## Aurora Doctor Profile

**Dr John Edwards** 

MBBS, FAChAM



**Dr John Edwards MBBS, FAChAM** is a General Practitioner who specialises in addiction medicine. He provides an outpatient service at Cambridge Clinic, a specialist addiction medicine practice which he established in 1997. He also provides inpatient treatment, and drug and alcohol liaison at Abbotsford Private Hospital and Marian Centre. Having held a special interest in mental health and addiction for more than 30 years, he was one of the first Doctors to take up community methadone prescribing in the 1990s.

For the past 15 years, he has been the Chair of the Western Australia (WA) Opiate Pharmacotherapy Advisory Committee, and in 2003 was made a founding fellow of The Australasian College of Physicians Chapter of Addiction Medicine. In 2005 with his partners in Niola Hospital, he built Abbotsford Hospital, a 30 bed specialist centre for drug and alcohol problems, and co-occurring mental illness.

He also established Blackwood River Clinic, a rural psychological rehabilitation facility and day hospital that was awarded a Mental Health Commission contract for 16 public recovery and rehabilitation places. Dr Edwards was Chair of Abbotsford and Blackwood River since inception until 2017.

He was previously a member of the Mental Health Commission's Mental Health Advisory Council, is currently a Member of the Commission's Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board. Dr Edwards also provides training for addiction medicine and addiction psychiatry Registrar positions.

## **Areas of interest:**

- Addiction Medicine
- Addictive Disorders

To arrange an appointment or referral, please phone:

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