Academy’s 2014 Peter Karmel Lecture in Public Policy will be presented on the theme –

Why hasn’t the mental health of Australians improved? The need for a national prevention strategy.

by Professor Anthony Jorm FASSA, University of Melbourne.

This public lecture argues that in Australia we have used a one-pronged approach to improving mental health, where a two-pronged one is required. In Australia, as well as other countries, we have invested primarily in the treatment prong, but neglected the prevention prong. It is argued that the next wave of mental health reform in Australia needs to focus on the second prong.

Professor Anthony Jorm FASSA, is a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and an NHMRC Australia Fellow. His research focuses on building the community’s capacity for prevention and early intervention with mental disorders. He has been listed in ISI HighlyCited.com as one of the world’s most cited researchers in Psychology/ Psychiatry.

The Peter Karmel Lecture in Public Policy honours the late Professor Peter Karmel AC, CBE (1922–2008), who had a profound impact on higher education and public policy in Australia over many decades. Professor Karmel was President of the Academy from 1987–1990. The lecture is intended to provoke public discussion of a particular policy of an Australian government, the policy-making process itself, or comparisons of policies or policy processes found in Australia with those found in other jurisdiction. The Academy therefore welcomes attendance at the Peter Karmel Lecture by policy makers, government agency staff, media personnel and others who influence the policy making process.

Event details:

Date: Tuesday, 10 June 2014
Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

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