



2008 LIFE AWARDS

IN RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SUICIDE PREVENTION WITHIN AUSTRALIA

Professor Martin works as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, with skills in individual and family therapy. His research interests are in early intervention and promotion of mental health with special reference to prevention of suicide in young people.

Graham is Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at The University of Queensland, and Clinical Director, Royal Children's Hospital and Health Service District, Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS).

From 1986 to 2001 he was Executive Director of the Southern Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in Adelaide. Graham was one of the originators of the Auseinet program and remains actively involved with Auseinet as a Board member and as the Editor-in-Chief of the on-line journal – the Australian eJournal for the Advancement of Mental Health.

Twenty-five years of clinical practice underpins his work as a researcher, writer and commentator.

His research subjects include self-harm in adolescents, and he developed *CadetLife* to promote mental health in the Australian Defence forces.

Graham is a member of the National Advisory Council of Suicide Prevention, and was a member of the writing group for the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

In addition he is a member of the National Media and Mental Health Committee, the Evaluation Working Group for the Mind Matters programs, the Queensland Expert Advisory Group on Suicide Prevention and the Steering Committee for the Queensland Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health.

He was made a Life member of Suicide Prevention Australia in 2004, a Gold Companion for the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund in 2005, and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2006 for services to psychiatry, the development of child and adolescent services, teaching, and suicide prevention.

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