

## RURAL RESEARCH FORUM- ORANGE Feedback Results

N=34 responses (63.00% response rate)

Registrations = 55

### 1. Type of Organisation person works for/ Role

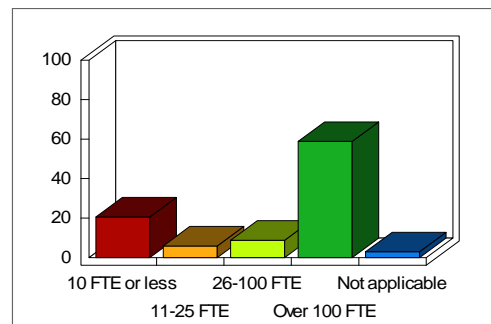
#### Summary

32.35% of those responding to the feedback form worked with a non-government organisation, whilst 20.59% were a researcher or academic.

Response	Frequency	%
Staff - MHCC member organisation	2	5.88
Staff - NADA member organisation	2	5.88
Staff - Other NGO	7	20.59
Researcher/ Academic	7	20.59
Consumer/Client	0	0.00
Carer	0	0.00
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52.94</b>
<b>Missing</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47.06</b>

### 2. Size of Organisation -Number of Staff

Response	Frequency	%
10 FTE or less	7	20.59
11-25 FTE	2	5.88
26-100 FTE	3	8.82
Over 100 FTE	20	58.82
Not applicable	1	2.94
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>97.06</b>
<b>Missing</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.94</b>

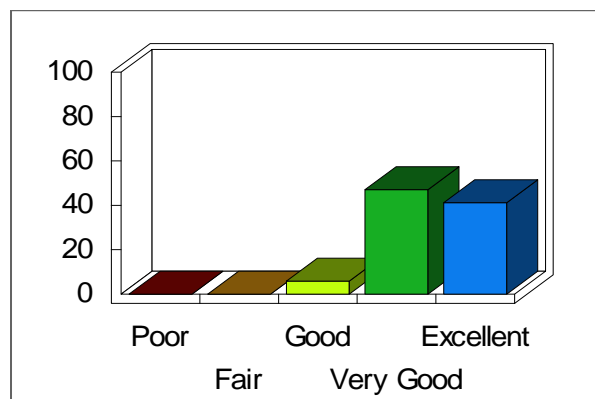


### 3. Overall Rating for Forum

#### Summary

Everyone responding to this question in the feedback survey indicated the forum was rated good, very good or excellent. 88.24% rated it either very good or excellent.

Response	Frequency	%
Poor	0	0.00
Fair	0	0.00
Good	2	5.88
Very Good	16	47.06
Excellent	14	41.18
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>94.12</b>
<b>Missing</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.88</b>



#### General Comments

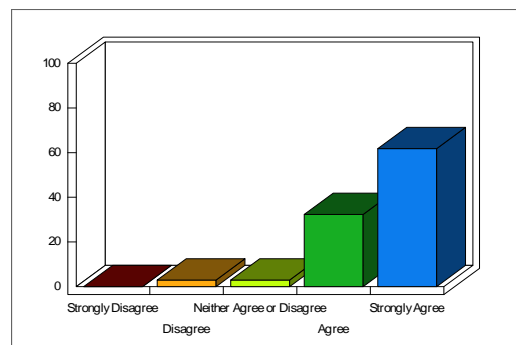
N=19. All were positive. A sample appears below:

- ✓ *Fantastic opportunity - thank you for bringing such an interesting program west of the mountains! Speakers with great insight and inspiration.*
- ✓ *Loved the presentations as well as the discussions. Interesting & valuable having such a broad cross section of different professions & experiences involved in the day. Thank you!*
- ✓ *Excellent speakers. Enjoyed how the material linked in together to provide a key message that can be taken away.*
- ✓ *Great to meet local researchers and gain insights into mental health related research*

**4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with statements?**

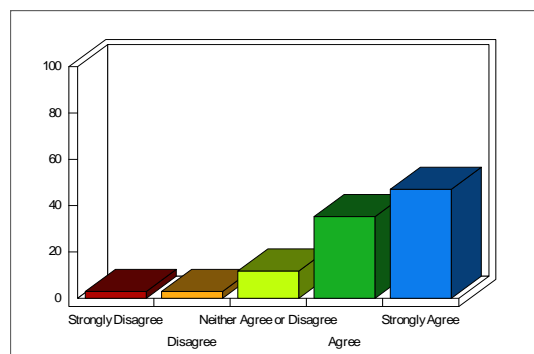
**4.1 The forum helped me to learn more about CMHDARN: Mean: 4.53**

