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CONFERENCE INVITATION

FROM THE SNAICC CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of SNAICC and the Conference Organising Committee, I invite you to attend 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 the country 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. Participation, particularly from remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, is highly encouraged and we have a number of travel subsidies to support and encourage these organisations to attend.

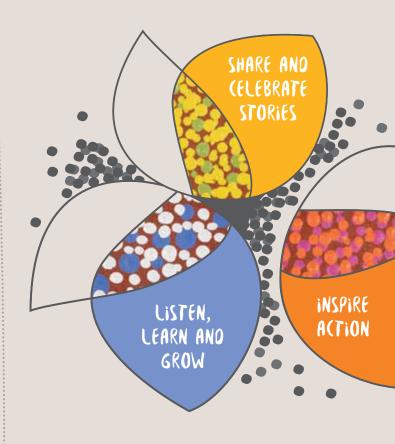
The program will be diverse with over 70 sessions to participate in, including a range of panel sessions, yarning circles, workshops and presentations. Keynote speakers will feature renowned Canadian developmental psychologist Professor Michael Chandler, proud Banuba woman and Aboriginal leader from the Fitzroy Valley, June Oscar, founder of the Telethon Kids Institute, Professor Fiona Stanley, and several leaders will be participating in our panel discussions. We will also have the opportunity to experience some of Perth's best talent with the local Aboriginal communities performing at our daily plenaries and social events.

I hope that you can make the journey to Noongar Country and join us at the Perth Convention Centre this September.

Warmest regards,

Sharron WilliamsSNAICC 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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



MICHAEL J. (HANOLER, 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, ACFAA 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 PLENARY PANELISTS



Mi(K 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.



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.



PROGRAMAT A GLANCE

MONDAY

14 September

Pre-Conference Masterclass A 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Professor Michael Chandler

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

OAY 1: TUESDAY

15 September

Opening Plenary 9.00am - 10.30am

Welcome to Country

Welcome Performance

Welcome Message: SNAICC

Keynote Address:

Professor Michael Chandler

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

Concurrent Sessions 1 - 10 11.00am - 12.30pm

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

Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

OAY 2: WEONESOAY

16 September

Plenary 9.00am - 10.30am

Performance

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.

Morning Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Dr Cindy Blackstock Muriel Bamblett Andrew Jackomos Concurrent Sessions 31 - 40 11.00am - 12.30pm

- Oommonwealth Government Early Childhood Sector Reform How will Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children Fare? PANEL
- Transition to School PANEL
- Strong Women's Voices = Strong Communities Program. Family Worker Training for Aboriginal Women in the Sector WORKSHOP
- 49 Healing Approaches and Trauma Informed Practice when Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People WORKSHOP
- Community Closure of WA Communities and the Impact on our Children YARNING CIRCLE
- 10 Child and Family Centres and their Deadly Stories
- Out-of-Home Care and Connection to Culture
- Strong Aboriginal Men Driving Change
- Ohild Protection Policy and Practice
- Tapping Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom

Lunch, Poster Presentations (Presenters Available) & Exhibition

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17 September

Performance

Kevnote Address:

Professor Fiona Stanley

Plenary 9.00am - 10.30am

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

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- The Aboriginal Therapeutic Home-Based Care Program WORKSHOP
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- 65 Raising Strong Children through Healing
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- O Aboriginal Participation Models
- 🔞 Learnings from the Parent and Community Engagement Program
- Family Supports: Exploring New Ways
- Partnership Models for Young People

Lunch, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

Pre-Conference Masterclass B 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Professor Pat Dudgeon, Tjalaminu Mia & Kathy Mokaraka

Healing – Intergenerational Trauma. Young and Old, Connecting Generations

Concurrent Sessions 11 - 20 1.30pm - 3.00pm

- Community Driven Initiatives Empowering Change PANEL
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- 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
- 1 Early Childhood Journeys
- Out-of-Home Care and Kinship Care
- Holistic Aboriginal Led Integrated Services
- 🕕 Holistic Supports Staring Early
- Community and Child Health Care
- A Community of Practice Approach in the Torres Strait Islands WORKSHOP

Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

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

Welcome Reception 5.00pm - 7.00pm

BelleVue Ballroom, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

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- Oreating Change through Partnerships PANEL
- 0 Elders Voicing Up Our Kids, Our Families, Our Futures PANEL
- ORUMBEAT New Interventions for Parents and Children using the Combination of Rhythm and Reflection WORKSHOP
- First Nations Children v. the Government of Canada WORKSHOP
- Internal Sharing and Learning Session for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Years Service Models YARNING CIRCLE (Closed Session)
- Supporting Families through Improved Child Protection Systems
- Community: Collaborative Approaches
- Working with Families in the Early Years
- 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

- Moving to Prevention Intensive and Targeted Family Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families PANEL
- My Rights, My Voice: Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children to Participate in Matters that Affect them WORKSHOP
- 53 First Peoples Disability Network WORKSHOP
- 54 Learning through Culture
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- 55 Healing through Cultural Connection
- Connecting with Culture through Creativity
- 88 Respecting the Rights of Children with Incarcerated Parents
- Grandmothers Against Removals: the Fight Against Continuing Stolen Generations
- 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

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

Sharron Williams, CEO AFSS, Chair of SNAICC

Conference Closing Remarks – SNAICC

Closing Event

Corroboree & Sand Art in the Summer Garden

Afternoon Tea, Poster Presentations & Exhibition

PRE-CONFERENCE MASTERCLASSES

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

2.00pm – 5.00pm, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

* Additional fees apply for Pre-Conference Masterclasses



Pre-Conference Masterclass A:

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

Professor Michael Chandler

Professor Emeritus The University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada

This workshop will provide the opportunity to participate and explore Professor Chandler's work on:

- Community control and "neo-liberal' (i.e. conservative) politics;
- Working out what constitutes community control in Aboriginal health and wellbeing;
- Aggregating and disaggregating Aboriginal health data

 cultural diversity and the bid for nation-wide descriptors of Aboriginal health;
- The down-side of economic advances in Aboriginal communities; and
- The dangers of talk about resiliency.





Pre-Conference Masterclass B:

Healing – Intergenerational Trauma. Young and Old, Connecting Generations

Professor Pat Dudgeon

Psychologist and Research Fellow School of Indigenous Studies, The University of Western Australia

Tjalaminu Mia

Executive Project Manager
Sister Kate's Home Kids Foundation

Kathy Mokaraka

Administration and Healing Advisor Sister Kate's Home Kids Foundation

Shadow on a Life: Between Two Worlds

One of the big questions posed today by our collective Aboriginal Elders is: "How do we shed light on the lives of our people so they feel a sense of hope and can look forward to a more positive future, especially for our children and youth and those of the Stolen Generations?"

The impact of the 1905 Aborigines Act, the Assimilation Policies, disconnection from families, culture and country, and all that represents Colonial Oppression (Acculturation) has played a major role in the intergenerational trauma experienced by all Aboriginal people in the past as well as the present. The workshop will look at the nature of intergenerational trauma and finding a way forward that enables healing to occur at a deeper level for Aboriginal families. We will look at how healing is a catalyst to empowerment, self-determination, and cultural social and emotional wellbeing.

Master Class Workshop participants will be offered an opportunity to hear what the Sister Kate's Home Kids Foundation Trust and the Sister Kate's Home Kids themselves, as Stolen Generation survivors are collectively doing for their own healing and the healing of their families - as well as working in Joint Partnership to build a Healing Centre of Excellence that will provide a wide range of healing and empowerment initiatives at the local, regional, national and international level.

The workshop will also consist of sharing across borders within professional areas of service provision and an opportunity to workshop individual and collective ideas that are based within cultural, social, environmental and human rights support advocacies. Participants will work in groups to discuss innovative and creative ways of addressing current programs and on conclusion of the class, will present their findings.

