



**Mental Health Nurses Section Forum**  
**Theme: Capacity in the Mental Health Arena**  
**Friday 24 March 2023**

**Waterfront Room**  
**Harbourside Function Centre**  
**4 Taranaki St**  
**Wellington**

**Speakers:**

- **Professor John Dawson – Otago University**
- **Erika Butters- Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust**
- **Teresa O'Connor – Past Editor, Kaitiaki Nursing NZ**
- **Hiraina McKenzie - Kaitohutohu: Principle Advisor Māori Te Whatu Ora Central Region - MHAIDS**

**Register:** <https://na.eventscloud.com/mhns2023>

Registration fees:

**In Person : \$50**

**Online (Zoom) : \$35**

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The focus of this year's Forum is improving understanding of some of the ethical, professional and legal issues arising from the upcoming repeal and replacement of the MH(CAT) Act 1992 – in particular, the move away from risk-based compulsory assessment and treatment and towards capacity for informed consent, as recommended by He Ara Oranga and other issues relating to mental capacity and decision-making for tangata whaiora.

## Programme

Time	Presenter
0900	Registrations Open Tea/ Coffee available on arrival
0930	Mihi Whakatau / Welcome Housekeeping
0945	Professor John Dawson – Otago University  <b>'The reasons why capacity principles might be included in mental health law and the potential implications for nurses'</b>  1 hr presentation and 15 mins for questions
1100	Hiraina McKenzie – Te Whatu Ora MHAIDS  <b>“Equity as an ethical construct and its alignment with key Aotearoa legislation”</b>  45 mins presentation and 15 mins questions
1200	Lunch / Te tina  BGM – 1240-1320pm
1330	Erika Butters – Protecting Vulnerable Adults Trust  <b>Principles of supported decision making and the rights-based approach</b>  45 Mins & 15 mins for questions
1430	Teresa O'Connor, Past Editor Kaitiaki, Nursing New Zealand  <b>Political action: A necessity for the survival of mental health nursing</b>
1530	Close