Response	Frequency	%
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00
Disagree	1	2.94
Neither Agree or Disagree	1	2.94
Agree	11	32.35
Strongly Agree	21	61.76
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.00</b>



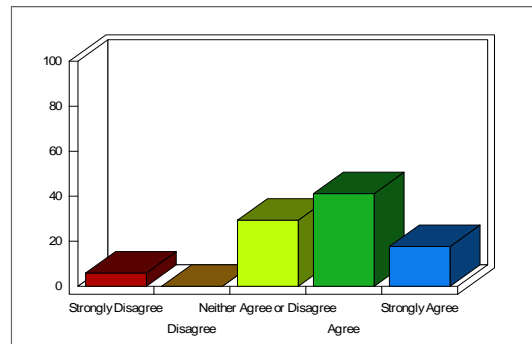
**4.2 Current rural and remote research issues pertaining to DA/ MH Service provision**

Response	Frequency	%
Strongly Disagree	1	2.94
Disagree	1	2.94
Neither Agree or Disagree	4	11.76
Agree	12	35.29
Strongly Agree	16	47.06
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.00</b>



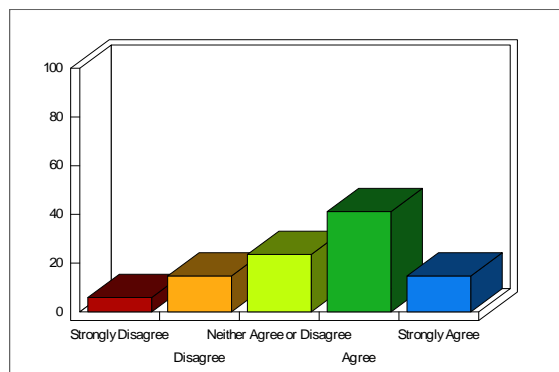
**4.3 I have an improved understanding of how to implement research findings into my practice.**

Response	Frequency	%
Strongly Disagree	2	5.88
Disagree	0	0.00
Neither Agree or Disagree	10	29.41
Agree	14	41.18
Strongly Agree	6	17.65
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>94.12</b>
<b>Missing</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.88</b>



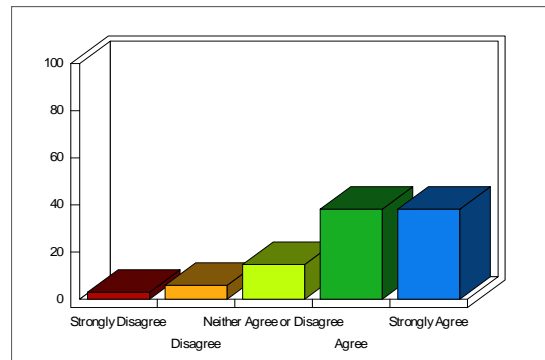
**4.4 I had an opportunity to speak about research related issues in my work and organisation.**

Response	Frequency	%
Strongly Disagree	2	5.88
Disagree	5	14.71
Neither Agree or Disagree	8	23.53
Agree	14	41.18
Strongly Agree	5	14.71
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.00</b>



**4.5 I had an opportunity to network with other workers.**

Response	Frequency	%
Strongly Disagree	1	2.94
Disagree	2	5.88
Neither Agree or Disagree	5	14.71
Agree	13	38.24
Strongly Agree	13	38.24
<b>Total Valid</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.00</b>



**5. Usefulness of Sessions**

N=34

	Not at all useful	Slightly useful	Neutral	Useful	Very Useful
<b>1. Introduction to CMDHARN</b>	2	1	6	14	10
<b>2. Rural research &amp; Engagement - current Challenges &amp; Strategies</b>	0	1	1	17	14
<b>3. Research into Practice: Lessons from the field</b>	1	0	3	16	13
<b>4. Understanding Implementation Science</b>	1	1	5	12	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 (2.27)</b>	<b>3 (1.70)</b>	<b>15 (8.52)</b>	<b>59 (33.52)</b>	<b>47 (26.70)</b>
	<b>3.97%</b>			<b>60.22%</b>	

**6. What was the session gained most from, and why?**

N=27, Multiple responses possible- 30 areas from 27

**Summary**

Responses to the sessions were very evenly balanced, with the same number of people indicating each of the three key sessions as the one they gained most from. Some examples of comments appear beneath each Session title.

