7TH SNAICC NATIONAL CONFERENCE
12-14 September 2017
National Convention Centre Canberra

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### Conference Expert Advisory Group

The Conference Expert Advisory Group is made up of experts and leaders working on issues relating to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. The group provides high-level advice and direction on the conference. Our members for our 2017 conference include:

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President of the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI), Victoria; Deputy Chairperson, SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children

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**Mick Gooda**
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Co-chair, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples Historian and Author, Queensland

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On behalf of SNAICC – National Voice for our Children and the Conference Expert Advisory Committee, I invite you to attend the 7th SNAICC National Conference: Bring Them Home – Securing the Rights of Our Children. This is the first SNAICC Conference to be held in Canberra and will provide us the opportunity to gather together on the lands of the Traditional Owners at the Canberra Convention Centre.

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the seminal Bringing Them Home report, our three-day conference will provide a powerful learning experience for all our delegates, with presenters from across the country and overseas attending to share the stories, experiences and knowledge of their work and how it can contribute to providing a better future for our children and families.

The program will be diverse with 60 sessions for delegates to choose from to participate in, including a range of panel discussions, workshops and presentations. Our opening keynote speaker will be Dr Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (USA), who will share her experience working in the American Indian child welfare space, providing learnings for our work here. We will also feature community and national leaders in keynote presentations, including individual presentations by Professor Muriel Bamblett AM, CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency and Mick Gooda, Royal Commissioner for the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory; and panel discussions featuring Professor Mick Dodson, Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University; June Oscar AO, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission; Dr Jackie Huggins, prominent historian and author, and Co-chair of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples; Andrew Jackomos, Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, Commission for Children and Young People; Megan Mitchell, Australian Human Rights Commission’s National Children’s Commissioner; Jim Morrison, Co-Chair, West Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation; and Natalie Lewis, CEO, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak; and Richard Weston, Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

We will also have the opportunity to experience some of the capital’s best attractions and local talent with multiple social events attached to the conference program.

I look forward to welcoming you at the 7th SNAICC National Conference in Canberra this September.

Warmest regards,

Sharron Williams
SNAICC Chairperson
CEO, Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)

I am excited to welcome each and every one of you to the 7th SNAICC National Conference, held in our nation’s capital this September.

With this being my first SNAICC Conference as CEO, I am looking forward to both showcasing the incredible line up of sector-leading talent attending, and engaging personally in this powerful learning experience.

I also look forward to capitalising on the location of this highly reputable conference—the political hub of our nation—to further progress SNAICC’s key policy objectives to make sure our mob is being supported appropriately.

Over the past year, I have done my best, alongside the SNAICC Executive team and Board, to travel far and wide across the country to meet with as many SNAICC members and valued partners as possible, and I sincerely look forward to meeting many of you in person in Canberra.

Warmest regards,

Gerry Moore
SNAICC CEO
Family Matters Co-Chair
CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

HONOUR AND LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE

To honour the Stolen Generations and their families—their strength and resilience—by listening to their stories and strategies, learning from their experiences and committing to systemic change to protect the rights of our children, families and cultures. To honour also the knowledge of our Elders and wisdom of our cultural responses, sharing successes and struggles to chart effective, evidence-informed ways forward.

STRATEGISE COLLECTIVELY

This conference provides an opportunity to reflect, 20 years on from the seminal Bringing Them Home report, on one of the most pressing human rights issues facing Australia today: the care and safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and the alarmingly high rates of their removal from family and culture. It presses upon us the need to address the recommendations from this report, to share best practice, and to develop collective strategies—from the local to the national—to see our children grow up safe and cared for within family, community and culture.

INSPIRE ACTION

To inspire and enable leaders, services and other partners to take the leadership of Bringing Them Home to the next level, to step up action to redress the causes of child removal today, and to ensure the rights of our children and families are respected and fulfilled.
Adjunct Professor Muriel Bamblett AM
Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency

Muriel Bamblett is a Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung woman who has been employed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency since 1999. Muriel was Chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care for 10 years (the peak agency representing Indigenous Child and Family Services nationally) and was awarded a Lifetime Associate Membership of SNAICC.

Muriel is active on many boards and committees concerning children, families and the Indigenous community. These include the Victorian Children’s Council; Aboriginal Children’s Forum; the Aboriginal Treaty Interim Working Group; the Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum and the Aboriginal Justice Forum. Muriel is on a number of Ministerial Advisory Groups, including for Aboriginal Affairs; and for Roadmap Implementation. Muriel is a Board Member of the Aboriginal Community Elders Service.

Muriel has been the recipient of a number of awards, including the Centenary of Federation Medal; the 2003 Robin Clark Memorial Award for Inspirational Leadership in the Field of Child and Family Welfare; the Women’s Electoral Lobby Inaugural Vida Goldstein Award; and in 2011, was inducted into the 2011 Victorian Honour Roll of Women and was a finalist for a Human Rights Medal with the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Muriel was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2004 Australia Day Honours for her services to the community, particularly through leadership in the provision of services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. In 2009, she was appointed by La Trobe University as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Work and Social Policy within the Faculty of Health Sciences. Muriel was recently awarded (April 2017) a Doctor of Letters in Social Work (honoris causa) for leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander welfare and affairs by the University of Sydney.

Muriel has contributed expert testimony to the Royal Commission into Institutionalised Responses to Child Sex Abuse, the current Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory and the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence. Muriel has also recently been appointed to the Commonwealth Redress Advisory Council.

Dr Sarah L. Kastelic
Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association, Portland, Oregon, USA

Dr Sarah Kastelic is the executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) – the most comprehensive source of information and advocacy regarding American Indian child welfare and the only national American Indian organisation focused specifically on the tribal capacity to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. Sarah is Alutiiq, an enrolled member of the Native Village of Ouzinkie. She joined NICWA in 2011 as an integral part of the deliberative four-year executive transition plan for NICWA’s founding executive director Terry Cross, and became executive director in January 2015.

Before coming to NICWA, Sarah served the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the oldest, largest, and most representative national organisation serving tribal governments, from 1998–2010, including founding the NCAI Policy Research Center in 2003.

Sarah received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Goucher College in 1996 and earned a master’s degree (1997) and PhD (2008) from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis.
Mick Gooda

Royal Commissioner, Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory

Mick Gooda resigned from the Australian Human Rights Commission effective 1 August 2016 to take up a position as Royal Commissioner for the Royal Commission into the Child Protection and Youth Detention Systems of the Northern Territory.

Mick Gooda had commenced his term as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner in early 2010. As Social Justice Commissioner, he advocated for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia and seeks to promote respect and understanding of these rights among the broader Australian community.

Mick is particularly passionate about closing the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, a move he says is “non-negotiable”.

Mick has been involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs throughout Australia for over 35 years and has always maintained and actively promotes the concept of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples being intimately involved in decisions that affect them. He is currently on the Referendum Council on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

His focus has been on the empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Immediately prior to taking up the position of Social Justice Commissioner, Mick was the Chief Executive Officer of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health for close to five-and-a-half years. Here, he drove a research agenda which placed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people ‘front and centre’ in the research agenda, working alongside world leading researchers.

Mick is a proud Gangulu person from Central Queensland and in his spare time, can usually be found in the Sunshine State.
Professor Mick Dodson AM
Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University
Professor of Law, ANU College of Law, Canberra

Professor Mick Dodson AM is Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at The Australian National University, and Professor of Law at the ANU College of Law. He completed a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University.

Professor Dodson also holds an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of NSW. He worked with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service from 1976 to 1981, when he became a barrister at the Victorian Bar. He joined the Northern Land Council as Senior Legal Adviser in 1984 and became Director of the Council in 1990. From August 1988 to October 1990, Mick was Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. He has been a member of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Advisory Council and secretary of the North Australian Legal Aid Service. He is the current Chair of Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), and is also a member of AIATSIS. He is the former Chairman of the National Aboriginal Youth Law Centre Advisory Board, and has been a member of the National Children’s & Youth Centre Board and the advisory panels of the Rob Riley and Koowarta Scholarships.

Mick is a member of the Publications Committee for the University of New South Wales’ Australian Indigenous Law Review (formerly called the Australian Indigenous Law Reporter), and is on the Editorial Board of Australian Aboriginal Studies. He is a member of the New South Wales Judicial Commission and a former special commissioner with the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia. He is Chair of the ANU Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Committee and a member of the Board of the Lingiari Foundation. He served on the board of Reconciliation Australia and was, until recently, its Co-Chair. He was a founding member and chairman of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre. Mick Dodson has been a prominent advocate on land rights and other issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as well as a vigorous advocate of the rights and interests of indigenous peoples around the world. He was the Co-Deputy Chair of the Technical Committee for the 1993 International Year of the World’s Indigenous People and was chairman of the United Nations Advisory Group for the Voluntary Fund for the Decade of Indigenous Peoples. He served for 5 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Indigenous Voluntary Fund and in January 2005, commenced a 3-year appointment as a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. He was subsequently reappointed for a further 3 years to December 2010. Mick participated in the crafting of the text of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations (WGIP), and the Inter-sessional Working Group of the Human Rights Commission which was adopted overwhelmingly in 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly. In 2009, Mick Dodson was named Australian of the Year by the National Australia Day Council. From September 2011 to February 2012 inclusive, Professor Dodson was at Harvard University where he was the Malcolm Fraser & Gough Whitlam Harvard Chair in Australian Studies and a Visiting Professor, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. He was based at the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy in the John F Kennedy School of Government.
Dr Jackie Huggins

Historian and Author & Co-chair, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples

Dr Jackie Huggins is a Bidjara (central Queensland) and Birri-Gubba Juru (North Queensland) woman from Queensland who has worked in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs for over thirty years. Jackie is a celebrated historian and author who has documented the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout the decades.

In 2001, Jackie received the Member of the Order of Australia for services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Throughout her career spanning over four decades, Jackie has played a leading role in reconciliation, literacy, women’s issues and social justice.

Jackie holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland and Flinders University (with Honours), a Diploma of Education and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Queensland. Most recently, Jackie was the Director of Jackie Huggins and Associates, a successful consultancy business, following a long and distinguished record of public service and professional achievement.

