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Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies Now Reaching Hundreds of Australians as Global Momentum Accelerates

Mind Medicine Australia (MMA) is proud to share the latest developments in the nationwide rollout of psychedelic-assisted therapies (PAT), together with the growing global momentum inspired by Australia's pioneering leadership in this field.

Depression and trauma have reached epidemic proportions in Australia, yet treatment outcomes remain profoundly inadequate. Over the past 50 years, mental healthcare has achieved fewer advances in patient outcomes than many other fields of medicine, with limited innovation in available treatments. In the most tragic cases, people continue to experience suicidal thoughts and take their own lives.

It was this unacceptable reality that inspired MMA's campaign to make safe, evidence-based psychedelic-assisted therapies available within Australian clinical practice.

That advocacy led to the TGA's World-First decision to reschedule psilocybin and MDMA as Controlled Medicines in 2023. Australia is now at the forefront of delivering these therapies in clinics across the country to treat **PTSD** and **treatment-resistant depression** through the TGA's **Authorised Prescriber** program. A TGA decision on MMA's joint application to expand psilocybin access to treat end-of-life distress is expected shortly.

Australia: the rollout is accelerating

The latest TGA data (July 2026) confirms that access is moving well beyond early adopters:

- More than **120 psychiatrists** have now been approved as **Authorised Prescribers** of MDMA and/or psilocybin.
- More than **400 patients** have been treated nationally, with outstanding remission rates of 60-80% being reported after just 2-3 medicine sessions combined with psychotherapy, in line with international trial results.
- Over **750 clinicians and therapists** have been trained through MMA's world-leading [Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies \(CPAT\)](#).

Funding pathways are expanding:

- The **Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)** funds PAT for eligible Veteran Card holders.
- **Medibank** and other health funds are covering treatment costs for eligible customers with relevant cover, **NDIS** is supporting treatment costs, and additional payors are starting to get involved.
- **20+ clinics** are actively offering, or preparing to offer, medicine-assisted therapies around Australia – including the [Mind Medicine Australia Clinic](#) and Centre of Excellence in Melbourne.

The world is following Australia

When Australia rescheduled psilocybin and MDMA in 2023, following applications submitted by MMA, it became the first country in the world to take this landmark step. Since then, international momentum has continued to grow:

- **New Zealand** has become the second country in the world to permit MDMA-assisted therapy. On 4 September 2026, Medsafe approved two psychiatrists to prescribe pharmaceutical-grade MDMA for adults with severe PTSD, explicitly aligning New Zealand's settings with Australia's. This follows Medsafe's 2025 approval of psilocybin prescribing for treatment-resistant depression.
- **Big Pharma has arrived.** In July 2026, Eli Lilly – the world's most valuable healthcare company – agreed to acquire psychedelic developer **AtaiBeckley** for up to US\$3.8 billion, the largest deal in the sector's history, securing a pipeline of 5MEO-DMT and MDMA-based treatments for treatment-resistant depression and other conditions.
- In the **United States**, an April 2026 Executive Order directed the FDA to accelerate its review of psychedelic treatments. **Compass Pathways'** psilocybin therapy for treatment-resistant depression and **Usona's** psilocybin therapy for major depressive disorder are now under rolling FDA review with national priority vouchers, with registration approval anticipated as early as late 2026. **Resilience** Inc has also resubmitted its registration application for MDMA as part of therapy for the treatment of PTSD.
- The **Czech Republic** has approved the medical use of psilocybin from 2026.

Peter Hunt AM, Chairman and Co-Founder of Mind Medicine Australia commented: *"Australia led the world on this, and the rest of the world is now catching up. Every month brings more prescribers, more patients in remission, and more countries and companies recognising what the evidence has been telling us for years. Our task now is to make sure every Australian who could benefit from these treatments can access them safely."*

Tania de Jong AM, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Mind Medicine Australia emphasises that: *"It's wonderful to see Australia leading the way and we are inspired to be developing an ecosystem that is influencing increasing access to these transformational treatments globally. We have a major mental illness epidemic, and we are honoured to bring real hope to those suffering."*

MMA supports this ecosystem through its world-leading [Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies \(CPAT\)](#), Global Webinar Series and other educational events, and through [consulting support](#) and medicine supplies, that help clinicians and providers deliver these treatments safely and lawfully within their facilities.

These breakthrough therapies represent a fundamental shift in the treatment paradigm and offer the potential of remission to a huge number of people with major mental health problems, improving their quality of life and that of those around them.

For Fast Facts and more information about Mind Medicine Australia, visit www.mindmedicineaustralia.org



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ABOUT MIND MEDICINE AUSTRALIA:

Mind Medicine Australia is a registered charity working to alleviate the suffering and suicides caused by mental illness by expanding treatment options through the safe, clinical use of psychedelic-assisted therapies to treat depression, trauma, addictions and other intractable conditions. MMA's wholly clinical focus includes building a national ecosystem encompassing professional development for health practitioners through the world-leading Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies (CPAT), patient access pathways, medicine supplies, regulatory and research advancements, clinical rollouts and widespread awareness and education. MMA made global history through their successful rescheduling applications for psilocybin and MDMA, making Australia the first nation in the world to reschedule these medicines for clinical use in 2023.

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ABOUT MIND MEDICINE AUSTRALIA CLINIC:

The MMAC is a partnership between Mind Medicine Australia (MMA) and Incannex Healthcare Inc (ASX: IXHL), who have formed a 50:50 joint venture to establish and operate an outpatients clinic in Melbourne. It functions as a Centre of Excellence and provides hands-on clinical placements for over 750 alumni of MMA's [Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies](#) training program.

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