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Mental health to be focus of South West seminar

South West residents have the opportunity to join the Australian of the Year and West Australian of the Year for a discussion of future mental health challenges.

The Australian of the Year, Professor Patrick McGorry, will be teaming up with the West Australian of the Year, Professor Ralph Martins, to speak at a free Critical Horizons event in Bunbury.

To be held at Edith Cowan University at 10am on October 28, the seminar is part of the Critical Horizons series, which aims to help local residents prepare for the future.

South West Development Commission chief executive officer Don Punch encouraged residents to attend the event, which had been arranged through the Rotary Clubs of Bunbury and Australia Day Council of WA.

“It is an honour to have Professor McGorry, a mental health expert, and Professor Martins, an Alzheimer’s expert, presenting at the next Critical Horizons seminar,” he said.

“Both are leaders in their fields and their thoughts on future mental health challenges will be well worth hearing.

“We will also hear from Marina Johns from the Injury Control Council who will speak about suicide prevention in the South West.

“Importantly, people who attend the seminar will have a chance to join in the conversation by asking the speakers questions.”

Mr Punch thanked the combined Rotary Clubs of Bunbury and Australia Day Council of WA for making the latest Critical Horizons event possible.

“It’s thanks to a range of supporters and sponsors that Critical Horizons is able to give people the opportunity to hear from leading Australian experts in the South West region,” he said.

For more information about the free event, which will include morning tea, visit www.criticalhorizons.com.au . Seating at the event will be limited. To register your interest in attending, please phone the South West Development Commission on 9792 2000 or email swdc@swdc.wa.gov.au .

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