Andrew Jackomos PSM

Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, Commission for Children and Young People, Victoria

Andrew is a proud Yorta Yorta/Gunditjmara man and was appointed in July 2013 as the inaugural Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People in Victoria.

As Commissioner, Andrew is responsible for advocating for and overseeing the provision of state government services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, particularly the most vulnerable in the areas of child protection, youth justice and homelessness.

Andrew is of the strong view that improving outcomes for the most vulnerable Koori children is intrinsically linked to their culture connections, identity and improving the status and outcomes for their families and communities, and neither can be separated. He has taken a strong stand that all Koori children removed and placed in out-of-home care, as a principle, should be cared for by Aboriginal community based children’s organisations.

Andrew has recently completed two landmark inquiries ‘Always was Always will be Koori children’ a landmark inquiry into the Victorian protection system and interaction with close to 1000 Koori children across Victoria, and ‘In the child’s best interests’ inquiry into the Victorian child protection system’s compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle.

For the previous 14 years, Andrew was an Executive Officer in the Victorian Department of Justice and led development of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement. He oversaw the growth of the Koori workforce from three in 1999 to employ well over 140, as well as establishment and growth of the Koori Court network across the Magistrate’s, Children’s and County court jurisdictions.

During his time at Justice, Andrew is most proud of the relationship developed between the Koori community and the Justice system, as represented by the Aboriginal Justice Forum and the supporting network of Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committees.

Andrew is a member of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples and the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Forum and Aboriginal Children’s Forum. In 2006, he was awarded the Public Service Medal and admitted as a Victorian Fellow with the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA). In 2013, he was appointed as an IPAA National Fellow.
Natalie Lewis
CEO, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak, Queensland

Natalie Lewis is a descendant of the Gamilaraay (Kamilaroi) Nation and is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSICPP). Her professional experience has been acquired in Queensland and in the United States in the areas of youth justice and child protection, providing direct service, program and policy development and organisational leadership over the past twenty years. Natalie currently serves on the National Executive of SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, and is co-chair of the National Family Matters Campaign. She also holds appointments on the Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council, Youth Sexual Violence and Abuse Steering Committee and the Queensland Policy Leaders Forum. Natalie was an active member of the Expert Advisory Group to the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry and remains strongly involved in the implementation of the reform agenda.

Megan Mitchell
National Children’s Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission, New South Wales

Megan Mitchell is Australia’s first National Children’s Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission, appointed in 2013. Megan has previous experience in both government and non-government roles in child protection, out-of-home care, youth justice, disability, and early childhood services. Megan also holds qualifications in social policy, psychology and education.

In her role as Commissioner, Megan focuses solely on the rights and interests of children, and the laws, policies and programs that impact on them.

Each year, Megan presents a statutory report to federal Parliament on the state of children’s rights in Australia. In her work to date, Megan has focused on the prevalence of suicide and intentional self-harm in children and young people, the impact of family and domestic violence on children and young people, and the oversight of children and young people in correctional detention.
Jim Morrison
Co-Chair, West Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, Western Australia

Jim Morrison is a Goreng Noongar Elder, a Traditional Custodian of Western Australia’s pristine southern coast who has proudly passed his strong Aboriginal values to following generations of his extended family.

He has been a prominent activist, advocate and leader in pivotal Aboriginal advancement roles for four decades, working passionately to address the rights of the Stolen Generations and their families; child protection; the tragic mental health and suicide issues in his community; equity in access to culturally safe services in State and Commonwealth Governments; overdue prison reforms; Aboriginal employment, education and training; equity in universities; the protection of young street people; and the formation and management of non-government agencies providing services to Aboriginal families and their broader communities. He has recently taken up leadership of YOKAI! Healing our spirit, the operational umbrella of the WA Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation and the Bringing Them Home Committee (WA).

His current and past roles include:

- Stolen Generations’ Congressman to the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples
- Three terms as the Aboriginal Chair of the National Stolen Generations Alliance
- Aboriginal Convener Bringing Them Home Committee WA
- Founding member of Yokai, a non-government Aboriginal employment forum in WA
- Member Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Advisory Group (represents Mental Health issues relating to Stolen Generations nationally)
- Manager Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service
- Management Consultant Aboriginal Engagement and Employment for the Water Corporation
- Reform Coordinator – Aboriginal Services in the Adult Custodial Division Department of Corrective Services
- Aboriginal Senior Policy Officer – Disability Services Commission
- Director – Yorganop Child Care Aboriginal Corporation
- Senior Policy Advisor – Minister For Aboriginal Affairs
- Founding member Reconciliation WA.
June Oscar AO
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

June Oscar AO is a proud Bunuba woman from the remote town of Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia’s Kimberley region. She is a strong advocate for Indigenous Australian languages, social justice and women’s issues, and has worked tirelessly to reduce Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

June has held a raft of influential positions including Deputy Director of the Kimberley Land Council, chair of the Kimberley Language Resource Centre and the Kimberley Interpreting Service, and Chief Investigator with Western Australia’s Liliwan Project addressing FASD.

She was appointed to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (1990) and was a winner of the 100 Women of Influence 2013 in the Social Enterprise and Not for Profit category. In 2015 June received the Menzies School of Health Research Medallion for her work with FASD.

June has a Bachelor’s Degree in Business from the University of Notre Dame, Broome, Western Australia, and is currently writing her PhD. June is a co-founder of the Yiramalay Wesley Studio School and is a Community member of the Fitzroy Valley Futures Governing Committee.

In February 2017, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from Edith Cowen University.

June will begin her five-year term as Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner on April 3, 2017.

Richard Weston
Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation

Richard is a descendant of the Meriam people of the Torres Strait. For the past six years, he has served as CEO of the Healing Foundation. He sits on the Board of Families Australia and is a member of the Commonwealth Government’s Independent Advisory Council on Redress for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. Richard is a member of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander forums and committees.

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to address the ongoing trauma caused by actions such as the forced removal of children from their families and communities. Trauma, and the legacy of past policies and practices, can rob families and communities of hope and purpose. The Healing Foundation works with communities, members of the Stolen Generations and their descendants, to design solutions to seemingly unsolvable problems. The Healing Foundation’s evaluations show amazing outcomes can be achieved when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are supported to lead and develop their own responses.

The Healing Foundation continues to build the national evidence base on healing complex trauma. Drawing on these lessons it is building a theory of change that values both Indigenous cultural knowledge and the international evidence base on trauma. It has supported more than 135 culturally strong, community led Indigenous healing projects around Australia, and over 19,600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, women and men have participated in healing activities. About 94% of participants have reported improvements in their social and emotional wellbeing.

Prior to being CEO of the Healing Foundation, Richard was CEO of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service and prior to that was CEO of Maari Ma Health in far west NSW based in Broken Hill. Under his leadership, Maari Ma won several health awards, including five NSW awards and a national award.
## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### Monday 11 September

#### Pre-Conference Masterclass A 2.00pm – 5.00pm

**Richard Frankland MA**
Cultural Safety – Koorreen Cultural Safety Program

### Day 1: Tuesday 12 September

#### Opening Plenary 9.00am – 10.30am

**MC – Gerry Moore**
**Welcome to Country**
**Welcome Message**
Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training
**Welcome Performance**
**Welcome Address**
**Keynote Presentation:**
Dr Sarah Kastelic, National Indian Child Welfare Association (USA)

**Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition**

#### Concurrent Sessions 1 - 8 11.00am – 12.30pm

1. The Unacceptable Removal of Children from Family
2. Early Childhood Services – The Jobs for Families Child Care Funding Package
3. The Legal Process of Child Removal – Problems and Failings
4. Stolen Generations, Inter-Generational Trauma and Healing
5. Redressing Causes of Removal – Holistic and Community-Based Family Support Services
6. Partnerships and Commitments Between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations and Government
7. Successful Cultural and Spiritual Programs
8. Parents and Families as First Teachers – Early Intervention and Support Programs

**Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition**

### Day 2: Wednesday 13 September

#### Plenary 9.00am – 10.30am

**MC – Gerry Moore**
**Performance**
**Plenary Panel Presentation:**
*Bring Them Home – Securing the Rights of our Children*
**Facilitator:** Larrissa Behrendt
**Panelists:** Mick Dodson AM, Natalie Lewis, Jim Morrison, Richard Weston

**Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition**

#### Concurrent Sessions 25 - 32 11.00am – 12.30pm

26. Empowering Communities and Families in Decision Making
27. Family Violence – Impacts on Children and Child Removal
28. Integrated Early Years Care – Self-Determination and Support for Children and Families
30. Ensuring Cultural Connections for Children
31. Support for Children in Out-of-Home Care – Health and Connection Initiatives
32. Cultural Connections, Strength and Education for Our Children

**Lunch, Poster Presentations (Presenters Available) & Exhibition**

### Day 3: Thursday 14 September

#### Plenary 9.00am – 10.30am

**MC – Gerry Moore**
**Performance**
**Keynote Address:**
Professor Muriel Bamblett AM
**Keynote Address:**
Mick Gooda

**Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition**

#### Concurrent Sessions 49 - 56 11.00am – 12.30pm

49. Royal Commission Experiences and Findings
50. Self-Determination in Child Protection in Victoria (Section 18)
51. Family Matters - Partnership and Advocacy
52. Leaving Care – Support and Cultural Planning for Young People Transitioning to Independent Living
53. The Importance of Culture in Education
54. Working with a Trauma-Informed Approach
55. Early Connections and Attachment – Infant Massage
56. Early Childhood Community Partnerships
57. Support, Strength and Action of Practitioners

**Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition**
Pre-Conference Masterclass B  2.00pm – 5.00pm
Dr Kyllie Cripps

Concurrent Sessions 9 - 16  1.30pm – 3.00pm
63 Early Childhood Services – Jobs for Families Child Care Reforms and the Future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services
62 Reconnecting and Returning Children to Country
61 Key Changes and Trends in Child Protection Legislation Across Australia
60 The Voice of Community – The Voice of Children
59 Kinship Care, Therapeutic Kinship Care and Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Carers
58 Transition to School – Continuing Support for Children and Families
57 Working in Partnership – Experiences Supporting Families and Early Childhood Development
56 Developing Culturally Competent Practice
55 Working Together for the Cultural Connections of Children in Out-of-Home Care and Youth Detention

