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Director's report

One of the impacts of the commitment of the Queensland Government to implementing the 140 recommendations of the Report of the Premier's Special Taskforce *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* (NNNE) has been a very busy work programme for the domestic and family violence sector. There has been a significant investment made in specialist domestic violence services for victims with, for example, our local DVRS in Mackay receiving extra funding for various expansions to its services including the appointment of a sexual assault counsellor. This growth has been replicated across the sector and also in the Child Safety domain with the expansion of Family and Child Connect Services that have as their goal the improvement of the interface between domestic violence and Child Safety services.

The result of this activity means that my 'In-box' is peppered with emails from services across the state reporting their additional funding and expansion of services. How different this context is from the one into which I walked in November 2014 when the NNNE Report was not yet released. On reflection there have been many changes over this time and a wealth of effort going into making systems and services more effective at responding to victims of domestic violence. I am sure that like you I hope wholeheartedly that the changes are going to make a difference. The relevant government departments will continue to have challenging times as they strive to demonstrate what they can do to bring about change.

As services receive investment and new ones are created, so has the policy and legislative reform agenda picked up pace. During the last 12 months there have been wide consultation and new policy strategies and specific amendments to domestic violence legislation developed. Staff from CDFVR have contributed to this state-wide discussion and action along with many others by way of making submissions and participating in consultation events across the state. While it is sometimes difficult to match the pace of reform we recognise that it is important for all of us to engage in this work so that changes are well thought out and so that diverse perspectives on reform are considered along the way.

These last three months have seen some major events for CDFVR and many of you may have noted that among the highlights was an announcement in February by the Hon. Shannon Fentiman, Queensland's Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. Last month we were delighted to hear of a new service contract for CDFVR over a period of five years. This contract marks a change for CDFVR in that



we shall no longer be undertaking national research under the auspices of ANROWS, as per the previous in-kind arrangement between the Queensland Government and COAG (through ANROWS). Rather, from July 1 2016 the Centre will embark on various applied research projects in support of the Queensland Government meeting its commitment to the NNNE Report's recommendations. We have very much enjoyed our research with ANROWS which has been interesting and varied. Now we are looking forward to participating in the enormous task that faces the state government as it rolls out its reform agenda. As a research centre we are committed to reinforcing the need for gathering evidence about the outcomes of policy reform and investment so that new initiatives are constantly reviewed for the contribution they make. We anticipate linking our sector development work in Queensland to the sectoral changes that are taking place so that we can continue to develop the knowledge base that informs our practice. This year is going to be an exciting one where there will be a continued emphasis on planning and ensuring we make full use of our resources to help to make a difference.

At around the same time as our new funding was announced CQUniversity and CDFVR also welcomed Dr Silke Meyer to the School of Nursing and Midwifery as the Lecturer in Australia's first Postgraduate Diploma Program in Domestic and Family Violence Practice. We are excited to have Silke join our team (you can read more about Silke in the [previous edition of the Re@der](#)). Since coming to Brisbane she has acquired extensive research experience in domestic and family violence with both victims and perpetrators. I know many of you already know Silke and we are looking forward to involving her in both the CQUniversity teaching and the research programme of the Centre.

COVER

Logo from the upcoming Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum 2016
Family Matters: Community Business.
See [page 10](#) for further information.

In the language of my homeland (Aotearoa) “Haere mai ki a Silke ki te kete aronui o CDFVR”.

This means “Welcome Silke to the knowledge basket of CDFVR”. Te kete aronui means:

1. (noun) basket of knowledge of aroha, peace and the arts and crafts which benefit the Earth and all living things - one of the three baskets of knowledge. This basket relates to knowledge acquired through careful observation of the environment. It is also the basket of ritual, of literature, philosophy and is sometimes regarded as the basket of the humanities.

The translation of Maori terms is not without its considerations - not the least of which is the context of long held traditions related to the concept of knowledge, but in this modern world the idea of ‘kete’ can relate to broad knowledge of the humanities.

Silke is likely to be the first of the domestic and family violence lecturers who may join CQUniversity. We are in the process of developing other higher education and vocational training options which we hope to launch in 2017. This is intended to fill a critical gap in supporting services that are committed to helping victims and their children, as well as users of violence to effect change.

There have been other staff changes at CDFVR. Many of you may have noticed that Lauren Pattie is presently away from the office. Lauren began the very important undertaking of becoming a parent and is now the proud mother of a son. Congratulations to Lauren and her family! We look forward to seeing Lauren back in the future. In the meantime we have appointed the very capable Petrina Frankham to the Centre in

Lauren’s substantive position and she is playing an invaluable role in supporting our preparations for the Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Forum in May.

