

For Our Children

Ngallak Koorlangka

Community Voices: Sharing Knowledge and Practice

6th SNAICC National Conference
15 – 17 September 2015
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

PROGRAM HANDBOOK



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TUESDAY 15 SEP | lunch break from 12.30-1.30pm | Meeting Room 1

MEET THE SNAICC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Members from L-R Elvie Sandow | QLD | Rose Bamblett | VIC | Sue-Anne Hunter | VIC | Sharron Williams | SA | Lisa Thorpe | VIC | Natalie Lewis | QLD | Garry Matthews | NSW | Geraldine Atkinson | VIC | Kathleen Pinkerton | WA | Reuben Ardler | ACT | Tim Ireland | NSW | Lisa Coulson | TAS | Jungala Kriss | NT | Wendy Koolmatri | SA (absent) |



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CONFERENCE WELCOME

FROM THE SNAICC CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of SNAICC and the Conference Organising Committee, I welcome you to the 6th SNAICC National Conference, *For Our Children, Community Voices: Sharing Knowledge and Practice*.

This is the first SNAICC Conference to be held in Western Australia and will provide the opportunity for us to gather together in the land of the Noongar people along the Swan River at the Perth Convention Centre. This will also be the first biennial SNAICC Conference we will hold, shifting from what was originally a triennial conference.

Over the three days the conference will provide a powerful learning experience for all our delegates with presenters from across Australia and overseas attending to share their stories, experiences and knowledge of their work and how it can contribute to providing a better future for our children and families.

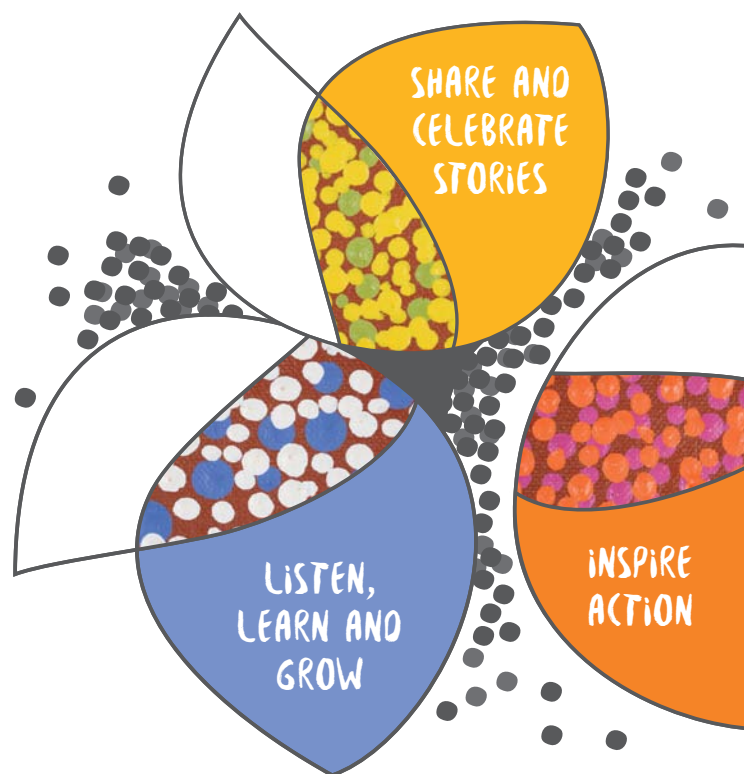
The program will be a diverse one with over 70 sessions to participate in, including a range of panel sessions, yarning circles, workshops and presentations. Featured speakers include renowned Canadian developmental psychologist Professor Michael Chandler, proud Banuba woman and Aboriginal leader from the Fitzroy Valley, June Oscar, and founder of Telethon Kids Institute Professor Fiona Stanley. Several Aboriginal leaders will also be sharing their insights in our plenary panels including Mick Gooda, Professor Cindy Blackstock, Andrea Mason, Judge Matthew Myers, Professor Muriel Bamblett, Andrew Jackomos and Antoinette Braybrook.

We will also be celebrating and showcasing local culture and talent throughout the conference with performances planned daily prior to the plenaries, social events and our Welcome Reception. A full Corroboree event at the closing of the conference.

Thank you to all of you for joining us and I welcome you to Perth.

Warmest regards,

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



CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

SHARE AND CELEBRATE STORIES

To celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, strengths and successes in child and family services. To share our stories and ideas about what works and how we address our challenges.

LISTEN, LEARN AND GROW

To listen, learn and grow our knowledge of Elders, families and communities, to strengthen our connection to culture. To inspire, foster and develop leadership and collective responses.

INSPIRE ACTION

To inspire and enable leaders, services and others to act in a way that strengthens Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander agency, self-determination and connection to culture. To ensure the rights of our children and families are respected and fulfilled.

CONFERENCE 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. Members for the 2015 Conference include:

Professor Kerry Arabeena	Director, Onemda Vic Health Koori Unit, Victoria
Dot Bagshaw	Director, Gurlongga Njininj Association Inc., Western Australia
Catherine Chamberlain	Researcher, Onemda Vic Health Koori Unit, Victoria
Lisa Coulson	Director, Tasmanian Aboriginal Child Care Association Invermay, Tasmania
Virginia Dingo	Manager, Out-of-Home Care Program, Yorganop Association Incorporated Child and Family Services, Western Australia
Paul Gray	Psychologist, NSW Department of Community Services, New South Wales
Lisa Hillan	Programs Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, ACT
Sue-Anne Hunter	Therapeutic Practitioner, Aboriginal Children's Healing Team, VACCA, Victoria
Glenda Kickett	Executive Manager, Centrecare Incorporated, Western Australia
Peter Nathan	Program Manager, Oxfam Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program, Victoria
Dawn Wallam	CEO, Yorganop Association Incorporated Child and Family Services, Western Australia

CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

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CONFERENCE DESIGN & ARTWORK

Created by Mazart Design Studio, www.mazartdesignstudio.com based on the artwork 'Nuntalara' by Bertha Kalion (WA).

Elements of the 'Nuntalara' artwork have been incorporated into the Conference logo along with the Conference title 'For Our Children' Ngallak Koorlangka, translated in the Noongar language (Perth). The design has an overall 'Australia wide' theme and the overall shape represents an abstract of Australia. This represents community involvement and participation in building a stronger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture nationwide. The dots represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children branching out from their communities and venturing into 'the world'. It also depicts our children looking into the future.

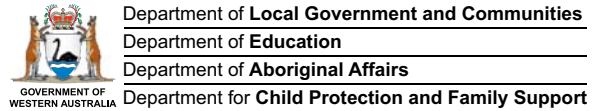


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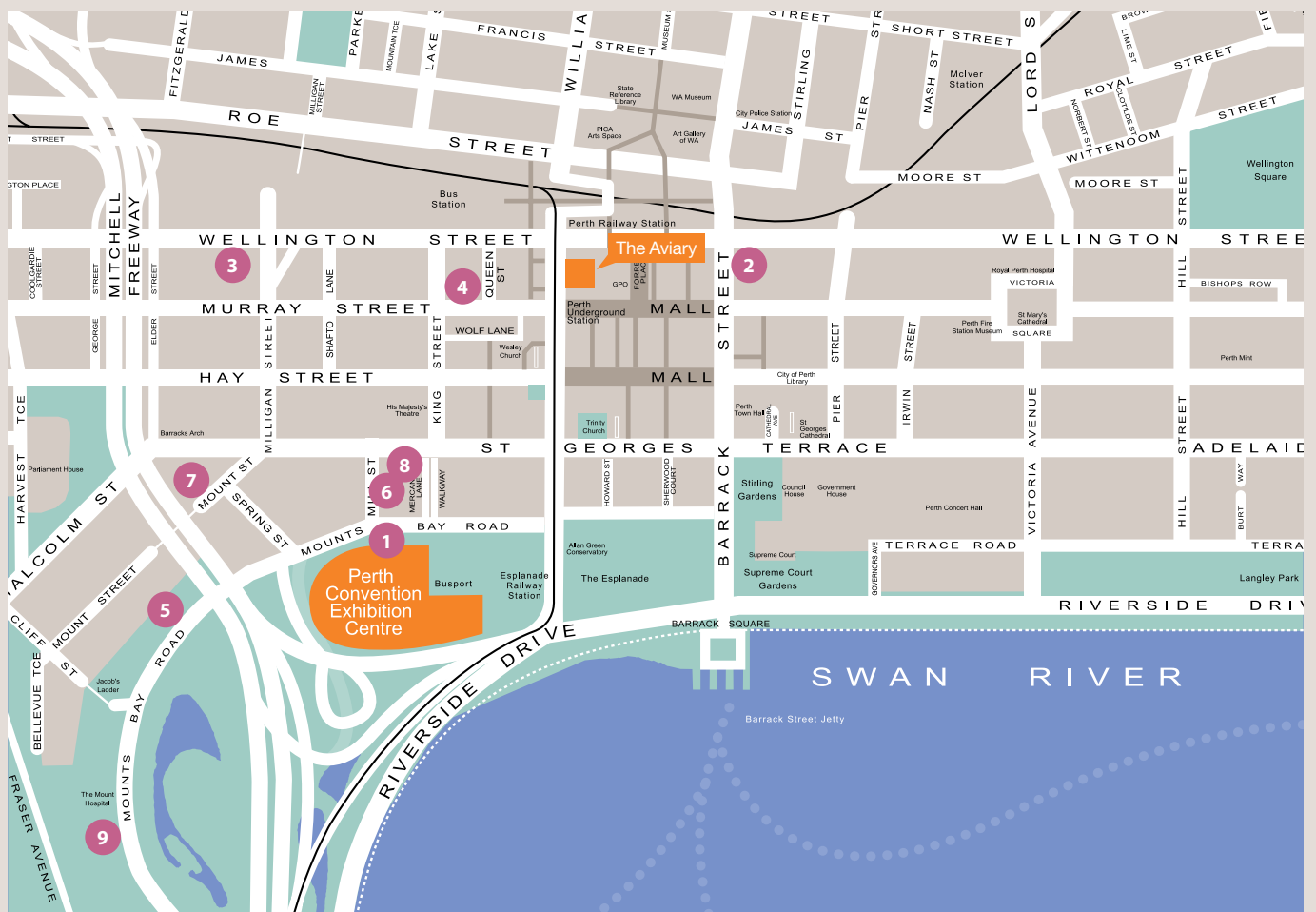
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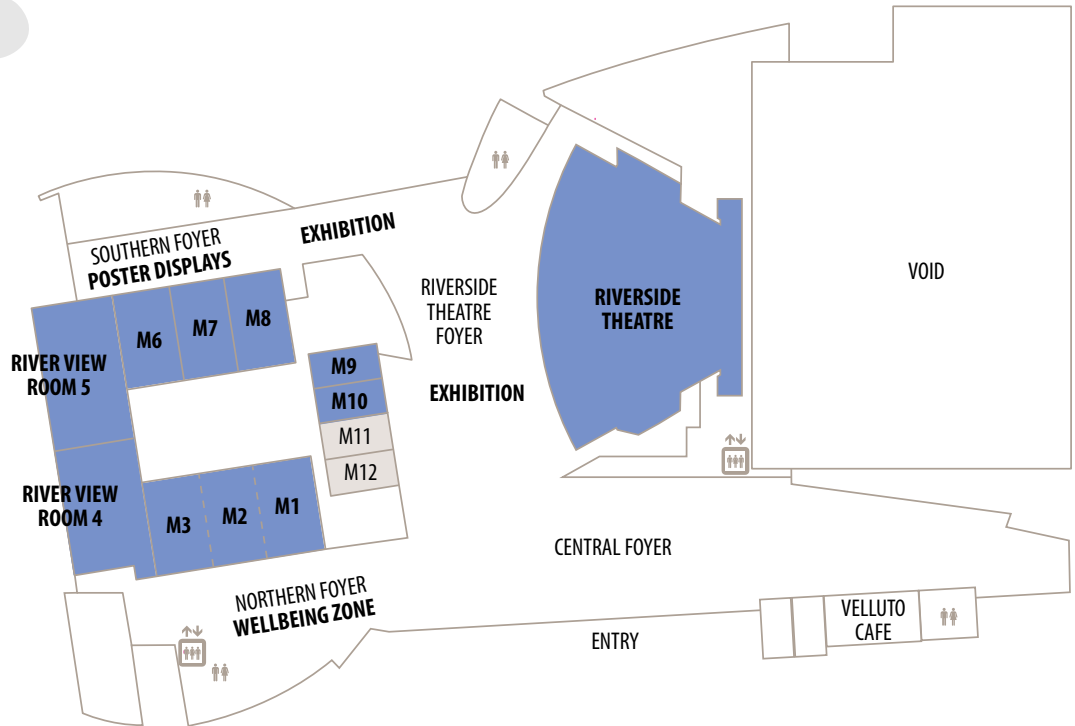
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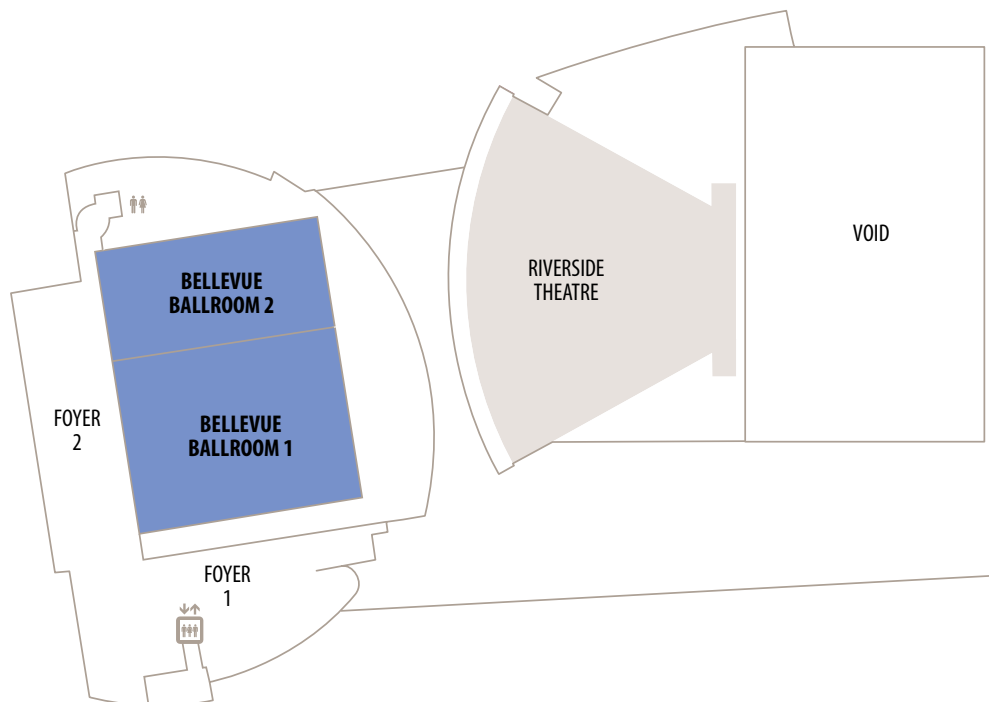
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Level 3 Floorplan



GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Information

Name Badge

Please wear your name badge at all times during the Conference as this identifies you as a delegate, eligible for catering and entry to Conference sessions.

Program Start Times

We wish to remind you that all sessions will commence promptly at the times indicated in the program. A bell will be rung as a reminder to return to the Conference room. Your co-operation in being seated as soon as possible would be appreciated.

Monday 14 September	Optional Pre-Conference Workshops 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday 15 September	Conference Sessions 9.00am to 5.00pm Welcome Reception 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 16 September	Conference Sessions 9.00am to 5.00pm Social Evening Options 7.00pm – 10.00pm
Thursday 17 September	Conference Sessions 9.00am to 3.00pm Closing Event 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Session Selections

Your session choices are indicated on your registration envelope. Please note that many sessions will be fully booked, therefore we ask that you only attend sessions for which you have registered.

Please check with the Conference registration desk if you wish to make a change to your selections.

Questions

Where there is time available questions are encouraged through the facilitator of each session. Please state your name and the organisation you are from before posing your question. Questions can also be submitted in writing by passing to the facilitator.

Poster Displays

Posters are on display in the Southern Foyer for all three days of Conference. Presenters will be available for questions and discussion during the lunch break on Wednesday 16 September.

Evaluation and Feedback

Your feedback is important to us. Please assist us by completing an evaluation form and placing them in the box at the registration desk, or post/fax to us as indicated. Evaluation forms can be collected from the registration desk.

Exhibition

All exhibition booths are located in the Riverside and Southern Foyers and are open during every session break and lunchtime. A list of exhibitors is included on page 42.

Speakers' Preparation Room

The speakers' preparation area is located in Meeting Room 12, on level two of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This room will be provided for all presenters and offers the opportunity to review presentations with the audio-visual aids requested. This area will be staffed by a technician and will be available for the duration of the Conference.

All speakers are required to visit the speakers' preparation area and provide the technician with their PowerPoint slides, CD or DVD at least two hours prior to the commencement of their presentation.

This will ensure that the technician has met with all presenters and that they are fully aware of presentation needs. We also ask that speakers arrive at the room in which they are presenting 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the session.

It is our objective that presentations operate as smoothly as possible.

This area will be staffed during the following times:

Tuesday 15 September	8.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 16 September	8.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday 17 September	8.00am - 1.30pm

Proceedings

Any papers made available will be placed on the Conference website after the Conference, as they are forwarded by presenters.

Copyright – the information contained in the papers and presentations is the opinion of the authors and speakers and not those of the Conference hosts. As conveners for the Conference, SNAICC accepts no responsibility for the content of the papers. Please note that Conference documentation is under copyright to the speaker/presenter and the Conference hosts. Papers and abstracts may only be reproduced with specific permission.

Dress

Conference Sessions:	Neat Casual
Welcome Reception:	Neat Casual
Wednesday Evening Social Functions:	Neat Casual

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Should for any reason outside the control of the Conference Organisers, the venue or speakers change, or the event be cancelled, the Conference Organisers shall endeavour to reschedule, but the client hereby indemnifies and holds the Conference Organisers including but not limited to the Host, Organising Committee and EECW Pty Ltd harmless from and against any and all costs, damages and expenses. This agreement is subject to the laws of Australia and a registration submission ensures acceptance of this indemnity.