Concurrent Sessions 17 - 24  3.30pm – 5.00pm
27 Permanency Planning Trends – Achieving Stability for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children
26 Cultural Connections for Children in Out-of-Home Care
25 Supporting Families – Wrap-around Supports and Integrated Models in the Early Years
24 Early Years Education and the Transition to School
23 Family Matters Advocacy
22 Songlines, Art and Connections to Culture in Early Childhood Education
21 Engaging and Supporting Families through Yarning – Intensive Family Support, Health and Mental Health
20 Towards Genuine Partnerships Between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations and Mainstream Services
19 Cultural Practice and Leadership within Child Protection Departments

Concurrent Sessions 17 - 24  3.30pm – 5.00pm

Concurrent Sessions 33 - 40  1.30pm – 3.00pm
43 Stolen Generations and Residential Schools - Australian and International Experiences
42 Working with a Trauma Informed Approach
41 Family Violence – Best Practice Policy and Practice Approaches
40 Culture and Accountability in Legal Child Protection Proceedings
39 Family Participation in Child Protection Decision Making
38 Reconnecting Children to Culture and Country
37 Culturally Safe and Connected Early Childhood Education and Care
36 Partnerships and Programs for Children with a Disability
35 Communication, Training and Support for Practitioners

Concurrent Sessions 41 - 48  3.30pm – 5.00pm
36 Building a Strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Sector
35 Towards Court Processes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families
34 Stories of the Stolen Generations
33 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Supporting Families and Children
32 Child Protection and Youth Justice – Links, Pathways and Supports
31 Family Violence – Working with Women, With a Strengths-Based Approach
30 Cultural Practice and Community in Early Childhood Development and Care
29 Supporting Families

Optional Conference Dinner, Old Parliament House, 7.00pm – 10.00pm (prior purchase of tickets required)

Closing Plenary  1.30pm – 3.00pm
MC – Gerry Moore
Performance
Plenary Panel Presentation:
Looking Forward and Taking Action: It’s Time to Get It Right
Facilitator: Justin Mohamed
Panelists: Andrew Jackomos PSM, Megan Mitchell, Dr Jackie Huggins, June Oscar AO
Closing Address
Conference Closing Remarks
Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition
PRE-CONFERENCE MASTERCLASS A

Monday 11 September | Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm | Venue: National Convention Centre | Cost: Earlybird $125 / Standard $145

**Cultural Safety**
Koorreen Cultural Safety Program

**Richard Frankland MA**

**Associate Professor, Associate Dean Inclusion & Diversity and Head of Wilin Centre VCA MCM Faculty, University of Melbourne, Melbourne**

Topics of discussion include:
- Cultural Meaning and Identity
- What is Cultural Safety?
- Forces For and Against Cultural Safety
- Trauma
- Reclaiming Cultural Safety
- Cultural Safety from the Inside
- Cultural Loads
- Cultural Platforms

This masterclass begins with an introduction to cross cultural awareness, involving general discussion and insight into pre-contact, contact and post-contact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia.

The masterclass then moves on to instruction and discussion on issues of cultural safety, cultural loads and cultural foundations (pylons and platforms). This includes determining what is cultural safety, cultural loads and cultural foundations. Sourcing from research including ‘Restoring Cultural Safety in Aboriginal Victoria’ research, discussion will be prompted and guided as to what is cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Finally, the masterclass looks at policy creation—creating policy about alleviating cultural loads, making culturally safe pathways and determining culturally safe environments.

**Richard Frankland MA**

Richard Frankland is a proud Gunditjmara Man who lives on country in south-west Victoria.

His roles include an Investigator for the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Royal Commission, Fisherman, Musician, Author, Writer for Live Theatre, Screen Writer, Director of Stage and Screen, Theatrical Producer, CEO, Keynote Speaker for Theatrical Institutions, Workshop Facilitator and Key Note Speaker in Indigenous Issues including Lateral Violence, Cultural Safety, Community Capacity Building and most importantly, Family Man.

Richard’s lifelong work has been to facilitate the voice of Indigenous Australians via his many public personas.

Richard constantly reminds people that: “We are not a problem people, we are people with a problem and that problem was colonisation”.

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Dr Kyllie Cripps

Acting Director, Indigenous Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales

Some 27 years ago, Judy Atkinson, one of the first Australian Indigenous women to write about Indigenous family violence, made the following statement:

Family violence is a cancerous disease that is destroying us, eating at the very heart of our culture, and our future as a people. Women are being maimed and killed, children’s lives scarred, and our young men sentenced to prison and further cycles of abuse and self abuse….

We’re killing ourselves. If we don’t do something NOW there won’t be a future for us. It’s not a women’s problem. It isn’t a men’s problem either. It’s a community problem and the whole community has to be involved, to be told what’s happening... [and to] take responsibility for finding solutions. (Atkinson, 1990c: 3, 17)

Unfortunately, in the considerable time that has since passed, not a lot has changed. The violence has escalated to epidemic proportions.

Indigenous leaders and the Australian government have now acknowledged that Indigenous people need “extreme actions” to combat an “extreme situation” (Dodson 2003). In 2007, the Commonwealth government defined the extreme actions in punitive terms including quarantining welfare payments, alcohol restrictions, and increased law and order measures. The effectiveness or otherwise of these measures are widely debated. The need for innovative solutions that embrace and support not only individual self-determination but also the self determination of families and communities has been recognised in more than 20 years of government reports and literature in this space. But what does self-determination mean in practice? And how does it apply in the context of family violence when it intersects with the child protection system?

This masterclass will discuss the practical measures that have been developed by Indigenous communities, in Australia and internationally, that embrace self-determination and are intuitive to the specific cultural and social context in which the violence takes place. A critical reflective lens will be used to demonstrate how these responses are making a difference in the lives of Indigenous women, children and men.

Participants attending this Master class will work in groups to discuss innovative and creative ways of addressing specific case studies that intersect the family violence child protection space. The practical engagement in the case studies will facilitate a dialogue on what works and what does not work both in terms of law, policy and practice, and in respect of prevention, early intervention, crisis and longer term care.

Dr Kyllie Cripps

Dr Kyllie Cripps is a Senior Lecturer and Acting Director of the Indigenous Law Centre in the Law Faculty at the University of New South Wales. Kyllie, as a Pallawah woman, has worked extensively over the past twenty years in the areas of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse with Indigenous communities, defining areas of need and considering intervention options at multiple levels. She has led three major Australian Research Council grants in the areas of Indigenous family violence including one defining and contextualising Indigenous and non-Indigenous community and service sector understandings and practices of partnerships in the family violence sector. The research in this area was significant for identifying gaps and opportunities in the sector that could facilitate improvements in service responses to Indigenous family violence. Kyllie’s most recent ARC work and that of her fellow CI’s (Megan Davis and Annie Cossins) explores ‘The role of cultural factors in the sentencing of Indigenous sex offenders in the Northern Territory’. The project involves an empirical analysis of the extent to which extra-legal factors about sexuality and Indigenous culture influence the sentencing of Indigenous sex offenders in the NT. The study will produce needed evidence to support future NT policy, legal practice and law reform relating to sentencing in sexual assault cases with broader application to other Australian jurisdictions. Kyllie is also undertaking research presently in the area of ‘failure to protect’ exploring the impact of policy and legislation for Aboriginal mothers charged with failing to protect their children in contexts of family violence.

Kyllie’s expertise in the area of interpersonal violence is regularly recognised with invitations to provide advice to state and federal governments. This is demonstrated in her publications, in her public speaking and her appointments to state and federal ministerial committees responding to family violence. She also routinely provides advice and training to professional groups interested in her areas of expertise.
**Keynote Address:**

**Dr Sarah L. Kastelic** PhD, MSW

Protecting our Children, Preserving our Culture: Recent U.S. Policy Developments Supporting Effective Implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act

The formal child welfare system in the United States was established about 100 years ago. In Indian Country, however, the formal child welfare system was not established until much later. In 1978, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) acknowledged the authority of tribal governments to be involved in the lives of their member children.

In 2014–2016, a constellation of new federal policies greatly strengthened the implementation of ICWA. The first-ever legally binding regulations addressing state child welfare agencies and courts became effective in December 2016. Implementation guidelines clarifying good child welfare practice and citing specific examples of approaches to meet the standards in the regulations were also developed. Finally, there were new requirements for states to collect data on ICWA-eligible children that track the experience of Native children in the child welfare system, providing a mechanism to monitor compliance with ICWA. Collectively these policies provide increased protections for Native children, keeping more families and communities together.

This keynote address will focus on provisions related to ‘active efforts’ to provide family support and prevent unnecessary removal of a child, and to reunify a child with their family whenever possible; limitations on ‘good cause’ not to transfer jurisdiction of a proceeding to tribal court; and different types of tribal intervention in ICWA cases.
Creating Koorie-Inclusive Early Childhood and Child Care Environments
Supporting early years educators across Victoria to develop early childhood and child care (ECCC) services and kindergartens that are welcoming and culturally inclusive for Koorie children, parents, families and community.
Geraldine Atkinson (Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI))

The Legal Process of Child Removal – Problems and Failings
How the Attitudes of Lawyers and the Legal Process can Condemn Rather than Protect Aboriginal Children
How the attitudes of lawyers, and the legal process, can condemn rather than protect Aboriginal children.
Gemma Slack-Smith (Aboriginal Legal Service)

Stolen Generations, Inter-Generational Trauma and Healing
Addressing the Need for Healing Following Multi-Generational Effects of the Removal Policy
The presentation examines the role of healing centres.
Jim Morrison (West Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation)

Stolen Generation – Trauma, Attachment and (Dys)functional Responses
Examining the historical effects of trauma on children as a consequence of their removal (Stolen Generation) from family and subsequent placement in missions and other institutions.
Roy Tester (Relationships Australia WA)

The Grief Feels Real
“We hug each other like it’s the last time that you could possibly see each other”.
Judith Ahmat (Cue) (Boutique Consultant)

Redressing Causes of Removal – Holistic and Community-Based Family Support Services
Redressing Causes of Removal – Working Closely with Families to Develop and Deliver Services that Build the Resilience and Capacity of Families to Keep Children at Home
Innovative and practical ways of working with parents and carers in the development of services and solutions that assist in keeping children and young people in care with their families.
Charmayne Stenhouse & Eunice Bartlett (Aboriginal Family Support Services)

