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Endorsement achieved

Fergus Fitzsimons, General Manager of Centacare New England North West is pleased to announce that Centacare NENW psychologist Anne Randall has been endorsed by the Australian Psychological Society Ltd as an Educational and Developmental Psychologist. This accomplishment is particularly impressive as Anne is the only one in the New England North West region.

Educational and developmental psychology is concerned with the development and learning of people throughout their lifespan. Educational and developmental psychologists work in a variety of settings and may work with individuals, couples, groups or systems. To achieve this title Anne had to complete a Masters in Psychology while attending ongoing supervision and professional development in her speciality area.

Educational and developmental psychologists have knowledge and skills in the areas of identifying and clarifying problems; diagnosing disabilities and disorders such as Autism Spectrum Disorders; assessing developmental, learning and behavioural difficulties; designing effective treatment programs; counselling; designing professional development programs, evaluating programs and interventions.

A psychologist at Centacare NENW since March 2007 Anne Randall says that she has “always been interested in people, social trends in society and curious about what drives people to behave in certain ways” she adds “Centacare NENW has afforded me the opportunity to practice these skills in addition to engage in supervision and develop in a speciality area. It has also been a chance to teach people skills to make a positive difference in their life”.

Fergus Fitzsimons says “this is an incredible accomplishment for Anne. Her dedication to her chosen profession is inspiring and this achievement is well deserved.”

With an increased prevalence in mental health problems and mental illness counselling and psychology is now perceived as a vital service to support and assist people not only in emotional distress but in their everyday lives.

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