Venue Information

Registration Desk

The registration desk is located on level two of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The desk will be open as follows:

Monday 14 September	1.00pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 15 September	8.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 16 September	8.30am - 5.00pm
Thursday 17 September	8.30am - 3.00pm

Access

The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre is a wheelchair accessible venue with lifts and amenities.

ATM

An automatic teller machine is located on Level 2 adjacent to the Velluto Café.

Business Centre

The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre can provide faxing, photocopying and printing services at the concierge desk located on level two of the centre. Please check with their staff for prices.

Child Care

Please note that no official arrangements have been made for child care during the Conference. Please check with your hotel who may be able to assist you further with babysitting services during your stay.

First Aid

If you require first aid contact any of the Convention Centre staff or the registration desk for assistance.

Meals

All tea breaks and lunches will be served amongst the exhibition. We recognise that some delegates may have special dietary requirements. For delegates with special dietary requirements, please make yourself known to the Convention Centre staff who will be able to assist.

Messages

The Conference Secretariat will receive all messages, which can be collected from the Registration Desk. The following contact number can be provided for messages: 0422 093 758.

No responsibility will be accepted for undelivered messages.

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Delegates are asked to switch their mobiles to silent when in sessions.

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1. Connect to the PCEC_Wireless network
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Smoking Policy

The Western Australia Government imposes a strict no smoking policy in venues, restaurants, bars and shopping centres in Perth.

The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre is a smoke-free facility. No indoor smoking areas are provided, however smoking is allowed outside the doors on levels 1 and 2 of the Centre.

Photographs

Please be advised that a Conference photographer will be photographing Conference gatherings and sessions. People who do not wish to be photographed or have photos published should complete the photo disclaimer form at the registration desk.

Transport

Parking

If you pre-booked parking at the Convention Centre when you registered for the Conference and have any queries regarding your exit parking voucher, please see staff at the registration desk. If pre-booked parking tickets have not been ordered, we encourage delegates to arrive early each day of the meeting to avoid any potential parking problems that may be encountered.

Alternate Parking is available within a short walk of the Convention Centre:

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- Westralia Square
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- Central Park
- CPP car park at Concert Hall
- King Street
- Wilson car park on Terrace Road
- Murray Street
- Wilson car park at the Hilton

Public Transport

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Taxis

Taxi ranks are located outside both airport terminals, and commissionaires are available to assist you during peak movement periods. As a general guide, the following fees apply for taxis travelling from:

- CBD to domestic terminal: \$27
- CBD to international terminal: \$35

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Bus & Rail Information:	13 62 13

SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

SNAICC values the wellbeing of all its Conference delegates. Whilst the main aim of the Conference is to provide delegates with the opportunity to share stories, experiences and knowledge – to discuss what is working and what we can do better – we acknowledge that some of the Conference presentations and discussions may be difficult and distressing for some participants. If you need to share with someone about any issues you may have during the Conference, or just like to provide feedback to us, please talk to a SNAICC staff member who can put you in contact with someone you can have a yarn with. A dedicated wellbeing space is available in the Northern Foyer of the Convention Centre to gather, debrief and meditate and for groups to facilitate their own healing circles.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



MICHAEL J. CHANDLER, PhD

Professor Emeritus, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Professor Chandler is a developmental psychologist, Professor Emeritus, and Distinguished CIHR and MSFHR Investigator working at the University of British Columbia. His ongoing program of research explores the role that culture plays in setting the course of identity development. In particular, his work has made it clear that both individual youth and whole Indigenous communities that lose a sense of their own personal and cultural continuity are at special risk to suicide, and a host of other negative outcomes, including high accident and school drop-out rates. These efforts have earned Dr. Chandler the Killam Memorial Senior Research Prize, the Killam Teaching Prize, and to his being named Canada's only Distinguished Investigator of both the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, and resulted in his being chosen as a member of the Advisory Board of CIHR's Institute of Aboriginal Health. Professor Chandler's program of research dealing with identity development and suicide in Indigenous communities was singled out for publication as a book and an invited SRCD Monograph, and is the only program of Canadian research featured in WHO's recently released report on the social determinants of health.



JUNE OSCAR AO

Chief Executive Officer, Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre, Fitzroy Crossing, Western Australia

June is the Chief Executive Officer of Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre and a proud Bunuba woman from the remote town of Fitzroy Crossing.

June is a champion for Indigenous Australian languages, social justice, women's issues and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

In 2007, she fought successfully for alcohol restrictions in Fitzroy Crossing. Her focus on Aboriginal children and her determination that we do not sacrifice the health of children for the 'right' to buy full strength take-away alcohol, made her a role model for all Australia.

In 2011, in an article appearing in The Age and Sydney Morning Herald, June was named one of the 50 most influential women in the world for her work in improving the lives of those living in remote Aboriginal communities.

June is co-founder of the Yiramalay Wesley Studio School and in 2012 she was appointed as an Ambassador for Children and Young People by Western Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People, Michelle Scott. In 2013, she was awarded an Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday honours. June was the winner of the Westpac and Financial Review 100 Women of Influence 2013 for Social Enterprise and Not for Profit Category. In 2014, June was awarded the Menzies School of Health Research Medallion for her work with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.



PROFESSOR FIONA STANLEY, AC FAA FASSA

Patron, Telethon Kids Institute

Distinguished Research Professor, The University of Western Australia

Vice Chancellor's Fellow, The University of Melbourne

Fiona Stanley is the Founding Director and Patron of the Telethon Kids Institute (formerly Telethon Institute for Child Health Research), Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Western Australia and Vice Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Melbourne where she was Director of the 2013 Festival of Ideas.

Trained in maternal and child health, epidemiology and public health, Professor Stanley has spent her career researching the causes of major childhood illnesses such as birth defects. Her research includes the gathering and analysis of population data for epidemiological and public health research; the causes and prevention of birth defects and major neurological disorders, particularly the cerebral palsies; patterns of maternal and child health in Aboriginal and Caucasian populations; various ways of determining the developmental origins of health and disease; collaborations to link research, policy and practice; and strategies to enhance health and wellbeing in populations. She pioneered the development, linkage and analysis of population level data and record linkage in Western Australia as a research and evaluation capacity.

Her major contribution has been to establish the Telethon Kids Institute, a unique multidisciplinary independent research institute focusing on the causes and prevention of major problems affecting children and youth, and to establish the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth. She has over 300 publications, books and book chapters, and is a board member of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, a former member of the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council, and has served on major international, national and local committees. For her research on behalf of Australia's children and Aboriginal social justice, she was named Australian of the Year in 2003, and in 2006 she was made a UNICEF Australia Ambassador for Early Childhood Development.

KEYNOTE PANELISTS



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). Muriel is active on many boards and committees concerning children, families and the Indigenous community, including the Victorian Children's Council; Our Watch (the Foundation to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children); the Australian Institute of Family Studies Advisory Council; the Aboriginal Justice Forum and 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 an AM 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 Muriel was appointed an Adjunct Professor at LaTrobe University's School of Social Work and Social Policy.

Muriel was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2011 and was a finalist for a Human Rights Medal with the Australian Human Rights Commission.



CINDY BLACKSTOCK, PhD

**Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada
Associate Professor, University of Alberta
Director, FNCARES**

A member of the Gitksan First Nation, Cindy has 25 years of social work experience in child protection and Indigenous children's rights. As Director of the First Nations Children's Action Research and Education Service (FNCARES) at the University of Alberta, her research interests are Indigenous theory and the identification and remediation of structural inequalities affecting First Nations children, youth and families.

Cindy's promotion of culturally based and evidence informed solutions has been recognized by the Nobel Women's Initiative, the Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, Frontline Defenders and many others.



ANTOINETTE BRAYBROOK

**Chief Executive Officer
Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria)**

Antoinette Braybrook is CEO of Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (FVPLS) Victoria since its inception. She is National Convenor National FVPLS Forum, delivering FVPLS Program to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault.

An Aboriginal woman born in Victoria on Wurundjeri country, Antoinette's grandfather and mother's line is through Kuku Yalanji, North Queensland. Antoinette graduated Deakin University with a Bachelor of Laws and admitted as legal practitioner in 2004.

Antoinette was awarded 2015 LIV's: Access to Justice/Pro Bono award and ACCW's 2015 Sustaining Women's Empowerment in Communities and Organisations Award.



PROFESSOR PAT DUDGEON

Research Fellow, School of Indigenous Studies, The University of Western Australia, WA

Professor Pat Dudgeon is from the Bardi people of the Kimberly area in Western Australia. She is a Psychologist and Research Fellow at the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia. Her area of research includes social and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention. Amongst her many commitments, she is a Commissioner of the Australian National Mental Health Commission, on the executive board of the Australian Indigenous Psychologist's Association, and co-chair of the Commonwealth Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Advisory Group. She is currently the project leader of the National Empowerment Project: an Indigenous suicide prevention project working with eleven sites in Aboriginal communities across the country. She has many publications in Indigenous mental health in particular, the Working Together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Wellbeing Principals and Practice 2014. She is actively involved with the Aboriginal community and has a commitment to social justice for Indigenous people.



MICK GOODA

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

Mick Gooda is a descendent of the Gangulu people of central Queensland and is the current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner. His term in this position commenced in February 2010.

Mick has a lengthy experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, having worked remote, rural and urban environments throughout Australia for over 30 years. He has a strong record of achievement in implementing program and organisational reform as well as delivering strategic and sustainable results across the country.

As Commissioner, Mick builds on this experience to advocate the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia and then promote respect and understanding of these rights among the broader Australian community.



ANDREW JACKOMOS PSM

Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, Victoria

Andrew is a proud Yorta Yorta man, appointed in July 2013 as the inaugural Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People (Victoria).

As Commissioner, Andrew is responsible for advocating for and overseeing the provision of state government services to Aboriginal children, particularly the most vulnerable in the areas of child protection and out of home care, education, health and the youth justice system.

Andrew is of the strong view that improving outcomes for the most vulnerable Koori children is intrinsically linked to their culture, intergenerational trauma from past government policies and improving the status and outcomes for their families and communities and neither can be separated.

For the previous 14 years he was an executive officer in the Department of Justice responsible for coordinating the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement. He oversaw the growth of the Koori workforce from three in 2000 to employ well over 140, as well as establishment and growth of the Koori Court network within the Magistrate's, Children's and County court jurisdictions.

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

Andrew is a member of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and the Aboriginal Justice Forum. In 2006 he was awarded the Public Service Medal and admitted as a Victorian Fellow with the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) and as an IPAA National Fellow in 2013.



NARELOA JACOBS

Journalist & Presenter, Ten Eyewitness News

Facilitator - Plenary Panel Discussion: Family Matters - Kids Safe in Culture, Not in Care

Narelda Jacobs has been a journalist at Network Ten for 15 years and is the presenter of Perth's Ten Eyewitness News at 5.

Narelda loves her home town of Perth, with the world's warmest people and best lifestyle. Her on air profile has given Narelda the opportunity to get involved in countless community events.

Narelda's a patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association WA. She's an Ambassador for the David Wirrpanda Foundation, Breast Cancer Care WA & the Disability Services Commission. In 2011 she was 1 of 13 WA women who trekked Kokoda to raise money for Breast Cancer Care WA.

She's MC'd high profile events in Perth, sharing the stage with the Prime Ministers, international business leaders and humanitarian advocates.



ANDREA MASON

Coordinator, NPY Women's Council, Alice Springs

Andrea is committed to delivering long-term positive change to the communities across the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands. This is a responsibility she has been delivering since joining NPY Women's Council in 2008. In 2010, she was appointed permanently to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Andrea's relationship to the NPY Lands is strong both professionally and personally. Her mother's people are Karonie people in WA and her father is Ngaanyatjarra.

Andrea believes her role as Chief Executive Officer is one of being a custodian for the hopes and dreams of the women of the NPY Lands and so she is committed to doing all she can to see those dreams realised.



MATTHEW MYERS AM

**Judge, Federal Circuit Court of Australia
Newcastle Registry**

His Honour Judge Matthew Myers AM was appointed to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in 2011 and is Australia's first and only Indigenous Commonwealth judicial officer.

Judge Myers holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales, a Master of Applied Law (Family Law) from the College of Law and a Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution from Bond University.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Myers undertook work as a Notary Public, Accredited Collaborative Family Lawyer and as an Accredited Family Law Specialist with separate accreditation in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. Judge Myers had additionally worked in the area of family law mediation both as a Nationally Accredited Mediator and as an Accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner.

Judge Myers was awarded the NSW Law Society President's medal in 2011 and received the award of Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2013 for services to the community in the area of welfare and Family Law.



EMMA WHITE

Director General, Department for Child Protection and Family Support (WA)

Emma White has worked in the community services arena since 1994, working in a variety of service delivery roles in Government and non-government sectors. Emma has also worked in the policy and evaluation arena of State Government and has been employed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support since 2005.

Emma commenced her child protection service in the West Kimberley following which she worked in various service delivery positions in the West and East Kimberley, including Team Leader and District Director before transferring to the District Director Fremantle role (metropolitan) in 2010.

In 2012, Emma commenced as Executive Director, Country Services where she was responsible for implementation of strategic direction, ensuring case practice standards and resource management of the State's nine Country Services Districts. Whilst in this role Emma also contributed to the effective strategic management of the Department as a member of the Department's Corporate Executive and identify, through community engagement, significant issues that might impact on service quality.

In March 2014 Emma commenced as the Acting Director General and in August 2014 was appointed as the Director General of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

14 September

Pre-Conference Masterclass A 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Meeting Room 1

Professor Michael Chandler

Exploring Community Control and Working Effectively for Outcomes in Changing Communities and Times

DAY 1:

TUESDAY

15 September

Opening Plenary 9.00am – 10.30am

Welcome to Country

Welcome Performance:

Richard Walley & The Middar Dance Group
Moombaki Ensemble with the Madjital
Moorna Choir

Welcome Message: SNAICC

Keynote Address:

Professor Michael Chandler

Cultural Wounds Require Cultural Medicines:
How Cultural Continuity Reduces Suicide Youth
Risk in Indigenous Communities

Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Concurrent Sessions 1 - 10 11.00am – 12.30pm

- 1 Pathways to Safety
- 2 Heal our Families, Heal our Children **WORKSHOP**
- 3 Management for Success: The Importance of Cultural Supervision **WORKSHOP**
- 4 The Voices of Aboriginal Kids in Care **YARNING CIRCLE**
- 5 Community Connection and Building Techniques Improving Early Years Outcomes
- 6 Community Healing Groups
- 7 Driving Change in the Justice System
- 8 Transforming Carer Assessment Practice: Introducing Winangay Resources across Australia **WORKSHOP**
- 9 Education and Empowering Youth
- 10 Cultural Competency Models

Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition
Short Films Screened

DAY 2:

WEDNESDAY

16 September

Plenary 9.00am – 10.30am

Performance: Indigo Ellis

Family Matters – Kids Safe in Culture, Not in Care

A dynamic and frank Q&A style discussion with community, national and international leaders on reversing the tide of child removals.

Muriel Bamblett, VACCA

Dr Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada

Judge Matthew Myers, Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Andrew Jackomos, Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People

Emma White, Director General, WA Department for Child Protection and Family Support

Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Concurrent Sessions 31 - 40 11.00am – 12.30pm

- 31 Australian Government Early Childhood Sector Reform – How will Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children Fare? **PANEL**
- 32 Transition to School
- 33 Strong Women's Voices = Strong Communities Program. Family Worker Training for Aboriginal Women in the Sector **WORKSHOP**
- 34 Healing Approaches and Trauma Informed Practice when Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People **WORKSHOP**
- 35 What is the Family Matters Strategy and how can you Participate? **WORKSHOP**
- 36 Child and Family Centres and their Deadly Stories
- 37 Out-of-Home Care and Connection to Culture
- 38 Strong Aboriginal Men Driving Change
- 39 Community and Child Health Care
- 40 Tapping Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom

Lunch, Poster Presentations (Presenters Available) & Exhibition
Angela Rule Performing
Short Films Screened

DAY 3:

THURSDAY

17 September

Plenary 9.00am – 10.30am

Performance: The Beat Walkers

Keynote Address:

Professor Fiona Stanley

Early Childhood: Overcoming Intergenerational Trauma for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations

Keynote Address:

June Oscar

Learning Across Worlds: Nurturing the Future of the Fitzroy Valley with New Practices in Early Life Education and Care

Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Concurrent Sessions 61 - 70 11.00am – 12.30pm

- 61 Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation in the Child Protection System **PANEL**
- 62 Remember the Past, Change the Future: Drawing from the Roots of the Ancestors **WORKSHOP**
- 63 The Aboriginal Therapeutic Home-Based Care Program **WORKSHOP**
- 64 Early Childhood Sector Development
- 65 Raising Strong Children through Healing
- 66 Inequalities in the Child Protection System
- 67 Aboriginal Participation Models
- 68 Learnings from the Parent and Community Engagement Program
- 69 Family Supports: Exploring New Ways
- 70 Partnership Models for Young People

Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition
Short Films Screened

Pre-Conference Masterclass B 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Meeting Room 2 & 3

Professor Pat Dudgeon & Tjalaminu Mia

Healing – Intergenerational Trauma. Young and Old, Connecting Generations

Concurrent Sessions 11 - 20 1.30pm – 3.00pm

- 11 Community Driven Initiatives Empowering Change
- 12 No More Violence: Exploring Whole of Family and Community Approaches to Preventing and Responding to Family Violence **WORKSHOP**
- 13 Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Nyoongar Country **WORKSHOP**
- 14 Pirrjirdi Warlpiri Wangkanjaku Manu Pirrjirdi Warlpiri Kurdu-Kurdu Wita-Wita-Ku: (Strong Warlpiri Voices Strong Warlpiri Children) Stories of Warlpiri Early Childhood Governance **YARNING CIRCLE**
- 15 Early Childhood Journeys
- 16 Out-of-Home Care and Kinship Care
- 17 First Peoples Disability Network **WORKSHOP**
- 18 Holistic Supports Starting Early
- 19 Child Protection Policy and Practice
- 20 A Community of Practice Approach in the Torres Strait Islands **WORKSHOP**

Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Concurrent Sessions 21 - 30 3.30pm – 5.00pm

- 21 Government Tools and Innovations to Support Child Safety and Wellbeing
- 22 From Punishment to Prevention: Broadening our Advocacy Strategies to Achieve Systemic Change **WORKSHOP**
- 23 Healing – 'Indigenuity', Listening is a Gift **WORKSHOP**
- 24 Early Learning Strategies
- 25 Driving Change in Early Childhood
- 26 Intergenerational Trauma and Community Safety
- 27 Cultural Support Planning for Kids in Care
- 28 Coordinated Approaches for Better Outcomes
- 29 Supporting Children with Special Needs
- 30 Collaborating to Create Deadly Resources and Storytelling

Welcome Reception 5.00pm – 7.00pm

BelleVue Ballroom, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Concurrent Sessions 41 - 50 1.30pm – 3.00pm

- 41 Creating Change through Partnerships **PANEL**
- 42 Holistic Wellbeing for Victims and Survivors of Family Violence
- 43 DRUMBEAT – New Interventions for Parents and Children using the Combination of Rhythm and Reflection **WORKSHOP**
- 44 First Nations Children v. the Government of Canada **WORKSHOP**
- 45 Sharing and Strategy Workshop for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Years Services **YARNING CIRCLE** (Closed Session)
- 46 Supporting Families through Improved Child Protection Systems
- 47 Community: Collaborative Approaches
- 48 Working with Families in the Early Years
- 49 Early Childhood Education and Literacy
- 50 Young People's Journeys in Out-of-Home Care

Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Concurrent Sessions 51 - 60 3.30pm – 5.00pm

- 51 Moving to Prevention Intensive and Targeted Family Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families **PANEL**
- 52 My Rights, My Voice: Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children to Participate in Matters that Affect them **WORKSHOP**
- 53 Holistic Aboriginal Led Integrated Services
- 54 Learning through Culture
- 55 Abuse Prevention Resources
- 56 Healing through Cultural Connection **WORKSHOP**
- 57 Connecting with Culture through Creativity
- 58 Respecting the Rights of Children with Incarcerated Parents **WORKSHOP**
- 59 Grandmothers Against Removals: the Fight Against Continuing Stolen Generations
- 60 Supporting New Mothers and Fathers

Evening Options by Prior Purchase 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Frasers Dinner and Show at Kings Park

Aviary Evening of Entertainment

Closing Plenary 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Performance: George Walley and Friends

The Decade Ahead: Learning from the Past to Create a New Future

Panel presentation speakers will include:

Muriel Bamblett, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-op Ltd

Mick Gooda Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice

Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission

Andrea Mason, CEO, NPY Women's Council

Antoinette Braybrook, CEO, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria

Conference Closing Remarks:

Sharron Williams, CEO AFSS, Chair of SNAICC

Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Closing Event 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Corroboree & Sand Art in the Summer Garden

Participants:

Boodja Bidi

Jim Webb and Wadumbah Dance Group

Wesley College Moorditj Mob

Kwarbah Djookian

Little Doorum

SAND ART by: **Nerolie Blurton**

PROGRAM

DAY 1: TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

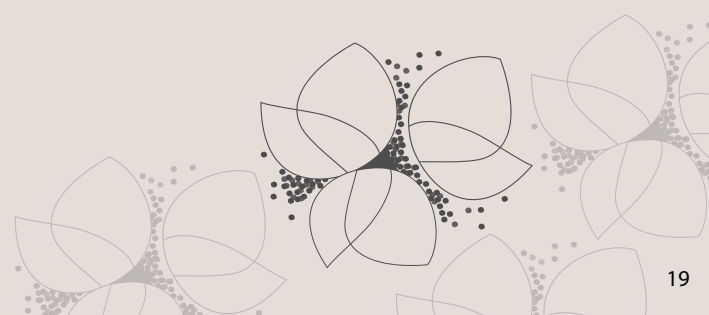
9.00am - 10.30am	Opening Plenary	Riverside Theatre
9.00am - 9.05am	Welcome Message Sharron Williams, CEO AFSS, Chair of SNAICC	
9.05am - 9.25am	Welcome to Country & Performance Richard Walley & The Middar Dance Group Moombaki Ensemble with the Madjitil Moorna Choir	
9.25am - 9.45am	Welcome Message Andrew Jackomos, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People	
9.45am - 10.30am	Keynote Address: Cultural Wounds Require Cultural Medicines: How Cultural Continuity Reduces Suicide Youth Risk in Indigenous Communities Professor Michael Chandler	
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition	Riverside & Southern Foyers



11.00am - 12.30pm Concurrent Sessions					
	1 Pathways to Safety	2 Heal our Families, Heal our Children	3 Management for Success: The Importance of Cultural Supervision	4 The Voices of Aboriginal Kids in Care	5 Community Connection and Building Techniques Improving Early Years Outcomes
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Room:	Meeting Room 1	River View Room 4	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 9	River View Room 5
Chair:	Sharron Williams	N/A	N/A	Garry Matthews	Karen Hall
	Pathways to Safety and Wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children Sharron Williams (SNAICC, VIC)	Lindy Moffatt, Steven Torres Carne & Frank Cook (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, ACT)	Fran Illingworth (Mara Mara Healing, VIC) & Michael Moran (Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, VIC)	Michael Higgins, Jessie Longbottom & Julie Welsh (AbSec, NSW)	Making a Difference – Lullas Children and Family Centre Miranda Borlini (Lullas Children and Family Center, VIC)
	Hearing their Voices: Self-Harm and Help Seeking among Aboriginal Children and Young People Megan Mitchell (Australian Human Rights Commission, NSW)				Leading a Sense of Independence, Belonging and Empowerment in Young Children through Open Ended Questioning Tanya Robinson, Kirsten Holland & Jacqueline Toby (Creche & Kindergarten Association, QLD)
					Working Together in a Remote Town to Provide a Strong Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Dallas Harris (Nganggawail Aboriginal Health Service, WA)
	6 Community Healing Groups	7 Driving Change in the Justice System	8 Transforming Carer Assessment Practice: Introducing Winangay Resources across Australia	9 Education and Empowering Youth	10 Cultural Competency Models
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Chair:	Lisa Coulson	TBC	N/A	Frank Hytten	Jenine Godwin-Thompson
	Tiwi Islands – An Example of Working Collaboratively towards Creating a Resilient Community Marisa Taylor, Henrietta Hunter & Richard Tungatulum (CatholicCare, NT) & Peter Ulbrick (CatholicCare, Voyager Hypnotherapy & The Healing Foundation, NT)	They're Just Kids' – Amnesty International's Campaign for Indigenous Youth Justice Tammy Solonec (Amnesty International, WA)	Aunty Sue Blacklock (Winangay Resources Inc, NSW and Ambassador for Children for ACCP), Professor Fiona Arney (Australian Centre for Child Protection (ACCP), University of South Australia) & Jenna Meiksans (Australian Centre for Child Protection, University of South Australia)	Making Tracks to Tertiary Education: In Pursuit of Better Learning Outcomes for Indigenous Care Leavers Charmaine Walley (Salvation Army, VIC) & Andrew Harvey (College of Science, Health and Engineering, La Trobe University, VIC)	Creating Cultural Safety: A Model of Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients and their Families in a Tertiary Paediatric Hospital Sharon Mongta, Selena White & Margaret Rowell (The Royal Children's Hospital, VIC)
	Little Black Duck Spreads its Wings Nerida Oberg & Louise Crawford (Anglicare – Shoalhaven, NSW) & Darryll Farrell (Anglicare - Shoalhaven & Jerrinja Aboriginal Community, NSW)	Building Communities not Prisons: 'Justice Reinvestment' Opportunities for Community Driven Change Ben Schokman (Human Rights Law Centre, VIC)		Indigenous Excellence and Cultivating a Generation of Positive Change Makers April Long (National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, NSW)	Development of Culturally Informed Addendum to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services Standards Evidence Guide Eveanne Liddle (VACCA)
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition				Riverside & Southern Foyers
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Meet the SNAICC National Executive				Meeting Room 1

1.30pm - 3.00pm					
Concurrent Sessions					
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Chair:	Natalie Lewis	N/A	N/A	N/A	Kathleen Pinkerton
	Stronger Communities for Children: Communities Driving Better Outcomes for Kids and Families in Remote Northern Territory Taren Williams (Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre, Ntaria), Bernadine Kungul (Kardu Lurruth Ngala Purrungime Committee, Wadeye), Marie Tirak (Kardu Lurruth Ngala Purrungime Committee, Wadeye), Gaylene Gurruwiwi (Yolngu Wanganhamirr Mitj' Galiwin'ku), Helen Guypul (Yolngu Wanganhamirr Mitj' Galiwin'ku), Ingrid Johanson (Ninti One, Alice Springs, NT)	David Ellis (SNAICC, VIC)	Robyn Williams (Curtin University, WA)	Warlpiri Early Childhood Care and Development Project Representatives	"Beyond Education" in the Early Years Education Environment Lisa Ranahan (Australian Childhood Foundation, VIC), Alyson Ferguson & Josh Kenny (Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative, VIC) Kindy is Deadly! – Our C&K 'Soft Entry Approach' to Increasing Access and Participation to Kindy in an Urban and Regional Location in Queensland Sandi Lascelles (C&K – Central, QLD), Jackie Bennett & Dorothy Brown (C&K - Pre Kindergarten Diversity Program, QLD)
	To Achieve Change, First Change the System Jane Vadeloo (Founding CEO, Children's Ground, NT)				
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Chair:	Sue-Anne Hunter	N/A	Geraldine Atkinson	Emma Sydenham	N/A
	Carer Yarning Circle Cultural Training Package Helen Humes (Centrecare, Djooraminda, WA)	'Living My Way' – The Untold Story of Disability in Childhood Development Scott Avery, Damian Griffiths & June Riemer (First Peoples Disability Network (Australia), NSW)	Bumps to Babes and Beyond; Supporting Aboriginal Mothers in the Journey to Parenthood Beverley Allen (QEC Early Parenting Centre, VIC), Danielle Dougherty & Ada Petersen (Mallee District Aboriginal Services, VIC)	Insights on Progressing Indigenous Child Well-Being in Neo-Liberal Political Climates Muriel Bamblett (VACCA) & Emma Sydenham (SNAICC)	A Community of Practice Approach in the Torres Strait Islands – Meke Yumpla Pikinini Safe (Make our Children Safe) Toni Cash & Deb Hall (Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, QLD), Gabriel Bani (Port Kennedy Association, Torres Strait Islands, QLD) & Wayne Laza (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islands Domestic & Family Violence Service, Mura Kosker Sorority, Torres Strait Islands, QLD)
	Finding Families for Aboriginal Children in Care: Kinship Connections WA Mike Clare (Clare Consultancy, Kinship Connections, WA & The University of Western Australia) & Ann Oakley (Kinship Connections, WA)		Cradle to Kinder Working in Partnership with Aboriginal Families Sarah Bailey (QEC Early Parenting Centre, VIC), Djimpi Hood and Myra Pinney (Northern VACCA)		
	Creating a Partnership to Care for Aboriginal Children and Young People: Mackillop Family Services and Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation Working Together to Empower Community to Provide Culturally Connected Kinship Care and Foster Care David Fox & Ross Councillor (Mackillop Family Services, VIC) & Sophia Davis (Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation - WMHSAC)		Improving Service Coordination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families through Pregnancy, Birthing and the Early Years Catherine Chamberlain (The University of Melbourne)		
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition				Riverside & Southern Foyers

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Chair:	Garry Matthews	N/A	N/A	Glenda Kickett	Lisa Thorpe
	Building Safety Together Kim Reader (Department for Child Protection and Family Support and the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service, WA)	Ben Schokman (Human Rights Law Centre, VIC)	Alison Elliott & Robyne Latham (The Bouverie Centre, La Trobe University, VIC)	School Readiness Initiative - Little J and Big Cuz Lisa Norris & Priscilla Reid-Loynes (Australian Council for Educational Research, VIC)	The Northern Territory BBF Quality Improvement Workshop Series 2015-2016 Jan Fleming (RRACSSU NT IPSU)
	Getting Back to the Kurturtu (Heart) of Good Practice Russell Gregory (Department for Child Protection and Family Support, WA)			Playing it Smart at Playgroup: Best Early Games for Guaranteed Success at School Christine Hawkes & Kate Stack (Playgroup WA), Ann Jacobs (Ann Jacobs Speech Pathologist, WA)	Innovative Delivery... ‘Promising Results’ Sue Wilson (TAFESA) & Ann Marquard (Anangu Schools, SA)
					Building Community through Playgroup Connie Borg (Warlpiri Education and Training Trust, NT), Jasmine Spencer (Charles Darwin University, NT) & Melinda Noe (World Vision Australia, NT)
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Chair:	Lisa Hillan	Paul Gray	David Ellis	Jenine Godwin-Thompson	Nick Joseph
	Victor’s Story Jackie Stewart & Melissa Stubbings (Family Worker Training + Development Programme Inc, NSW)	Cultural Support Planning for our Kids in Care (NSW) Michelle Lester (AbSec, NSW)	Engaging Community Sector Agencies to Build and Embed Cultural Competency to Provide Better Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their Families in Canberra Julie Butler & Kim Peters (ACT Council of Social Service)	Supporting our Children with Disabilities: Yawarra Community & Child Care Centre & the STaR Childcare Support Program in Western Sydney Karen Minter (Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child & Family Centre & Yawarra Community & Child Care Centre, NSW)	Story Telling can Make a Change: A Participatory Action Research Model of Engaging Aboriginal Leaders in the Development of Social and Emotional Wellbeing Resources Lisa Watts (Charles Darwin University, NT), Dianne Kerr (Wurundjeri Elder), Alf Bamblett (KidsMatter - Australian Psychological Society) & Ronald Briggs
	Community Safety Research Project through Maari Ma Health Marsha Files (Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, NSW)	All Children have the Right to know who they are and where they come from Raylene Popovich (Barnardos Australia, NSW)	We’re not Ticking Boxes Anymore Joanne Willox (Department for Child Protection and Family Support, WA) & John Foster (Western Australia Police)	Autism and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children Florence Williams & Kris Jennings (Early Days, QLD)	1000 Deadly Kids, 1000 Deadly Books Myles Russell-Cook (Kids’ Own Publishing, VIC)
				Empowering Whole School Communities to Support Aboriginal Children with Autism or Diverse Learning Needs: Inclusive Practices through Our Six Step Model Suzanne Donnelly & Lee Casucelli (Positive Partnerships, NSW)	
5.00pm - 7.00pm					
Welcome Reception (Sponsored by HESTA)					BelleVue Ballroom



DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

9.00am - 10.30am	Plenary					Riverside Theatre
9.00am - 9.10am	Performance Indigo Ellis					
9.10am - 10.30am	Family Matters – Kids Safe in Culture, Not in Care Facilitator: Narelda Jacobs Panelists: Muriel Bamblett , VACCA Dr Cindy Blackstock , First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada Judge Matthew Myers , Federal Circuit Court of Australia Andrew Jackomos , Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People Emma White , Director General, WA Department for Child Protection and Family Support					
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Chair:	Emma Sydenham	John Burton	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Geraldine Atkinson (SNAICC, VIC), Christine Foreshew (Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre), Prof Fiona Stanley (Telethon Kids Institute, The University of Western Australia & The University of Melbourne) & Jackie Wilson (Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Services)	‘Getting Ready’: A Collaborative Transition to School Program for Aboriginal Families Danielle Chytra, Bianca Warner, Laura Hagan & Frances Dobson (South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Department of Health) The Journey to Big School: Improving Educational Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children Presenter TBC Lift off to Learn – Early Intervention for Pre-School Aged Aboriginal Children in Regional WA Cate Ham, Amanda Baxter & Rheanna McCleery (Wanslea Family Services Inc., WA)	Jackie Stewart & Melissa Stubbings (Family Worker Training + Development Programme Inc, NSW)	Nick Joseph (SNAICC, VIC) & Sue-Anne Hunter (VACCA)	Sharron Williams, Frank Hytten (SNAICC), Natalie Lewis (QATSI CPP), Tim Ireland (AbSEC), Richard Weston (The Healing Foundation), Brian Babbington (Families Australia)	
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	Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre – Belonging, Being and Becoming – Where are we now? Lisa Thorpe (Bubup Wilam Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, VIC)	Factors Influencing Connection to Culture by Indigenous Children and Young People in Out-of-Home Care in Australia Joseph McDowall (CREATE Foundation, QLD)	The Metamorphoses of a Noongar Men’s Group in Regional Western Australia Cate Ham, Tony Evers & Derek Woods (Wanslea Family Services Inc, WA)	Maitjara Wangkanyi: Talking about Food Suzanne Bryce (NPY Women’s Council, NT)	Strengths of Australian Aboriginal Cultural Practices in Family Life and Child Rearing Jenine Godwin-Thompson (SNAICC, VIC)	