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.

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.

11.00am - 12.30pm



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)

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)

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.

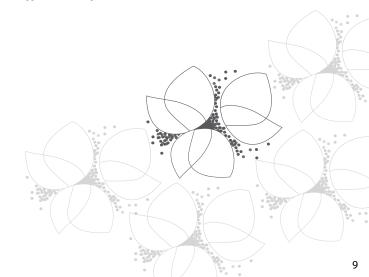
Fran Illingworth (Mara Mara Healing, VIC) & Michael Moran (Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, VIC)

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)



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 & Anthea Kerinaiua (CatholicCare, NT), Peter Ulbrick (CatholicCare, Voyager Hypnotherapy & The Healing Foundation, NT) & Kevin Baxter (CatholicCare & 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) & Grace Crossley (Respected Elder - Jerrinja Aboriginal Community, NSW)

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)

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)

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)

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)

Collaborative and Innovative Family Support to Work with a Family on the Road to Recovery

A case example will demonstrate the interventions, provided to an Aboriginal family and the outcome of these interventions showcasing the journey towards cultural competence for OzChild with the support and guidance from VACCA.

Jo Smart (OzChild, 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)

1.30pm - 3.00pm

Community Driven Initiatives **Empowering Change**



An exploration of new and potential whole of community, culturally strong approaches emerging across the country to support communities to take back control over critical issues and forge new beginnings.

Stronger Communities for Children: Communities Driving Better Outcomes for Kids and Families in Remote Northern Territory

The presentation will focus on the key conference theme of "Community". However, due to the nature of the services, activities and initiatives delivered through SCfC, the presentation will also touch on the themes of "Early Childhood" and "Family Support".

Beth Woodward (Ninti One Limited, 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 & Hannah Donnelly (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); Pirrjiirdi nguru (strong communities); Pirrjirdi walarlja (strong families); for strong children.

Warlpiri Early Childhood Care and Development Project Representatives

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 (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)

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.

Gerard Jones & Ross Councillor (MacKillop Family Services, VIC)

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 Diandiomerr (Children's Ground, NT)

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

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)

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.

Natalie Strobel (The University of Western Australia)

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 Mai tjara Wangkanyi, we are trialling ways to open the discussion around food habits and keep it open.

Suzanne Bryce & Inawantji Scales (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)

4 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 Lazza (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islands Domestic & Family Violence Service, Mura Kosker Sorority, Torres Strait Islands, QLD)

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3.30pm - 5.00pm

Quantum Government Tools and Innovations to Support Child Safety and Wellbeing



A number of jurisdictions share new approaches to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to support child safety and wellbeing. These stories highlight changes possible through relationships of respect and collaboration, and supporting families and communities.

PARTICIPANTS:

Building Safety Together

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

Identified Child Safety Practice Leader Positions – Leading Child Protection Reforms and New Child Safety Practice Framework in Queensland

Joanne Borg (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Practice Leader – Far North QLD)

Getting Back to the Kurturtu (Heart) of Good Practice

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

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)

43 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)

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 & Paulean (Lois) Ralph (Playgroup WA), Ann Jacobs (Ann Jacobs Speech Pathologist, WA), Sally Galbraith (Playgroup WA & Dalwallinu District High School) & Leah Dann (Seabrook Aboriginal Playgroup, WA)

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 & **Maria Losurdo** (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)

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)

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)

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 & Yvonne O'Neill (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 & Rachael Dillon (Positive Partnerships, NSW)

30 Collaborating to Create Deadly Resources and Storytelling

Storytelling 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 & 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.

Presenters TBC

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Plenary Panel Discussion

9.00am - 10.30am

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.

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.

How do we better support families in crisis? How do we get traction with a genuine prevention focused approach? How do we reframe the national debate? What does a self-determining system look like, and how do we get there with partnerships between community, the community sector and Governments?