Colleen is acting in higher duties in a temporary capacity, reflecting the responsibilities which have emerged as the Centre has grown. Besides taking a lead with our educational resources and sector development, Colleen is also playing a role in coordinating our research capacity and assisting relevant CQUniversity lecturing staff.

Another piece of good news we received recently relates to international visitors. The Centre aims to invite visiting scholars/practitioners so that they can share their wisdom and knowledge with us about their work. Some of you may recall Professor Hillary Haldane who visited with us in May last year. Hillary assisted us at the Forum and she gave a seminar on her international research concerning the experience of domestic and family violence frontline workers.

Hillary consequently applied for a Fulbright fellowship and was successful. This will enable her to stay and work with the Centre a little longer - for three months early next year - and she will continue her research on the experience of frontline workers in Queensland. Hillary’s family will accompany her and they will stay in Mackay for the duration of her visit.

Our own national research, on the enforcement of protection orders with a focus on interstate enforcement, is rapidly moving towards completion. This has been a considerable undertaking by the research team, Dr Heather Lovatt, Dr Nada Ibrahim, Ms Katrina Finn, Ms



At the launch of CQUniversity’s Postgraduate Programs in Domestic and Family Violence Practice
From left to right: Ms Colleen Gunning (Education Officer, CDFVR), Dr Silke Meyer (Lecturer, CQUniversity), Professor Hilary Winchester (Provost), The Hon. Shannon Fentiman (Queensland’s Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence), Professor Leone Hinton (Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery), Associate Professor Annabel Taylor (Director, CDFVR), Dr Heather Lovatt (Senior Research Officer, CDFVR), Ms Katrina Finn (Researcher, CDFVR) and Dr Nada Ibrahim (Senior Research Officer, CDFVR)

Shellee Wakefield and myself. Now that the national online survey is completed and we have nearly finished our qualitative interviews we are fully engaged with analysing what people have had to say. Some of you will have contributed to this and we'd like to thank those of you who made the effort as we value your opinions. We presented our preliminary findings at the Inaugural National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children in Melbourne in late February. This was a chance for us all to catch up with familiar faces, including Heather Nancarrow, Shirley Slann and the team at ANROWS and it was a very well organised event. We have all made new contacts while there and enjoyed the presentations. Once again Rosie Batty excelled in conveying her commitment to domestic and family violence and we wish her well with the next phase of her life following her award year.

There has been a further exciting development for the Centre in that the Pro Vice Chancellor of Research Grant Stanley has let us know that CQUniversity's Office of Research will fund the Centre with an additional financial contribution of \$80,000 per year and we are now looking for a part-time research officer to work with us. This investment in the Centre will allow us to extend our research and publications so that we can build on the work that we do and be in a strong position to be able to respond to research requests. In addition, the Office will fund a Postdoctoral research position in 2017 which will also assist us greatly in achieving our goals. Given that the Queensland Government has developed / is developing a Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy, a Violence Against Women Prevention Plan and the Queensland Women's Strategy it looks likely that there will be an increased focus on the status of women more broadly. We welcome this and hope that in the near future we can support research and

knowledge translation that stands to advance the situation of women and girls in Queensland.

My final words are devoted to the upcoming Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Forum which Centre staff are busy organising at present. We are keen to offer a rich and worthwhile programme at this Forum and the CDFVR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference group has been instrumental in shaping up the agenda. It will be held in May at its traditional time and right now we are confirming with those of you have expressed interest in the Forum. We are heartened by the commitment to the Forum by diverse stakeholders and as well look forward to welcoming the new people joining us. The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services will be attending so that they can answer any questions you may have about the progress of the domestic violence reforms and how these may be impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services. We know the challenges are many and that you are doing such important work in your communities. This is an opportunity to convey what works and what things you may like to explore to address family violence. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Forum which is a highlight of our year.

I would like to finish by thanking the CDFVR staff for their ongoing efforts. The team of Colleen Gunning, Heather Lovatt, Petrina Frankham, Clinton Rawsthorne, Jan Willis, Margaret Roche, Shellee Wakefield, Katrina Finn, Patrick Noonan (and Silke Meyer) all go that extra mile to help things go smoothly – where would we be without you all?!? I also thank the bigger teams behind us, in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, CQUniversity and the Queensland Government – without your support we would not be able to do the work we do to contribute to safer lives for those affected by domestic and family violence.