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Chair:	Lisa Thorpe	Paul Gray	Garry Matthews	Catherine Chamberlain	Jenine Godwin-Thompson
	South Australian Children and Family Centres – Establishing and Growing Services for Aboriginal Children and Families in their Local Community Heather Ward, Catherine Cavouras & Kellie Bails (Department for Education and Child Development, SA)	Connecting Kids to Family and Culture Stephan Lund & Jodie Plug (Wanslea Foster Care, WA)	The Strengths of Maambart Maam (my Father) for Maali Moort (Urban Families) Cheryl Kickett-Tucker & John Kalin (Pindi Pindi, Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Wellbeing, WA), Caroline Nilson (Murdoch University, WA) + additional speaker	Aboriginal Child Health Success Stories Diann Peate & Leonie Hellwig (Department of Health, WA)	Sharing our Grandmothers' Stories Christine Armstrong (Waltja Tjutangu Palyapayi, NT)
	Walking Alongside Families with Young Children – Children and Family Centres in Western Australia Sandy Freimond (Department of Education Western Australia) & Maria Lovison (Wunan, WA)	Building Identity, Self-Esteem, Resilience and Empowerment in Aboriginal Children and Young People in Care Tony Culbong (Centrecare, Djooraminda, WA)			
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition				Riverside & Southern Foyers
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	Brionee Noonan & Theresa Roe (Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT)), Michael Currie (QATSICPP, QLD), John Burton (SNAICC, VIC)	Mary Cowley (CEO of Aboriginal Family Law Services and Deputy Convenor of National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum)	Grace Trusso (Holyoake DRUMBEAT Program, WA)	Cindy Blackstock (University of Alberta, Canada)	Cheryl Kickett-Tucker & John Kalin (Pindi Pindi, Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Wellbeing, WA), Caroline Nilson (Murdoch University, WA) & Quinton Tucker (Burmna Yurral Aboriginal Corporation)
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Chair:	Fleur Smith	Nick Joseph	Lisa Coulson	Kathleen Pinkerton	Sharron Williams
	Centrecare Djooraminda – Working with Aboriginal Families Elizabeth Wortham & Jason Thompson (Centrecare, Djooraminda, WA)	It's Moorditj, the Time's Right Di Ryder, Carol Ryder, Jude Bridgland Sorenson & Jennifer Brodie (Swan Alliance - An Equal Partnership between Mission Australia, Anglicare WA & Ngala, WA)	ReadnPlay' – A Pre-Kindergarten Partnership Relena Ara (Napranum PaL Group Limited, QLD)	The Impact of School Engagement on Educational Outcomes for Victorian Aboriginal Primary School Children Scott Winch (University of Melbourne, VIC)	Jilya-Balya 'Learning how to Fly' Sarah Edwards, Mel Curran & Renee Abercrombie (Department for Child Protection and Family Support, WA) & Kyia Coffin (Bunjima Language Group, WA)
	Please Help, they Took my Child Away and I Never See him? NPYWC Child Advocacy: An Innovative Service Supporting Aboriginal Families Negotiate Complex Tri-State Child Protection Systems Hannah Stanley (Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC), NT)	Alekareng Multi-Media Project: How a Community Development Approach is Giving Aboriginal People a Stronger Voice in Community Decision Making Dave Howard & Graham Beasley (Central Land Council, NT)	Tharawal Aboriginal PlayLinks – Supported Playgroup: A Family's Playgroup Journey Leanne Franklin & Tamika Briggs (Northcott, NSW) & Linda Bolt (Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, NSW)	Read to me I Love it! An Innovative Indigenous Family Literacy Program for Remote Communities in Western Australia Lennie Barblett (Edith Cowan University)	Indigenous Specialist Reconnect – The Journey to Better Practice in Working with Aboriginal Young People who are at Risk of Homelessness Ross Wortham & Johnna Flavell (Save the Children Australia)
	Luwinta Mana-mapali Krakani Waranta – Reclaiming our Jurisdiction in Child Protection Lisa Coulson (TACCA, TAS) & Heather Sculthorpe (Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, TAS)				
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition				Riverside & Southern Foyers

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Chair:	John Burton	N/A	TBC	Fleur Smith	Jenine Godwin-Thompson
	Clare Tilbury (School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith University, QLD) & Natalie Lewis (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak)	Aivee Robinson (UNICEF, NSW) & Ben Schokman (Human Rights Law Centre, VIC)	Baya Gawi Children and Family Centre, Fitzroy Crossing – A Coolamon Model of Service Delivery Sarah Cleaves & June Oscar AO (Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Womens Resource Centre, WA) & James Fitzpatrick (Patches Paediatrics & Telethon Kids Institute, WA)	The Cousin's Program, to Engage Local Indigenous Youth as Mentors with our Preschool Jarjums, to Foster a Positive Sense of Self and Identity before they Begin School Cath Gillespie & Kirby Barker (Evans Head Woodburn Preschool, NSW)	Community Risk-Mapping Exercise Holly-Ann Martin (Safe4kids, WA)
			Achieving Deep and Enduring Change – A Bininj Led Approach to Learning, Family Health, Community Development and Wellbeing Roxanne Naborlborlh, Christine Alangale & Kestianna Djandjomerr (Children's Ground, NT)	HIPPY Australia and Barnardos Australia: A Partnership to Ensure Successful Community Engagement in the HIPPY Program in Wellington NSW Ron Holmes (Brotherhood of St Laurence, VIC) & Donna Ashley (Barnardos Australia, NSW)	Innovative, Interactive Resources for Abuse Prevention Education in the Early Years Holly-Ann Martin (Safe4kids, WA)
				Balee Koolin Bubup Connecting Children and Families to Boonwurrung Country Aunty Fay Sewart Muir (VACL), Priscilla Reid-Loynes (Indigenous Early Years Consultant, VIC) & Sarah Bingle (Library has Legs Project, Windermere's Communities for Children Cranbourne, VIC)	
3.00pm - 5.00pm	56 Healing through Cultural Connection	57 Connecting with Culture through Creativity	58 Respecting the Rights of Children with Incarcerated Parents	59 Grandmothers Against Removals: the Fight Against Continuing Stolen Generations	60 Supporting New Mothers and Fathers
Session Type:	Workshop	Presentations	Workshop	Workshop	Presentations
Room:	Meeting Room 3	Meeting Room 6	Meeting Room 7	Meeting Room 10	Meeting Room 8
Chair:	N/A	Nick Joseph	N/A	N/A	Catherine Chamberlain
	Wayapa, An Aboriginal Wellness & Connection Practice Jamie Thomas (Wayapa Wuurrk, VIC)	Crayons, Calico and Cups of Tea: An Unlikely Friendship Verity Roennfeldt & Natasha Orr (Department of Child Protection and Family Support, WA)	Supporting Indigenous Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration by Assisting them to SHINE (Supporting, Hope, Inspire, Nurture, Empower) Carol Vale (Shine for Kids, QLD)	Debbie Swan (NSW) & Vanessa Culbong (WA)	Changing Lives by Delivering Culturally Secure and Holistic Maternity Care Alison Gibson (Moort Boodjari Mian Department of Health, North Metropolitan Health Service, Public Health and Ambulatory Care, WA)
		The Future of our Dance Lies with our Children who will Carry it on Jo Clancy (Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre, NSW)			A User Designed Website for Young Aboriginal Fathers Craig Hammond (University of Newcastle, NSW)

DAY 3: THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER


9.00am - 10.30am	Opening Plenary					Riverside Theatre
9.00am - 9.10am	Performance The Beat Walkers					
9.10am - 9.50am	Keynote Address: Early Childhood: Overcoming Intergenerational Trauma for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations Professor Fiona Stanley					
9.50am - 10.30am	Keynote Address: Learning across Worlds: Nurturing the Future of the Fitzroy Valley with New Practices in Early Life Education and Care June Oscar AO					
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition					Riverside & Southern Foyers
11.00am - 12.30pm	Concurrent Sessions					
	61 Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation in the Child Protection System	62 Remember the Past, Change the Future: Drawing from the Roots of the Ancestors	63 The Aboriginal Therapeutic Home-Based Care Program	64 Early Childhood Sector Development	65 Raising Strong Children through Healing	
Session Type:	Panel	Workshop	Workshop	Presentations	Presentations	
Room:	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 9	River View Room 4	River View Room 5	
Chair:	Natalie Lewis	N/A	N/A	Lisa Coulson	Glenda Kickett	
	Evaluation of VACCA's Guardianship Program Sue-Anne Hunter (VACCA)	Phillip Dhamarrandji, Susan Garawirrtja, Jessica Wurungmurra & Malcolm Galbraith (FAST NT)	Chris Tanti (Take Two, VIC), Sue Hermans (Mildura District Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Gavin Barker (Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Kim Duncan (Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Kylie Briggs (Njernda Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Laura Green (Winda Mara Aboriginal Cooperative, VIC) & Patrick Byrne (Bendigo & District Aboriginal Cooperative, VIC)	Indigenous Educators Inspiring Success Milly Phillips & Ursula Barber (Queensland Department of Education and Training)	Growing Our Children Up Strong: Creating Pathways to Healing Caitlin Mullins (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, ACT) & Joan Dickson (Far West NSW Medicare Local)	
	Absec, Creating a State-Wide Approach Michael Higgins (AbSec, NSW)			Prioritising Aboriginal Early Childhood – The NSW Policy Experience Angela Webb, Emma Beckett & Ross Hughes (AECCL Inc, NSW)	VACCA's Report on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Support Team: Lessons Learned Jeannie McIntyre, Jenny Kirby & Nathan Bird (VACCA)	
	Community Controlled Child Protection and 'The Voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families' Michael Currie (QATSICCP, QLD)					
	66 Inequalities in the Child Protection System	67 Aboriginal Participation Models	68 Learnings from the Parent and Community Engagement Program	69 Family Supports: Exploring New Ways	70 Partnership Models for Young People	
Session Type:	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	
Room:	Meeting Room 3	Meeting Room 6	Meeting Room 7	Meeting Room 8	Meeting Room 10	
Chair:	Paul Gray	Garry Matthews	Rachel Atkinson	Lisa Hillan	David Ellis	
	Is Australia Creating a Second Stolen Generation? Mick Naughton (Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare, VIC)	Koori Conciliation Conferences in Child Protection Matters in the Children's Court of Victoria Kate Walker, Angela Carney & Julia Zanin (Children's Court of Victoria)	Lessons Learnt and Outcomes of a Collaborative Program Evaluation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clients in the Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) Program Damien Knight & Lucy Corrigan (The Benevolent Society, QLD)	Supporting Families with a Cultural Coach Approach: Ngallu Wal & The Youth Hope Program in Western Sydney Leonne Herzeg (Ngalluwal ACFC, NSW)	Building a Strong Tomorrow – Partnerships in Service Provision Gill Marsden (Centrecare Djooraminda, WA) & Steve Dyson (Save the Children Australia, WA)	
	Inequality Disguised as Equality – The New Stolen Generation and the Failure to Protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children (and how Legislation Entraps and Destroys Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families) Joe Harman (Federal Circuit Court of Australia, NSW)	Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making (AFLDM): Why it Works Richard Penrith (VACCA)	Working with Koorie Children with Additional Needs Geraldine Atkinson (Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI) & SNAICC, VIC)	Supporting Vulnerable Families and Children – Our Way Jennifer Savage, Robyn Goodman, Roxanne Ross & Jo Stout (Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Service, QLD)	The Koorie Youth Traineeship Program Bonnie Presley (MacKillop Family Services, VIC) & Brenda Young (VACCA, VIC)	
					The South East Corridor Youth Partnership Project - Collective Impact in Practice Anania Tagaro, Preston Culbong & Andrew Yarran (Save the Children Australia, WA)	
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition					Riverside & Southern Foyers

1.30pm - 3.00pm	Closing Plenary	Riverside Theatre
1.30pm - 1.40pm	Performance: George Walley and Friends	
1.40pm - 2.40pm	Plenary Panel Presentation: The Decade Ahead: Learning from the Past to Create a New Future Facilitator: Professor Pat Dudgeon Panelists: Muriel Bamblett , CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-op Ltd Mick Gooda , Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission Andrea Mason , CEO, NPY Women's Council Antoinette Braybrook , CEO, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria	
2.40pm - 3.00pm	Conference Closing Remarks Sharron Williams , CEO AFSS, Chair of SNAICC	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition	Riverside & Southern Foyers
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Closing Event Corroboree & Sand Art in the Summer Garden Participants: Boodja Bidi Jim Webb and Wadumbah Dance Group Wesley College Moorditj Mob Kwarbah Djookian Little Doorum SAND ART by Nerolie Blurton	Summer Garden




CONFERENCE SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Session Types

 Workshop

 Panel

 Yarning Circle

The SNAICC Conference program has identified some sessions as 'Yarning Circles'.

How are we defining 'Yarning Circle'? A yarn up or yarning is an Aboriginal term meaning to converse or have a conversation.

A non-Aboriginal equivalent would be a discussion circle.

This is an informal way of learning, where a facilitator or discussion leader assists the communication flow so that discussion and information is shared and equally distributed around participants.

At the SNAICC Conference we want the Yarning Circle to be about open conversations, learning from others, whilst allowing equal participation in a safe space where every person in the circle can feel comfortable to share, feel supported and is respectful of each other's learning styles and wisdom.

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All other sessions will include short presentations.


DAY 1: TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Opening Plenary

9.00am - 10.30am

Keynote Address

Professor Michael Chandler

 **Cultural Wounds Require Cultural Medicines:
How Cultural Continuity Reduces Suicide Youth
Risk in Indigenous Communities**

This presentation will summarise a quarter-century of research into the health and wellbeing of a subset of Canada's First Nations communities. Youth suicide is taken as a marker of community distress, and the ongoing program of research to be described aims to search out distinctive features of those communities that enjoy low or absent youth suicide rates. The broad conclusion to which these data point is that those groups that enjoy remarkably lower rates of suicide are different from their more distressed counterparts by having achieved substantial measures of community control over their own cultural identity. More particularly, those communities that have sustained meaningful connections to their cultural past (i.e. language preservation; the maintenance of cultural rituals and practices; and the development of facilities to support cultural maintenance), and that are otherwise engaged in related practices meant to guarantee jurisdiction over their own cultural future (e.g. control over health and social service delivery; education; and matters of social justice) are just those communities with lower burdens of ill health, including youth suicide. Special attention will be focused on how such cultural control factors impact ongoing negotiations with governments and health delivery systems.

Concurrent Sessions 1 - 10

11.00am – 12.30pm

1 Pathways to Safety

Pathways to Safety and Wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children

This session explores priorities for action to implement Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led approaches to promoting the safety and wellbeing of children, with particular reference to implementation action for the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children.

Sharron Williams (SNAICC, VIC)

Hearing their Voices: Self-Harm and Help-Seeking among Aboriginal Children and Young People

This presentation describes the finding from the National Children's Commissioner's 2014 examination into intentional self-harm among children and young people aged 0-17 years, as they relate to the particular issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Megan Mitchell (Australian Human Rights Commission, NSW)

2 Heal our Families, Heal our Children

An outline of how healing gatherings are assisting communities to come together and have the opportunity to discuss openly issues that are impacting their families and communities in negatives ways, creating pathways to restore harmony and balance to community life.

Lindy Moffatt, Steven Torres Carne & Frank Cook (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, ACT)

3 Management for Success: The Importance of Cultural Supervision

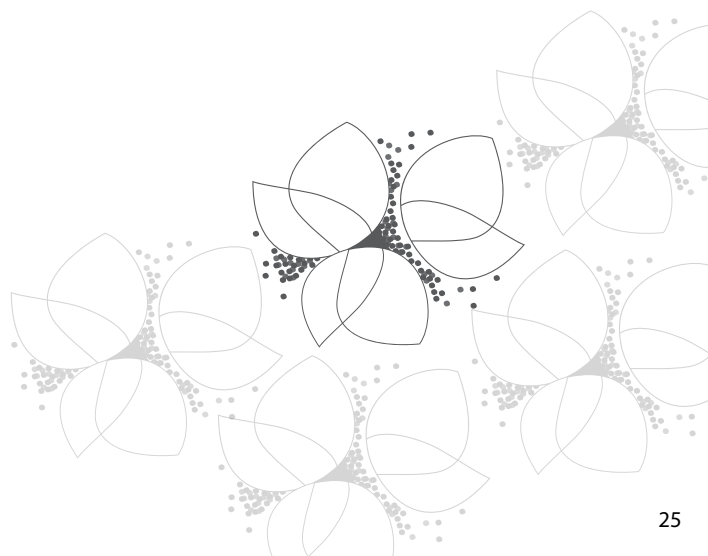
Management for success: the importance of Cultural Supervision, and a black and white approach in the decolonisation of the mind and the further development of Aboriginal organisations and services.

Fran Illingworth (Mara Mara Healing, VIC) & **Michael Moran** (Njerna Aboriginal Corporation, VIC)

4 The Voices of Aboriginal Kids in Care

A space to focus on the voices of kids and their experiences in OOHc.

Michael Higgins, Jessie Longbottom & Julie Welsh (AbSec, NSW)



5 Community Connection and Building Techniques Improving Early Years Outcomes

Making a Difference – Lulla’s Children and Family Centre

Lulla’s, in partnership with Shepparton Communities for Children, uses community building and sustaining techniques, lateral approaches to problem-solving, to deal with issues now for those children who need it most. Hopefully participants will take away a sense of optimism that much can be achieved against the odds and that with a strong community a bright future is possible for children whose start in life has been far from ideal.

Miranda Borlini (Lulla’s Children and Family Centre, VIC)

Leading a Sense of Independence, Belonging and Empowerment in Young Children through Open-Ended Questioning

Through an interview and recount of real life experiences of working with young children, we will learn how open questioning and providing greater connection to family and community develops success and promotes better outcomes for young children.

Tanya Robinson, Kirsten Holland & Jacqueline Toby (Creche & Kindergarten Association, QLD)

Working Together in a Remote Town to Provide a Strong Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

The School Partnership Journey with early years and health services to support a community driven strategic plan. This session focuses on a process to develop and apply user-friendly tools to assist the community to understand and apply wellbeing data to support health outcomes.

Dallas Harris (Nganggawail Aboriginal Health Service, WA)

6 Community Healing Groups

Tiwi Islands - An Example of Working Collaboratively towards Creating a Resilient Community

We will look at the women’s and men’s groups that are held on a weekly basis in Wurrumiyanga, Tiwi Islands, as an example of building community resilience.

Marisa Taylor, Henrietta Hunter & Richard Tungatulum (CatholicCare, NT) & **Peter Ulbrick** (CatholicCare, Voyager Hypnotherapy & The Healing Foundation, NT)

Little Black Duck Spreads its Wings

Following on from SNAICC 2013, Little Black Duck programme responds to Community need and now includes couples and family counselling with an emphasis on healing grief and loss in Community.

Nerida Oberg & Louise Crawford (Anglicare – Shoalhaven, NSW) & **Darryll Farrell** (Anglicare - Shoalhaven & Jerrinja Aboriginal Community, NSW)

7 Driving Change in the Justice System

They’re Just Kids – Amnesty International’s Campaign for Indigenous Youth Justice

An overview of Amnesty International’s national research and campaign to reduce the representation of Indigenous youth in the justice system within a generation.

Tammy Solonec (Amnesty International, WA)

Building Communities not Prisons: ‘Justice Reinvestment’ Opportunities for Community Driven Change

This session will draw on Australian and international examples of ‘justice reinvestment’ initiatives and explore what opportunities they present for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop holistic place-based, community-driven solutions aimed at creating long-term, sustainable social and economic change.