Dr Cindy Blackstock Muriel Bamblett Andrew Jackomos

Concurrent Sessions 31 - 40

11.00am - 12.30pm

1 Commonwealth 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)
Maria Lovison (Wunan Aboriginal Corporation, WA)
Professor Fiona Stanley (Telethon Kids Institute, WA)





PARTICIPANTS:

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

Danielle Chytra & **Bianca Warne** (South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Department of Health)

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

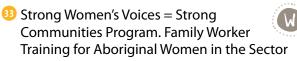
Kate Booth (SNAICC, VIC)

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)

Families as First Teachers: Empowering Families and Developing Early Childhood Leaders

Benjamin Walker, Kathryn Mannion & **Rosetta Brim** (Indigenous School Support Unit - Department of Education and Training, QLD)



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.

 $\textbf{Jackie Stewart} \,\&\, \textbf{Maria Losurdo} \,\, (\text{Family Worker Training} + \text{Development Programme Inc, NSW})$

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 & David Ellis (SNAICC, VIC) & Sue-Ann Hunter (VACCA)

Community Closure of WA Communities and the Impact on our Children



The WA government has announced that it may close up to 150 remote communities. This will be a space to hear about the impact of forced closures and the intersection of connection to homelands, shutting off basic services and child protection issues. Participants TBC

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 selfdetermination 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)

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)

33 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, Ventor Parfitt & Athol Michael, Kerry Hunt (Pindi Pindi, Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Wellbeing, WA), Caroline Nilson (Murdoch University, WA) & Dawn Bessarab (The University of Western Australia)

Ohild Protection Policy and Practice

Research into the Inclusion of an Aboriginal Perspective into NSW Child Protection Policies

A discussion on a research project that has applied a particular form of critical discourse analysis to selected NSW Government and Non-Government child protection policy texts.

Cynthia Briggs (University of Sydney, NSW)

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. **Terri Libesman** (UTS, NSW)

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.

Shaun Lohoar (Australian Institute of Family Studies, VIC)

Sharing our Grandmothers' Stories

Supporting the intergenerational transmission of Indigenous cultural knowledge for Aboriginal women in Central Australia. **Christine Armstrong** (Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi, NT)

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1.30pm - 3.00pm

Oreating 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).

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

Additional Participants TBC

Elders Voicing Up – Our Kids, Our Families, Our Futures



Reflections from our community Elders on what they are seeing in their communities and how the community, sector and government is tracking in supporting child and family needs. They will explore important steps moving forward to end the continuing impact of colonisation and the Stolen Generations on our children.

Participants TBC

ORUMBEAT – 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

Simon Faulkner (Holyoake DRUMBEAT Program, WA)

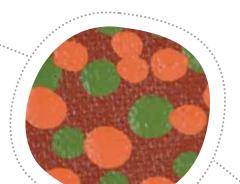
First Nations Children v. the Government of Canada



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 Internal Sharing and Learning Session for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Years Service Models (Closed Session)



- (1) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child and Family Centres
- (2) Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services and Aboriginal Long Day Care Centres

This session will provide a separate space for these specific models to exchange experiences, successes, challenges and learnings internally, recognising that they have unique histories and experiences. The groups (1) and (2) will then join to discuss sector changes and priorities for SNAICC and the services, to ensure the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are best met.

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)

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)

Alekarenge 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)

Working with Families in the Early Years

'ReadnPlay' – A Pre-Kindergarten Partnership Short Formal Paper Presentation

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 Tharwal 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)

🕠 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.

Karina Chicote & Kayleen Hayward (Save the Children Australia, WA)

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3.30pm - 5.00pm



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)

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 First Peoples Disability Network



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)

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 Sewart Muir (VACL), **Priscilla Reid-Loynes** (Indigenous Early Years Consultant, VIC) & **Sarah Bingle** (City of Casey-Cardinia)

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)

55 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)



10 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)

8 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 & Gloria Laman (Shine for Kids, QLD)

Respecting the Rights of the Child whose Parent is Incarcerated; Implications for Out-of-Home Care

Research suggests that parental contact with the criminal justice system has a detrimental impact on children, yet this traumatic experience is not taken into consideration when developing Cultural Care Plans.

