



## Dual Diagnosis: Working with people with mental illness & substance use concerns



**June 25th  
10 –11.30am**

**Webinar link provided on  
Registration**

**Registrations essential via  
[Eventbrite Link](#)**

With presentations by the Eastern Dual Diagnosis Service, this advanced webinar aims to enhance the clinician's knowledge and skills in engagement, assessment and treatment interventions that support client recovery.



What to expect:

- ◆ Understand more about the interaction between these two conditions
- ◆ Take away engagement methods to enhance your practice skills
- ◆ Feel more confident to work with dual diagnosis clients

There will be opportunity for Q & A during the event

A recording of the webinar will be available on the EMHSCA webpage at <https://www.emphn.org.au/what-we-do/mental-health/eastern-mental-health-service-coordination-alliance-emhsca> following the event.

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## Presenter profiles—Eastern Dual Diagnosis Service

**Peter Fairbanks** is a senior social work clinician who joined the Eastern Health Mental Health Program Dual Diagnosis Service 2.5 years ago. Peter coordinates the Eastern region Dual Diagnosis Linkage meeting that provides a networking forum for staff across a range of sectors including Clinical Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD), Homelessness, Psychosocial Support Services, Gambling and Family Violence. Peter provides secondary and tertiary consultation and service development across a number of sectors in the Eastern Region and is a member of the Eastern Dual Diagnosis Consumer and Carer Advisory Council Working group. Prior to joining the Dual Diagnosis team, Peter worked at Spectrum, Victoria's Personality Disorders Service, for 18 years and has a particular interest in client centred recovery and engagement. Peter is also involved in supporting families where a family member is diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder.

**Steve West** is registered psychiatric nurse in the Dual Diagnosis youth senior clinician role. Steve has worked in the team since 2010. He is a Motivational Interviewing trainer and in his clinical work with young consumers has found this method an effective way to work alongside clients, and their drug use concerns. He is involved more widely in providing dual diagnosis education and training to staff across the Melbourne metropolitan area.

**Dr John Robertson** is a consultant psychiatrist, working in the public system at Eastern Health for 25 years, and more recently in private practice. He is interested in the interplay between biological, psychological and social factors in the origin and perpetuation of mental distress and dysfunction, and thereby in the path towards healing. He joined the Dual Diagnosis team 18 months ago..



Steve West & Peter Fairbanks



Dr John Robertson