



WORKING WITH ABORIGINAL MEN AND FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY

KWY

AND NO TO VIOLENCE

THURSDAY 7TH
AND FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 2017

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KWY is a not-for-profit Aboriginal organisation delivering a range of specialist services across South Australia

Mission:

To improve the safety of women and children

Vision: To become the leading South Australian Aboriginal organisation providing knowledge and services to break the cycle of domestic violence.



TRAINING, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL CONSULTANCY

Culturally specific training, consultancy, and Indigenous male health and well-being services courses are designed to generate greater understanding of Aboriginal culture, and improve the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Consultancy services - provided directly to organisations' who wish to improve cultural responses to clients.

Tailored - KWY can tailor consultancy services and or create training packages specific to your organisation.

OUR SPIRIT, OUR CULTURE CLIENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Stronger, Safer Families Outreach Program - A culturally appropriate holistic family based service supporting all members in the family to safely address the issues of Domestic and Family Violence.

Our Spirit, Our Culture:

- Aboriginal Men's program
- Aboriginal Women's program
- Aboriginal Youth (12 - 18 years) program
- Aboriginal Children (0 - 12 years) program
- Schools Program
- Aboriginal Dad's program
- A.R.C program

The Aboriginal Family Violence Program (AFVP) supporting Aboriginal women and Children's safety and wellbeing, recognising the importance of culturally appropriate responses.

Behaviour Change ARC program an intervention program for Aboriginal men who use violence against women.

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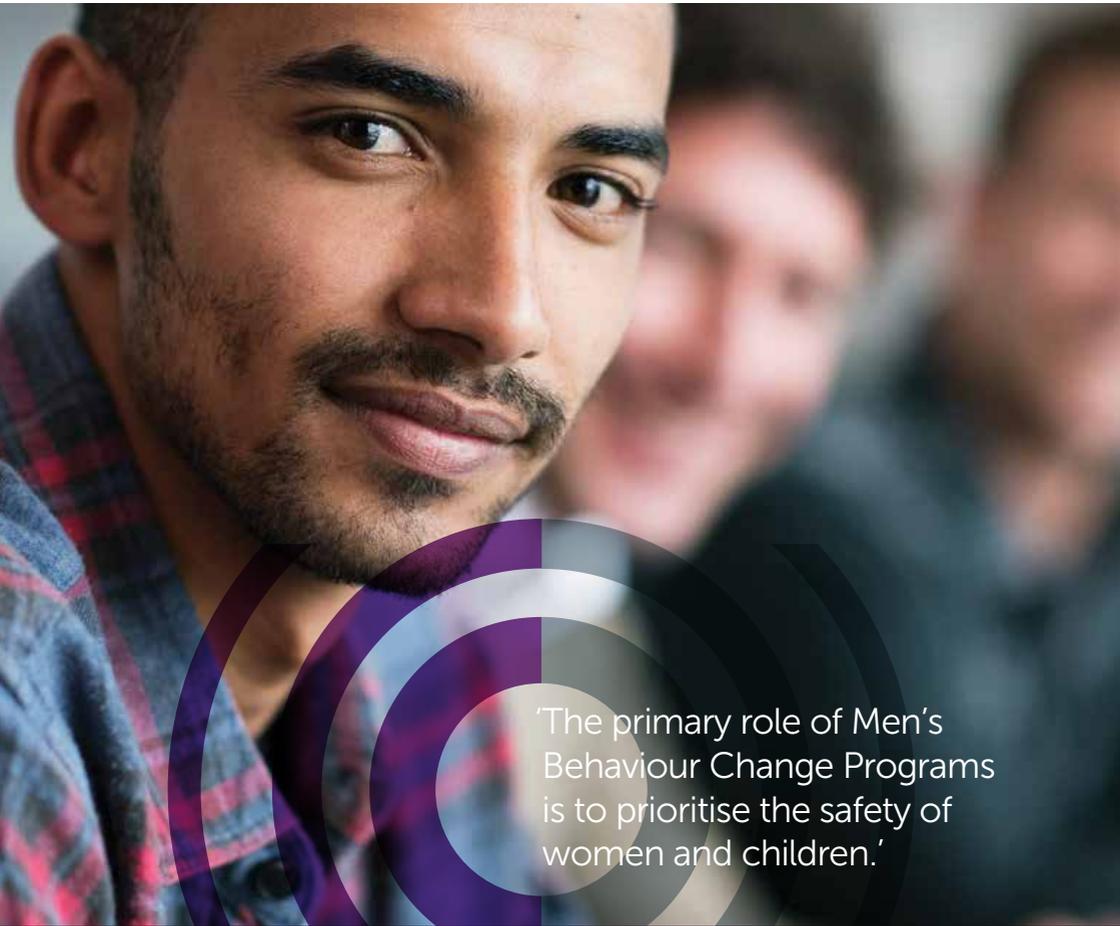
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No to Violence