Deborah Evans (TJILLARI Justice Aboriginal Corporation, ACT)

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.

Participants TBC

60 Supporting New Mothers and Fathers

Changing Lives by Delivering Culturally Secure and Holistic Maternity Care

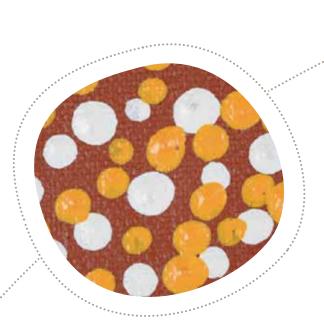
The importance and effectiveness of providing culturally secure and holistic health care to Aboriginal women and families.

Alison Gibson & Gail Gibson (Moort Boodjari Mian 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 AddressJune 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 Michelle Lester (AbSec, NSW)

Community Controlled Child Protection and 'The Voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families' Michael Currie (QATSICCP, QLD)

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.

Debra Harding, Galauku Garawirrtja, Phillip Dhamarrandji, Susan Duwalatji & Jessica Wurungmurra (FAST NT)

3 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)

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.

Milissa Phillips, Lynne Moore & Denise Cedric (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)

Growing up Strong Martu Children

This interactive presentation will focus on the developments in the Early Childhood Centre in the provision of services to young children and their families. It will focus on the ups and downs of sustaining a program in a remote area. The presentation will focus on services, including 'Breaking the Cycle', providing comprehensive Service delivery to the families in Wiluna. The Marte Meo method will be presented and the value of working in a multidisciplinary team in a remote community setting.

Judy Coram, Lesley Edwards, Stacey Petterson, Chrissie White & Fay-Anne Jones (Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service, WA)

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)

Additional Participants TBC

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 Straits 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)

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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)

😳 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.

Leonnie 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 at Risk

Building a Strong Tomorrow – Partnerships in Service Provision

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

Centrecare, Djooraminda & 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)

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.



Closing Plenary

Plenary Panel Presentation

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

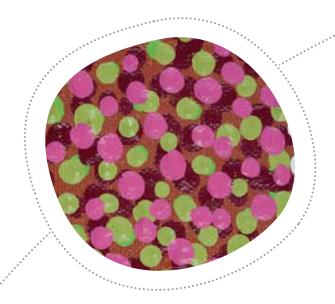
Aboriginal leaders reflect on the past decade and think strategically and constructively about the focus of the decade ahead, to see all of our children strong, proud and deadly - living their dreams.

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?

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) **Sharron Williams** (CEO AFSS, Chair of SNAICC)





POSTERS

- Side by Side Lynne Beckingham, Julie Christine & Alana Smith (Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, WA)
- 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)
- 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)

Engaging Children in Reading through Sharing and Celebrating the Stories and Culture of Indigenous Australians Margaret James & Benedict Stevens (Honey Ant Readers, NT)

- 6 Caring for Kids Tjitji Tjuta Atunymankupai Mel Kean & Pauline Coombes (Department of Social Services, ACT)
- Breaking the Cycle of Trauma. Koori Parenting: What Works for Us

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

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)

- Oulture Rocks Explore Ancient Australia through Songs, Dance, Stories and Fun-Filled Learning Nola Turner-Jensen (Crackerjack Education, QLD)
- Deadly Cards in Action Intentional Yarns Jan Ungerer & Rona Scherer (Health & Community Services Workforce Council, QLD)
- Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Aboriginal Communities (RROSIAC)

Monnia Volpi-Wise (SIDS and Kids Western Australia)

SOCIALACTIVITIES

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Welcome Reception

Time: 5.00pm – 7.00pm **Venue:** BelleVue Ballroom

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

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

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



WEONESOAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Fraser's Dinner & Show at Kings Park

Time: 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Venue: Fraser's State Reception Centre, Kings Park

Dress: Neat Casual

Cost: \$150

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

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 Motown 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.

