

FREE PUBLIC TALK

Dr Susan Furness (La Trobe University)

On being a paramedic

6pm – 8pm, Thursday 20 September

Flinders on Victoria Square, Level 1, Room 2

182 Victoria Square, Adelaide CBD

Drinks and nibbles will be available for a small donation



Based on my experiences as a paramedic over two decades, I will focus on what it means to be a paramedic. I will share some key philosophical ideas (from Heidegger and others) that informed my doctoral study and enabled me to uncover meanings of 'being' that I had taken-for-granted in the busyness of my everyday. I will present some auto-narratives to provoke thinking about the breadth of experiences involved in the everyday doing of paramedicine. I will argue that philosophical ideas from within the phenomenological tradition can open pathways to deeper understanding, showing how meaningful practice can be renewed through interpreting stories of lived experience.

Susan is Senior Lecturer, Discipline Lead, and Course Coordinator for the Bachelor of Paramedic Practice within the La Trobe Rural Health School. Susan has current and extensive experience in both paramedic practice and paramedic education in rural and regional Victoria, and has practiced at the level of Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance Paramedic and Clinical Support Officer.

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