Annabel Taylor



Petrina Frankham

Introducing Petrina Frankham

Greetings. My name is Petrina Frankham and I joined the CDFVR team in early March in the role of Project Support Officer as maternity relief for Lauren Pattie.

While my career background was originally in retail sales and marketing I found myself more fulfilled by the work that I did within the community, and with that in mind I began my career metamorphosis. In 2010 I applied to CQU to study a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) which I was excitedly accepted into and commenced in 2011. I completed my degree studying part time, via correspondence in 2014. I was then accepted and went on to complete a Masters of Guidance and Counselling at JCU while volunteering as a crisis support worker. I look forward to working with CDFVR's stakeholders at our research seminars and other events.

Research update

By Dr Nada Ibrahim and Dr Heather Lovatt

Under the in-kind arrangement for the Queensland Government's contribution to ANROWS research projects and activities are negotiated between CDFVR and ANROWS (Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety) in accordance with the national research program.

On this basis, CDFVR's current research project is 'Domestic and family violence protection orders in Australia: An investigation of information sharing and enforcement'. In 2015 each Reader contained a progress report on our research. In the early stages of 2016 we again provide a status report. The project is now at the stage where there are many interesting findings emerging showing patterns among professionals on views about enforcement of protection orders and on cross-border and information sharing issues. The research is also capturing the perspectives of women who have experienced cross border protection orders.

Phase One Study – Online survey

The online survey originally closed on the 31 December 2015 but was re-opened for a further two months to allow police from as many jurisdictions as possible to share their perceptions about the enforcement of protection orders in their jurisdictions. Multiple methods were used to recruit as many professionals (police, magistrates, lawyers and victim advocates) as possible to participate in the research across Australia. Ultimately, 888 professionals partially or fully completed surveys. There was representation from all professionals across Australia excluding police from South Australia and the Northern Territory and magistrates from Tasmania. The survey data was coded and is currently being further analysed by Dr Nada Ibrahim, with assistance from Shellee Wakefield. Findings are being compiled for the

final full report and 'research to practice' report that is expected to be published post-June 2016.

Phase Two Study –Interviews

The qualitative interview component of this research project has been concluded. This study included 20 interviews with women who had experienced cross-border protection orders, and 20 interviews with service providers who work to support women with protection orders. The sample was a cross section of women and service providers in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory. Coding and analysis utilising NVIVO is now taking place with findings complementing and triangulating with those of Study One.

Other research activity

Dr Annabel Taylor, Director, CDFVR continues to oversee both studies as Chief Investigator. As discussed in the Director's report Annabel presented preliminary findings at the ANROWS Inaugural National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children in Melbourne in late February. Dr Nada Ibrahim and Dr Heather Lovatt also had the privilege of attending the conference and benefit from hearing about emerging findings from other national studies. It was helpful for all researchers from CDFVR to network at the conference, discuss our preliminary findings and realise the interest in our study and the final findings. Many were very enthusiastic about our State of Knowledge Report published on the ANROWS website December 2015. If you haven't already read this document, please click on [this link](#).

Meanwhile, work continues on our ANROWS *Compass: Research to practice and policy papers*. These are concise papers that summarise key findings of research on violence against women and their children, and provide advice on the implications for policy and practice.

Congratulations Dr Heather Lovatt

The 17th March 2016 saw the culmination of Heather's doctoral study 'Unravelling Foster Care and Finding Family Support', when she was conferred with a Doctorate in Philosophy by James Cook University at a ceremony at the Entertainment Centre in Townsville. Heather's feminist study with female foster carers in regional Queensland exposed hitherto invisible facets of care and generated significant, new findings. Heather's research will resonate with those who work with women and children, including staff in domestic and family violence, social work and child protection practice and research.



Dr Heather Lovatt



At the coalface

Senior Sergeant Leonie Fordyce has been a member of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for over 20 years. After graduating from the Academy in 1995, Leonie's career took her first to Ipswich, then to Emerald in Central Queensland and a number of locations North and South of the Brisbane River before coming full circle back to the Academy where she currently works.

What is your role at QPS?

I am currently an Intake Coordinator at the Recruit Training Unit located at the Queensland Police Service Academy, Oxley. My role involves coordinating the delivery of training to police recruits. The recruits are here for about six months and the training lays a quality foundation for them to develop the attributes and operational skills of a Constable.