Working together to end men's family violence



'The primary role of Men's Behaviour Change Programs is to prioritise the safety of women and children.'

No to Violence is the national voice for organisations and individuals working with men to end family violence.

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- > Workforce Development & Training
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Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491

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We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.



This conference brings together a range of specialists and experts across Australia. The conference is practitioner and research focused and seeks to advance, support and promote new initiatives taking place to increase the safety of our Aboriginal families and communities in addressing family violence. The conference presenters represent a range of disciplines including front-line workers, psychologists, legal practitioners and researchers – all who bring their wealth of experience and perspectives of working in our communities to reduce the impact of family violence.

We would like to thank the following organisations for their support:

- Commonwealth Department of Social Services
- SA Health
- Women's Legal Service (SA) Limited
- The broader Aboriginal community and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations for their ongoing support and commitment to end violence against women and children
- KWY would also like to thank the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Indigenous Affairs Network and the South Australian Region for their ongoing support and belief in the initiatives at KWY

CONFERENCE HOSTS

KWY is a not-for-profit Aboriginal organisation delivering a range of specialist services across South Australia. KWY's aim is to improve the levels of engagement and positive outcomes for women, men, children and community. KWY supports the safety of women and children by providing a 'whole of family' holistic response to supporting our community. KWY also provide specialist training in South Australia for the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) sector, some 97 services state-wide.

No to Violence (NTV) is the peak body for organisations and individuals working with men to end family violence. As the peak body NTV advocates on behalf of their members to raise awareness of men's behaviour change work. It provides resources, including training for service providers to enhance their capacity to successfully engage with men who use violence and then to work with men to prevent further violence. NTV also deliver the Men's Referral Service which is a men's family violence telephone counselling, information and referral service and is the central point of contact for men taking responsibility for their violent behaviour.



A MESSAGE FROM

CRAIG RIGNEY

CEO KWY



This conference is a chance to build greater partnerships between people and organisations working with Aboriginal men. Since receiving a small amount of funding in 2011 to open KWY, I have seen the positive difference KWY's programs can make in the lives of Aboriginal men and their families.

When we embed culture into programs and build a stronger connection to country, men are more likely to 'buy-in' to the program, they feel safer, and not as isolated. From our experience, and from what community members tell us, men are communicating more and developing their own coping mechanisms to control their anger and other harmful behaviours.

While this conference will focus on interventions with Aboriginal men, it is our women and children that are at the heart of everything we do, and we must keep asking what works for Aboriginal families? We must find new role models and ask, "who can be the next champion to lead the way?" My hope for the conference is - to share information and identify ways forward to achieve safe, happy and prosperous communities.

A MESSAGE FROM

JACQUI WATT

CEO NO TO VIOLENCE



I'd like to welcome you to this important conference, one in which the voices and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in the family violence sector will be front and centre. For too long, governments and mainstream services have provided lip service to Aboriginal people and communities in relation to including them in the development and delivery of services and programs. We know from our conversations with people, that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are doing important work with men and boys to address family violence. We also understand that Aboriginal people need to determine what is best for their communities, and they need to be supported and funded adequately to develop and run programs that will address family violence and its causes.

No to Violence is proud to be working with KWY in hosting this conference. We look forward to listening and being guided by the presenters and delegates on how we can better support and advocate on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities.

I'd also like to acknowledge that many of the presenters have paid their own way here, as we did not have funding to pay presenters or their travel and accommodation. We appreciate that the speakers are here because they are passionate and dedicated in representing their communities to address family violence. Without their commitment this conference would not have been possible.

