

Day Programs & Outreach

November - December 2024



A comprehensive assessment referral from a medical practitioner is required for admission to a day program or outreach. Ongoing consultations with your Ramsay Clinic Albert Road doctor are required while you are participating in Day Programs or Outreach.

Day Programs at Ramsay Clinic Albert Road

Open Programs: attendance may commence directly following acceptance of referral. Participants can attend an Open program while awaiting commencement of a Closed program.

Closed Day Programs: conducted over a set number of weeks and attendance must commence in week one.

Half Day Programs: held for 3 hours and 15 minutes, includes 15 minute comfort break

Full Day Programs: held for 5 hours and 15 minutes, includes a 30 minute meal break.

Telehealth – Outreach and DBT individuals may be offered as Telehealth; this will depend on your health fund provider

Adolescents (15 – 22 years)

LEAF

Friday: 11.00 – 2.45pm

A group therapy program aimed at assisting young people to transition from hospitalisation to the community and on-going support whilst attending school. The program involves a range of approaches including Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT), Supportive Psychotherapy and Art Therapy.

Open

New Adolescent Day Program coming 2025, more information to come.

Adults 18+

Managing Mood with Art & Mindfulness

Monday 9:15am – 3.00pm

CBT with mindfulness & art: mixing skills based techniques with creativity, This program aims to help people change and grow on a personal level through the use of art, mindfulness and CBT skills in a safe facilitating environment.

Art is an excellent medium for anyone experiencing distress and is especially effective for those who find it difficult to verbalise or acknowledge their feelings. CBT teaches participants practical strategies to monitor their mood in order to notice early signs of becoming unwell and the factors that trigger their mental health conditions and mindfulness incorporates meditation, breathing exercises and other elements of mindfulness into therapy to help gain better control over their thoughts and emotions in the pursuit of better physical responses to these factors.

Open – 12 week rotation program

Introduction to Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)

Tuesday: 9.30 – 12.45pm

This program is designed to assist participants to increase tolerance for being in group therapy, and prepare participants for more intensive work in DBT through the introduction of participants to the concepts and relevance of DBT skills.

Closed – 6 weeks

Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)

This group program is based on Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT). The program is highly structured and includes sessions dedicated to learning mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotion regulation and interpersonal effectiveness. The program requires group attendance one day a week for 36 weeks, an ongoing commitment to individual therapy and practice of the skills introduced.

Closed – 36 week program: Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday 9.30 – 12.45. Thursday 11– 2:45pm

Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) Graduates of the 36 week DBT program

Fortnightly - Wednesday: 5.15 – 8.30pm

This group is a supportive co-facilitated (peer and mental health professional) group that is focused on practicing and consolidating learnt DBT principles and skills. The treatment focus is working towards personal goals and finding meaning in everyday suffering.

Open group with Prerequisite: Participants must have completed the Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) 36 week program.

Reducing Anxiety and Stress

Tuesday: 9.15 – 3pm

This group program focuses on skill building informed from Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). Group members will be empowered to develop effective coping strategies to improve their mental health, foster recovery and achieve a full and meaningful life. Each group session uses evidence-based techniques, group supportive psychotherapy, skills building and gentle physical movement training.

Open – 12 week rotation program



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Foundation

Wednesday: 9:15 – 12:30pm

This group program covers introductory skills in managing distress; building and maintaining structure and balance in weekly routine. The program consists of a combination of approaches, including psychoeducation and self-psychology models to aid participants in exploring where their difficulties/ issues or ways of behaving, thinking and feelings come from.

Open: 6 week rotation program

** Suited as a short term group option e.g. post in-patient admission support.*

NEW PROGRAM - Managing Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) behaviours and Anxiety

Thursday: 9:15 – 12:30pm

This group program is for people who want greater control over their OCD thoughts and behaviours and/or debilitating anxiety. Through this program participants will increase their understanding and awareness of their behaviours and develop an individualised treatment protocol using Exposure Response Prevention (ERP) to help decrease anxiety and reduce compulsive or unhelpful avoidant behaviours.

Enrolment waitlisting

Focus On Recovery (abstinence-based)

Tuesday: 9.30 – 12.45pm

or Wednesday fortnightly 5.30 – 8.30pm

This group program assists individuals to cease their dependence or abuse of alcohol and drugs. The program includes modules addressing education, skills training, group psychotherapy, coping skills, mindfulness and relaxation. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and Motivational Interviewing techniques inform this program.

Open – 12 weeks

Taking Control

Friday: 9.30 – 12.45pm

This group therapy program is for individuals who have issues with alcohol and/or drug misuse and want to make changes to control, reduce and/or abstain from using. The program includes modules addressing education, skills training, group psychotherapy, coping skills, mindfulness and relaxation. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and Motivational Interviewing techniques inform this program.

Open – 12 weeks

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Seniors (65 years or older)

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Wednesday 10.00 -3:30pm or Thursday 9.30- 3.00pm

A group therapy program designed for older people who would benefit from on-going or interim support for a mental health condition. The group aims to support participants to manage their illness and maintain an optimal level of health and independence. The program utilises a number of approaches including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT); reminiscence therapy, supportive psychotherapy, socialisation, psychoeducation and gentle physical movement training (yoga).

Open

Outreach (Adults and Seniors)

Community-based care in the home. Ideal for patients needing short-term support after an acute episode of inpatient treatment; whilst awaiting the commencement of a day program; or needing longer-term support due to high risk of relapse. Travel distance criteria apply.

Outreach embraces recovery-orientated mental health practices, the visits will focus on activity scheduling, build life skills and practical coping mechanisms, learn to manage symptoms and prevent relapse.

Psychiatrist Appointments

It is a requirement that you continue seeing your Ramsay Clinic Albert Road treating psychiatrist routinely (minimum every three months) whilst a patient of Day Programs or Outreach.