Ben Schokman (Human Rights Law Centre, VIC)

8 Transforming Carer Assessment Practice: Introducing Winangay Resources across Australia



Participants in this interactive workshop will be able to see the use of the Winangay carer assessment tools in practice, and talk with the Winangay and Australian Centre for Child Protection researchers about their successes and challenges in achieving the “seismic shifts” required in policy and practice for Stronger Ways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

Sue Blacklock (Winangay Resources Inc, NSW & Australian Centre for Child Protection, University of South Australia), **Fiona Arney & Jenna Meiksan** (Australian Centre for Child Protection, University of South Australia), **Paula Hayden, Gillian Bonser & Karen Menzies** (Winangay Resources Inc, NSW)

9 Education and Empowering Youth

Making Tracks to Tertiary Education: In Pursuit of Better Learning Outcomes for Indigenous Care Leavers

This presentation focuses on the tertiary educational experience of Western Australian Indigenous young people in out-of-home care, drawing on a recently completed national report on higher education outcomes of Australian care leavers.

Charmaine Walley (Salvation Army, VIC) & **Andrew Harvey** (College of Science, Health and Engineering, La Trobe University, VIC)

Indigenous Excellence and Cultivating a Generation of Positive Change Makers

This presentation will explore the impact of a positive discourse on a generation of young Indigenous people in Redfern/Waterloo who are engaged in NCIE programs that celebrate culture and the positive impact of young people in the community.

April Long (National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, NSW)

10 Cultural Competency Models

Creating Cultural Safety: A Model of Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients and their Families in a Tertiary Paediatric Hospital

Providing culturally sensitive and responsive services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families in a tertiary paediatric hospital.

Sharon Mongta, Selena White & Margaret Rowell (The Royal Children’s Hospital, VIC)

Development of Culturally Informed Addendum to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services Standards Evidence Guide

This presentation will discuss the 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 and relationships between Aboriginal and non Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations.

Eveanne Liddle (VACCA)



11 Community Driven Initiatives Empowering Change

Stronger Communities for Children: Giving kids the best start to life in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory

In 2013, the Australian Government committed to the Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC) program in 10 sites. The program aims to empower communities to lead sustainable local solutions for children and families to thrive. SCfC Boards are responsible for deciding on local priorities, and informing new initiatives and service delivery decisions based on these. These Boards also advocate for changes in service arrangements to better meet the needs of children in their communities.

In this presentation, SCfC Board Members from three different sites will present on 'what's worked' with SCfC in the early years, emerging evidence and the challenges faced along the journey.

Taren Williams (Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre, Ntaria), **Bernadine Kungul** (Kardu Lurruth Ngala Purrungime Committee, Wadeye), **Marie Tirak** (Kardu Lurruth Ngala Purrungime Committee, Wadeye), **Gaylene Gurruwiwi** (Yolngu Wanganhamirr Mitj', Galiwin'ku), **Helen Guypul** (Yolngu Wanganhamirr Mitj', Galiwin'ku), **Ingrid Johanson** (Ninti One, Alice Springs, NT)

To Achieve Change, First Change the System

The evidence is in. Three decades of effort, involving considerable funds and high aspirations, have failed to achieve change in First Nation communities. This presentation will argue that this represents a failure of the system, rather than organisations or, as is so often assumed, the communities themselves. Five systemic reforms which challenge the status quo, and which are being applied by Children's Ground in partnership with the Mirarr people in Kakadu West Arnhem, will be presented for reflection and discussion.

Jane Vadiveloo (Founding CEO, Children's Ground, NT)

12 No More Violence: Exploring Whole of Family and Community Approaches to Preventing and Responding to Family Violence

This workshop will incorporate a focus on agreed "Good Practice Principles" developed through the SNAICC Safe For Our Kids research and in consultation with the sector, which identifies key values, approaches and strategies when working with family violence issues.

David Ellis (SNAICC, VIC)

13 Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Nyoongar Country

This workshop will provide a brief overview of FASD and some of its impact on children with FASD; and families.

Robyn Williams (Curtin University, WA)

14 'Pirrjirdi Warlpiri Wangkanjaku Manu Pirrjirdi Warlpiri Kurdu-Kurdu Wita-Wita-Ku' (Strong Warlpiri Voices, Strong Warlpiri Children) Stories of Warlpiri Early Childhood Governance

An interactive session with representatives from Warlpiri Early Childhood Reference Groups sharing their stories of: Pirrjirdi wangkanjaku (strong voices); Pirrjirdi nguru (strong communities); Pirrjirdi walarlja (strong families); for strong children.

Warlpiri Early Childhood Care and Development Project Representatives

15 Early Childhood Journeys

"Beyond Education" in the Early Years Education Environment

A partnership approach to supporting Aboriginal children, families, communities and educators to provide a holistic early years' service.

Lisa Ranahan (Australian Childhood Foundation, VIC), **Alyson Ferguson & Josh Kenny** (Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative)

Kindy is Deadly! – Our C&K 'Soft Entry Approach' to Increasing Access and Participation to Kindy in an Urban and Regional Location in Queensland

The presentation will showcase effective community collaboration and proven techniques to assist children to attend an approved kindergarten program.

Sandi Lascelles (C&K – Central, QLD), **Jackie Bennett & Dorothy Brown** (C&K - Pre Kindergarten Diversity Program, QLD)

16 Out-of-Home Care and Kinship Care

Carer Yarning Circle Cultural Training Package

The Carer Yarning Circle is designed to add value to the direct care work carried out by carers and support workers within the Out-of-Home Care Program Primary Care Team – General and Tier 1 Placements, in order to provide culturally sensitive, safe and responsive support to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and non-Indigenous children placed within the protective care environment.

Helen Humes (Centrecare, Djooraminda, WA)

Finding Families for Aboriginal Children in Care: Kinship Connections WA

The presentation will outline a new model of finding family members of Aboriginal children in care and will report on the recent pilot project funded by the Department of Child protection and family Support in 3 District Offices in Perth, WA.

Mike Clare (Clare Consultancy, Kinship Connections, WA & The University of Western Australia) & **Ann Oakley** (Kinship Connections, WA)

Creating a Partnership to Care for Aboriginal Children and Young People: MacKillop Family Services and Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation Working Together to Empower Community to Provide Culturally Connected Kinship Care and Foster Care

This presentation will explore, reflect on and detail learnings from partnership between MacKillop and WMHSAC that aims to deliver the best possible care to Aboriginal children and young people, through supporting kinship care and foster care that is culturally aware. It also discusses recruiting and retaining Aboriginal staff in order to empower the community to care for their children within the community, and staying connected to community and culture.

David Fox & Ross Councillor (MacKillop Family Services, VIC) & **Sophia Davis** (Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation - WMHSAC)

17 First Peoples Disability Network

'Living My Way' – The Untold Story of Disability in Childhood Development

This is a workshop to capture narrative from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with lived experience of disability, and present how these narratives can be used to influence policy and practice.

Scott Avery, Damian Griffis & June Riemer (First Peoples Disability Network (Australia), NSW)

18 Holistic Supports Staring Early

Bumps to Babes and Beyond – Supporting Aboriginal Mothers in the Journey to Parenthood

Sharing the practice wisdom and key learnings from the Bumps to Babes and Beyond project, which supported Aboriginal women who were vulnerable from the ante-natal period until their child was 18 months old.

Beverley Allen (QEC Early Parenting Centre, VIC), **Danielle Dougherty & Ada Petersen** (Mallee District Aboriginal Services, VIC)

Cradle to Kinder – Working in Partnership with Aboriginal Families

Supporting Aboriginal mothers to connect to their infant, health promotion, safety and wellbeing of children and assisting the parents to make positive changes in their lives.

Sarah Bailey (QEC Early Parenting Centre, VIC), **Djimpi Hood** and **Myra Pinney** (Northern VACCA)

Improving Service Coordination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families through Pregnancy, Birthing and the Early Years

We will outline the key priority issues related to service fragmentation in South East Melbourne, identified through consultations, service mapping and qualitative research. In addition to this, we will present a case study illustrating these factors and propose key questions for a comprehensive systematic review of strategies, to improve service coordination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Catherine Chamberlain (The University of Melbourne)

19 Child Protection Policy and Practice

Insights on Progressing Indigenous Child Wellbeing in Neo-Liberal Political Climates

This session shares insights from a recent academic roundtable, led by Aboriginal leaders, which reflected on our current approaches and explored new or expanded frameworks to progress Indigenous children's wellbeing in the current political context.

Muriel Bamblett (VACCA) & **Emma Sydenham** (SNAICC)

20 A Community of Practice Approach in the Torres Strait Islands

Meke Yumpla Pikinini Safe (Make our Children Safe)

In 2011 a critical practice issue led to a training partnership in the Torres Strait Islands. An outcome of the training initiative was the development of an ongoing Community of Practice in the Torres Strait Islands. Through this workshop we will explore:

- The process used to develop the Community of Practice in the Torres Strait Islands including the opportunities and challenges presented by the process;
- The factors identified as critical in effective partnership and cultural responsiveness;
- The indicators that the Community of Practice is achieving positive outcomes in the Torres Strait Islands
- The next steps in the process ... where to from here?

Toni Cash & Deb Hall (Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, QLD), **Gabriel Bani** (Port Kennedy Association, Torres Strait Islands, QLD) & **Wayne Laza** (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islands Domestic & Family Violence Service, Mura Kosker Sorority, Torres Strait Islands, QLD)

Concurrent Sessions 21 - 30

3.30pm – 5.00pm

21 Government Tools and Innovations to Support Child Safety and Wellbeing

Building Safety Together

This presentation will focus on how a child protection worker put the voice of an unborn child in the centre of joint safety planning to successfully engage both of the baby's parents, their family, the Department and the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service.

Kim Reader (Department for Child Protection and Family Support and the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service, WA)

Getting Back to the Kurturtu (Heart) of Good Practice

This presentation highlights the complexities and rewards encountered when implementing the Signs of Safety framework (SofS) in a regional and remote setting. When we get back to the Kurturtu (heart) of good practice, and work with the family and community of Aboriginal children, it ensures the delivery of good cultural outcomes.

Russell Gregory (Department for Child Protection and Family Support, WA)

22 From Punishment to Prevention: Broadening our Advocacy Strategies to Achieve Systemic Change

This interactive workshop will explore how we can broaden our advocacy strategies to convince governments to shift their focus from punishment to prevention, and more effectively support the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

Ben Schokman (Human Rights Law Centre, VIC)

23 Healing – 'Indigenuity', Listening is a Gift

Throughout this experiential workshop, participants will explore the healing process inherent in and integral to, the gift of listening.

Alison Elliott & Robyne Latham (The Bouverie Centre, La Trobe University, VIC)

24 Early Learning Strategies

School Readiness Initiative – Little J and Big Cuz

Developing resources and a television production acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pedagogies and working from the strengths of culture within the early years of learning.

Lisa Norris & Priscilla Reid-Loynes (Australian Council for Educational Research, VIC)

Playing it Smart at Playgroup: Best Early Games for Guaranteed Success at School

This presentation will provide an overview of strategies and games used in Playgroup WA's Indigenous playgroup programs to support improved literacy outcomes for Indigenous children and families through the development of phonological awareness skills.

Christine Hawkes & Kate Stack (Playgroup WA), **Ann Jacobs** (Ann Jacobs Speech Pathologist, WA)

25 Driving Change in Early Childhood

The Northern Territory BBF Quality Improvement Workshop Series 2015-2016

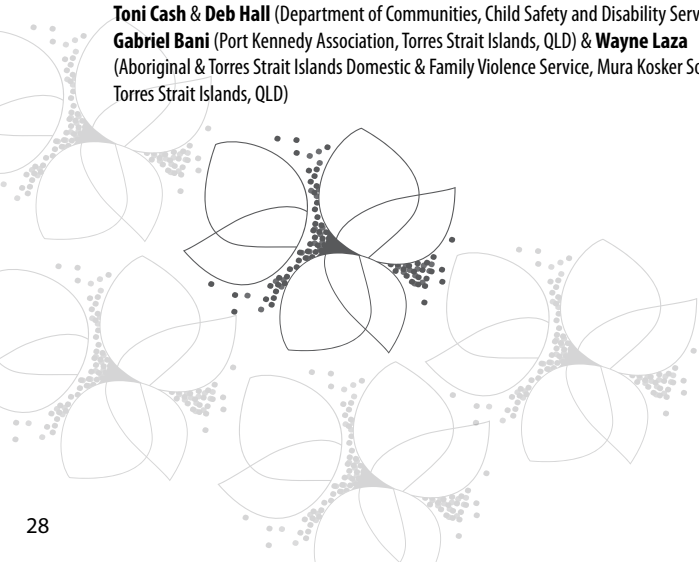
The Quality Improvement journey of BBF services across the Northern Territory.

Jan Fleming (RRACSSU NT IPSU)

Innovative Delivery 'Promising Results'

This presentation will expose you to the journey of the collaboration and the learning experience of an Anangu Education Worker in Certificate 3 in Children's Services.

Sue Wilson (TAFESA) & **Ann Marquard** (Anangu Schools, SA)



Building Community through Playgroup

We aim to share the story of our playgroup by explaining the research project we are conducting with the Early Child Reference Group, BIITE, WVA and Charles Darwin University, in relation to Wirliyajarrayi Kurdu-Kurdu-Wita Wita Kurlangu playgroup.

Connie Borg (Warlpiri Education and Training Trust, NT), **Jasmine Spencer** (Charles Darwin University, NT) & **Melinda Noe** (World Vision Australia, NT)

26 Intergenerational Trauma and Community Safety

Victor's Story

The story of one Aboriginal family's journey over six generations, naming and healing from inter-generational trauma.

Jackie Stewart & Melissa Stubbings (Family Worker Training + Development Programme Inc, NSW)

Community Safety Research Project through Maari Ma Health

Community Safety Research Project – a joint partnership between Maari Ma Health and the University of NSW.

Marsha Files (Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, NSW)

27 Cultural Support Planning for Kids in Care

Cultural Support Planning for our Kids in Care (NSW)

The important process of developing and implementing cultural support plans for Aboriginal children and young people in care must be respected and acknowledged as significant and meaningful work that will keep our kids strong in culture and connected to family, community and country.

Michelle Lester (AbSec, NSW)

All Children have the Right to know who they are and where they come from

Keeping a child's life story is critical to the child/young person's sense of identity and long-term wellbeing.

Raylene Popovich (Barnardos Australia, NSW)

28 Coordinated Approaches for Better Outcomes

Engaging Community Sector Agencies to Build and Embed Cultural Competency to Provide Better Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their Families in Canberra

This session will discuss an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led sector development program which aims to increase the accessibility and effectiveness of service responses to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities living in Canberra.

Julie Butler & Kim Peters (ACT Council of Social Service)

We're not Ticking Boxes Anymore

A presentation about a new, coordinated way of working for government agencies with very disadvantaged young Aboriginal people and their families – showing some surprising results.

Joanne Willox (Department for Child Protection and Family Support, WA) & **John Foster** (Western Australia Police)

29 Supporting Children with Special Needs

Supporting our Children with Disabilities: Yawarra Community & Child Care Centre & the STaR Childcare Support Program in Western Sydney

This presentation shares successful support methods for children with Disabilities by Yawarra Community & Child Care Centre within the STaR Childcare Support Program in Western Sydney.

Karen Minter (Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child & Family Centre and Yawarra Community & Child Care Centre, NSW)

Autism and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children

Discussing ASD in Aboriginal children and communities, and highlighting support pathways.

Florence Williams & Kris Jennings (Early Days, QLD)

Empowering Whole School Communities to Support Aboriginal Children with Autism or Diverse Learning Needs: Inclusive Practices through Our Six Step Model

This presentation will outline the six step model we use to create significant change within Aboriginal communities to improve the educational outcomes for children with autism, and other diverse learners.

Suzanne Donnelly & Lee Casuscelli (Positive Partnerships, NSW)

30 Collaborating to Create Deadly Resources and Storytelling

Story Telling can Make a Change: A Participatory Action Research Model of Engaging Aboriginal Leaders in the Development of Social and Emotional Wellbeing Resources

The Australian Psychological Society created 12 animations that communicate key messages and deeper meanings about the importance of connecting to culture, drawn from the life events and the stories shared by Indigenous storytellers in a participatory framework to grow knowledge and inspire leadership on social and emotional wellbeing.

Lisa Watts (Charles Darwin University, NT), **Dianne Kerr** (Wurundjeri Elder), **Alf Bamblett** (KidsMatter – Australian Psychological Society) & **Ronald Briggs**

1000 Deadly Kids, 1000 Deadly Books

Challenges and rewards of a large-scale book-making event for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. (NATSICD 2015). How we set about the creation of 1000 books by 1000 children utilising the wePublish App.

Myles Russell-Cook (Kids' Own Publishing, VIC)



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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Plenary Panel Discussion

9.00am - 10.30am

> Family Matters – Kids Safe in Culture, Not in Care

An update on the Family Matters initiative, followed by a dynamic and frank Q&A style discussion with community, national and international leaders on reversing the tide of child removals.

With more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care every year, an increase in punitive approaches across jurisdictions, and child protection systems across the country appearing more and more broken, it is time to debate strategies to reverse this trend in the current political and social climate.

Facilitator: Narelda Jacobs

PANELISTS:

Muriel Bamblett, VACCA

Dr Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada

Judge Matthew Myers, Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Andrew Jackomos, Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People

Emma White, Director General, WA Department for Child Protection and Family Support

Concurrent Sessions 31 - 40

11.00am – 12.30pm

31 The Australian Government Early Childhood Sector Reform – How will Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children Fare?

A panel and discussion on structural changes underway in the sector and how they will impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

PARTICIPANTS:

Geraldine Atkinson (SNAICC, VIC)

Christine Foreshew (Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre)

Professor Fiona Stanley (Telethon Kids Institute, WA)

Jackie Wilson (Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Services)

32 Transition to School

PARTICIPANTS:

'Getting Ready': A Collaborative Transition to School Program for Aboriginal Families

This presentation will describe the planning, implementation and evaluation of a transition to school program piloted in Southern Eastern Sydney involving children's group sessions and a concurrent parent information and support program.