PROGRAM DAY ONE

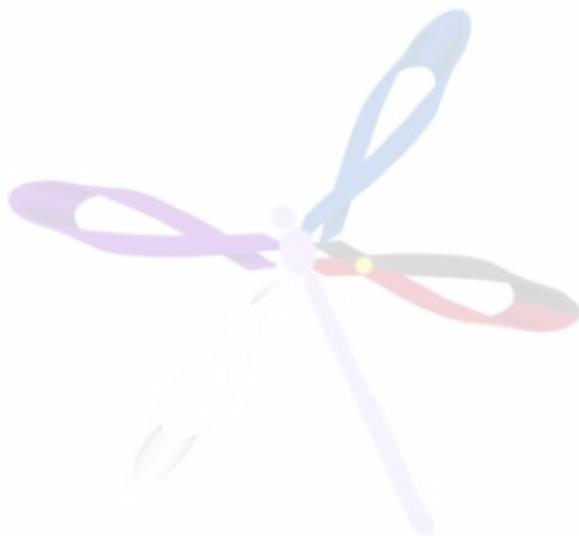
THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2017

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9.00am	Welcome to the conference and introductions	Craig Rigney, CEO KWY Jacqui Watt, CEO, No to Violence
9.15am	Welcome to Country	Traditional Owner and Kurna Elder, Michael O'Brien
9.30am	Key note address	Richard Weston, CEO Healing Foundation
10.00am	Panel Discussion Stepping Up To The Discussion - Family violence in our communities Facilitated by Craig Rigney	Panel Members: Richard Weston, CEO, Healing Foundation Aunty Daphne Yarram, Yoowinna Wurnalung Alan Thorpe, CEO, Dardi Munwurro Colleen Lovegrove, KWY Pastor Ray Minniecon, Chair, Babana Men's Group Joseph Oui, Men's Counsellor, Apunipima Cape York Health Council
10.45am	Morning tea	
11.00am	Concurrent Sessions - Facilitated Discussions	
	1. Different Stages of a Man's Journey	Facilitator - Alan Thorpe, Dardi Munwurro
	2. Working with Our Young Men	Facilitator - Shane Phillips, Tribal Warrior
	3. Working Collaboratively with other agencies	Ada Peterson, Mallee & Districts Aboriginal Services
	4. Stolen Generations - Unfinished Business	Pastor Ray Minniecon, Stolen Generations, Babana Men's Group and Coloured Diggers Project
12.00pm	Panel - Report back from discussions Facilitated by Janis Constable	Alan Thorpe Shane Phillips Ada Peterson Pastor Ray Minniecon
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	Resume and Recap	Craig Rigney
2.15pm	Panel Discussion The Web of Accountability Facilitated by Jacqui Watt	Kylie Dowse, University of Melbourne Tod Stokes , KWY Anthony Newcastle, Natjul Corina Martin, CEO Aboriginal Family Law Service, WA Maree Corbo, Tangentyere Council, Men's Behaviour Change Program
3.15pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm	Concurrent Sessions - Facilitated Discussions	
	1. Family and Community Safety (FaCtS) Study for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples: Investigating the needs of communities.	Professor Victoria Hovane, Australian National University
	2. Working On Country	Graeme Pearce, Cross Borders Program
	3. Aboriginal youth & young people	Melissa Clarke, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
4.30pm	Panel - Report back from discussions Facilitated by Craig Rigney	Prof. Victoria Hovane Graeme Pearce Melissa Clarke
5.30pm	Close	

PROGRAM DAY TWO

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9.00am	Welcome and acknowledgments	Craig Rigney, CEO KWY
9.05am	About today - introduction	Jacqui Watt, CEO No to Violence
9.15am	Key Note Address - Women's Lives Matter	Antoinette Braybrook, CEO Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service
9.45am	Presentation - Programs	Jack Bulman, Mibbinbah
10.05am	Panel Discussion - Working with Families and Children, A Trauma Informed Approach	Dr. Yvonne Clark, University of Adelaide Stephanie McGarrigan, KWY Tony Minniecon, KWY Dr Tracy Westerman, Indigenous Psychological Services Joseph Oui, Apunipima Cape York Health Council
11.05	Morning tea	
11.30am	Presentation - Beyond the System: Regenerating collective community responses to family violence.	Kylie Dowse, University of Melbourne Anthony Newcastle, Natjul, Brisbane
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.15pm	Our Watch - Aboriginal Programs	Dr Emma Partridge, Preventing violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women: developing a new resource
1.45pm	Key Note Address	Dr Tracy Westerman, Indigenous Psychological Services
2.30pm	Wrap up discussion Where to from here?	Craig Rigney Jacqui Watt
3.30pm	Close	



PRESENTERS

RICHARD WESTON

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALING FOUNDATION



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

Prior to being CEO of the Healing Foundation, Richard was CEO of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service and prior to that was CEO of Maari Ma Health.

