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[World Renowned Professor David Nutt \(UK\) to visit Australia in November 2022 to build awareness of Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies](#)

Mind Medicine Australia (MMA) is delighted to bring Professor David Nutt from Imperial College London to Australia to educate Australians about psychedelic-assisted therapies and endorse fair access to these life-saving treatments. His International Keynote is entitled '*Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies: History, Neuroscience and Myths*'. Professor Nutt is the Head of Neuropsychopharmacology at Imperial College and was in Australia for the launch of MMA. This visit culminates with the end of the charity's fourth year. Please see a summary of achievements over that period [HERE](#).

Professor Nutt will meet with representatives and stakeholders from Government, Academia, and Regulatory bodies to emphasise the safety and efficacy of psychedelic-assisted therapies to cure a range of mental illnesses. He will present public lectures in Byron Bay, Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne and will present at high level meetings with Federal and State Governments. Academic events will be held at ANU in Canberra, Monash University, University of Melbourne and more.

A Gala Dinner featuring Professor Nutt as Guest of Honour will be held at the Australian Club in Melbourne and there will be special lunch at the Australian Club in Sydney.

Professor Nutt commented: *"I am proud to be one of MMA's Global Ambassadors and thrilled to be visiting Australia again to make representations to Government and to present at public and special events. With the MMA rescheduling applications currently before the TGA, this advocacy effort offers the opportunity to bring Australia to the forefront of innovation, research and clinical practice in this rapidly emerging field. Australia has a serious and increasing mental illness epidemic and innovation in treatment is desperately needed to stem the immense suffering in the community."*

David Nutt is one of the most respected authorities in the field. He is both a hero and pioneer in the field, courageously taking a stand on the relative harm of psychedelic-assisted therapy compared to other substances, and even stating that horse riding was more dangerous than MDMA!

MMA Founders Tania de Jong AM and Peter Hunt AM commented: *"We are honoured to bring Professor Nutt to Australia. Beyond his courage and honesty, Prof. Nutt is a brilliant and entertaining speaker. He will leave you educated, inspired, and energised about a vision of what these medicines can do for all Australians."*

Professor Nutt will explain:

- The historic origins of psychedelic use, the rise of psychedelic therapy in psychiatry in the 1950s/60s and how this was destroyed by the War on Drugs
- The new science of psychedelics in terms of brain activity that initiated trials in people with mental illness



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- The remarkable clinical outcomes from just one or two psychedelic treatments in conditions such as depression, trauma and addiction
- How brain imaging studies have revealed the mechanisms by which psychedelics can produce such profound and enduring effects
- What Australians can do to advance access to these breakthrough therapies

Followed by questions and answers with the audience.

This is an unmissable opportunity to engage in a discussion about psychedelic-assisted therapies and treatments for chronic mental health conditions. Audiences will also learn what Mind Medicine Australia and other local organisations are doing here in Australia to advance this new frontier in the treatment of a range of mental illnesses including depression, anxiety, trauma and addictions.

Please visit our website and book your tickets to see David Nutt live in person. Please don't miss out!

<https://mindmedicineaustralia.org.au/professor-david-nutt-australian-tour-2022/>

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