

The Equity Health Database

A database of GPs, psychologists, and other mental health professionals for performers and crew

In response to the concerning statistics surrounding the state of mental health in our industry, including barriers to seeking help, the Equity Wellness Committee (EWC) has created the Equity Health Database.

This is a list of GPs, psychologists, and other mental health professionals who have self-identified as having a special interest in or affiliation with the arts and/or artists. It's our hope that this list makes it simpler for members of the entertainment community to take the next step in finding mental health support, whether they are at home or on tour.

You can contact any of the practitioners listed in this database directly. Each will be able to explain to you specifics around the sort of treatments they provide, how their appointments work, their fee structure (including any rebates, bulk billing or out-of-pocket expenses on their services) and any other questions you may have about getting the help you need.

The Media Entertainment & Arts Alliance (MEAA) does not endorse or recommend any of the professionals listed below. This list is intended only as a guide to get you started and does not substitute for your own research.

All of the practitioners listed in the database have indicated registration with their relevant professional body. There are many professions that support mental health, and it is important that you make an informed decision about who is right for you. Speaking to a GP you know and trust is always a good start. For general information on mental health professionals see: https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/mental-health-professionals

For information about specific professions, see:

- GPs: http://yourgp.racgp.org.au/welcome
- Psychiatrists: https://www.yourhealthinmind.org/psychiatry-explained/whats-a-psychiatrist
- Psychologists: https://www.psychology.org.au/for-the-public/about-psychology/what-is-a-psychologist
- Counsellors: https://www.pacfa.org.au/definition-of-counselling/
- Psychotherapists: https://www.pacfa.org.au/definition-of-psychotherapy/
- Mental Health Social Workers: https://www.aasw.asn.au/information-for-the-community/mental-health-social-workers
- Mental Health Nurses: http://www.acmhn.org/about-us/about-mh-nursing
- Mental Health Occupational Therapists: https://www.otaus.com.au/practice-support/areas-of-practice/mental-health

Please be aware that this database is not a list of mental health crisis or emergency supports. If you have immediate mental health concerns for yourself or someone you know, you can contact the following services at any time or phone 000 for emergency services anywhere in Australia:

Lifeline on 13 11 14 https://www.lifeline.org.au/

Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/

Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636 https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/

eHeadspace at https://eheadspace.org.au/

Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800 https://kidshelpline.com.au/

Support Act Wellbeing Helpline on 1800 959 500 https://www.artswellbeingcollective.com.au/support-act-wellbeing-helpline/

If you are searching for a practitioner from a different discipline, try the Members Directory at the Australian Society For Performing Arts Healthcare (ASPAH).

This organisation is made up of healthcare professionals and teachers from a multitude of disciplines and is the premier organisation of its kind: ASPAH https://www.aspah.org.au/

Are you a mental health professional with an interest in working with members of the entertainment industry? <u>Click here</u> if you're interested in being listed on the database.





NEW SOUTH WALES

Name	Phone Number	Email	Clinic Name	Website	Profession	Where?
Agi O'Hara	0411 350 862	agiohara@internode.on.net	Better- Relating	www.better-relating.com.au	Psychologist	Leichhardt

I have worked with numerous creative people (actors, directors, artists, singers, musicians) over the years. There are many aspects of their work which makes them susceptible to anxiety, depression and drug & alcohol abuse, and I have always found working with them very rewarding due to their openness and willingness to engage in the therapeutic process.

Registration details: https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration.number:PSY0001140378

Amy Radford	0403 934 030	amy@themindfulperformer.co	The	www.themindfulperformer.co	Psychologist	Sydney 2000
		<u>m.au</u>	Mindful	<u>m.au</u>		
			Performer			

Before becoming a psychologist I was a professional opera singer, working with Glyndebourne Opera and Opera Australia. I now specialise in working with performers of all disciplines, strengthening their mental health and developing their peak performance mindset. "Management of stress, nerves and performance anxiety. Increasing confidence and self esteem. Developing increased focus and concentration. Preparation for auditions. Learning how to bounce back from mistakes or sub-optimal performances. Evidence based interventions include CBT, ACT and SFBT."

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Dafna	0401 503 861	dkronental@gmail.com	https://www.centreformindbo	Psychotherapist	Byron Bay 2481 &
Kronental			dywellness.com.au/dafna/		Online

I am an accredited psychotherapist, writer, and researcher in the field of the performing arts. My own 15-year journey working in the industry inspired my research and advocacy for the well-being of artists and creatives. I see individuals and couples privately, and through the Indigo Project, a practice that works creatively in the mental health space. My approach is holistic and relational, incorporating my training in mindfulness, yoga, somatics, IFS, ACT, solution-focused therapy, and psychodynamic modalities.