Holistic Aboriginal Child and Family Services
Holistic Aboriginal child and family services.
Paul Gray (AbSec)

Stronger Communities for Children: Communities Driving Better Outcomes for Children and Families in the Northern Territory
In this presentation, community members from three Stronger Communities for Children sites will talk about how the model is gaining strong support at the local level because of the way it integrates family, community and culture into all aspects of way the program works.
Olivia Couch & Taren Williams (Ninti One)

Partnerships and Commitments Between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations and Government
Kimberley Aboriginal Children in Care
Collaboration to reduce Kimberley Aboriginal children in state care.
David Wirken & Janine Dureau (Aarnja Ltd)

Beyond Good Intentions – Support to ACCOs and their Kids
Presenting Beyond Good Intentions - a statement of commitment underpinned by seven principles to actively support and advocate for a fair, just and restorative child and family welfare service system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
Dana Pyne (Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People’s Alliance) & Deb Tsorbaris (Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare)
Strengthening Self-Determination through Case Work Practice
The presentation will demonstrate how the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency’s (VACCA) Aboriginal Liaison workers (ALW) support and build on cultural competence within mainstream services to ensure that they are providing Aboriginal people and their families with a culturally safe response; how we strengthen and assess the safety, stability and development of children, and how this is supported through our work from Intake through to Case Management using a strength-based approach.
Phyllis Rose & Samantha Shortis (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)

Successful Cultural and Spiritual Programs
Strengthening Social, Emotional and Spiritual Wellbeing of Families and Children: Promising Findings from the Community Wellbeing Program in Bairnsdale Area (Victoria)
The Community Wellbeing Program is a collaborative community development project that aims to strengthen social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of children aged 3-12 years in five participating primary schools and early childhood services in Bairnsdale.
Shaun Coade & Belinda Blundell (Berry Street Victoria (Take Two - Aboriginal Team) & Latrobe University Social Work and Social Policy)

Connecting to Country, Kin and Culture: Young Mob, Schools and Positive Youth Development
This experiential workshop provides an opportunity to learn from Aboriginal young people and experience firsthand how a positive youth development program, which connects young people to their history and culture, is changing the way they engage with their schools.
Sophia Romano, Mark Thorne & Matthew Webb (World Vision Australia)

Parents and Families as First Teachers – Early Intervention and Support Programs
Early Parenting Education to Strengthen Aboriginal Parents in a Remote Area: The Development and Piloting of a Group Programme
This presentation will discuss the Parents As Teacher’s project, including how it came about, who was involved in project, the project process, the significance of the project, and the impact it will have upon the Aboriginal children and families accessing these services. The project is an example of a successful collaboration between an NGO focused on developing practice and a University as research partner. Through this collaboration we have been able to work together to adapt a recognised evidence-based parenting program to meet the needs of Aboriginal families in a rural context in a way that is culturally meaningful and respectful.
Jodi Burnstein (Barnardos)

Community Collaboration for Early Intervention
This session will explore the positive journey of the Aboriginal Families as First Educators program, including detailing our success in integrating the Abecedarian Approach Australia (3a) and allow participants to view and trial customised 3a activities.
Lynne Beckingham (Catholic Education WA)

Aboriginal Building Connections – A Community Focused Program Dealing with Entrenched Conflict in Families
ABC is a psycho-education post-separation parenting program that focuses on raising awareness of the risk of harm to children when there are high levels of unresolved and entrenched conflict between separated parents.
Stuart McMinn (Interrelate)

Concurrent Sessions 9 – 16
1.30pm – 3.00pm
31 Early Childhood Services – Jobs for Families Child Care Reforms and the Future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services
Our Early Childhood Services are Essential for Our Children: The Impact of the Australian Government Jobs for Families Child Care Package
A panel and discussion on the impact of policy reforms in the early childhood education and care space on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children through the implementation of the Jobs for Families Child Care package.
Geraldine Atkinson (SNAICC – National Voice for our Children)

Reconnecting and Returning Children to Country
Walk this way Home, Wamba Wamba Country
Discussing their experience of returning children to country, connecting them to family, culture and land.
Lowana Moore (Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc.) & Bobby Wise-Moore

Key Changes and Trends in Child Protection Legislation Across Australia
Key Changes and Trends in Child Protection Legislation Across Australia
This interactive panel discussion will feature speakers from jurisdictions that have recently reviewed and amended their child protection legislation, or are in the process of doing so – such as Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia.
Sharron Williams (Aboriginal Family Support Services, South Australia), Natalie Lewis (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child...
Protection Peak), Donna Kickett (Family Matters, Western Australia), Will Hayward (Family Matters, Western Australia), Michael Hogan (Director-General, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, Queensland) & Lisa Coulson (Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc.)

“Our Mob, Our Voice”: Creating an Annual Scorecard of Child Protection Reform in Queensland

“Our Mob, Our Voice” combines community narrative and statistical data to present the first QFCC annual report with an exclusive focus on progress made toward reducing over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in the Queensland child protection system.

Dr Kelly Dingli (Queensland Family and Child Commission)

The Voice of Community – The Voice of Children

Empowering Communities and Youth

This session will outline AbSec’s recent efforts to include and empower Aboriginal communities within the child and family sector, within the context of significant government-led reform.

Stevie Kirby (AbSec)

KiDs SAY Cards – Keeping KiDs SAFE – Growing Them Strong

The Winangay KiDs SAY workshop will showcase the latest KiDs SAY participation resources and provide opportunities for participants to use them.

Aunty Suzanne Blacklock AM, Paula Hayden, Gillian Bonser & Karen Menzies (Winangay Resources Inc.)

Kinship Care, Therapeutic Kinship Care and Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Carers

Building Capacity Through Genuine Partnership and Collaboration

Using a Group Program for Kinship Carers that is reflective and respectful, and assists them in reconnecting children to their community and culture.

Chris Hutchinson (Australian Childhood Foundation)

Woon-yah Ngullah Goorlanggass: Towards a Model of Culturally Strong, Therapeutic Kinship Care for Aboriginal Children, Young People and their Families

Woon-yah Ngullah Goorlanggass which means ‘Caring for Our Children’ in the Nyungar language, is an innovative therapeutic kinship care program which focuses on supporting Aboriginal kinship carers address a critical gap in service provision to the vulnerable group.

Glenda Kickett & Shaun Chandran (Australian Childhood Foundation)

“Other Home Care” – Keeping our Kids on Country and in Culture

This paper will provide an overview of the partnership models used to provide culturally appropriate “Other Home Care” for Aboriginal kids on country.

Jennifer Hannan AM & Delvine Davis (MacKillop Family Services) & Francis Khan (MacKillop Family Services/Woolakabming Kiaka Incorporated)

Transition to School – Continuing Support for Children and Families

Journey to Big School: Experiences of Implementing an Effective Transition to School Process

This presentation will provide an overview of the success and challenges to trigger positive change in how the primary schools in Halls Creek in Western Australia, and Cherbourg in Queensland, welcome and prepare for the enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Kate Booth (SNAICC – National Voice for our Children) & Tiana Woodhouse (Wunan)

Deadly Beginnings-Deadly Futures: Providing Continuity of Support Through the Homework Club Model

This presentation will explore an innovative model for a homework centre that enables continuation of support for playgroup children and their families as they move into the school system.

Julie Bertram, Renee Chalmers & Shareen Clayton (Bankstown Community Resource Group)

Multidisciplinary School Readiness Program at Oorunga Wundarrah MACs Centre

A review of the school readiness outcomes for children, resulting from the partnership between Tharawal AMS Oorunga Wundarrah MACs Centre and South Western Sydney Local Health District.

Joanne O’Brien, Renee Nolan & Jessica Sheaves (South Western Sydney Local Health District and Tharawal AMS Oorunga Wundarrah MACs Centre) & Mary Chatfield (Oorunga Wundarrah MACs Centre)

Working in Partnership – Experiences Supporting Families and Early Childhood Development

Palm Island Children and Family Centre – The Impact of Genuine Locally Grown Services: “Successful Families, Successful Communities”

This presentation draws on the experience of the Palm Island Community Company over nearly a decade to explore the factors contributing to success in strengthening families, early childhood development and dramatically reducing the number of Palm Island children taken into state care.

Rachel Atkinson (Palm Island Community Company)
Together for the Long Haul: Sustainable Partnerships on Palm Island
Partnerships between Cathy Freeman Foundation, HIPPY Australia and the Palm Island community and how the longevity, trust and mutual respect between the community and these organisations contributes to program outcomes and long-term positive change.
Sandra Andrews (HIPPY Australia) & Boleen Gorringe & Lekara Wallis (Cathy Freeman Foundation)

What’s Working in Early Childhood Education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families – An Integrated Service Approach
Family Support and Integrated Services. What’s Working? What’s Not?
Charlie Wicking (Mackay Children and Family Centre)
18 Cultural Connections for Children in Out-of-Home Care

Cultural Support Planning: Keeping Children Connected with Family, Community and Culture
This presentation will provide a case example to highlight the integral role of cultural support planning for Aboriginal children in out-of-home care and its key role in case planning.

Stacey Moate (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)

Connection to Culture – Keeping Children and Young People in the Out-of-Home Care System Connected to Their Family, Community and Culture
An innovative and practical approach to keeping children and young people (in out-of-home care) connected to family, community and culture.

Barb Falla & Leeanne Witenko (Aboriginal Family Support Services)

Cultural Support in Practice – The Importance of Cultural Identity
Presentation of Life Without Barriers commitment to Keeping Culture through our Cultural Support planning.

Dean Duncan, Malcolm Gollan, Leonie Lippitt, Les Ahoy & Tony Sibosado (Life Without Barriers)

19 Supporting Families – Wrap-around Supports and Integrated Models in the Early Years

A Whole of System Support for Redressing Causes of Removal
Overview of a wrap-around model for supporting children and families.

Kathy Crouch & Rhonda McInnes (Mallee District Aboriginal Services)

Berrimba Childcare Centre & Early Years Service
From its early beginnings, Njernda Aboriginal Corporation’s Berrimba Childcare Centre has grown and now provides wrap-around Early Years Services to Aboriginal Families and Children in Echuca Victoria.