Danielle Chytra, Bianca Warner, Laura Hagan & Frances Dobson (South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Department of Health)

The Journey to Big School: Improving Educational Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children

Working in partnership with communities to develop culturally appropriate and holistic transition to school programs that lay a strong foundation for life long educational success.

Presenter TBC

Lift off to Learn – Early Intervention for Pre-School Aged Aboriginal Children in Regional WA

'Lift Off to Learn' is a program starting children's learning journey from birth: structure, principles and outcomes.

Cate Ham, Amanda Baxter & Rheanna McCleery (Wanslea Family Services Inc., WA)

33 Strong Women's Voices = Strong Communities Program. Family Worker Training for Aboriginal Women in the Sector

The Western Sydney Cultural Support Program offers Aboriginal women working in the community sector a year-long program to build cultural connections and strong voices.

Jackie Stewart & Melissa Stubbings (Family Worker Training + Development Programme Inc, NSW)

34 Healing Approaches and Trauma Informed Practice when Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

The workshop will discuss the challenges and possibilities when working closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities affected by trauma.

Nick Joseph (SNAICC, VIC) & **Sue-Anne Hunter** (VACCA)

35 What is the Family Matters Strategy and how can you Participate?

Family Matters: Kids Safe in Culture not in Care is a national initiative to stop child removal, ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are safe and cared for within family and culture. This session is a workshop to input on the draft Family Matters objectives and strategic priorities. It will also allow state/territory discussions on strengthening state based strategies for change.

Sharron Williams, Frank Hytten (SNAICC), **Natalie Lewis** (QATSICPP), **Tim Ireland** (AbSEC), **Richard Weston** (The Healing Foundation), **Brian Babbington** (Families Australia)

36 Child and Family Centres and their Deadly Stories

Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre – Belonging, Being and Becoming – Where are we now?

Strong and deadly children at Bubup Wilam through self-determination and community control.

Lisa Thorpe (Bubup Wilam Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, VIC)

South Australian Children and Family Centres – Establishing and Growing Services for Aboriginal Children and Families in their Local Community

Staff from SA Children and Family Centres share stories of their journey in establishing centres that reflect a philosophy of acknowledgement, engagement and inclusion of Aboriginal families and children.

Heather Ward, Catherine Cavouras & Kellie Bails (Department for Education and Child Development, SA)

Walking Alongside Families with Young Children – Children and Family Centres in Western Australia

Exploring the challenges, opportunities and achievements of the five Children and Family Centres located in Western Australia, highlighting the Ningkuwum-Ngamayuwu Halls Creek Children and Family Centre.

Sandy Freimond (Department of Education Western Australia) & **Maria Lovison** (Wunan, WA)



37 Out-of-Home Care and Connection to Culture

Factors Influencing Connection to Culture by Indigenous Children and Young People in Out-of-Home Care in Australia

Cultural connection is vital for Indigenous children and young people, and an understanding of its importance is essential for those caring for them.

Joseph McDowall (CREATE Foundation, QLD)

Connecting Kids to Family and Culture

How do non-Aboriginal foster carers, fostering Aboriginal children, ensure that children are connected to their culture and family.

Stephan Lund & Jodie Plug (Wanslea Foster Care, WA)

Building Identity, Self-Esteem, Resilience and Empowerment in Aboriginal Children and Young People in Care

An overview of the Djooraminda model for ensuring Aboriginal children and young people in Family Group Homes are resilient, independent and culturally secure.

Tony Culbong (Centrecare, Djooraminda, WA)

38 Strong Aboriginal Men Driving Change

The Metamorphoses of a Noongar Men's Group in Regional Western Australia

Establishing a Noongar Men's group in a fractured community in regional Western Australia: processes, relationships and outcomes.

Cate Ham, Tony Evers & Derek Woods (Wanslea Family Services Inc, WA)

The Strengths of Maambart Maam (my Father) for Maali Moort (Urban Families)

Using a community participatory action research framework within an Aboriginal male worldview, our project explored the mental health of Aboriginal male carers during the perinatal period. The aim of our project was to understand, respect and recognise the needs of male carers in order to develop and evaluate a program suitable for male carers' needs in raising their family.

Cheryl Kickett-Tucker & John Kalin (Pindi Pindi, Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Wellbeing, WA), **Caroline Nilson** (Murdoch University, WA) + additional speaker

39 Community and Child Health Care

Maitjara Wangkanyi: Talking about Food

Maitjara Wangkanyi started as a nutrition research proposal to research food habits in three South Australian APY communities, to know how to appropriately support change. With Maitjara Wangkanyi, we are trialling ways to open the discussion around food habits and keep it open.

Suzanne Bryce (NPY Women's Council, NT)

Aboriginal Child Health Success Stories

There is some excellent work being delivered in Aboriginal child health service delivery across WA to improve health and development outcomes for young children.

Diann Peate & Leonie Hellwig (Department of Health, WA)

40 Tapping Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom

Strengths of Australian Aboriginal Cultural Practices in Family Life and Child Rearing

Based on findings from the recently published Strengths of Australian Aboriginal cultural practices in family life and child rearing, discussion focuses on how traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practices can strengthen families and communities, and have positive effects on children throughout the life course.

Jenine Godwin-Thompson (SNAICC, VIC)

Sharing our Grandmothers' Stories

Supporting the intergenerational transmission of Indigenous cultural knowledge for Aboriginal women in Central Australia.

Christine Armstrong (Waltja Tjutangu Palyapayi, NT)

41 Creating Change through Partnerships

This panel session focuses on initiatives promoting genuine inter-agency partnerships in child and family services. It includes presentations and discussion on:

SNAICC's Creating Change through Partnerships training program
Emerging partnerships supported by QATSICPP and SNAICC in the Queensland Family and Child Connect initiative.

The process and outcomes of partnerships principles developed by Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT).

PARTICIPANTS:

Brionee Noonan & Theresa Roe (Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT),
Michael Currie (QATSICPP, QLD), **John Burton** (SNAICC, VIC)

42 Holistic Wellbeing for Victims and Survivors of Family Violence

A presentation on the AFVLS holistic wellbeing framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence.

Mary Cowley (CEO of Aboriginal Family Law Services and Deputy Convenor of National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum)

43 DRUMBEAT – New Interventions for Parents and Children using the Combination of Rhythm and Reflection

This session will showcase two new interventions from Holyoake based on the award winning DRUMBEAT social and emotional development program. DRUMBEAT uses hand drumming to explore relationship issues that support community connection and healthy lifestyles. It is used in Aboriginal communities across Australia and First Nations communities in Canada and the USA.

Holyoake also released their child computer game 'DRUMBEAT QUEST' which is the world's first computer game for social and emotional learning that incorporates the latest neuroscience on rhythm and regulation.

For further information on both programs visit:

www.holyoake.org.au/drumbeat

Grace Trusso (Holyoake DRUMBEAT Program, WA)

44 First Nations Children v. the Government of Canada

For the first time in history, the Canadian Government was held to account for alleged contemporary discrimination against First Nations children before a legal body that can make binding orders. Learn about the 8 year history of this case, the evidence and its implications for Indigenous children's rights worldwide.

Cindy Blackstock (University of Alberta, Canada)

45 The Strengths of Maambart Maam (my Father) for Maali Moort (Urban Families)

(Closed Session)



Sharing and Strategy Workshop for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Years Services (Closed Session)

This session will provide a space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early childhood education and care services to exchange experiences and learnings internally. Participants will discuss upcoming sector changes with the Child Care Assistance Package, key questions for the Department of Social Services and priorities to ensure the early years needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are best met.

Child Care Assistance Package Workshop

Have some questions about the Child Care Assistance Package? Please come to raise your questions at this workshop with the Department of Social Services. It will provide a space to discuss the package and what it will mean for your service, and attending children and families. Joanna Stanion (Department of Social Services).

Cheryl Kickett-Tucker & John Kalin (Pindi Pindi, Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Wellbeing, WA), **Caroline Nilson** (Murdoch University, WA) & **Quinton Tucker** (Burnna Yurral Aboriginal Corporation)

46 Supporting Families through Improved Child Protection Systems

Centrecare Djooraminda – Working with Aboriginal Families

An overview of holistic outreach based support to families with children aged 0-17 within the Perth metropolitan area.

Elizabeth Wortham & Jason Thompson (Centrecare, Djooraminda, WA)

Please Help, they Took my Child Away and I Never See him? NPYWC Child Advocacy: An Innovative Service Supporting Aboriginal Families Negotiate Complex Tri-State Child Protection Systems

On account of increasing requests for support from Aboriginal families who reported feeling confused, overwhelmed and disempowered in their interactions with the tri-state child protection agencies of central Australia, the NPYWC Child Advocacy service has been designed to provide families with culturally appropriate, practical, advocacy support with the ultimate aim of keeping children safe and connected to family, community and culture.

Hannah Stanley (Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC), NT)

Luwinta Mana-mapali Krakani Waranta – Reclaiming our Jurisdiction in Child Protection

A presentation from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre report on changes needed in the child protection system, including consultation based research and recommendations on how the transfer of the child protection jurisdiction to the community would result in an improved system for children and families.

Lisa Coulson (TACCA, TAS) & **Heather Sculthorpe** (Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, TAS)

47 Community: Collaborative Approaches

It's Moorditj, the Time's Right

Connecting and working together with the Midland Aboriginal community: The journey of the Swan Alliance Communities for Children.

Di Ryder, Carol Ryder, Jude Bridgland Sorenson & Jennifer Brodie (Swan Alliance - An Equal Partnership between Mission Australia, Anglicare WA & Ngala, WA)

Alekareng Multi-Media Project: How a Community Development Approach is Giving Aboriginal People a Stronger Voice in Community Decision Making

A discussion about how a community development approach has supported a remote Aboriginal community to take greater control over decisions affecting their community.

Dave Howard & Graham Beasley (Central Land Council, NT)

48 Working with Families in the Early Years

'ReadnPlay' – A Pre-Kindergarten Partnership

This presentation showcases a collaborative partnership between two North Queensland Indigenous organisations that successfully developed, trialled and delivered an inspiring and fun program for families to use at home with their Under 3's. The program 'ReadnPlay' helps parents learn more about the many ways young children learn, and provides practical resources and support to encourage positive parent/child interactions every day.

Relena Ara (Napranum Pal. Group Limited, QLD)

Tharawal Aboriginal PlayLinks – Supported Playgroup: A Family's Playgroup Journey

History of Tharawal Aboriginal PlayLinks (supported playgroup), a collaborative partnership between Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation and Northcott, and a family's journey through a supported playgroup.

Leanne Franklin & Tamika Briggs (Northcott, NSW) & **Linda Bolt** (Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, NSW)

49 Early Childhood Education and Literacy

The Impact of School Engagement on Educational Outcomes for Victorian Aboriginal Primary School Children

It's not about making Aboriginal kids go to school, it's about creating an environment that helps them engage in school that will lead to their best education outcomes.

Scott Winch (University of Melbourne, VIC)

Read to me – I Love it! An Innovative Indigenous Family Literacy Program for Remote Communities in Western Australia

Read to me – I love it! is the only literacy project in Western Australia that distributes quality resources to families with preschool-aged children over a two-year period. This paper presents the findings of a three-year evaluative study of the project.

Lennie Barblett (Edith Cowan University, WA)

50 Young People's Journeys in Out-of-Home Care

Jilya-Balya 'Learning how to Fly'

This is the story of a young Bunjima girl's journey through out-of-home care, the development of the community that supported her through this journey, and how she left the out of home care system a strong, resilient and courageous young woman at the age of 18. It also describes the lessons that children in care workers learnt through her story.

Sarah Edwards, Mel Curran & Renee Abercrombie (Department for Child Protection and Family Support, WA) & **Kyia Coffin** (Bunjima Language Group, WA)

Indigenous Specialist Reconnect - The Journey to Better Practice in Working with Aboriginal Young People who are at Risk of Homelessness

This workshop will focus on the key learnings, achievements and challenges associated with establishing an Indigenous specialist case-management model.

Ross Wortham & Johnna Flavell (Save the Children Australia, WA)



51 Moving to Prevention-Intensive and Targeted Family Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families



This session explores good practice in intensive and targeted family support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and research that reviewed practice in 5 community-controlled organisations.

PARTICIPANTS:

Clare Tilbury (School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith University, QLD) & **Natalie Lewis** (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak)

52 My Rights, My Voice: Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children to Participate in Matters that Affect them



This session will provide an overview of children's rights as they are relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, including an introduction to best practice youth participation principles, practical tools and case studies.

Aivee Robinson (UNICEF, NSW) & **Ben Schokman** (Human Rights Law Centre, VIC)

53 Holistic Aboriginal Led Integrated Services

Baya Gawiy Children and Family Centre, Fitzroy Crossing – A Coolamon Model of Service Delivery

Like a coolamon, Baya Gawiy Children and Family Centre gently cradles and protects our community's children with an integrated suite of services for children and their families.

Sarah Cleaves & June Oscar AO (Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre, WA) & **James Fitzpatrick** (Patches Paediatrics & Telethon Kids Institute, WA)

Achieving Deep and Enduring Change – A Bininj Led Approach to Learning, Family Health, Community Development and Wellbeing

This is a brief presentation that celebrates the strength of Bininj culture and what can be achieved when Bininj lead the way in achieving the best outcomes for our children.

Roxanne Naborlhborlh, Christine Alangale & Kestianna Djandjomerr (Children's Ground, NT)

54 Learning through Culture

The Cousins' Program – To Engage Local Indigenous Youth as Mentors with our Preschool Jarjums, to Foster a Positive Sense of Self and Identity before they Begin School

Cath Gillespie & Kirby Barker (Evans Head Woodburn Preschool, NSW)

HIPPY Australia and Barnardos Australia: A Partnership to Ensure Successful Community Engagement in the HIPPY Program in Wellington NSW

Ron Holmes (Brotherhood of St Laurence, VIC) & **Donna Ashley** (Barnardos Australia, NSW)

Balee Koolin Bubup Connecting Children and Families to Boonwurrung Country

Aunty Fay Stewart Muir (VACL), **Priscilla Reid-Loynes** (Indigenous Early Years Consultant, VIC) & **Sarah Bingle** (Library has Legs Project, Windermere's Communities for Children Cranbourne, VIC)

55 Abuse Prevention Resources

Community Risk-Mapping Exercise

Community Risk-Mapping exercise is a visual display and gathers qualitative data that can give adults the insight into where and why children participate in risk-taking and private behaviours. It also identifies areas in community where they feel safe and unsafe.

Holly-Ann Martin (Safe4kids, WA)

Innovative, Interactive Resources for Abuse Prevention Education in the Early Years

Innovative and effective ideas and tools for teaching Abuse Prevention Education to young children including those with special needs.

Holly-Ann Martin (Safe4kids, WA)

56 Healing through Cultural Connection



Wayapa, An Aboriginal Wellness & Connection Practice

Wayapa is an Aboriginal Wellness & Connection Practice that combines cultural mindfulness, traditional movement and narrative meditation to create earth, mind, body and spirit wellbeing.

Jamie Thomas (Wayapa Wuurrk, VIC)

57 Connecting with Culture through Creativity

Crayons, Calico and Cups of Tea: An Unlikely Friendship

Sharing the evolution of an innovative cultural planning idea designed to link Aboriginal children in care, their families and communities, foster families, departments and NGO services - so that the children can grow up safe in culture, strong and proud.

Verity Roennfeldt & Natasha Orr (Department of Child Protection and Family Support, WA)

The Future of our Dance Lies with our Children who will Carry it on

I will present an interactive case study about the work I am doing nationally and internationally with the Wagana Aboriginal Dancers.

Jo Clancy (Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre, NSW)

58 Respecting the Rights of Children with Incarcerated Parents



Supporting Indigenous Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration by Assisting them to SHINE (Supporting, Hope, Inspire, Nurture, Empower)

The aim of the presentation is to raise awareness of the unique needs of Indigenous children impacted by parental incarceration to practitioners working in the Out-of-Home Care environment.

We aim to facilitate a collective discussion utilising a number of stakeholder engagement methods to enhance collaborative practice across the sector. It is our aim to build a knowledge base across the sector to improve collaboration.

We will be showcasing a number of initiatives that SHINE for Kids currently runs in supporting Indigenous children in NSW, ACT and Victoria.

Carol Vale (Shine for Kids, QLD)

59 Grandmothers Against Removals: the Fight Against Continuing Stolen Generations

More of our children are being stolen than ever before and the situation will only get worse until we mobilise in big numbers to force a change that puts Aboriginal people in control. Grandmothers Against Removals is made up of families who have suffered from child removal and have decided enough is enough! Since 2014 we have organised street protests, meetings and helped many families to win their children back. We have built strong alliances and support networks, and forced negotiation with welfare departments. Come and hear about our struggle and find out how you can get involved.

Debbie Swan (NSW) & **Vanessa Culbong** (WA)

60 Supporting New Mothers and Fathers

Changing Lives by Delivering Culturally Secure and Holistic Maternity Care

The importance and effectiveness of providing culturally secure and holistic health care to Aboriginal women and families.

Alison Gibson (Moort Boodjari Mia Department of Health, North Metropolitan Health Service, Public Health and Ambulatory Care, WA)

A User-Designed Website for Young Aboriginal Fathers

Video presentations of young Aboriginal fathers will be shown to illustrate the website features and development.

Craig Hammond (University of Newcastle, NSW)

DAY 3: THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Plenary

9.00am - 10.30am

Keynote Address

Professor Fiona Stanley

> Early Childhood: Overcoming Intergenerational Trauma for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations

The evidence around the impact of healthy pregnancies and early childhood development to provide for future health and wellbeing is now overwhelming. Psychosocial and neuroscience research shows clearly that brain development in the first 4 years is crucial for a range of capacities and capabilities. It also shows that negative influences have profoundly negative impacts early on children's future potential and poor health (such as alcohol, poor nutrition and stress). Early intervention focusing on parental empowerment has been shown to be particularly effective for disadvantaged groups if they are appropriate, intensive and long enough.