Registration details: https://www.theaca.net.au/counsellor/dafna-kronental

Drazenka Floyd	0403 933 245	Drazenkafloyd@bigpond.com	Treat Yourself Well	www.treatyourselfwell.com.au	Psychologist	2041
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Dr Jane Miskovic- Wheatley	0413 336 668	jane@sagepsych.com.au	Sage Clinical Psychology	www.sagepsych.com.au	Psychologist	Sydney
provide individu unique challeng	al psychological es and opportur		erforming arts	ground in theatre direction, chore companies and consultation to po		
Judy Sinclair	0434 274 248	Judy.sinclair@mac.com			Psychologist	2228, 2508
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Julie Crabtree	0428 095 868	julie@zebrapsychology.com	Zebra Psychology	www.zebrapsychology.com	Psychologist	Neutral Bay
creativity and m and both daugh online wellness	nental health, loo ters are professi program. I delive	oking at protective factors for vul	nerable creative industry. I am in the creative		MEAA workshops an	d events. My husband
Kareena Hodgson	0410 514 972	kareena@the- manifesto.com.au	The Manifesto	www.the-manifesto.com.au	Counsellor	Online in Australia an world wide

I was a circus artist working with Circus Oz as well as most contemporary Australian Circus Companies from 1990-2008. I worked internationally with DV8 Physical theatre and began retraining as a counsellor/psychotherapy in 2102. I am a humanistic counsellor and my work incorporates person centred therapy and existential therapy. I will support and sit with whatever issues you bring, with non-judgement, empathy and genuine interest in your life.

Lee Knight	1800 595 259	lee@depsypher.com.au	Depsypher Mental Health Services	www.depsypher.com.au	Mental health nurse	2250
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Michelle Fox	0413 225 092	psychology@ozemail.com.au		www.michellefoxwellbeing.co m.au	Psychologist	Bondi, Kingsford
assist my clients I use a variety o	s in dealing with f modalities suc	ing with many clients involved in a issues such as stress managemen has psychodynamic and CBT there www.ahpra.gov.au/ Registration nur	nt, anxiety, dep apy and I can (oression, relationships, financial s offer a spiritual approach for thos	tress, self esteem an	
Paul Parker	0491 063 099	paul@paulparkercounselling.c om.au	Paul Parker Counselling	www.paulparkercounselling.co m.au	Counsellor	Surry Hills
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Professor Dianna Kenny	0425 258 275	dianna.kenny@sydney.edu.au	DK Consulting	www.diannakenny.com.au	Psychologist	Darlington, Camperdown, Concor
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Shannon Gostelow	0431 959 390		Zebra Psychology	www.zebrapsychology.com	Psychologist	Neutral Bay
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I have also wor leased affordab always tailored	ked in the musico ble venues to mus I to client needs.	and member of both MEAA and A al theatre industry. The Indigo Pro sicians and artists in residences. I w.ahpra.gov.au/ Registration nur	oject has a long personally wo	g history working with creatives, ork in CBT, ACT, Narrative Therapy	originally starting out	as a practice that
Simon Ward	0422 259 267	simonwardpsych@gmail.com	Grow Mindfully Centre	www.simonward.info	Psychologist	Sydney
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Former songwriter/producer and recording artist with 16 years in recording industry before doing Hons degree in Psychology. I cowrote a seminal paper "The Personality of Rock Musicians" published in UK Journal of Music Psychology in 2000. I have been registered practicing Psychologist since 2000 in tertiary education and private practice and give discounts to clients who are underemployed in creative industries.

Registration details: https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration.number: Psy0001401153

QUEENSLAND

Name	Phone Number	Email	Clinic Name	Website	Profession	Where?
Aimee Davies	1300 633 147	aimee@heymateprojec t.org	The Hey Mate Project	www.theheymate project.com	Counsellor	Nationwide; HQ: Fortitude Valley

I have worked in the creative industries (sound engineering and owning a creative studio) for the last 12 years and specialise in the creative arts in my counselling services. Special interest in the creative industries to provide vocation specific support. Can conduct one on one and group (bands etc) sessions. Provides services in Australia and beyond during touring

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Dr Clive Jones	07 5591 9561	admin@clivejones.org	Dr Clive M Jones Psychological Services	clivejones.org	Psychologist	4217
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I have been a professional musician for over 30 years as a bassist performing across jazz, blues and contemporary pop genres. I have also performed in amateur musical theatre and have achieved gold medallions in Latin American and Ballroom Dancing. I am a specialist in performance psychology working with artists across their professional and personal lives.