Ms Leona Cooper, Joycie Ronan-Ward & Kym Warde (Njernda Aboriginal Corporation)

Pathways to Change – Engaging and Supporting Aboriginal and Vulnerable Families
Strategies and success stories for working with Aboriginal and vulnerable families.

Allison West & Trent Hilton (Winanga-li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre)

20 Early Years Education and the Transition to School

Little J & Big Cuz Early Years Panel
This panel will focus on the importance of the early years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Speaker TBA (SNAICC – National Voice for our Children)

21 Songlines, Art and Connections to Culture in Early Childhood Education

“Weaving Our Songlines Home Wherever we are… and Wherever we May Travel”
Sharing my Story as an Early Childhood Teacher with a disability yet through culture and art bringing both our Children and me as an Educator home to our Belonging as A&TSI Peoples.

Jinneecka Don (Creche & Kindergarten Association)

Bringing our Children Home… Our Present… Their Journey, our Elders Guidance and Wisdom
Sharing our Story as a remote Western Cape York Community who has brought a 21st Century model of self-determination for our Early Childhood Campus, anchoring our Children’s Belonging with their timeless Culture that our Elders Knowledge Wisdom Guidance and Counsel bring into all our lifelong learnings.

Trisha Schuh (Creche & Kindergarten Association)

Our 21st Century Song line home… Our Children, Our Country; Our Knowledge; Our Tomorrows…
‘Bringing the Children Home’ for our remote Gulf Community, has been about unique, place-based, self-determination strategies for Early Childhood Education, together with reconnecting our young People with their land, their time, their Songlines, their culture and their identity. . .

Patricia aka Laylee Armstrong (Creche & Kindergarten Association)

Quilting Hands… Heart and Spirit
I am honoured to be able to share my passion and also look forward to being with other Artists and Quilters at the Conference and learning so much more about art techniques, the role of art in our Cultural Songlines and myself and my identity as an Artist.

Jinneecka Don (Creche & Kindergarten Association)
Engaging and Supporting Families through Yarning – Intensive Family Support, Health and Mental Health

Yarning About Breastfeeding: Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents and Community – Celebrating Our Stories
Sharing the story of the development and use of the Yarning about Breastfeeding booklet.
Simone Andy (VACCHO)

Yarning Up Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Early Years – What do we do?
Exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives to improve children’s mental health and wellbeing.
Judy Kynaston (Early Childhood Australia)

The Development and Use of the Yarning Mat in the Intensive Family Support Service Program in the Northern Territory
Presentation and demonstration of the Yarning Mat as a tool for the provision of accessible and culturally appropriate services to families in an evidenced-informed intensive family support service model to improve child outcomes.
Faye Parriman & Toni Woods (Parenting Research Centre)

Towards Genuine Partnerships Between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations and Mainstream Services

Partnership, Collaboration and Relationships: The Journey Taken to Develop a Partnership Between Two Community Controlled Organisations and One Mainstream Organisation
This session will be exploring the development of a genuine partnership between two community controlled organisations with a mainstream organisation, the processes, challenges and successes. It is a story of our journey which will continue for a long time to come.
Julie Nelson (Yadeni Tago) & Margie Luta (Kurbingui Youth Development)

Yarn and Craft Group – A ‘Soft-Entry’ Approach to Engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families into a Mainstream Service
We would like to share our challenges and successes of establishing and sustaining strong relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.
Sharman Backhouse (The Benevolent Society) & Karyn Costello (WuChopperen Health Service)

Cultural Practice and Leadership within Child Protection Departments

Growing Our Own in Practice
As Aboriginal Practitioners working in a child protection system that can make a difference in practice for Aboriginal children and families and their local Aboriginal Communities.
Tracy Rigney (Department for Child Protection)

Cultural Leadership – A Journey Towards Understanding in the Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Context
Presents an innovative leadership program that creates an environment where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal leaders can learn alongside and from one another, bridging the cultural gap in the spirit of two-way learning.
Tracey Ninnette (Department for Child Protection and Family Support)
Council. Larissa was awarded the 2009 NAIDOC Person of the Year award and 2011 NSW Australian of the Year. She is the host of Speaking Out on the ABC Local Radio and Radio National.

Participants:
- **Mick Dodson AM** (Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University & Professor of Law, ANU College of Law, Canberra)
- **Natalie Lewis** (CEO, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak, Queensland)
- **Jim Morrison** (Co-Chair, West Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, Western Australia)
- **Richard Weston** (CEO, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation)

**Concurrent Sessions 25 – 32**
11.00am – 12.30pm

**25 National Reform Processes in Child Protection – NFPAC and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle**

The National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2009-2020: Latest Developments and Future Directions

Reflecting the tripartite nature of the National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2009-2020, Families Australia, the Commonwealth Department of Social Services, and the Queensland Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services will join together to discuss current national policy responses to child safety and wellbeing concerns and explore how policy can be further developed to better respond to the needs of children in families.

Dr Brian Babington (Families Australia), Department of Social Services (Commonwealth Government) & Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Queensland Government)

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group of the National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children – Implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle

In this presentation, Working Group member and CEO of QATSICPP, Natalie Lewis will discuss the development of the best practice framework and baseline analysis, and outline a strong vision for greater accountability and practice development towards achieving full compliance with the ATSICPP.

Natalie Lewis (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak)

**26 Empowering Communities and Families in Decision Making**

Knowledge Circles: Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities Through Giving Voice and Real Participation

QATSICPP developed the concept of Knowledge Circles to ensure that the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Queensland were heard and there was real participation.

Candice Butler & Nadia Currie (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak Ltd)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voices in Child Protection Decision Making

This research explores Indigenous perspectives on meaningful participation in decision-making in child protection matters and will make recommendations on ways to implement families’ and communities’ participatory rights. This presentation will report on this research that commenced in 2017.

A/Prof Terri Libesman & Wendy Hermeston (UTS Law) & Gemma Slack-Smith (Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT)

Redefining Aboriginal Community Control and Shifting the Power Back into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities, Families and Children

Redefining Aboriginal Community Control in the Child Protection Sector.

Nadia Currie (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak Ltd)

**27 Family Violence – Impacts on Children and Child Removal**

Family Violence: A Key Focus for the Prevention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Removal

This presentation will discuss the linkages between child protection and family violence, and identify lessons from the on-the-ground experience of Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services of providing support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

Antoinette Braybrook (National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services)

Indigenous Men and Family Violence

We will take a look at how Aboriginal men’s programs in Australia are addressing the complex issues of fathering, family violence and abuse.

David Gallant & Shawana Andrews (The University of Melbourne)

#Whatyoudontsee Family Violence Campaign

#Whatyoudontsee family violence campaign features 4 short film clips that focus on an Aboriginal family and their exposure to family violence. The films were developed by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) to educate community around the impacts of family violence on children.

Carlina Black (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)
19 Integrated Early Years Care – Self-Determination and Support for Children and Families

True and Authentic Self-Determination – A Success Story
Participants will see how a successful model ensures that Aboriginal children and families become self-determining in their own lives. This presentation will bring to light how the strengths based four part integrated model, underpinned by the notion of self-determination, is ensuring positive health, wellbeing and educational outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Angie Zerella, Jeddah Charles, Doug Fargher & Caitlin Cannon-Horton
(Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre)

Aboriginal Play Groups Building Connection, Skills and Relationships in Community
A short paper on Aboriginal play groups.

Malinda Summerfield & Elsa Kirby (Mdas)

Integrated Child and Family Services as a Core Focus in a Primary Health Care Model
An Integrated model of child and family services as a core part of comprehensive primary health care.

Donna Ah Chee (Central Australian Aboriginal Congress)

20 Ensuring Cultural Connections for Children
The Bill of Rights for Children with Parents Inside
This presentation will discuss why Tjillari Justice focused on developing a Bill of Rights for Children with parents inside correctional centres, the research that underpins the project, and the partnerships supporting the use of these rights in decisions made about the placement of Aboriginal Children.

Deb Evans (Tjillari Justice Aboriginal Corporation)

Connecting Children to Culture at a Very Young Age
Connecting young children to Aboriginal culture in a fun way.

Larry Brandy (Larry Brandy Aboriginal Storyteller)

21 Support for Children in Out-of-Home Care – Health and Connection Initiatives
Developmental Health and Wellbeing of Urban Aboriginal Children in Out-of-Home Care: KARI’s Clinic
A discussion around therapeutic intervention for children in OOHC.

Shannon Thorne, Monique Beglinger & Stephanie Ruston (KARI)

Out-of-Home Care – Connected to People and Place
With reunification as a primary goal, Territory Families NT and Lifestyle Solutions Aust work in partnership to deliver an OOHC Community Based Children’s Service in Tennant Creek Northern Territory.

Michelle Bates (Lifestyle Solutions Australia) & Dorrelle Anderson (Territory Families)

22 Cultural Connections, Strength and Education for Our Children
Maintaining Connection to Family, Culture and Community; Strategies for Enhancing Indigenous High School Completion in Remote Australia
Stories from the Whole of Community Engagement initiative led by Charles Darwin University helps bring to light the numbers from the NATSISS.

Michael Bullot (Australian Bureau of Statistics) & A/Prof. James Smith
(2017 Equity Fellow National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education; hosted by the Office of Pro Vice Chancellor Indigenous Leadership, Charles Darwin University)
Strengthening Indigenous Leadership and Governance in Remote Education Contexts: A Key Strategy for Supporting Aspirations to Complete High School and Pursue Higher Education

The narrative coming out of research undertaken through the Whole of Community Engagement initiative at Charles Darwin University (CDU) reinforces NATSISS findings.

Michael Bullot (Australian Bureau of Statistics) & A/Prof. James Smith (2017 Equity Fellow National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education; hosted by the Office of Pro Vice Chancellor Indigenous Leadership, Charles Darwin University)

Racism, Remoteness, and Aboriginal Pride: Identifying Seeds of School Disengagement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children

To understand the perversity and impact of racism on our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children.