Keynote Address

June Oscar AO

> Learning Across Worlds: Nurturing the Future of the Fitzroy Valley with New Practices in Early Life Education and Care

June Oscar AO, CEO of the Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre (MWRC) in Fitzroy Crossing will share her and her community's remarkable story of community led development, unheard of in Australia. In recent years, Marninwarntikura has become renowned for acting on the women's powerful convictions, through spearheading a movement which saw the enforcement of alcohol restrictions, leading to a ground-breaking study called Liliwan, which has recorded the prevalence of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). The results are shocking; 21% of the region's children has been assessed to have one or many of the FASD related conditions.

The Liliwan study, conducted in partnership between the Fitzroy Valley community, the Telethon Institute, Sydney University and the George Institute for Global Health has given the women and their families the rigorous evidence base they need. The continued engagement between researchers and the community is enabling the Fitzroy Valley to become increasingly informed in how to respond to, care for and prevent children being born and growing with complex developmental conditions. These new multidisciplinary approaches to the education and therapy of children and families living with FASD are being practised in Marninwarntikura's Baya Gawiy Early Childhood Learning Unit.

Oscar's presentation encourages us to imagine a growing generation that is empowered to grasp all educational opportunities, no matter the challenges each child faces. As Oscar argues, it is diverse, creative and inclusive educations that have the power to unleash the boundless potential of youth, so an entire generation can walk together into a more promising and equal future.

Concurrent Sessions 61 - 70

11.00am - 12.30pm

61 Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation in the Child Protection System



PARTICIPANTS:

Evaluation of VACCA's Guardianship Program

Sue-Anne Hunter (VACCA)

Absec, Creating a State-Wide Approach

Michael Higgins (AbSec, NSW)

Community Controlled Child Protection and 'The Voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families'

Michael Currie (QATSICCP, QLD)

62 Remember the Past, Change the Future: Drawing from the Roots of the Ancestors



Understandings and stories to bring forth strong healthy fruits in families' lives for the next generation. Yolngu from East Arnhem walking together 'bala rali' (working together) to bring yolngu cultural understandings alongside a strengths-based family strengthening program 'FAST' to enable their families to be strong to help their children grow up and succeed.

Phillip Dhamarrandji, Susan Garawirtja, Jessica Wurungmurra & Malcolm Galbraith (FAST NT)

63 The Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care Program



This presentation will discuss the aims, strengths and challenges, and examples of the work of the statewide Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care program in Victoria.

Chris Tanti (Take Two, VIC), Sue Hermans (Mildura District Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Gavin Barker (Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Kim Duncan (Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Kylie Briggs (Njernda Aboriginal Cooperative & Take Two, VIC), Laura Green (Winda Mara Aboriginal Cooperative, VIC) & Patrick Byrne (Bendigo & District Aboriginal Cooperative, VIC)

64 Early Childhood Sector Development

Indigenous Educators Inspiring Success

Indigenous Priorities – a strategic approach to strengthening and the ongoing sustainability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early childhood education programs and educators, and supporting the sector and educators within it.

Milly Phillips & Ursula Barber (Queensland Department of Education and Training)

Prioritising Aboriginal Early Childhood – The NSW Policy Experience

The presentation will outline various policy changes in NSW to promote access and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in early childhood education and care services and explores the implications within early childhood services.

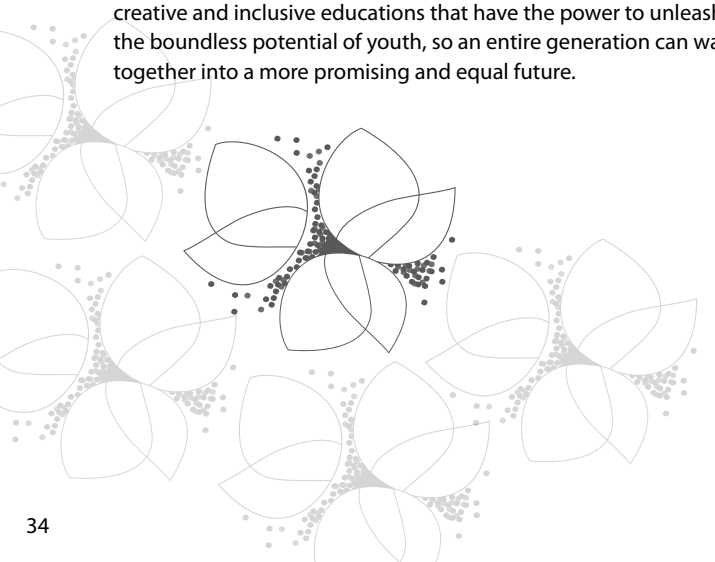
Angela Webb, Emma Beckett & Ross Hughes (AECSL Inc, NSW)

65 Raising Strong Children through Healing

Growing Our Children Up Strong: Creating Pathways to Healing

Outlines the process undertaken in the co-design and development of school-based healing programs for young people and their families in Bourke and Brewarrina, NSW.

Caitlin Mullins (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, ACT) & Joan Dickson (Far West NSW Medicare Local)



VACCA's Report on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Support Team: Lessons Learned

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has provided agencies, such as the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, with a unique opportunity to reflect on how best we can keep Aboriginal children in out-of-home care safe. How as an agency do we train our carers and workforce about sexual abuse and sexually abusive behaviour and foster an environment where children can speak out and feel culturally safe enough to disclose any abuse they are experiencing? How do we ensure we hear the voice of the child?

Jeannie McIntyre, Jenny Kirby & Nathan Bird (VACCA)

66 Inequalities in the Child Protection System

Is Australia Creating a Second Stolen Generation?

This presentation will consider recent child protection data relating to the admission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to out-of-home care, with a particular focus on Victoria.

Mick Naughton (Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare, VIC)

Inequality Disguised as Equality – The New Stolen Generation and the Failure to Protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children (and how Legislation Entraps and Destroys Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families)

A discussion of the failure of non-Indigenous legal systems, evolved from, if not identical to, those prior to 1967, to protect and serve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the present day and perpetrating significant injustice by treating as equal those whom generational disadvantage and post-colonial subjugation have rendered unequal before the law.

Joe Harman (Federal Circuit Court of Australia, NSW)

67 Aboriginal Participation Models

Koori Conciliation Conferences in Child Protection Matters in the Children's Court of Victoria

Kate Walker and her colleagues will discuss how the Koori conferences, established in the Children's Court Conference Centre, have been created to empower and encourage the participation of Aboriginal families involved in Child Protection matters.

Kate Walker, Angela Carney & Julia Zanin (Children's Court of Victoria)

Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making (AFLDM): Why it Works

This presentation will provide an overview of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency's (VACCA) Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making (AFLDM) program, with reference to a case study. The case study will demonstrate a best practice approach to working with Aboriginal families who have been disengaged in the child protection system.

Richard Penrith (VACCA)

68 Learnings from the Parent and Community Engagement Program

Lessons Learnt and Outcomes of a Collaborative Program Evaluation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clients in the Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) Program

This presentation will describe a collaborative evaluation pilot undertaken by The Benevolent Society Research and Evaluation team, in partnership with program staff and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, on the Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) program in Cairns.

Damien Knight & Lucy Corrigan (The Benevolent Society, QLD)

Working with Koorie Children with Additional Needs

This presentation explores the development of support material for Koorie families with children with additional needs in Victoria, through the Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) program.

Geraldine Atkinson (Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI) & SNAICC, VIC)

69 Family Supports: Exploring New Ways

Supporting Families with a Cultural Coach Approach: Ngallu Wal & The Youth Hope Program in Western Sydney

This presentation shares successful cultural coaching methods by the Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child & Family Centre to support young people and their families within the Youth Hope Program in Western Sydney.

Leonne Herczeg (Ngalluwal ACFC, NSW)

Supporting Vulnerable Families and Children – Our Way

We will outline our evidence-based approach to linking social, family support and comprehensive primary health care services to better support the needs of vulnerable families; to promote child and family wellbeing and resilience; and to deliver better outcomes for our children, young people and their families.

Jennifer Savage, Robyn Goodman, Roxanne Ross & Jo Stout (Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Service, QLD)

70 Partnership Models for Young People

Building a Strong Tomorrow – Partnerships in Service Provision

Collaborative partnership to provide intensive mentoring for at risk young people in care.

Gill Marsden (Centrecare Djooraminda, WA) & **Steve Dyson** (Save the Children Australia, WA)

The Koorie Youth Traineeship Program

This presentation describes a partnership project aimed to strengthen and improve the outcomes for Aboriginal people by creating an enabling and culturally relevant traineeship model, to increase Aboriginal employment within the child and family sectors.

Bonnie Presley (MacKillop Family Services, VIC) & **Brenda Young** (VACCA)

The South East Corridor Youth Partnership Project – Collective Impact in Practice

The South East Corridor Youth Partnership Project is an innovative two-year Collective Impact initiative focused on supporting the community's most vulnerable children and young people. This workshop will focus on the key learnings from developing and delivering a community-based collective impact model on youth justice.

Anania Tagaro, Preston Culbong & Andrew Yarran (Save the Children Australia, WA)

Closing Plenary

Plenary Panel Presentation

> The Decade Ahead: Learning from the Past to Create a New Future

Aboriginal leaders reflect on the past decade and think strategically and constructively about the focus of the decade ahead, to see all of our children strong, proud and deadly - living their dreams.

We can get demoralised by the national statistics and figures our about kids, and forget about the amazing developments happening every day across communities. What is working to support our most vulnerable children? How are communities standing up to demand a better life for our children? What needs to happen to forge a national movement and see nation-wide change?

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POSTERS



1 Side by Side

Julie Christine & Alana Smith (Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, WA)

2 The Nyngan Parents as Teachers Group Work Program

Jodi Burnstein (Barnardos Australia, NSW) & **Josie Turk** (Barnardos Australia & Macquarie University, NSW)

3 Linking Together for Aboriginal Children

Teresa Butler-Bowdon (ARMSU Aboriginal Resource & Management Support Unit, SA) & **Sharolyn Talbot** (Network SA Resource, Advisory and Management Services Inc, SA)

4 Warburton Parent & Community Engagement (PaCE) Project

Rosalie Dwyer, Lynette Smith, Olive Lawson (Warburton PaCE Project)
Warburton Remote Aboriginal Community Members of the Mirilirtjarra Kuurl Mirrka Palyalpayi Program

5 The Young Doctors Project

Sammi Fatnowna (The Malpa Project, NSW)

6 Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) Alliance Providing Professional Development Support to Indigenous Budget Base Funded Services around Australia

Janise Fleming (Regional & Remote Aboriginal Children's Services Support Unit & Batchelor Institute, NT)

7 Navigating Roundabouts – A Visual Assessment and Planning Tool

Cate Ham & Dee Mantach (Wanslea Family Services Inc)

8 Engaging Children in Reading through Sharing and Celebrating the Stories and Culture of Indigenous Australians

Margaret James & Benedict Stevens (Honey Ant Readers, NT)

9 Caring for Kids – Tjitji Tjuta Atunymankupai

Mel Kean & Pauline Coombes (Department of Social Services, ACT)

10 Breaking the Cycle of Trauma. Koori Parenting: What Works for Us

Raelene Lesniewska & Joanne Dwyer (Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) Family Counselling Service (FCS), VIC)

11 Family Violence Prevention Community Created Media Campaign

Ada Peterson (Mallee District Aboriginal Services, VIC), **Janine Wilson** (State Government Victoria) & **Trudi Rigby** (Department of Justice, VIC)

12 Deadly Cards in Action – Intentional Yarns

Jan Ungerer & Rona Scherer (Health & Community Services Workforce Council, QLD)

13 Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Aboriginal Communities (RROSIAC)

Monnia Volpi-Wise (SIDS and Kids Western Australia)



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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Welcome Reception

Time: 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Venue: BelleVue Ballroom, Level 3
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

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. It will include a welcome by local community leader Barry McGuire. A performance by the talented 19 year old violinist Tori Oakley and a performance with Phillip Walley-Stack and the Kwarbah Djookian Dance Group.

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WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER (tickets purchased upon registration)

Fraser's Dinner & Show at Kings Park

Time: 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Venue: Fraser's State Reception Centre, Kings Park

Delegates will be wined and dined at arguably one of Perth's finest venues situated in the beautiful environs of Kings Park, whilst being entertained by Australia's premier Indigenous Mo town tribute act, the 'Merindas'. The dinner will be held in the State Reception Centre located at the top of the Kings Park complex, high in the gum trees with a stunning view over the city and river.

Note: Buses will depart the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (Plaza Level) at 6.40pm, and will return to this location, departing Fraser's at 10.15pm.

OR

Aviary Evening of Entertainment

Time: 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Venue: The Aviary, Level 1, 140 William Street, Perth

Delegates will be entertained by a showcase of some of Perth's finest performers including your host for the evening, comedian Derek Nannup, a trio from rock band the 'Bartlett Brothers' and the newly formed 'Embers of Loretta'. Situated in the heart of Perth's CBD, the Aviary Bird Cage and Lounge Bar is one of Perth's hotspots to gather. With its illuminated birdcages and art deco styling, it provides the perfect CBD location to relax and unwind with a drink after a long conference day.

CULTURAL SHOWCASE AT THE CONFERENCE

We have invited a number of talented local groups and performers from the Perth community to participate in the SNAICC Conference to showcase the amazing talent from the Noongar region. Most will be performing for you prior to the plenary sessions and at our special events.

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Opening Plenary

Richard Walley & The Middar Dance Group performance will involve traditional music and dance with the infusion of song and chants. Since the inception of 'Middar Aboriginal Theatre' in 1976 by Richard Walley and others, Middar has highlighted Noongar culture within 32 different countries. The group has collaborated with many Indigenous artists and performers worldwide including Native American, Native Canadian, Maori, African and South American clans. As well as contemporary artists like Carlos Santana, Stevie Wonder and The John Butler Trio.

Moombaki Ensemble and Madjitol Moorna Choir (collaboration)

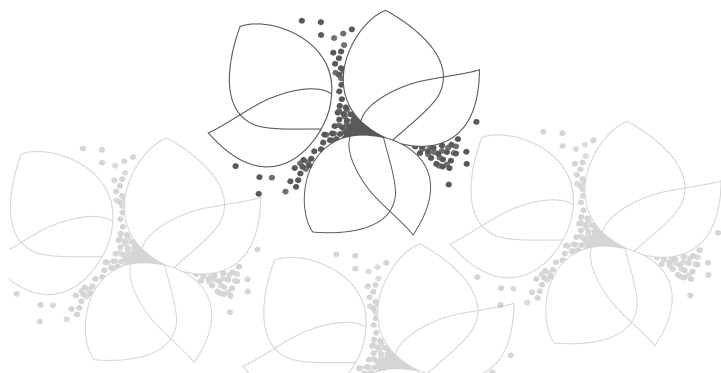
Moombaki (where the rivers meet the sky), are an eclectic ensemble of Aboriginal artists, who perform a mixture of their own songs and covers by various Aboriginal artists. The group's style is a mixture of contemporary & R&B, integrating spiritual influences and their own style of hauntingly beautiful and inspirational lyrics. The ensemble formed in 2015 and like their name suggests are from many rivers in life, they are performing artists in their own right and when they come together, their voices blend in beautiful harmonies, like an endless blue sky day. **Madjitol Moorna** is a unique community choir who sing Aboriginal songs, led by award-winning Aboriginal performers. They sing for better understanding, challenging old stereotypes as people from all backgrounds open their ears and hearts to explore Aboriginal culture, through song and story. Since 2006 the choir has performed throughout the Perth Metro area and in the East Kimberley. Audience participation is encouraged. Songs include contemporary and traditional songs, many in Aboriginal languages, including the Noongar language of the South West of WA.

Welcome Reception

Tori Oakley is a young, talented 21 year old Yamitji Woman. Her family is from Shark Bay, WA, and she has recently graduated from WAAPA. Tori plays violin and is a Mezzo Soprano opera singer. Tori is a cast member of Deborah Cheetham's Pecan Summer and has toured Australia with the show over the past 3 years

Phillip Walley-Stack with Kwarbah Djookian Dance Group

Phillip Walley-Stack is a singer-songwriter and one of Australia's most admired Entertainers. He inherits a performance tradition that pre dates modern arts. From birth he has been exposed to a pocket of Aboriginal culture, maintained and passed on by his family since time began. Firmly entrenched in this tradition is the custom of storytelling - inseparable from song and dance. Through his groundbreaking music and productions Phil celebrates his ancient culture, whilst embracing contemporary edge music and dance through the sharing of his dream-time inspired stories. Phil performs both nationally and internationally and has performed in Germany, USA, Malaysia, Indonesia, France and Dubai. **Kwarbah Djookian's** Karla Hart, Melinda Eades and Tristen Parr will also join Phillip Walley-Stack in this performance.



WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Morning Plenary

Indigo Ellis is 8 years old and she has a passion for singing and performing. Last year she performed in a number of festivals such as the 'Telethon Auction' and 'The Little Feet Festival' and shows like 'The Merindas Motown Show' and 'The Wizard of Oz' at The Old Mill Theatre. She also won a silver medal in the 'Storm the Stage' showcase. Indigo attends Joondalup Entertainment and Theatre School and has the most amazing supportive singing teacher, Charley Caruso.

Lunch Break

Angela Rule is an indigenous singer/songwriter from Perth, Western Australia. Born in Kalgoorlie, Angela comes from a unique heritage with both parents of Aboriginal descent. Since the age of 8, Angela was singing around the house and her parents remember her standing in the lounge room, singing to Mariah Carey on the stereo. Angela wrote her first song at 11 years old and has continued to write since. Currently between Melbourne and Perth, she continues to work on her original songs. Angela has just had the amazing opportunity to support Shelly Morris and Jessica Mauboy on their recent shows in Mandurah! She also sang for the half time performance for the West Coast Eagles vs. St Kilda match, performing for 40,000 people, which is her biggest gig yet! She looks forward to making more music and launching an album.

Evening Social Options

Merindas name comes from the Aboriginal Eora language – meaning beautiful woman and is a tribute to their Indigenous heritage. But there is far more to this very talented group than just their name. Candice, Kristel and Rhiannon are amazing performers whose stars are on the rise as they send ripples across Australia's Motown scene. In 2013 the group was nominated for a Deadly award in the category of 'Most Promising New Talent in Music'. They have supported some of Australia's biggest stars including Kasey Donovan, Christine Anu and Troy Cassar-Daley.

