Dr Norman Swan is best known for his award-winning Health Report on ABC Radio National and his own newsletter, The Choice Health Reader which is published in partnership with the Australian Consumers Association.

He has consulted to the World Health Organisation and has been awarded a Gold Citation in the United Nations Medical Peace Prizes. In 1988 he won the Australian Writers' Guild Award for best documentary for his program on Dr William McBride and scientific fraud.

He has won three Walkley National Awards for Australian Journalism including the Gold and was awarded Australia’s top prize for Science Journalism, the Michael Dalley Award. In 2004 he was awarded the Medal of the Australian Academy of Science.

The theme of this conference is the integral role played by mental health services, in the primary care setting, in the resilience and sustainability of rural communities.

The conference will explore primary care based mental health services, consistent with World Health Organisation best practice principles and Australian Government policy.

The conference will have a particular focus on primary care based management of mental health problems, and innovative primary care facilitated mental health programs, particularly with respect to quality interagency relationships, effective continuum of care across organisational boundaries and time, the facilitators and barriers to seamless transition between agencies, and factors contributing to unmet need for mental health services.

A key outcome of the conference will be the development of rural health and allied health workers in their efforts to provide high quality mental health services and deliver innovative programmes.

Highlights:
The Mayor of Port Lincoln, Mr Bruce Green, will Welcome Attendees at a Cocktail Welcome Function Sunday 27th March, other highlights include:

- Dr Ken Fielke – Country Health SA, Mental Health
- Dr Andy Killcross – RFDS, Youth Health
- Ms Lee Martinez – Country Health SA, Mental Health
- Keith Sutton & Ass Prof Darryl Maybery – Monash University
- Dr Norman Swan – ABC
- Dr Adriana Lattanzio – Glenside Rural & Remote
- Chief Superintendent M.G. “Fred” Trueman - SAPOL
- Michael Hourigan – International Human Rights Lawyer
- Simone Gilliam – Country Arts SA

Other Presentations:
CHSA, MIFSA, CAMHS, SGRHS, Flinders University, Division of General Practice, Head Space, Men’s Shed

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Registration Fee $250 includes
Cocktail Welcome Function, Registration fee, Conference Catering, Gala Dinner, Workshop/Conference fee (1 person) Accommodation (not included) Discount rates apply for SMHSC Conference attendees when booking at the Port Lincoln Hotel - limited rooms available

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