A/Prof. Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews (Centre for the Advancement of Indigenous Knowledges, University of Technology Sydney)

Concurrent Sessions 33 – 40
1.30pm – 3.00pm

33.1 Stolen Generations and Residential Schools – Australian and International Experiences

The Parramatta Native Institution: Where it all Began
The Parramatta Native Institution (1814-1822) established by Governor Lachlan Macquarie, was the first government act of removing Aboriginal children from their families, so they could be ‘educated, civilised and Christianised’ then assimilated into the European way of life.

Rosemary Norman-Hill (Kirrawe Indigenous Corporation)

Canada’s Stolen Generations: Redress Responses to the Indian Residential School System
This presentation will discuss the Canadian residential schools settlement and contrast it with developments in redress and reconciliation in Australia since the Bringing Them Home report was published in 1997.

Alister McKeich (Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service)

33.2 Working with a Trauma Informed Approach

The Magic of Metaphors: How we are Engaging Women at Risk to Prevent Trauma in Young Children
‘Healing Our Children’ is an early intervention and prevention program developed by Aboriginal women for Aboriginal women to invite them into non-shaming conversations about the effects of violence on children, to promote safety and to prevent trauma.

Lucy Van Sambeek (Relationships Australia NT)

34 Family Violence - Best Practice Policy and Practice Approaches

Best Practice Family Violence Response and Prevention for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families
Based on a collaboration between SNAICC - National Voice for our Children, the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum (NFVPLS) and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS), this panel will discuss best practice in family response and prevention to promote the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children.

Rachel Atkinson (SNAICC - National Voice for our Children) & Antoinette Braybrook (National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum)

35 Culture and Accountability in Legal Child Protection Proceedings

Bringing Culture to the Fore in Child Protection Proceedings through the Evidence of Cultural Experts – A Case Study of NAAJA Collaborating with the Burnawarra Elders Group in Maningrida
A case study of how collaborating with elders’ groups can be used to bring crucial cultural evidence to the fore in child protection proceedings.

Amy Williams & Alexandria Jones (NAAJA)

Accountability in Child Protection Practice – A Western Australian Perspective
Through examples taken from real cases and from the governing legislation, ALSWA will illustrate its concerns around accountability in child protection and expose some of the failings in the existing system in Western Australia. Consideration will be given to changes that could be made to the current system to improve accountability and increase the prospect that any Indigenous child, who is the subject of child protection intervention, will ultimately remain with family and on country.

Neil Anderson (Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Inc)

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle (ATSICPP): IT’S THE LAW!
Examination of the implementation and application of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle: Implementation, best practice and law reform.

Gemma Slack-Smith (Aboriginal Legal Service)
Family Participation in Child Protection Decision Making

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family-led Decision Making
A workshop on the strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family-led decision-making approaches and the successes and challenges of organisations and practitioners implementing them.
Paul Ferris (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency), Cindy Namok (Port Kennedy Association) & Stevie Kirby (AbSec)

Aboriginal Family Planning Circle
The Aboriginal Family Planning Circle (AFPC) offers an opportunity to build and enhance on safety and strength within Aboriginal families’ through an integrated support network to empower Aboriginal families having difficulties accessing services. This session is for all community service workers interested in new and unique approaches to working with Aboriginal families in culturally appropriate and respectful way.
Jackie Stewart (Family and Community Services)

Culturally Safe and Connected Early Childhood Education and Care

Building Culturally Safe Early Childhood Education and Care: The Experiences of the Aboriginal Children’s Centre
The Aboriginal Children’s Centre (ACC) is a licensed Child Care Centre in Southern Tasmania at piyura kitina (Risdon cove). The ACC’s approach is focused on providing an environment where children can thrive through building their belonging to their land, culture and community.
Lisa Cripps & Lisa Coulson (Tasmanian Aboriginal Children’s Centre)

Aboriginal Family Planning Circle

Who is an Aboriginal Child?
VACCA will present a case study where the Aboriginal identity of one child in out-of-home care has been the subject of question, challenge, verification, status check, confirmation, legislative definition, onus of proof and ultimately, denial.
Anna Gibson & Kylie Bell (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)

Return to Country Framework
This presentation provides an overview of the Return to Country Framework developed by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and the Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative (GEGAC). It includes a definition of what we mean by Return to Country based on the experience of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care, their families and our staff.
Tiffany Hood & Kerry Stringer (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency) & Alyson Fergusson (Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative (GEGAC))

Reconnecting Aboriginal Children in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) to Family, Kin, Country and Culture
KARI providing best practice in reconnecting Aboriginal children in OOHC to Family, Kin, Country and Culture.
Nicole Alexander (KARI)

Partnerships and Programs for Children with a Disability

Successfully Extending the Reach and Quality of Project Work in Regional and Remote Communities through a Partnership Between an Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Organisation
This presentation will explore how a national government project has sought guidance around best practice from First Peoples Disability Network to better support families and school staff in regional and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
Rachael Dillon & Maria Watson-Trudgett (Positive Partnerships (Autism Spectrum Australia)), & June Riemer (First Peoples Disability Network)

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children on the Autism Spectrum and Other Diverse Learners through Strengthening Relationships between Families, School Staff and Local Community Organisations
This presentation will showcase how a targeted school and community program in Walhallow, NSW, empowered school staff to collaborate with the wider community to successfully run a family workshop on supporting the needs of all children in the community, in particular those children with diverse learning and behavioural needs.
Rachael Dillon (Positive Partnerships (Autism Spectrum Australia))
Communication, Training and Support for Practitioners

Building Relationships and Reflection through the Voice of Baby
This presentation will offer an overview of how the wisdom of unborn children and reflective practice has been turned into a training course for staff who work with complex families. This presentation will share feedback and experiences from the two pilot training courses offered in Swan Hill, Victoria, and demonstrate some of the resources that are included in the course.

Kathy Crouch & Ada Peterson (Mdas)

Socialisation, Building Capacity and Impact in a Fragmented Sector: An Evaluation of The Indigenous-Led and -Developed First 1000 Days Australia Short Course
To present on research into the effects and socialisation of a First 1000 Days Australia short course that aims to reframe discourse and methodologies on addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children’s needs.

Elizabeth McLachlan (Indigenous Health Equity Unit)

Towards Court Processes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families
A Way Forward for Indigenous Children in the Family Law System
The Federal Circuit Court is the first Court in Australia to launch a Reconciliation Action Plan. This presentation will discuss the aims of the Plan. In particular, it will address the need for improved access to justice for Indigenous Australians in family law.

Judge Robyn Sexton (Federal Circuit Court of Australia)

Marram-Ngala Ganbu – We Are One
The Marram-Ngala Ganbu Koori Hearing day aims to improve outcomes for Koori children involved in child protection proceedings by providing a culturally appropriate process to assist in decision making.

Ashley Morris & Magistrate Kay Macpherson (Children’s Court of Victoria)

Building a Strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Sector

Working Towards Better Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families through Building a Strong, Sustainable and Capable Sector
This presentation will focus on storylines and how these assisted QATSICPP to develop a suite of practice resources to assist frontline practitioners throughout Queensland.

Candice Butler (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak Ltd)

Building Capacity and Capability Within a Sector, the Opportunities and Challenges
Building capacity and capability within a sector, the opportunities and challenges.

Dana Hogg (AbSec)

Role of an Effective Aboriginal Peak Organisation
The purpose of the session is to share AbSec’s experience of being a peak organisation, working with stakeholders, with the view to informing others that may wish to establish their own Aboriginal community controlled peak in their jurisdiction (if there is a gap).

Jodie Porter (AbSec)

Stories of the Stolen Generations
Sharing the Stories of the Stolen Generations: Link-Up Victoria Experience
The purpose of this presentation is to share the stories of the Stolen Generations and their experiences of being separated from family, culture and country, and how hard it was for them to find out who they are and where they belong.

Ross Morgan & Lilian Arnold-Rendell (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)

Storytelling through Film—Fractured - Broken Ties: Reclaimed Lives
This session is a screening of the Link-Up Victoria film “Fractured – Broken Ties: Reclaimed Lives” which documents the life stories of four Stolen Generations. Following the screening, a survivor featured in the film will hold a Q&A session allowing the audience to connect with these powerful stories.

Ross Morgan (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Supporting Families and Children
Opening Pandora’s Box: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and Out-of-Home Care
Children with FASD in out-of-home care; and the lifelong impact of FASD. This workshop will include the powerful stories of six families, both foster and kinship carers, caring for Aboriginal children with FASD in Nyoongar country.

Robyn Williams (Curtin University)
Empowering Families by Strengthening Parents’ and Carers’ Capacity: Jandu Yani U “For All Families”

In response to family concerns, the Fitzroy Valley communities have collaborated to bring families tailored support, building capacity through training 18 residents across 10 organisations as Parent Coaches in the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P).

Cari McIlduff & Jadnah Davies (Marninwarntikura Women’s Resource Centre)

Child Protection and Youth Justice – Links, Pathways and Supports

Blackfulla Understandings, Whitefulla Learnings: Exploring the Lived Experience of Aboriginal Youth in Western Australia’s ‘Care’ Systems

The presentation will describe a research project which has examined the prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder at Banksia Hill Detention Centre—Western Australia’s only youth detention facility.

Sharynne Hamilton & Jacinta Freeman (Telethon Kids Institute)

Exploring the Pathways to Contact with Juvenile Justice: Developing a Profile of Risk and Protective Factors

This presentation will highlight the individual and family risk and protective factors associated with contact with juvenile justice.

Jocelyn Jones (National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University)

A Delicate Balance: Implementing an Indigenous Youth Justice Program and Evaluating It

A presentation and discussion on the implementation and evaluation of Regional Youth Support Services’ (RYSS) Indigenous Justice Program (IJP) for young Aboriginal people on the Central Coast of NSW.

Chris Krogh & BJ Dunkan (University of Newcastle)

Family Violence – Working with Women, With a Strengths-Based Approach

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women Affected by Family/Domestic Violence Developing & Delivering Best Practice

The focus of this presentation is for practitioners and community members working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women experiencing family/domestic violence.

Shawana Marie Andrews (School of Health Sciences - Melbourne University) & Katrina D’Angelo (SNAICC - National Voice for our Children)

What does Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Spirituality have to do with Child Safe Environments? A Strengths-based Approach to Preventing Family and Domestic Violence

A case study from communities in the North-Western suburbs of Brisbane and the remote community of Lajamanu, illustrating how these communities are taking a strengths-based approach to preventing family and domestic violence.