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.

Limited places – it is recommended you book early!

Aviary Evening of Entertainment

Time: 7.00pm – 10.00pm

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

Dress: Neat Casual

Cost: \$75 – Includes finger food and entertainment.

Drinks will be at bar prices.

Join us to 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', family trio 'The Gogos' 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.

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.

The Gogos are a family trio brother and sister, Stephen Gogos and Lilly Gogos are joined by their father to sing golden oldie favourites with some of their originals thrown in the mix. The Gogos family are from the South West of WA – Albany and Gnowangerup; they continue to perform all around the South West and beyond.

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?



PERTHWESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia is adored for its brilliant blue skies, warm sunny climate and white sandy beaches. It is a land blessed with some of the world's most precious natural phenomena including the dolphins of Monkey Mia, the 350-million-year-old Bungle Bungle range and the towering Karri forests of the South West.

Sophisticated yet uncomplicated, the lifestyle in Western Australia is a relaxed one. Perth offers visitors a variety of multicultural restaurants, cafes, bars and nightclubs. Spend a day shopping, cruising on the Swan River, relaxing on a secluded beach, or play a round of golf on one of Perth's many courses. Take a day tour east to Wave Rock, or south to the Margaret River region. Bordered largely by desert to the east, Western Australia is bound by 12,500 kilometres (7,813 miles) of the world's most pristine coastline to the west.

For information on the many attractions and touring options in Western Australia, please visit

www.westernaustralia.com

www.visitperthcity.com.au







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



CONFERENCE **VENUE**

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

21 Mounts Bay Road Perth, Western Australia

www.pcec.com.au

The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre is Western Australia's largest and only purpose built convention, exhibition and meeting centre, and is located in the heart of Perth's Central Business District, conveniently located within close proximity to numerous hotels, restaurants and shops and is easily accessible by public transport.



Climate

The average maximum temperature in Perth in September is 20.2° C and a minimum of 9.5° C, with an average rainfall of 90.2mm for the month.

Communication

All communication with delegates will be by email. If you register and do not receive confirmation within three working days please contact the Conference Secretariat EECW Pty Ltd on +61 3 9863 7606 or email eecw@eecw.com.au.

Disclaimer

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Dress

Conference Sessions: Smart Casual Welcome Reception: Smart Casual Fraser's Dinner: Neat Casual Aviary Evening: Neat Casual

Indemnity

In the event of industrial disruption or other unforeseen circumstances, SNAICC, the Organising Committee and EECW Pty Ltd accept no responsibility for loss of monies incurred by delay or cancellation.

Insurance

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that all delegates take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to the conference. The policy should include loss of fees/deposit through cancellation of your

participation in the conference, or through cancellation of the conference itself; loss of airfares for any reason; medical expenses; loss or damage to personal property; additional expenses; and repatriation should travel arrangements have to be altered. Neither the Conference Secretariat nor the Organising Committee will take any responsibility for any participant failing to insure. Please speak to your travel agent or airline in regard to this matter.

Meals

All tea breaks and lunches will be served amongst the exhibition. We recognise that some delegates may have special dietary requirements. Please advise the Conference Secretariat via the registration form should you require alternative arrangements to be made on your behalf.

Please note: Dietary requirements received less than 72 hours prior to the event cannot be guaranteed. Kosher meals are available; however, please note this will be at an additional cost.

Smoking Policy

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

Travel & Transport

There are 19 international, 12 domestic and regional, and 4 general aviation airlines that operate at Perth Airport. For more information on transport and arriving in Perth see:

www.perthairport.com.au

Website

The Conference website will be updated regularly and we urge those interested to view the site for further details on the program, general information and to register for the Conference.

www.snaicc.org.au/conference

ACCOMMODATION

The Conference Organising Committee is delighted to offer delegates a variety of specially negotiated hotel and apartment accommodation, within close proximity to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC).

