



## 2021 Professional Development Event

***Dr John McClean***

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

9:30 am - 12 noon

### ***Unconscious Communications in the Therapeutic Relationship: Reflections from a Senior Psychoanalyst***

Over 100 years ago, Freud realised that symptoms and dreams have unconscious meaning – and so began a completely new way of understanding our psychic life.

How do we better understand the unconscious communications that occur between patient and therapist? How do we identify and work with unconscious processes, transference and countertransference?

These terms often seem to be tossed around and often get used in a dismissive kind of way, as though it is something the patient is “doing” to attack or to be difficult for the therapist.

In this talk, Dr McClean outlines his own way of following Freud’s original insight to learn to observe and make use of unconscious mental life - his deepening awareness over the years and the moments that had particular impact on his practice and understanding. He will illustrate this by examining symptoms, dreams, play, transference and countertransference.

**Dr John McClean** is a Senior Psychoanalyst based in Sydney, Australia. He is a senior training analyst with the Australian Psychoanalytic Society. We are extremely fortunate to have Dr McClean join us once again before his retirement from practice. He has been a regular and popular contributor to the psychoanalytic psychotherapy community in Queensland over many years.

Due to Covid restrictions, Dr McClean will be videoconferencing remotely into the venue from Sydney. The participants will be able to join in either in person at the venue (depending on Covid restrictions) or attend via Zoom. The presentation will be followed by a Discussion with Dr McClean, chaired by Mrs Margot Lynch.

This event contributes to 2.5 CPD hours.

***Places are limited so bookings are essential. RSVP by Monday 18/10/2021***

**Date:** SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

**9:00 am Arrival tea and coffee**

**Time:** 9.30 am – 12:00 noon

**Venue:**  
***The Queensland Multicultural Centre***  
102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point 4169

***Morning Tea will be provided***

**For any enquiries and all bookings, please contact:**

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<b>Event Fee (No GST has been charged)</b>	TAX INVOICE
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Full-time Students \$30.00	<b>Please be sure to include your name for identification purposes.</b>