Session 2 - Rural Research and Engagement, includes comments regarding specific presenter 9

- ✓ *Thanks to Bradley for extending and challenging my understanding of consumer-inclusive research practise, and to Rod for reigniting my love of MI!*
- ✓ *Rural Research & engagement. The problems in this sector are applicable to many other sectors & the ideas & solutions can be utilized elsewhere.*

Session 3: Research into Practice, includes comment regarding specific presenter 9

- ✓ *Research into practice - benefit of seeing concrete examples.*
- ✓ *Research into Practise because it related to my own experience of barriers encountered with families and trying to engage them into family drug support services.*

Session 4: Implementation science, including comment regarding specific presenter 9

- ✓ *"Session 4: Understanding Implementation Science - reinforced need for partnerships between service and evaluation. Thought provoking and solutions focussed".*
- ✓ *"Implementation Science - interesting research. Solution focused presentation"*

Other/ general comment 3

- ✓ *Good questions & comments posed from all the sessions. One final presentation posed questions I'd often been asking myself - better collaboration between researchers & clinicians is needed. Value of utilising existing data sets*
- ✓ *I would have liked to hear more about consumer lead research and/or practitioner lead research to improve community based services.*

## **7. How might you change your work practices, following this forum?**

N= 23 comments

### **Summary**

A broad range of responses were made in relation to this question. Some were very specific, whilst others were more broadly focussed. Some examples appear below:

- ✓ *Follow up on researchers and papers mentioned today, consider my role in the organisation.*
- ✓ *Think more about the research that underpins my own work and my employer.*
- ✓ *Ensure I share contacts, btw clinical & researchers. And focus on funding applications on what the services need which is across numerous sectors.*
- ✓ *Not sure yet - my thoughts on this are still (actively) evolving.*
- ✓ *I will think more about how evaluations are set up & how we as a university can support local NGOs to carry them out.*
- ✓ *Have a more practical view of research within the workplace. Perhaps ask more questions on how it is supported & request accountability.*

**8. Were you able to meet new people and in what ways was this beneficial to you?**

N =22 responses. 24 issues commented upon.

**Summary**

Whilst the comments were broadly focussed, it was possible to group them around areas. Four people indicated that they hadn't really been able to network or wished there was more time for this.

Met other researchers 3

- ✓ *Met other researchers & can use to support & partner on NHMRC or ARC of other funding proposals.*
- ✓ *Yes - make potentially very useful contacts with other researchers.*

Linked with other services/ colleagues 11

- ✓ *Yes a good opportunity to network & be seen, gauge other professionals response to the services my organization offers.*
- ✓ *Networking - linking with other sites*

Good for partnership building 3

- ✓ *For networking & partnership building*
- ✓ *Nice networking within lunch. Opportunity to learn more from key partners and peers.*

Not really 4

Yes, no further comment 3

**9. Are there any research areas you would like to see covered in future CMHDARN activities? What ways would be most useful to you to access resources and support?**

N=18 responses. 30 issues/ ideas identified

**Summary**

Responses covered a range of suggestions regarding these two questions.

Ways to Access/ support 16 responses

- Webinars 6
- Forums 5
- Website 2
- Other 3 (Networking event; Database to link people for collaborative research; Research scholarships for practitioners linked to professional development such as Master's degree in Regional areas)

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Future CMHDARN activities      14 ideas

- ✓ Use of ICT in mental health servicing
- ✓ Yes how to get clients to meet together on the weekend without staff support.  
(Mental Health + D + A clients)
- ✓ How to incorporate research in the workplace - not just responsibility of individual clinician but workplace supporting a Research Dept.
- ✓ What Recovery model is the most successful
- ✓ Given the difficulty in answering the Q in the last session I think consumer inclusion is an issue to "stay" with.
- ✓ Workplace research
- ✓ Aboriginal related
- ✓ Qual vs. Quantitative
- ✓ Stepped approaches
- ✓ Assistance with coordinating research partnerships or at least connecting parties with similar needs & researchers
- ✓ Programs available
- ✓ Opportunities
- ✓ Where to go if you're interested
- ✓ Specifically strategies to increase consumers in research + evaluation