DAPHNE YARRAM

YOOWINNA WURNALUNG HEALING SERVICE



Daphne Yarram is a proud Noongar woman, born at Gnowangerup Mission in South-West WA and has been involved in Aboriginal Affairs since she was 16. Daphne has lived in Victoria for the past 35 years. As Executive Officer of the Yoowinna Wurnalung Healing Service, Daphne was instrumental in establishing the service over 11 years ago and continues to manage the day to day operations of this specialist Aboriginal Family Violence Healing Service.

Daphne is responsible for overseeing the direction of a team of clinicians supporting Aboriginal individuals, families and communities to overcome family violence, trauma, grief and loss. She works with men who use violence and supports them to change and be accountable for their behaviour. Daphne also develops programs for children, young people and women, which build their confidence to reclaim, embrace, understand and be proud of their cultural identity.

Daphne is a respected leader within her community. Her experience includes: Founding Member of National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, current Board member of Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation, Chairperson of Sale Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Gippsland, Respected Person on Koorie Magistrates Court, current member of East Gippsland Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee, Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll Advisory Panel and Premiers Aboriginal Advisory Council. Daphne is a current member of Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum.

ALAN THORPE

DARDI MUNWURRO



Gunnai man Alan Thorpe grew up in the Northern suburbs of Melbourne. His grandmother was born on Lake Tyres in South east Gippsland, one of the first communities in Victoria to survive horrific massacres on country. As an AFL footballer Alan played for Sydney Swans and Footscray, as well as country Victorian leagues and the VFL. Alan was one of the original Marngrook Footy Show broadcasters on 3CR in Melbourne.

Alan established Dardi Munwurro Strong Spirit Men's Behaviour and Healing Program in Victoria in 1990. Strong Spirit opens a space for men to heal so they can free themselves of past trauma and stop the patterns of violence in their family. Alan's philosophy is that for men who have lived through trauma and inter-generational violence, the cycle and pattern of that violence not only impacts their health and wellbeing, but stops them from being the man they want to be.

COLLEEN LOVEGROVE

KWY



Colleen is a Ngarrindjeri woman and a survivor of homelessness and domestic violence. Colleen works at KWY as a women's domestic violence worker. Previous to KWY, Colleen also worked for Central Domestic Violence Service (Women's Safety Services) and Southern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service on their Aboriginal site Ninko at Edwardstown.

PASTOR RAY MINNIECON

BABANA



Pastor Ray Minniecon is a descendant of the Kabi Kabi nation and the Gurang Gurang nation of South-East Queensland. Ray is also a descendant of the South Sea Islander people with deep and abiding connections to the people of Ambrym Island.

Ray is Community Chaplain and Board member of Babana Aboriginal Men's Group which operates in inner city Sydney. Ray is also active in his advocacy for Stolen Generations and consults widely about the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home and the Kinchela Boys Home - two of the many homes that Aboriginal children were forcibly removed to under past Government policies. Ray is the founding member of the Coloured Digger Project - which seeks to give recognition, honour and respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contributions to the defense of Australia.

He has spoken about Indigenous issues at local, national and international forums. In 1995 he made an intervention at the UN in Geneva, on behalf of Indigenous Peoples at the first hearing of the Draft Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In 2001 he spoke in Italy at a Global Forum on Ethics and Economics, where he also had a private audience with and received a blessing from the Pope. In Italy, he spoke about Globalization and its Impact on Local Cultures, specifically indigenous cultures. Ray has also recently returned from Israel where he participated in the commemoration of the WW1 Battle of Beersheva.

