

## **Associate Professor James Scott**

### **Child & adolescent psychiatrist & clinical researcher, Metro North Mental Health Service, *BRISBANE***

Associate Professor James Scott graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Queensland in 1993. Over the ensuing two years, he gained experience in a clinical setting, working as a Resident Medical Officer at Royal Brisbane Hospital.

A/Prof Scott soon developed an interest in psychiatry, and became a Registrar in Psychiatry from 1996 to 2000. He completed a Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry (FRANZCP) in 2000.

To further refine his qualifications, A/Prof Scott obtained a Certificate in Advanced Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) in 2001.



From 2001 to 2018, A/Prof Scott has worked as a Consultant Psychiatrist, specialising in child and adolescent psychiatry. His current appointments include Director of Early Psychosis Metro North Mental Health Service; Associate Professor in the Discipline of Psychiatry, The University of Queensland; and Director of Research in Child and Youth Mental Health, Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research.

A/Prof Scott is also a clinical researcher at the Metro North Mental Health Service. He is an NHMRC Practitioner Fellow and the recipient of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrist's 2018 Senior Research Award. He has clinical and research expertise in early psychosis and leads a program of research preventing mental disorders in children and youth.

A/Prof Scott is supporting the *Australian Genetics of Bipolar Disorder Study* – a ground-breaking international collaboration exploring the genetic risk factors associated with the illness, and how genes influence one's response to treatment.

"Mental disorders arise from a complex interplay of genetic and environmental risk factors. Understanding the genetic basis of bipolar disorder is key to its prevention and treatment".

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**To coordinate an interview with A/Prof James Scott, please contact Kirsten Bruce or Holly Hamilton from VIVA! Communications on 0401 717 566 / 0434 799 839.**