A credit card is required to secure your booking. For cheaper accommodation you may wish to consider the serviced apartment options shared with other colleagues.

Accommodation can be booked via the conference registration form. Please refer to the Conference website for hotel descriptions and cancellation policies. It is recommended to book early to guarantee availability and these rates. All rooms are released 30 days prior to the Conference and therefore accommodation bookings requested after **13 August 2015** will need to be secured by delegates through the hotels directly.

Property	Room type	Walking distance from venue	Star Rating	Rate (Per Night)
Adina Apartment Hotel Perth	Premier Studio Room Premier 1 Bedroom Apartment Premier 2 Bedroom Apartment	Onsite	****	FULLY BOOKED
Parmelia Hilton	Queen/Twin Guest Room	5 Minutes	****	\$310
Rendezvous Studio Hotel	Superior Queen Room	5 Minutes	****	\$215
Mounts Bay Waters Apartments	2 Bed 2 Bathroom Apartment	10 Minutes	****	\$440
Hotel Ibis Perth	Standard Queen/Twin Room	10 Minutes	***	\$229
Sullivans Hotel	Standard Double Room	12 Minutes	***	\$189
Adina Apartment Barrack Plaza	Standard 2 Bed 1 Bathroom Apartment Executive 2 Bed 2 Bathroom Apartment	13 Minutes	****	\$390 \$440
Four Points by Sheraton	Superior King Room	15 Minutes	****	\$235



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration can be made online or by completing the enclosed registration form and returning via fax or post to the Conference Secretariat.

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

Registrations or payments will not be accepted over the telephone or without completing the required paperwork.

Registration Fees

(All fees are inclusive of GST)		Early Bird Fees Until 12/06/15	Standard Fees After 12/06/15
Full Day Registration	Indigenous Organisations SNAICC Member Non-Member	\$630 \$660	\$740 \$770
	Non Indigenous/ Non-Government Organisations SNAICC Member Non-Member	\$840 \$880	\$945 \$990
	Government Organisations SNAICC Member Non-Member	\$1050 \$1100	\$1155 \$1210
	Students SNAICC Member Non-Member	\$630 \$660	\$740 \$770
One Day Registration	Indigenous Organisations & Students	\$275	\$340
	Non-Indigenous/Non-Government Organisations	\$320	\$365
	Government Organisations	\$365	\$420

Registration Fee Entitlements	Full Day Registration	Full Day Student Registration	One Day Registration (applicable on nominated day only)
Access to Sessions	V	~	✓
Pre-Conference Masterclasses	×	×	×
Delegate Satchel and Conference Program Handbook	V	V	V
Tea Breaks and Lunches	V	V	~
Welcome Reception	V	V	×
Wednesday Social Options	×	×	×

Terms and Conditions

Student Registration

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

SNAICC Member Conditions

SNAICC Individual Members may register only one delegate at the member rate; Organisational Members may register up to 2 delegates.

To be eligible for the SNAICC Members rate you must be a current member of SNAICC and quote your membership number.

All non-SNAICC Member registrants for the SNAICC 2015 Conference will be offered free annual membership (valid from October 2015 - October 2016); however, acceptance is not mandatory.

Transfer/Cancellation Policy

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

All cancellations or alterations to registration must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat – EECW Pty Ltd. Cancellations and 'No Shows' that have not paid will be charged the full registration fee and any incidentals, including accommodation.

- 1. A full refund, less a cancellation fee of \$100, will be made for those received by 28 August 2015.
- 2. No refund will be made after 28 August 2015.
- 3. All refunds will be paid after the conclusion of the Conference.

Payment of Registration

Full payment is required with your booking. Please forward credit card details, bank remittance or a cheque made payable to "EECW ITF the SNAICC 2015 Conference". Full payment for your registration must be made within 14 days of invoice.