JOSEPH OUI

APUNIPIMA CAPE YORK HEALTH COUNCIL



Joseph Oui is a Social and Emotional Well Being Counsellor with Apunipima Cape York Health Council working in remote areas in Far North Queensland. He has an Applied Health Science degree. Joseph has been working with survivors and offenders of domestic and family violence for more than eleven years. Joseph has also developed and implemented numerous successful programs such as Indigenous Spirituality As A Theoretical Approach: Working With Survivors and Offenders of Domestic and Family Violence in Community and Building Capacity of Indigenous Remote Mental Health: Working with Men and Women in Community and including coordinating programs like 'Go Forward For Men', a male perpetrator program, also 'Which Way, Proper Way' program and 'One Way, Prapa Way' and the 'Healthy Relationship, Unhealthy Relationship program' whilst working for Royal Flying Doctor Service and Relationships Australia in Cairns for numerous years.

SHANE PHILLIPS

TRIBAL WARRIOR ASSOCIATION



Shane is a respected member of the Redfern Aboriginal community and is regarded as their voice on a range of youth issues, juvenile justice and Aboriginal deaths in custody. He was named 2013 Local Hero in the 2013 Australia Day awards.

Shane is the CEO of the Tribal Warrior Association, a non-profit organisation directed by Aboriginal people and Elders that offers training for employment and helps at the grassroots level with emergency relief for struggling families. He also operates a mentoring program to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to achieve their full potential. The concept is uncomplicated: it's about forming good habits, guiding by example, including everyone and acknowledging achievements.

Shane is also credited with improving the relationship between his community and the police. His biggest personal achievement is with the Clean Slate Without Prejudice Program that has been running since 2009. The program is based around a morning boxing program run three days a week at the Eora Gym in Redfern. The Program is run in collaboration with the police, and since its inception the number of crimes committed by local youth has declined by 80 per cent. Born and raised in Redfern, Shane is an outstanding community leader, respected by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike for his integrity, hard work and determination to get things done.

ADA PETERSON

MALLEE & DISTRICTS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



A proud Barkindji woman, Ada Peterson wants to see improvements to health and welfare services for the whole community, but particularly the Aboriginal community. Ada heads the domestic violence initiative for Mallee District Aboriginal Services, but has made her own way to the senior positions she holds within the organisation and the community. Ada is also a Cultural Ambassador for her people.

She left home at the age of 15 to make the changes she needed to escape domestic violence. Ada is now a successful career woman with a family of her own, and is committed to helping organisations deliver services that respond to the needs of Koori people and are culturally-appropriate. Her motto is: "Don't be pushed by your problems, be led by your dreams".

KYLIE DOWSE

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE



Kylie is a saltwater Aboriginal feminist living and working in Birpai Country in NSW. Seventeen years working within a feminist service responding to domestic and family violence allowed Kylie to bear witness to thousands of women and children's stories. This library was later borrowed from to develop a program for men who had used violence in relationship. After completing a Masters degree in Narrative Therapy and Community Work, Kylie's article "Thwarting Shame" was published in the International Journal of Narrative Therapy and Community Work, and presented at a conference in Hong Kong. Kylie is currently undertaking PhD research into 'Aboriginal community responses to domestic and family violence' with University of Melbourne while continuing to work closely with the Dulwich Centre in Adelaide. Kylie is passionate about building on culturally resonant ways to respond to family violence, and believes solutions lie in the heart of communities, safe from the gaze of the system. Kylie runs her own small counseling and education business, 'Saltwater Narrative Practice'.

ANTHONY NEWCASTLE

NATJUL INDIGENOUS PERFORMING ARTS



Owner and principle facilitator of Natjul Indigenous Performing Arts, an Aboriginal owned and managed facilitation company that uses 'Theatre for Change' as an engagement method incorporating theatre, drama and story-telling elements to engage, explore and express around the challenges in our lives.

A didgeridoo player, actor, playwright and cross-cultural awareness programme facilitator, Anthony has worked with government, the community and corporate sectors to develop and deliver cultural competency training, has worked with regional and remotes communities in the lateral/domestic/family violence space, works in team or community building and introducing notions and practice around inter-relational responsibility.

Anthony's philosophy when engaging with groups around challenging issues in their lives is that - "those who have to live with the outcomes should be the ones making the decisions".