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Mark G McMahon	0416 361 825	mgm_1969@yahoo.co		Psychologist	All Gold Coast and
		m.au			Brisbane

I have previously worked as a psychologist with the Queensland University of Technology Bachelor of Dance/ Dance Performance students. This role entailed working with all the students across 1st, 2nd and 3rd years and most of the psychology work took the form of individual psychology sessions. I take a personcentred Rogerian approach to my work, where the journey and experience of the individual is validated and appreciated. Individuals working in the creative arts industry have many of the hopes, dreams, wishes as others and this is accompanied by unique stressors and pressure to succeed at times. I have worked with clients to address performance anxiety, depression, eating disordered behaviour, body image issues, sexuality, concentration and attention, sleep issues, injury and illness, relationship, family issues, attachment issues, effective communication, non-selection, identity foreclosure, career termination, and grief and loss.

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Simone Firmin-	0488 506 223	balancedquartet@gmai		Psychologist	Brisbane
Sarra		<u>l.com</u>			

Training in the Arts (QUT) and my work as an educator/performer within arts-based-inquiry models (20 years), informs my psychological practice. Alongside of clinical work, I offer as needed support/education to teaching artists/specialists and emerging actors at QTC. I work across the age range (13 years and older). I am inspired by a strengths-based, client-focused, social-constructivist (learning together) model, and am enriched by building a solid therapeutic alliance with my clients. My main modalities are narrative and acceptance and commitment therapy.

Registration details: https://www.ahpra.gov.au/ Registration number: PSY0002095085

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Name	Phone Number	Email	Clinic Name	Website	Profession	Where?
Alexandra Frost	08 8361 7008	alexandra.frost@attunedpsycholog y.com	Attuned Psychology	www.attunedpsyc hology.com	Psychologist	North Adelaide

I am a clinical psychologist and professional singer and started my interest in working with performers following my Masters research into the treatment of musical performance anxiety in 1997. I have worked for 20 years in private practice and have worked with a range of creative people from musicians to actors, dancers, public speakers, and writers/visual artists. Issues have ranged from managing performance anxiety and facilitating peak performance to the challenges of managing relationships, improving mental health and wellbeing, managing the effects of financial insecurity, dealing with confidence and self doubt, managing suicide risk and the varied issues associated with a career in the arts.

Registration details: https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration.number: PSY0001161968

Peter Hill	4031 971 765	peterhill@internode.on.net	Fullarton Community Centre	Counsellor	Fullarton

Special Interests: Using Anxiety to enhance Performance

Registration details: https://portal.pacfa.org.au/portal/TherapistProfile?id=4111

TASMANIA

Name	Phone Number	Email	Clinic Name	Website	Profession	Where?
Dr Jacqui Triffitt	0417 587 197	jacquit93@bigpond. com	Hill Street Psychology	www.hillstreetpsychology.c om.au	Psychologist	West Hobart

I am a regular theatre and cinema goer and attend writing festivals. I have published a book. Registration details: https://www.ahpra.gov.au/ Registration number: PSY0001485450

VICTORIA

Name	Phone Number	Email	Clinic Name	Website	Profession	Where?
Amelia Twiss	0435 429 643	amelia@twisspsychology.com	Twiss Psychology Group	www.ameliatwiss.com	Psychologist	Online & Inner Melbourne

I work regularly with actors, musicians, visual artists and other creatives to improve their well-being and fulfilment in life. My approach is client-centred, drawing from coaching psychology, organisational psychology, emotion-focused therapy, cognitive behavioural therapy, mindfulness, and compassion. I help people connect deeply to what matters to them, supporting them to have fulfilling relationships and meaningful careers.

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Andrew	0413 393 100	Keegan	www.keeganpsychology.com.au	Psychologist	Footscray	
Keegan		Psychology				

I graduated from NIDA in 2001 (Bachelor Dramatic Art Acting) and have been involved in theatre as both an actor and director as well as teaching drama and acting to adults and children. I have seen first hand the pressures that creative artists experience and chose to retrain in order help.

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Chris	0401 743 482	chris@chrischeers.com.au	Chris Cheers	www.chrischeers.com	Psychologist	Carlton
Cheers			Psychology			

During my studies I took classes in Performance Studies and was an active member of the Sydney University Drama Society. This started a love of the arts that has continued through my work in theatre and arts festivals including Melbourne Fringe, MIFF and Sydney Festival. I continue to work as a consultant psychologist to artist and arts companies in supporting artist well being and in arts practice that involve issues of mental health. I also bring this understanding as a psychologist to clients who work in the arts.