It is a challenging time for many recruits as their physical and mental capacity is stretched, but it's also an extremely exciting time with something new to learn each day and I thoroughly enjoy the work environment this creates.

I'm still contributing to improving the police response to DFV though! I'm leading the Training and Development – Police DFV Working Party which is responding to recommendation 138 of the Not Now, Not Ever report, to ensure training is contemporary, relevant and delivered frequently enough to effectively maintain an officer's knowledge and skill.

If you could change one thing in order to better respond to DV what would this be?

I'd like to change a lot of things so we as a community and as a system are more effectively responding to the safety needs of victims but if I had to choose one, it would be to simplify and streamline the administrative processes associated with getting protection, as identified by the Taskforce. The processes, for police, are complex and this has never been clearer to me than in delivering DFV training to Recruits here at the Academy. When you have to start from scratch, where there is little base-line knowledge of the issues, it is really overwhelming. For victims, navigating the system without support, I completely understand how it all "gets too much".

What advice would you give to new workers who are coming to into the domestic and family violence sector?

Look after yourself - this is a challenging job and the experiences will elicit feelings of frustration,

sadness and anger (and sometimes all at once). Remember your well-being is important.

What makes you optimistic for a future free from domestic and family violence?

I'm seeing firsthand an increase in community awareness and understanding of the issue. I recently witnessed a group of women in their late sixties openly naming the behaviour, recognising that they had known victims and wishing now that they had responded differently to support these women. They did not shy away from the issue and their hopes for a future free from violence for their granddaughters was inspiring.

I was also privileged to attend the recent ANROWS's Inaugural National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children and left feeling that whilst much of the research is still being completed, the projects are asking the right questions. In the not too distant future, we will have strong evidence on which to base our decisions.

And finally, the national attention to the issue can only further drive positive change. It is an exciting time to work in the area of DFV, with many of the changes that seemed unachievable in the past now very much within reach.

Leonie was part of the QPS Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Unit between 2009 and 2015 – a time of significant change. Leonie led a number of projects and activities as part of a broader reform initiative, which included new legislation, introduction of court rules and enhanced police practice; application of a QPS Strategy for the reduction of DFV; professional development of officers to engender contemporary understanding of DFV; and development and implementation of the QPS Domestic Violence Protective Assessment Framework.

Most recently, Leonie had the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Premier's Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland, as a member of the secretariat.

Partnerships for training

by Colleen Gunning

Background

Many readers will be aware of the accredited course 'Course in Responding to Domestic and Family Violence' (Course Code: 30949QLD) which was comprised of three units of competency:

- CHCDFV301A - Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence
- QLD200RDV01A - Referring appropriately and effectively in response to domestic and family violence
- QLD200RWP01A - Reflecting on work practice when responding to domestic and family violence

CHCDFV301A was an existing unit of competency from the Community Services Training Package CHC08 and QLD200RDV01A and QLD200RWP01A are units of competency developed specifically for this course. This course is accredited until May 2016.

However in December 2015, CHCDFV001 - Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence (Release 1) was superseded by CHCDFV301A - Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence. This version was released in CHC Community Services Training Package release 3.0 and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages. It merges CHCDFV301A and CHCDFV403C and there are significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. There are new evidence requirements for assessment including volume and frequency requirements, and significant changes to knowledge evidence.

The Centre is currently reviewing course materials to develop a Short Course in Responding to Domestic and Family Violence which incorporates accredited and non-accredited units.

The Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence has been collaborating with CQUniversity's Centre for Professional Development (CPD) to enable the delivery of accredited and non-accredited training in domestic and family violence in various sites around Queensland.

These vocational education and training (VET) competency-based units, recognised by industry, are a complement to the postgraduate qualifications also available through CQUniversity.

In recent months the CPD has been delivering workshops for employees of Churches of Christ Care and throughout the year, 300 of the organisation's staff will complete introductory-level workshops and around 40 will complete advanced units. This training will expand the abilities of a wide range of employees, including those involved in out-of-home care, family support, transition to independence and early childhood services.



Churches of Christ Care training participants with Ms Judy Pidcock, training coordinator.

The workshops are delivered with co-facilitation by sector trainers (experienced domestic and family violence practitioners who are accredited to train others).

The Coordinator of Domestic and Family Violence training in the CPD, Ms Judy Pidcock said that "To date feedback from the participants has been positive and I look forward to expanding this course to other individuals and organisations."