CORINA MARTIN

CEO ABORIGINAL FAMILY LAW SERVICE WA



Corina is a Mulgyin Jaru/Kitja and Gooniyandi woman born and raised in Broome Western Australia. She has a Bachelor of Marketing and the Media and Bachelor of Law and was admitted to the Supreme Court of WA as a barrister and solicitor in 2006.

Corina is currently the CEO of the Aboriginal Family Law Service in WA, providing legal assistance and support to Aboriginal victims/survivors of family violence. It is the largest Family Violence Legal Services in WA, with six regional offices across the state.

Corina philosophy sees her working to build up the service to provide a professional and realistic approach to ensure clients receive the best assistance, both in the legal arena and at community level with local support and assistance.

MAREE CORBO

TANGENTYERE COUNCIL



Maree Corbo has worked with both victims and perpetrators of family violence for over 15 years, and is currently the Program Manager in the Family Violence Prevention Programs (FVPP) at Tangentyere Council in Alice Springs. Tangentyere Council is the primary service provider for a service population in excess of 3300 Aboriginal people living on or visiting the 16 Alice Springs Town Camps

The FVPP includes a Men's Behaviour Change Program, the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety group, Family Violence training and prevention for Town Camp residents and recently the program began a Specialist Children's Program for Aboriginal people between the ages of 12 to 17 years old. Maree works closely with the Town Camp residents who have local knowledge, experience and importantly a key understanding of the cultural strengths of their community. As a result, all aspects of the FVPP take a "ground up approach" to working within the community.

JACK BULMAN

CEO MIBBINBAH



Jack, a Mutti-Muthi man of south western NSW, completed his undergraduate degree in health sciences in 2005. Jack is now undertaking a Doctor of Philosophy at University of Technology Sydney, researching empowerment and safe spaces for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males using auto-ethnographic methods. He particularly excelled in the area of community studies where Indigenous Male's Health was a passion recognised by others.

Jack has developed ways to enable men to seek their own aspirations through their involvement in Men's Spaces. Mibbinbah seeks to help Indigenous males to take their rightful place, whatever that may be, in both Indigenous and non-Indigenous society as a means of improving their health and the health of those with whom they live, work and play.

In 2007 Jack lead a national project Health and Indigenous Men's Spaces in partnership with Latrobe University, Menzies School of Health Research, Beyond Blue, Andrology Australia and Prostate Cancer Foundation investigating capacity development, empowerment and transfer of knowledge through culturally appropriate means.

PROFESSOR VICTORIA HOVANE

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



Professor Victoria Hovane is an Aboriginal woman from Broome in the Kimberley region of WA. She belongs to the Ngarluma people of the Pilbara and the Kitja and Gooniyandi peoples of the Kimberley. She is a registered psychologist and an experienced consultant and practitioner having worked in several areas of social welfare, legal, victim and offender services, research projects and advisory roles over the past 37 years. Grounded in Aboriginal Psychology and place-based responses, Victoria specialises in the areas of family safety and wellbeing in Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal violent offending and behaviour change programmes, and ethical research and evaluation in Aboriginal communities.

Vickie is highly sought after as an Advisor at both state and commonwealth levels. She is an Independent Director on the Board of Australia's National Research Organisation on Women's Safety (ANROWS), and a member of the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Advisory Group, the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Leadership Forum, and the Advisory Panel to the WA Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (Ombudsman's) FDV and Child Fatality Review Committees. Recent roles have been as a member of the COAG Advisory Panel on Preventing Violence against Women and their Children, Member of the WA Mental Health Advisory Council and Co-Chairperson of the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association.

GRAEME PEARCE

CROSS BORDERS PROGRAM



Graeme has enjoyed a 32 and a half year career with Correctional Services in the Northern Territory and South Australia. He began working as a Youth Worker in a Juvenile Remand and Detention Centre in Alice Springs before becoming a Probation and Parole Officer. He worked in Ceduna & Katherine before returning to Alice Springs as the Assistant Director South during which time he established the Indigenous Family Violence Offender Program. Graeme was then offered a challenge of implementing family violence programs in the 350,000 square kilometres of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands of Western Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory. Graeme has been managing this program for the past 11 years - delivering 90 family violence programs to 554 Aboriginal men in 12 different communities in the NPY Lands. Another 11 programs have been delivered in prisons where 101 Aboriginal men successfully completed the program. A further 8 programs for Kungkas were delivered on the NPY Lands with 51 women completing and 3 Kungkas programs delivered to 30 women in the Alice Springs Correctional Centre. The program has received 5 national awards including recognition at the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards.