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Christina	03 8813 0590	reception@felixandsage.com	Felix & Sage	www.felixandsage.com	Psychologist	Heathmont
Hereford			Psychology			

We have relatives heavily involved in creative arts in musical theatre, dancing & calisthenics. As a result of our connections, we have a strong understanding of the complexities pertaining to mental health needs of those involved in the creative arts industries & a strong affinity to working in this area.

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Christopher Shen	1800 702 273	christopher@christophershen.com. au	Christopher Shen Consulting	www.christophershen.com.au	Psychologist	Melbourne CBD
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Matt Glover	0478 651 951	matt@mgacounselling.com.au	MGA Counselling Services	www.mgacounselling.com.au	Counsellor	Croydon Hills, Doncaster East
issues, grief, centre to offe	trauma, abuse reco er Forest Therapy b	llustrator, plus run creativity programs overy, relationships, spirituality, creativy professional counsellors." w.theaca.net.au/counsellor/matt-glov	rity blocks and the ge			
Michelle Dutton	0423152832	michellelouisedutton@icloud.com	Northside Clinic	http://northsideclinic.net.au	GP	Fitzroy North
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Nicki Paull	0418 363 305	nicolap@netspace.net.au	Compassionate Counselling Melbourne	www.compassionatecounselling melbourne.com.au; www.nickipaull.com	Counsellor	Rowsley, 3340 ONLINE, PHONE
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Sonja Skocic	03 9690 1080	DrSonjaSkocic@protonmail.com	Melbourne Centre for Womens Mental Health	www.melbournecentreforwo mensmentalhealth.com.au	Psychologist	Melbourne 3004
to utilise my	psychology training	ement and Dance, completing a Graduc g alongside expressive arts therapy for Mental Health and we see women and	women with body im	age disturbance and also for peopl	e with disabilitie	es. Our Centre is

Registration	details: <u>https://ww</u>	w.ahpra.gov.au/ Registration number	er: PSY0001125243			
William Centurion	0406 359 221	mrwillcenturion@gmail.com	Will Centurion: Counselling and Life-Coaching	www.mrwillcenturion.com	Counsellor	Prahran

Will Centurion is a mental health practitioner who focuses on working with actors, singers and dancers. Having worked for over 20 years as a music theatre performer in Australia, Will has a lived experience understanding of extended show runs, touring, understudying & cast/crew management. Will Centurion is driven towards providing members of the performing arts community practical solutions to challenges such as performance anxiety, burnout, stress, career transitioning, negative self-talk and self-doubt. His services support performers, emerging professionals and students.

Registration details: https://portal.pacfa.org.au/portal/TherapistProfile?id=5455

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Andrew Duirs	0405 352 838	andrewduirs@psychologyforthrivin g.com	Psychology for Thriving	www.psychologyforthriving.com	Psychologist	Attadale, Subiaco

Personal involvement in amateur theatre; work in Tertiary Education setting; background in the use of creative arts in improving mental health and wellbeing; health promotion and prevention experience working with community arts projects; aware of extent of mental distress experienced in creative arts community.

Registration details: https://www.ahpra.gov.au/ Registration number: PSY0001608786

Clair Lawson	08 6143 4499	Reception@lawsonpsychology.com.	Lawson Clinical Psychology	www.lawsonpsychology.com.au	Psychologist	Subiaco and Claremont

We have a number of clinicians who have connections with the creative arts through hobbies, clients, family and friends. As a practice owner, I have always enjoyed creative arts as a way to manage stress and switch off from my work day. I enjoy sculpting cake creations for friends, my daughter is an artist and my brother is a musician/producer.

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John	0403 247 786	john@deltapsychology.com	Delta Psychology	www.deltapsychology.com	Psychologist	Heathridge
Forbes						

I am an actor with the Actors Workshop, and have produced and appeared in improv shows at Perth's Fringeworld. I have also appeared in an ABC documentary on racism, and I am also a writer.

Lucy Dow	08 9430 5995	dow hall@optusnet.com.au		www.psychology.org.au/Find-a- Psychologist/Psychologist?id=5164 789	Psychologist	Fremantle
performi Anxiety;	ing arts lifestyle. I Hypnosis; Welcon	nember of the Performing Arts Industry have also lectured at WAAPA on Psych- ning treatment environment; Behaviou ://www.ahpra.gov.au/ Registration nur	ological Health and R ral Therapy; Resilience	esilience in the Performing Arts. Work e Training; Relationship Counselling.	•	
Renn Cheah	0415 452 875	renn.psy@gmail.com	Practices in Subiaco/Joondalup		Psychologist	Subiaco, Joondalup
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	0490 837 379	sarah.borg@greenroompsychology.	Green Room Psychology	www.greenroompsychology.com	Psychologist	Osborne Park

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