Currently on offer:

CHCDFV001 - Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence

Units in development:

CHCDFV002 - Provide support to children affected by domestic and family violence

CHCDFV004 - Provide domestic and family violence support in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The CPD will also offer a suite of non-accredited units covering topics including but not limited to:

- Establish and maintain the safety of people who have experienced domestic and family violence.
- Make safety plans with people who have been subjected to domestic and family violence
- Manage domestic and family violence screening and risk assessment processes

If your organisation is interested in any of these domestic and family violence units of competency please contact Judy Pidcock P: 07 4930 6795.

Domestic and family violence and lived experience mental health: the links

Dr Louise Byrne

The ongoing trauma resulting from domestic violence argues the need to work effectively with survivors to assist them to heal emotionally and mentally. A trauma-informed approach provides hope, reduces stigma and increases opportunity for post-traumatic growth.

My PhD study explored lived experience roles in the wider workforce and provided a comprehensive exploration of lived experience employment, with specific emphasis on factors that assist and inhibit the roles. My wider body of research has largely focused on lived experience participation in education and within the mental health sector.

People working from the perspective of their own experience of mental health challenges have utilised mental health services, and learned to use their experiences to benefit other service users.

Increasingly, people with a lived experience are being employed in a range of settings and their real life expertise is contributing to:

- assisting others struggling with similar challenges
- informing policy
- contributing to systemic change
- guiding education and research

The role of the lived experience mental health academic has been researched and the reactions to it have been overwhelmingly positive responses. The following quote illustrates this:

"The lecturer was able to speak from the first person as she had her own experiences that she could relate which was advantageous for us . . . the insight she has. She was able to describe how it feels to be discriminated against, to be ostracised, to have limited employment opportunities, what we will encounter with consumers."

In response to positive student evaluations and the research results, the lived experience led mental health course became a 'core' offering and CQUniversity subsequently created the first, full-time lived experience in mental health academic position in the world.

Since the commencement of this position, CQUniversity has taken a leadership role in the employment of lived experience academics with two full-time and several casual positions developed. Ms Trudy Atkinson joined the team in 2013 after working as one of the first managers of a completely lived experience-run



Dr Louise Byrne and Ms Trudy Atkinson

and staffed mental health service funded by the Queensland Government. Trudy brings a wealth of industry knowledge and deep understanding of lived experience concepts, particularly trauma-informed perspectives. Trauma-informed practice underpins much lived experience work.

Many survivors of domestic violence find themselves struggling with mental health challenges as a result of their experiences of domestic and family violence. When seeking help, they often find themselves within a system that pathologises the trauma of their experiences as an 'illness' and seeks to diagnose and 'treat' them rather than focusing on the very real circumstances that caused the trauma. As Trudy states, "Mental health challenges arising from such traumas as domestic violence often occur as a sane response to insane circumstances."

Trudy shares her number one tip for working with people from a trauma-informed perspective, "Simply ask 'what's happened?' and not 'what's wrong?' Because 'what's wrong?' reinforces shame-based messages; that there is something 'wrong' with the person."

Trudy and I share an enthusiasm to collaborate with other researchers and practitioners to further explore and promote the role of trauma-informed theory within the field of domestic and family violence.

Dr Louise Byrne is a Lecturer in Lived Experience Mental Health, School of Nursing and Midwifery, CQUniversity. Louise started working part-time at CQUniversity in a lived experience mental health academic role in 2009. In recognition of her contribution to the area, Louise has received several industry awards, including the 2015 Queensland Mental Health Week Individual Achievement Award. Louise has also been appointed as an expert advisor to the Queensland Mental Health Commission.

Intimate partner violence, housing and shame: an abridged extract

Zufferey, C., Chung, D., Franzway, S., Wendt, S. & Moulding N. (2016). *Intimate Partner Violence and Housing: Eroding Women's Citizenship*, *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 1-16.

The effects of intimate partner violence on women's housing exacerbate the gendered inequality women already experience. Access to safe and affordable housing, respect, recognition, financial security, and feelings of belonging are fundamental to women's well-being. Yet, women escaping intimate partner violence experience limited access to social justice and basic human rights, which is a central concern for social work and feminism.

The findings discussed in this article are part of a broader nationwide Australian survey that examined the compounding impacts of intimate partner violence (IPV) on women's housing, employment, mental health, and participation in activities of civil society (including social, political groups, and volunteering). The authors used the concept of "gendered citizenship" to focus on how women negotiate housing as a key aspect of citizenship, in the context of IPV.