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It is a condition of registration that full payment is received prior to the commencement of the Conference. If full payment is not received before 14 September 2015, delegates will not be admitted.

Travel Subsidies

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

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

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Group C: \$1500 – Remote communities in the Top End Northern Territory, Western Australia, Torres Strait Islands and those not covered above.

Subsidy Allocation

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

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

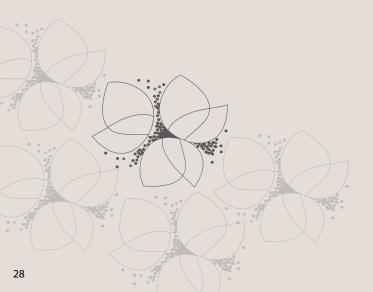
Who can Apply?

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

Application for Subsidy and Processing of Payments

One person from each eligible organisation should indicate that they wish to apply for a subsidy on behalf of that organisation on their registration form. Please check with your colleagues and ensure that only one person applies. Please complete your registration online, or send your registration form and registration fee payments to the Conference Secretariat.

Travel subsidy funds will be transferred to successful organisations within ten working days of registration fees being received and processed. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up approval and receipt of travel subsidy with the conference secretariat.



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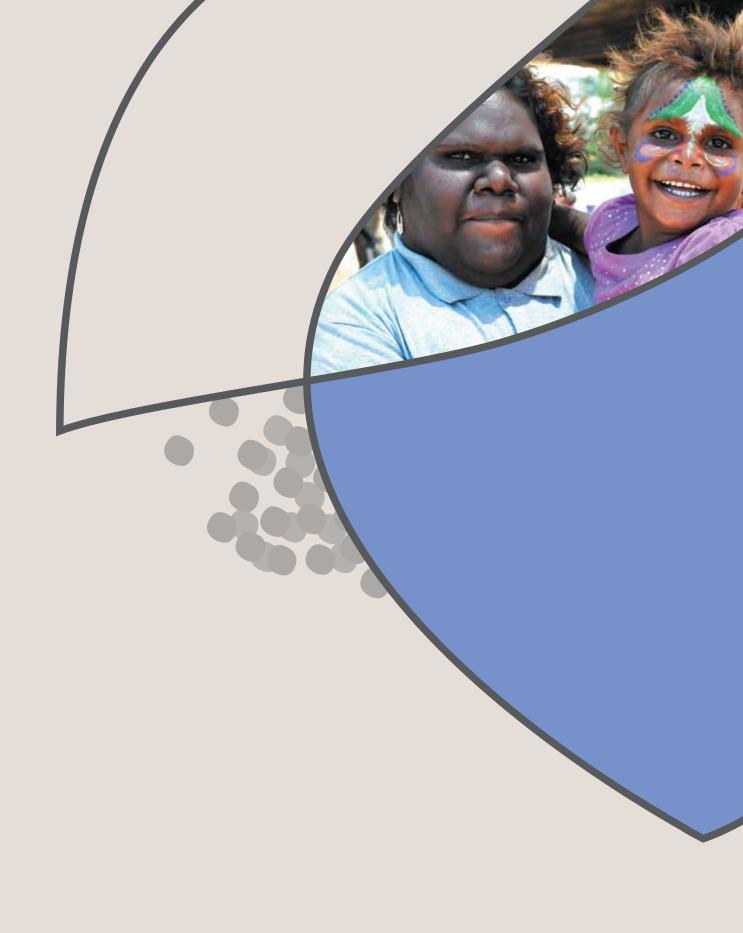
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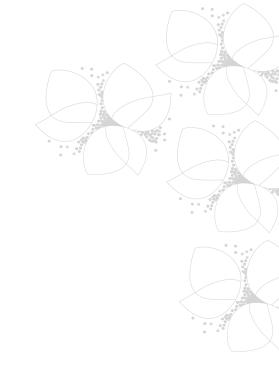


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