, hybrid, and online.

Networks are expected to undertake activities 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 of the four multidisciplinary activities.





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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	\$600/max annual allowance

Face-to-Face activity	A. Recommended Guest Speaker Allowance** <i>(not to exceed Maximum Annual Allowance)</i>	B. Recommended Catering, Venue Hire or Supplies Allowance* <i>(not to exceed Maximum Annual Allowance)</i>	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.

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



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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.		