Grant Paulson & Sharon Nampijinpa Anderson (World Vision Australia)

Cultural Connections and Community in Early Childhood Development and Care

Connecting to Country – Early Childhood Custodians

Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Thomastown, Victoria, recognised and responded to the knowledge that learning in the bush benefits children by establishing a “Connection to Country” program. The presenters will share the success of “Connection to Country” through visual prompts and storytelling using mindful activities and joyful play.

Angie Zerella, Jedda Charles, Doug Fargher & Caitlin Cannon-Horton (Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre)

Indigenous Cultural Hub – Possibilities in Embedding Culture for Inclusion

The Indigenous Cultural Hub’s vision of inclusion and the implementation of embedding cultural perspectives to create better education possibilities.

Michelle Hamilton & Tara Dunbar (Gowrie NSW)

Supporting Families

Getting Ready – Pre-Birth Planning with Aboriginal Families

This innovative project aims to positively impact the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and families actively participating in Pre-Birth Signs of Safety planning.

Katherine (Katy) Raftery & Verity Roennfeldt (Department for Child Protection and Family Support)

The Growing Healthy Families Program (Partnership, Collaboration and Relationships)

This is a practical and engaging presentation from the team behind the ACT’s successful Growing Healthy Families Program, which includes culturally proficient programs such as the Strong Women’s Group and Koori Kids. It will focus on the importance of co-designing the program with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, as well as utilising data from sources such as the Australian Early Development Census, to ensure local needs are met. The presentation will also highlight the importance of building networks and relationships, recruiting the right staff, and effective service delivery strategies.

Melanie Saballa (ACT Community Services Directorate)

A New Way… How Social Benefit Bond Can Support Innovation in Service Delivery

We will be discussing new ways of supporting innovative practice through social benefit bond.

Joanne (Jo) Goodwin & Craig Hodges (UnitingCare Queensland)
Day 3: Thursday 14 September

Plenary
9.00am – 10.30am

Keynote Address:
Professor Muriel Bamblett AM

Making Headway against the Tide

We have celebrated a number of milestones this year: the fiftieth anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, the twentieth anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report and from a Victorian perspective, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA).

Victoria has also made a number of advances in child welfare legislation, policy and practice which are models for services to Aboriginal children and families driven by the struggle of Aboriginal people for the right to self-determination. Victoria also has a very active Commissioner for Aboriginal Children who has conducted a number of inquiries that have highlighted the systemic and social issues that drive Aboriginal children into care and tend to keep them there.

Despite these advances in practice and knowledge about the reasons Aboriginal children come into care, we seem to be making little headway against the tide with thousands of children continuing to enter care.

Professor Muriel Bamblett’s presentation will examine the issues surrounding the state of affairs with Aboriginal child welfare and present views about how we can address them to reduce the numbers of children being removed and separated from their families, communities and culture.

Keynote Address:
Mick Gooda

The Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory

Mick Gooda will share his experience as a Royal Commissioner for the Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory - an inquiry which includes close examination of the Northern Territory child protection system and its link with the youth justice system. Following the release of its interim report in March this year, the Royal Commission will release its final report at the end of August, creating a timely opportunity for reflection, discussion and action for conference delegates.

Concurrent Sessions 49 – 56
11.00am – 12.30pm

49 Royal Commission Experiences and Findings

The Royal Commission into Protection and Detention of Children – The Northern Territory Experience

Sharing the experiences of children and families telling their stories to the Royal Commission, and discussion on how best to ensure Aboriginal voices are properly considered in development of recommendations and policies.

Melissa Chung & Laidler Joanna (NAAJA)

Listening, Connecting and Working Together with Aboriginal Community: Implementing Child Protection Royal Commission Reform Together

How consultation, collaboration and the voice of Aboriginal children, families and community is central to child protection reforms in South Australia.

Melissa Clarke (Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.)

Heal the Past, Safeguard the Future

This presentation will provide an overview of the findings and learnings from the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency’s (VACCA) Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Support Service.

Jenny Kirby & Denise Sweet (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)

50 Self-Determination in Child Protection in Victoria (Section 18)

Self-determination in Practice: Aboriginal People Making Decisions About What is Best for Aboriginal Children

A presentation on how the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is building on the learnings of the 2013-15 pilot project to progress a culturally appropriate model of child protection for Aboriginal children in out-of-home care. This is an important and significant step towards self-determination in the Australian child protection arena.

Laurie Sevil, Kirstie-Lee Lomas & Kylie Ponchard (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)

Can Child Protection Case Management be Different?

Self-determination and the Implementation of the Section 18 Pilot in Bendigo

Section 18 is a Pilot in which the delegation of specific powers and functions of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Child Protection Services, are transferred to the Principle Officer of the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative.

Raylene Harradine & Rachel O’Dowd (Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative)
Self-determination: Transitioning Aboriginal Children Back to Community

The Victorian government in partnership with the Commissioner for Aboriginal children and young people, together with the Aboriginal community and non-Aboriginal community, are working towards returning the management and care of all Aboriginal children to the rightful care of Aboriginal Community Control Organisations (ACCOs).

Elke Smirl (Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria)

Family Matters - Partnership and Advocacy

Collaborative Advocacy as a Tool for Organisational Change - The Family Matters Statement of Commitment

Collaborative advocacy is a powerful instrument not only for outwards messaging to governments and policy makers, but also for internal organisational change management. This session will promote the Family Matters Statement of Commitment as a tool for meaningful practice change in community controlled and mainstream organisations, to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and keep children out of care.

Fleur Smith & Gerry Moore (SNAICC - National Voice for our Children)

Leaving Care – Support and Cultural Planning for Young People Transitioning to Independent Living

The Aboriginal Aftercare State-Wide Service and its Focus on the Impacts that Cultural Planning, and Lack of Such Planning, have on Children in Care and Post Care

This talk specifically highlights the stories of two young people and their journey of a family tracing trip after leaving care through the support of the Aboriginal Aftercare State-wide Service. It will also highlight the connections back to family, community and culture; the lack of cultural support planning they had whilst in care; and the impact it has had upon their life.

Sheena Olsen (Uniting - Aboriginal Aftercare Statewide Service)

Go Your Own Way: Equipping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People for the Transition to Independent Living

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Dr Joseph McDowall (Create Foundation)

The Importance of Culture in Education

‘You’ve Got to Listen to Us; Our Voice’: Privileging Arrernte Language and Culture in Early Childhood

Arrernte leaders and educators from Central Australia, Felicity Hayes and Veronica Turner, share their journey over the last 6 months – of disrupting the system and establishing a model of education by Arrernte families, for Arrernte children, on Arrernte land.

Felicity Hayes, Veronica Turner & Mel Kean (Children’s Ground)

Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning

Participants will develop an appreciation of the importance of engaging children in learning and action around reconciliation from the earliest age. They will also be given insights into the process of developing Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) for early learning services, and into the centrality of respectful partnerships, collaborations and relationships, RAP development and implementation process alike.

Esma Livermore (Narragunnawali; Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning)

Working with a Trauma-Informed Approach

Yorgum - A Leadership Approach in Responding to Aboriginal Child Sexual Abuse and Grief and Loss in Metropolitan Perth

Yorgum's Counselling Service is successfully integrating traditional Noongar ways of healing with Western therapeutic models of counselling, to heal our children who have identified trauma from Sexual Abuse and Grief and Loss in their lives.

Jo-Anne D’Cress & Edna Ninyette (Yorgum)

Empowerment by Degree: A Trauma Informed Approach for Teaching Family Therapy that Builds Capacity in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisations’ Workforce

Contributions of The Bouverie Centre’s Family Therapy Training Program to capacity build workers, and the themes that emerged from the Program’s evaluation.

Alison Elliott & Fiona McIlwaine (Bouverie Centre)

Establishing a Quality Culturally Appropriate Resource for Workers who are Involved in Providing Healing Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

This session will showcase the Healing portal and how the healing workforce can benefit from the information available to enhance their service delivery.

Michelle Elwell (Healthinfonet)
35 Early Connections and Attachment – Infant Massage

Infant Massage – Infant Led Attachment and Attunement Program

This presentation outlines our organisation’s use of The First Touch Program: a grass-roots program which empowers families with practical skills to promote the foundations for infant mental health development by supporting early attachment relationships.

Karina Mitchelle & Eileen Wanganeen (Relationships Australia SA)

First Touch – Safe Connections

Through the use of multimedia this presentation will demonstrate the positive impact that provision of infant massage classes for small groups of Aboriginal and other parents, together with their babies under 12 months of age, has on parent-infant connection, health and wellbeing.

Deb Patrick & Elizabeth Poole (Youth and Family Education Resources (YFER))

56.1 Early Childhood Community Partnerships

Kardiya Manu Warlpiri Yapa Yungulipa Warrki Jarrimi Jintangka Juku Ngalipa Nyangu Kurdu Wita Kurlu (Whitefella and Warlpiri People Working Together in Partnership with our Little Ones)

This is an interactive presentation that explores how ‘both ways’ partnerships, led by Warlpiri Early Childhood Reference Groups, have changed the early childhood landscape in Warlpiri communities over the last 8 years.

Liz Mullen (World Vision Australia) & Warlpiri Women (Yuendumu, Willowra, Nyirripi and Lajamanu Communities in the Northern Territory)

56.2 Support, Strength and Action of Practitioners

From the Child Protection Workforce through an Indigenous Poetic

Through yarning and through creative/poetic storytelling activities, workshop participants will be invited to explore the power of stories to ignite positive social change and promote wellbeing amongst those currently working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child and family service delivery.

Dr Vicki Saunders (Griffith University/Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Service)

Closing Plenary

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Plenary Panel Presentation

Looking Forward and Taking Action: It’s Time to Get It Right

This panel presentation will form part of the closing of the conference, offering an opportunity to reflect on the themes and discussions of the conference, and to strategise for continued and future action. The discussion will focus on demanding accountability at multiple levels, driving action and affecting change, and working together to realise the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

As the final session of the conference, this presentation aims to be an informal and open dialogue amongst the panellists and conference delegates that will offer insights, hope, and inspiration for the challenges ahead.