Graeme is retiring at the end of 2017.

MELISSA CLARKE

ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



Melissa is a proud Ngarrindjeri woman and mother to three beautiful children. She is a strong advocate for social justice and especially for opportunities for the self-determination of Aboriginal communities. Fundamental to her current role as Director of Aboriginal Services at Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, is ensuring the rights of Aboriginal people and communities are met in the youth and criminal justice systems, and the child protection system. Melissa is a founding member of the South Australian Aboriginal Community Leadership Reference Group (ACLRG) for Child Protection Reform.

ANTOINETTE BRAYBROOK

ABORIGINAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND LEGAL SERVICE



Antoinette is an Aboriginal woman who was born in Victoria on Wurundjeri country. Antoinette's grandfather and mother's line is through the Kuku Yalanji, North Queensland. Antoinette is the CEO of the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria), a position she has held since the service was established 14 years ago. Under Antoinette's leadership, FVPLS Victoria has grown from a one-staff member operation to a statewide service, with more than 30 employees located in four offices across Victoria.

In addition to Antoinette's leadership of the FVPLS Victoria, she has been elected as the National Convenor of the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum (National FVPLS Forum). The National FVPLS Forum comprises of 14 organisations that deliver the family violence legal and non-legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault around Australia. Antoinette graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from Deakin University in 2000 and was admitted as a legal practitioner in Victoria in 2004.

DANIELLE BAMENT

HOUSING SA



Danielle is a Senior Manager in Housing SA's state-wide directorate and currently manages the Women's Safety portfolio. Danielle has managed both service delivery and policy portfolios in Housing SA since 2008 with a focus on domestic and family violence. Prior to Housing SA, Danielle worked in the drug and alcohol services field. Danielle has a Master's of Public Health from Flinders University

DR YVONNE CLARK

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE



Yvonne is a Kokatha/Wirangu descent from the West Coast of SA and has lived in Adelaide on Kurna country for many years. Yvonne is a Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience working with local Aboriginal people in various settings. As an academic her main research interests include racism, lateral violence, children and adolescents.

STEPHANIE MCGARRIGAN

KWY



Stephanie is currently the Northern Team Leader for KWY services. She has worked as a Social Worker for the past 23 years having worked across service delivery areas such as Domestic Violence, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Adult Correctional Services (therapeutic group work), Child Protection, Juvenile Justice, Secure Care, Youth Health, Adolescents at Risk, Aboriginal Youth, Families and Communities, Staff Training, Project Officer, Program and Policy development, Supervision, Management and Therapeutic work

TONY MINNIECON

KWY



Tony is a respected community leader with a background in cultural knowledge and cultural networks, program development, coordination, public relations and counselling. Currently Tony is working for Child Adolescent Mental Health Service

In 2008 Tony won the NAIDOC award for person of the year for service to the Aboriginal young people in detention and their families. In 2010 he was awarded the "Outstanding Service to the Indigenous Community" prize by the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, and in 2011 was runner up for the Margaret Tobin Award for excellence in the provision of mental health services for those most in need or at risk.

DR EMMA PARTRIDGE

OUR WATCH



Emma is Manager, Policy at Our Watch, an independent, national organisation working to prevent violence against women. Emma led the development of Change the story: a shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia. Released in 2015, Change the Story is the world's first national framework focused on preventing violence against women. More recently she has been working on a follow-up project, developing a resource that focuses specifically on preventing violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Prior to her role at Our Watch Emma worked in a range of government policy and academic research roles, and completed a PhD in Indigenous policy.

DR TRACY WESTERMAN

INDIGENOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES



Tracy is a proud Nyamal woman from the Pilbara in WA. She holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology, a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology). She is a recognised leader in the Aboriginal mental health, cultural competency and suicide prevention fields achieving national and international recognition for her work. Her body of work places her at the forefront of Aboriginal mental health service delivery.

Tracy has recently been awarded West Australian, Australian of the Year.