Bartlett Brothers are an Indigenous rock band from Perth that make music that touches the heart and spirit. They create rootsy pop rock sounds with soaring harmonies and a soul edge. Their music and lyrics are infused with the colours and themes of their home country and heritage.

Embers of Loretta are a new trio, singing old country songs for their oldies. With Della Rae Morrison, Charley Caruso and Delta Oui, you can enjoy these beautiful songs of harmony, as you sing along and reminisce the old memories – do you remember where you were? The **Aboriginal Moombaki Ensemble** will also join Embers of Loretta to perform some of their beautiful harmonious songs.



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THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Morning Plenary

The Beat Walkers are an Aboriginal youth hip-hop crew from Midland who love showcasing their talents. Funded by the Swan Alliance and Communities for Children, the crew comes together once a week at Midland PCYC to learn hip hop techniques, take master classes with hip hop professionals and devise performances. The crew is facilitated by artist Fleur Hockey and co-facilitator Karla Hart. These young people love to dance and look forward to sharing their 'dardy' moves with you!

Closing Plenary

George Walley and Friends – George is a respected leader and known for his commitment to building bridges of reconciliation, in sharing his ancient culture through music and other forms of art.

Corroboree: Closing Event in the Summer Garden

Join us outside at the Perth Convention Centre's Summer Garden to celebrate the closing of the Conference with a unique experience featuring sand art and local groups participating in a Corroboree. Participants will include:

Boodja Bidi – In 2013 the Guildford Grammar School (WA) formed its own Indigenous Dance Troupe – Boodjar Bidi – meaning country pathways/country tracks. Each of the Guildford Grammar School's Indigenous students is creating their own tracks during their time at the school. The more they continue on their path, the sooner it will become a permanent track where other people from their community will be able to follow in their tracks.

Jim Webb and Wadumbah Dance Group – Traditional Bibbulmun Aboriginal dance and music performed with fun, passion and power! Wadumbah brings the Dreaming stories of the very first Australians alive in a performance that's authentic and spectacular. Wearing traditional Aboriginal costumes, enhanced by awesome Didjeridoo playing and the hypnotic rhythm of the tapping sticks, skilful performers and traditional presentation will entertain and enthrall your audience.

Kwarbah Djookian, meaning beautiful sisters in Noongah language, is an Aboriginal women's dance group who have been dancing together since late 2007 and are based in Perth. Kwarbah Djookian feel privileged to share with you dances and songs that have been passed on to them by their elders and the group are passionate and proud of their Indigenous culture. This performance is a spiritual experience that will take you to a special place and must not be missed.

The Moorditj Mob is Wesley College's Indigenous Program. The program is an important part of the culture at the College and something the Wesley community has great pride in. The program currently supports 45 students from across Western Australia. Moorditj is the Nyoongar word meaning great or excellent and fits well with what the College strives to achieve. The program offers cultural education and develops pride and understanding in identity that complements a mainstream education. Nyoongar students celebrate this pride in dancing and enjoy performing and teaching primary school students about culture. Last year they performed over 40 dances to different groups. They have met and performed for Sir Bob Geldof, danced in the National NAIDOC Week Opening Ceremony and at the Western Australian Youth Awards ceremony at Crown Entertainment Complex. The boys recently returned from the World Indigenous Peoples Conference in Education in Hawaii where they performed 5 times, including the opening and closing ceremony.

Little Doorum is a traditional youth dance group that consists of the sons and nephews of members of the Doorum Dancers. The name of the group comes from their great grandfather "Doorum" who was a leader of the people from the Baladong clan group. Little Doorum perform for festivals and schools throughout the southwest region and also participate in workshops run by older members of the group. With an average age of nine and the youngest at three, Little Doorum are very confident and possess a strong sense of pride.

SAND ART by Nerolie Blurton – As part of the Corroboree, artist Nerolie Blurton will be creating the design below with sand art. The design features a large wavy flower which are native hibiscus flowers starting to show around, with the circles inside which are the yellow acacias. The children are playing, they are represented as spirit people for the past, present and future. Symbols of animal tracks of the inland animals hunted in Djilba, kangaroo, emu and possum. Children all joined to the circle in the middle surrounded by the flowers in Djilba season. A waterhole is featured in the centre, which will now be receiving some rain on and off.

Nerolie Edith Blurton (nee Bynder) is a proud Badimia, Yamaji, Noongar woman born in the Three Springs, WA. She is a mother to five sons and a baby daughter and has been interested in art from a young age but only started to sell her works from 2010. Nerolie's inspiration comes from life journeys, family life, Elders and her mother's artistic outlook. She finds painting calming, healing and strengthening and likes to use bright colours to express her works and create art that is enjoyed by many.



LUNCH BREAK EXTRAS

Lunch Break Extras

Short Films

A selection of short stories, music and resource clips will be screened during the Conference lunch breaks in Meeting Room 8. These have primarily been produced by SNAICC, Big hART, NPY Women's Council and CAN WA. If you're looking for a space to relax and take in some of these great little productions we recommend you grab some lunch and sit back to take these in.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are advised that some of these films may contain images, voices and names of people who are now deceased.

Art Stall

Look out for the local community Art and Yarning Group who will be selling some of their works during the Conference lunch breaks. There will be original pieces of canvas paintings, small bags, message sticks, painted rocks, boomerangs, jewellery and other crafts for sale. The group meets weekly at the Langford Aboriginal Association to have a yarn and create. They support and inspire each other to keep their spirits strong and are led by Catherine Bynder, who keeps them strong and focused. They are slowly gaining recognition as a group of artists and hope that proceeds from their works will one day help them have their own studio and gallery.

Optional Tours and Activities

Indigenous Walking Tour at Kings Park

Indigenous Tours WA offers fascinating walking tours at Kings Park in the heart of Perth. Kings Park and Botanic Garden is rich with Aboriginal history. This significant location features in many of the Dreamtime stories of the Wadjuk people, and Greg, your tour guide, shares a personal insight into how this has shaped his culture and belief systems. For further information visit www.indigenouswa.com.

Urban Indigenous

Urban Indigenous is committed to delivering exceptional Aboriginal experiences. The company considers itself a strong, passionate and legitimate partner for all Aboriginal people and Aboriginal private enterprise. Urban Indigenous is determined to raise the profile of Aboriginal Australia and to accelerate Reconciliation Australia. Urban Indigenous offers private tours for groups that capture the true identity of the Perth Aboriginal Community. They provide authentic Aboriginal experiences for local and intrastate corporate and government groups wishing to experience a unique day with aboriginal people, culture & community. For further information visit www.urbanindigenous.com.au.

Western Australian Aboriginal Tours

For those looking for pre or post conference tours or adventures around Western Australia we recommend visiting the Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Council's website. The website has several Aboriginal owned tourism operators that can provide you with opportunities to participate in Aboriginal experiences and culture across Western Australia. For further information visit www.waitoc.com.



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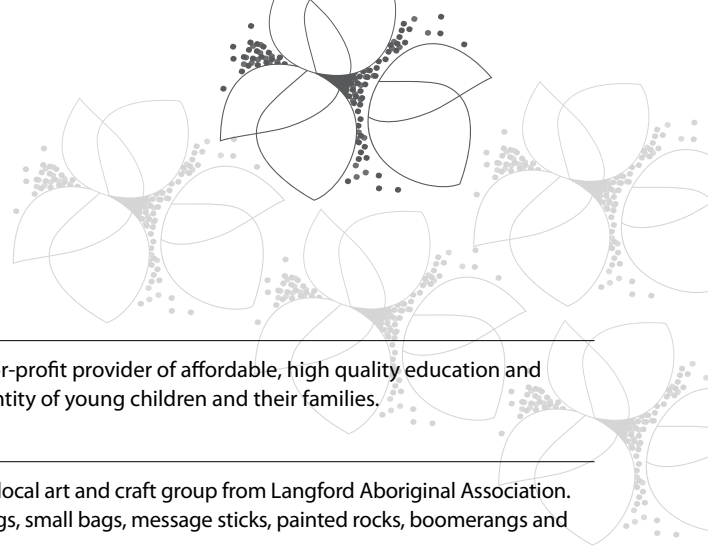
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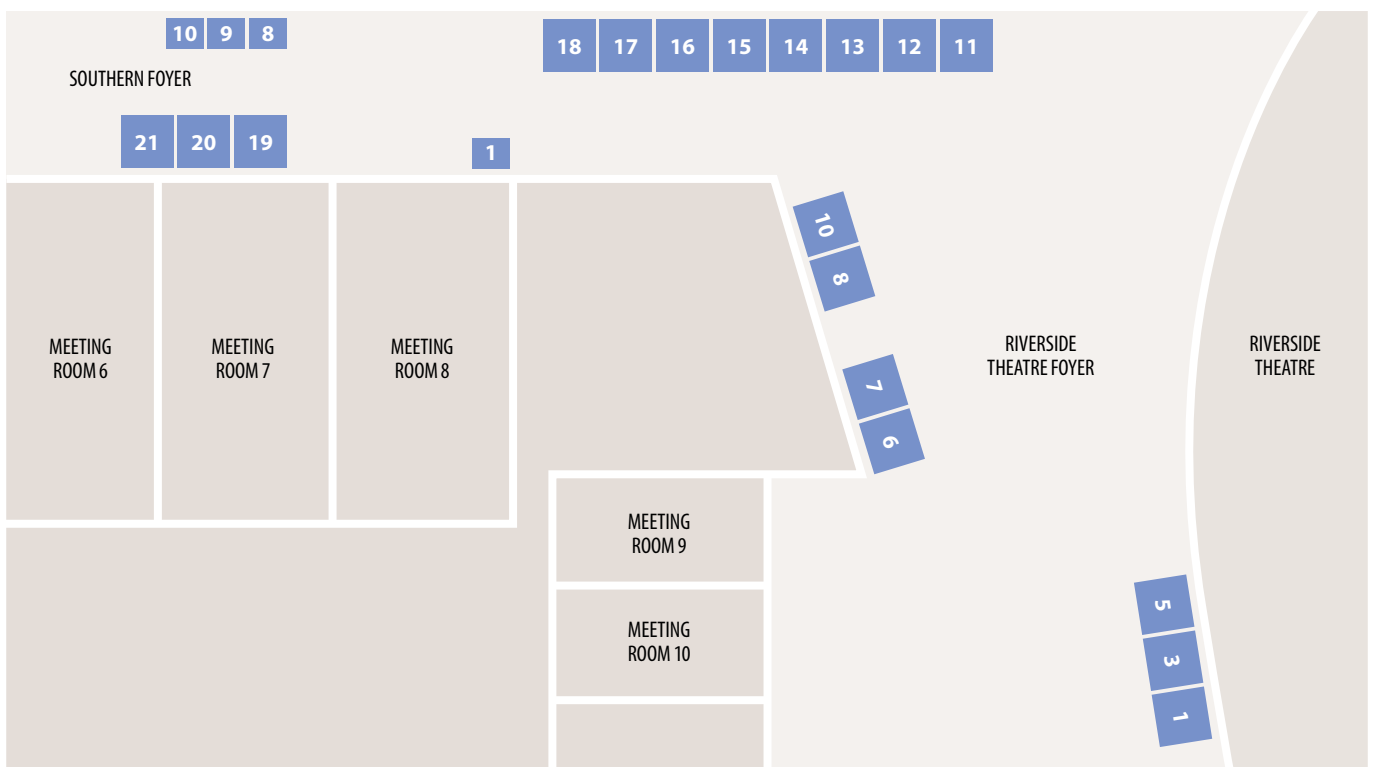
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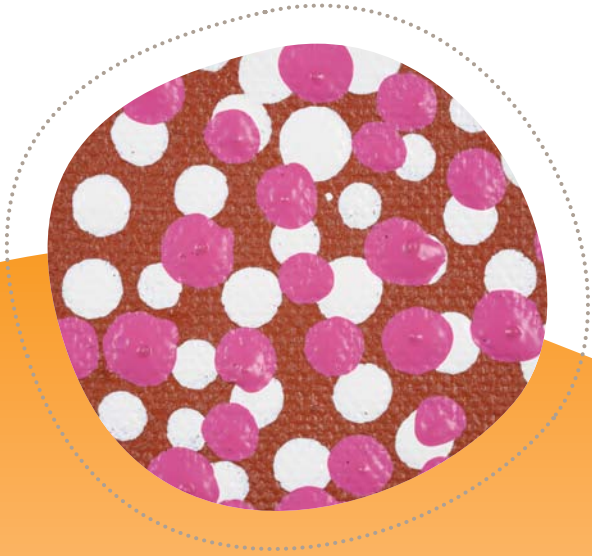
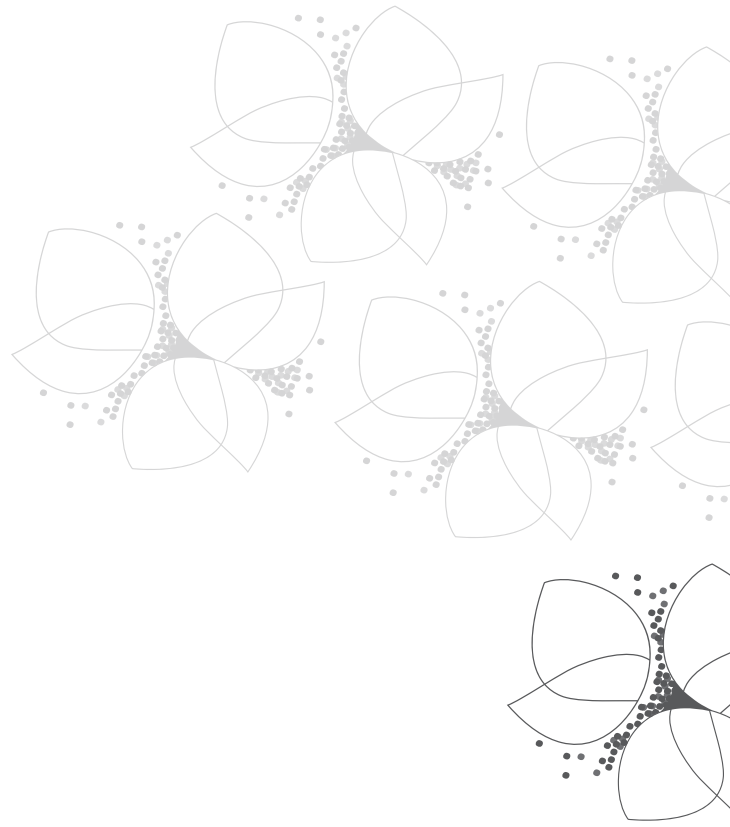
EXHIBITORS

Booth / Table	Organisation	Description
14	AIB Insurance Brokers	AIB have been arranging specific insurance products for Indigenous communities and organisations since established in 1982 in Alice Springs. One specific product is Childcare. > www.aibinsurance.com.au
05	Awe and Wonder	Awe & Wonder designs, creates and sources inspiring natural and sustainable educational resources. Including carefully selected resources are Australian made including Indigenous West Australian Artisans. > www.aweandwonder.com.au
T10	Cape York/Gulf RAATSICC Advisory Association	A peak advisory body and service provider of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection and Family Support/Care programs for regional and remote communities of Far North Queensland. > www.raatsicc.org.au
T1	CREATE Foundation	CREATE Foundation is the national peak consumer body representing the voices of children and young people with an out-of-home care experience. > www.create.org.au
10	Creche & Kindergarten Association	C&K, Queensland's largest provider of early childhood education and care, recognises and respects the traditional custodians of Australia and values the importance of embedding strategies to improve access to education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. > www.candk.asn.au
03	Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC)	DLGC works with WA's local governments, community organisations and other stakeholders to oversee delivery of programs, including Best Start which offers support to Aboriginal families. > www.dlgc.wa.gov.au
11	Education National	Education National will supply you quality resources. 100% Australian made and owned company from the factory to you. We supply puzzles, memory games, big books, games, poster packs, outdoor equipment, easels and so much more. We have a large range of products such as Indigenous, multicultural, sustainability, recycling, safety, universe, dinosaurs, bugs and the list goes on. All puzzles have a 5 year guarantee from date of purchase! > www.educationnational.com.au
20 & 21	Educational Experience	Educational Experience is one of Australia and New Zealand's leading suppliers of quality learning resources. As a trusted learning resource supplier and advisor with 38 years' experience, Educational Experience understands the importance of inspiring young minds and enriching children's learning and development through child-led, play-based experiences. > www.edex.com.au
01	Families Australia	Families Australia is a national, peak, not-for-profit organisation. Our vision is that Australian families, in all their diversity, enjoy the greatest possible wellbeing. > www.familiesaustralia.org.au
17	Family & Relationship Services Australia (FRSA)	National Representative body for the family and relationships sector in Australia delivering policy and advocacy services for our membership. > www.frsa.org.au
18	Global Kids Oz	Global Kids Oz supports and promotes multiculturalism in our communities. With over 2,000 from over 200 different cultures and countries, GKOz has what you need to promote cultural diversity. > www.globalkidsoz.com.au
08	HESTA	More people in health and community services choose HESTA for their super. > www.hesta.com.au



16	KU Children's Services	KU Children's Services is a not-for-profit provider of affordable, high quality education and care that values the cultural identity of young children and their families. www.ku.com.au
T8 & T9	Langford Aboriginal Association Art Group	Art and Yarning Group Art Stall - local art and craft group from Langford Aboriginal Association. Original pieces of canvas paintings, small bags, message sticks, painted rocks, boomerangs and other crafts will be available. www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/organisations?oid=1264
15	Life Without Barriers	Life Without Barriers is a national not-for-profit delivering services in disability, out-of-home care, aged care, homelessness, mental health, refugee and asylum seeker support, and youth justice. www.lwb.org.au
12	Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse	The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is investigating how institutions with a responsibility for children have responded to allegations of child sexual abuse. www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au
06 - 07	Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)	A national non-government peak body in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. www.snaicc.org.au
13	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation	The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation with a focus on building culturally strong, community led healing solutions. www.healingfoundation.org.au
19	Yarn Strong Sista	Yarn Strong Sista is an Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander owned Education Consultancy Business that provides services that include Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training and Indigenous Education Resources. A supplier of Indigenous Early Childhood and Primary Education resources, sourced ethically to support the economics of Indigenous Communities Nationally. www.yarnstrongsista.com





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