Facilitator:

Justin Mohamed (Chief Executive Officer, Reconciliation Australia)

Justin Mohamed is the Chief Executive Officer of Reconciliation Australia and a proud Aboriginal man of the Gooreng Gooreng nation near Bundaberg in Queensland. Justin has dedicated the past 25 years to working towards building a stronger and healthier nation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

At Reconciliation Australia, Justin leads the organisation in its vision to create a more just, equitable and reconciled Australia through key programs and initiatives, including Reconciliation Action Plans, Narragunnawali Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning, and National Reconciliation Week.

Prior to his role at Reconciliation Australia, Justin chaired the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), The Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, and was Co-Chair of the National Health Leadership Forum.

Justin has also held positions on multiple community, state and national working groups, committees and boards. He continues to be a director of the Greater Western Sydney Giants Foundation, Chairperson of Garbina, Co-Chair of Cricket Australia’s National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Committee (NATSICAC), and is on the Boards of both Vision 2020 and Supply Nation.

Participants:

Andrew Jackson PSM (Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People)

Megan Mitchell (National Children’s Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission)

Dr Jackie Huggins (Historian and Author & Co-chair, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples)

June Oscar AO (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner)
POSTERS

1. Weaving Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Inclusion – Weaving Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Inclusion into Program and Practices for Early Childhood Education and Care Services in Yarning Circles
   Kylee Barratt & Debbie Aldridge (Inclusion Support Queensland KU & CDC)

2. Engaging with Researchers
   Sarah Cleaves & Glenn Pearson (Telethon Kids Institute)

3. Reconciliation Action Plan in Action
   Cindy-lee Harper, Camilla Krauze & Karan Kent (Anglicare Victoria)

4. Little Fellas Family Fun Day
   Cindy-lee Harper & Emma Thomas (Anglicare Victoria)

5. Supporting Childhood Wellbeing Through Art. The Bridge from Surviving to Thriving
   Shiri Hergass (Mydreamyland)

6. Wyndham City Council: A Possum Skin Cloak for Reconciliation
   Kim Knersch (Wyndham City Council)

   Kim Knersch & Shellie-Anne Taia (Wyndham City Council)

8. Growing Culturally Strong Families: Delivering a Holistic Jarjums Playgroup within a Mainstream Organisation
   Alana Laundy (The Benevolent Society)

9. Reflecting on Our Workforce in a Cultural Context
   Rona Scherer (Health And Community Services Workforce Council)

10. Ignite Curious Minds: Inquiry-based STEM in Early Childhood Education
    Heike Schneider (Little Scientists Australia)

11. The Koori Curriculum Yarning Circle Connecting Early Childhood Educators with their Aboriginal Community
    Jessica Staines (Koori Curriculum)

12. ‘Healing Our Children’ – A Trauma Informed Approach to Early Intervention with At-risk Mothers and Caregivers
    Lucy Van Sambeek (Relationships Australia NT)
TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Welcome Reception

Time:  5.00pm – 7.00pm

Venue: Main Foyer, National Convention Centre

Cost: Inclusive for full Delegates. Additional Tickets: $77

The Welcome Reception will take place after sessions on day one of the Conference. This function will provide delegates with the perfect networking opportunity to gain new contacts within the sector, and rekindle old acquaintances.

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Dinner at Old Parliament House

Time:  7.00pm – 10.00pm

Venue: Old Parliament House

Cost:  $140

Includes transfers from and to the National Convention Centre, a three-course dinner, entertainment and drinks (sparkling wine, wine, beer and soft drinks).

Be wined and dined at arguably one of Canberra’s most iconic venues, the Members Dining Room at Old Parliament House. Located between Parliament House and Lake Burley Griffin, the venue has sweeping views across to Parliament House.

Limited places are available. It is recommended you book early!
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The institute cares for a priceless collection, including films, photographs, video and audio recordings, as well as the world’s largest collection of printed and other resource materials for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies. They undertake and encourage scholarly, ethical, community-based research in a variety of sectors, including health, native title, languages and education. Its publishing house, Aboriginal Studies Press, regularly publishes outstanding writing that promotes Australian Indigenous cultures.

The institute’s activities affirm and raise awareness of the richness and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories.

www.aiatsis.gov.au

National Museum of Australia – First Australians Program
Explore the museum’s exhibitions and online features on the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, enduring Indigenous attachment to country and contributions to Australian society.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program (ATSIP) at the National Museum of Australia works with Indigenous communities to collect, preserve and exhibit their objects and stories. It also:

- works with communities to interpret Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories
- engages with local and international visitors through a dynamic program of exhibitions, publications, forums, workshops, online features, and collection visits
- is responsible for gallery and exhibition development, collection research and assessments, and community access visits and consultations
- manages the Museum’s repatriation program
- contributes to discussions on contemporary issues and policy developments around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and representation in the museum and cultural industries
- celebrates and acknowledges key historic dates, issues and stories that are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

They are continually working on new projects, events and exhibitions which help to reveal the richness and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and cultural material, both historic and contemporary.

Australian National Botanic Gardens – Aboriginal Trail

The Aboriginal Plant Use Trail highlights a selection of plants and some of the ways that these were used by Aboriginal people in different parts of Australia. Similar plants may have been used for the same purposes in other areas, depending on local availability.


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Australian War Memorial – For Country, for Nation Exhibition

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a long-standing tradition of fighting for Country, and continue to serve with honour among our military forces. The new exhibition For Country, for Nation presents a diverse range of art, objects, photographs and stories from across Australia to explore. For Country, for Nation is thematic in structure. Within each theme are stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience during wartime and peace.

We remember

Welcome to this story-place where our peoples will share personal experiences and family histories of military service during war and peace. We invite you to take a moment to pay your respects to Country, Ancestors and custodians; to acknowledge the guidance of the Elders of all Nations; and to recognise all the people who have shared their stories. For Country, for Nation is an honouring of our warriors and soldiers who fought for Country; a remembering of our communities and Countries deeply affected by war; and a joining together in the spirit of peace. You are welcome to add a personal offering of remembrance – a poppy, a blessing, a small keepsake – or share a moment of reflection.

Weekly highlights tours will be held every Tuesday starting 27 September from 11.30 am.

The exhibition will close on 20 September 2017.

www.awm.gov.au/exhibitions/country-nation-0/
Climate
The average maximum temperature in Canberra in September is 16.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 4 degrees Celsius, with an average rainfall of 65.2mm for the month.

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All tea breaks and lunches will be served amongst the exhibition. We recognise that some delegates may have special dietary requirements. Please advise the Conference Secretariat via the registration form should you require alternative arrangements to be made on your behalf.
Please note: Dietary requirements received less than 72 hours prior to the event cannot be guaranteed. Kosher meals are available; however, please note this will be at an additional cost.

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Website
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### Registration Information

Online registration is available through the Conference website: [www.snaicc.org.au/conference](http://www.snaicc.org.au/conference). Visit the registration page and follow the prompts to complete the registration details as requested. We recommend that you print a copy of your registration prior to submission. Payment via credit card is required at time of registration.

Registration must be made online. If you require a hard copy registration form please contact the Conference Secretariat at [snaicc@encanta.com.au](mailto:snaicc@encanta.com.au). Registrations or payments will not be accepted over the telephone or without completing the required paperwork.

#### Registration Fees (All fees are inclusive of GST)

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Student Registration

- Student registration applies to full time students who are currently enrolled. Proof of current concession/enrolment will need to be supplied.

SNAICC Member Conditions

- SNAICC Individual Members may register only one delegate at the member rate; Organisational Members may register up to 2 delegates.
- To be eligible for the SNAICC Members rate you must be a current member of SNAICC and quote your membership number.
- All non-SNAICC Member registrants for the SNAICC 2017 Conference will be offered free annual membership (valid from October 2017 - October 2018); however, acceptance is not mandatory.

Transfer/Cancellation Policy

Should you be unable to attend the Conference, a substitute delegate is welcome.

All cancellations or alterations to registration must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat – Encanta Event Management. Cancellations and ‘No Shows’ that have not paid will be charged the full registration fee and any incidentals, including accommodation.

1. A full refund, less a cancellation fee of $150 will be made on those received by 31 July 2017.
2. No refund will be made after 31 July 2017.
3. All refunds will be paid after the conclusion of the Conference.

Payment of Registration

Full payment is required with your booking. Please forward credit card details, bank remittance or a cheque made payable to “EECW ITF the SNAICC 2017 Conference”. Full payment for your registration must be made within 14 days of invoice.

It is a condition of registration that full payment is received prior to the commencement of the Conference. If full payment is not received before 10 September 2017, delegates will not be admitted.

Travel Subsidies

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned and operated organisations are eligible to apply for a travel subsidy to help cover the costs of sending representatives to the conference. Travel subsidy levels are as follows:

Group A: $500 – Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and regional towns or remote communities 300 to 600kms from Canberra.

Group B: $750 – Darwin, Perth, Tasmania, Cairns and remote communities more than 600kms from Canberra, and non-remote rural cities and towns in all other states and territories.

Group C: $1,500 – Remote communities in the Top End Northern Territory, Western Australia, Torres Strait Islands and those not covered above.

Subsidy allocations

Each organisation can apply for only **ONE subsidy** regardless of how many representatives attend.

SNAICC’s budget allocation for travel is limited. We hope to be able to allocate subsidies to all eligible organisations that apply, but if we have more applications than we can accommodate we will give preference to organisations that have representatives presenting papers, workshops or setting up displays at the conference. After this, we will allocate subsidies on a first-come, first-served basis.

Who can apply

- Travel subsidies are not available for individuals, government departments or non-Indigenous organisations.
- The subsidy is made to the organisation by electronic funds transfer once the subsidy has been approved and registration fees have been received.

Application for subsidy and processing of payments

- One person from each eligible organisation should indicate that they wish to apply for a subsidy on behalf of that organisation on their registration form.
- Please check with your colleagues and ensure that only 1 person applies.
- Please complete your registration online, or send your registration form and registration fee payments to the conference secretariat.
- Travel subsidy funds will be transferred to successful organisations within ten working days of registration fees being received and processed. It is the applicant’s responsibility to follow up approval and receipt of travel subsidy with the conference secretariat.
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