There were 658 female respondents who completed essential parts of this survey and 525 women answered the survey question: "What effects did domestic violence have on your housing?". The main themes found in the qualitative data related to financial costs (or harms), the loss of a home, and dominant feelings of fear and shame. This analysis showed that women's citizenship status (such as housing access and rights) and practices (such as participating in negotiating a safe home and community life) are all affected by IPV.

The survey responses provided rich data about women's experiences of financial losses, living in fear, the loss and destruction of their homes, rebuilding a home, and remaining "safer at home" as well as feelings of shame. The most prominent finding of the survey related to housing costs increasing for the majority of women post separation, which subsequently affected women's housing choices. This is consistent with previous research that underscores how women and children who leave their home to escape a violent relationship experience great disruption and financial disadvantage. In this study, after escaping the violent partner/s, women also report being on a much lower income, having to leave their employment and experiencing financial insecurity and poverty. Women's housing stories were complicated, demonstrative of the complex

navigation of financial abuse and responsibility, threats, fear of violence, unpredictability, housing instability, and shame, which are inextricably linked to women's ability to exercise their citizenship rights.

The most dominant theme in the survey responses related to financial losses as a consequence of IPV and the effects this had on women's housing status, choices, and practices, and the most frequently used description about the effects of IPV on housing was the loss of a "safe home." The majority of women who responded to the survey sought assistance from services, including medical, police, crisis accommodation, and/or legal services. Of particular importance to practice is an emerging theme in the analysis related to women's feelings of shame when accessing services; which hindered their decisions and abilities to seek out assistance.

“Shame was multilayered. Shame about intimate partner violence contributed to women moving location... Women reported feeling ‘shame, fear, and anxiety’ when applying for rentals and health and welfare services for IPV-related issues... The process of applying for public housing and the responses of housing service providers can be experienced as disempowering and demoralising, contributing to her feelings of shame... Women are further systemically disadvantaged and ‘put back in their place’ as second class, welfare-dependent citizens, after experiencing IPV.”

Gender inequality is maintained when women encounter disrespectful attitudes and approaches in community members and service providers. There are implications, then, for how workers, including housing workers, **respond** to service users. In other words, it is important to be mindful that the welfare state has practices which in fact further contribute to eroding women's emotional safety and citizenship rights, even after escaping a violent partner/ partners. These complex dimensions interplay on women's sense of safety and belonging to place, family, and community.

Upcoming events



Dr Silke Meyer
Lecturer in the Postgraduate
Programs, CQUniversity

Engaging with Domestic and Family Violence Perpetrators as Fathers

Free Public Online Presentation

27th April 2016, 10am – 11am

Presenter: Dr Silke Meyer, CQUniversity

This webinar is based on interviews with 21 perpetrators mandated to attend a behaviour change program as the result of breaching their Domestic Violence Order. Significant themes that emerged from the interviews were perpetrators' desires to be better fathers and role models and to maintain a relationship with their children. These findings suggest that 'fatherhood identity' may be an angle to consider when trying to engage abusive men in behaviour change programs.

[View the flyer](#)

[Register to attend](#) by Tuesday 26th April.

Through Young Black Eyes – Train the Trainer Workshop

3rd & 6th May 2016, Mackay
Hosted by SNAICC, fees apply



The goal of the program is to support healing from and the prevention of, family violence, child abuse and neglect and supporting the building of child safe communities and organisations. To do this, the workshop aims to build participants' capacity to use the Through Young Black Eyes Workshop Kit.

The learning objectives are:

1. To discuss and learn about issues relating to family violence, child abuse and neglect in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
2. To discuss the strengths in their communities which may assist in addressing these issues
3. Identify future goals and activities they can undertake in relation to addressing family violence, child abuse and neglect in their communities
4. Increase confidence and skills for running workshops using the Through Young Black Eyes Workshop kit, including through:
 - Clarifying the aims of their own future workshop/s
 - Designing a sample agenda for a workshop
 - Discussing the challenges in running workshops and how to overcome them

This course has a limited number of vacancies. You are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

[View the flyer](#) [Register to attend](#) or phone 03 9489 8099

Date claimer

'To screen or not to screen'... that is the question

Location: Brisbane, venue to be advised.

Free Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month Presentation

12th May 2016, 2pm

Presenters: Dr Kathleen Baird and Dr Deborah Walsh

Details to be released in April via www.noviolence.com.au.

Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum

Join us in Mackay for two days of learning, sharing and networking!

The Earlybird Registration has been extended to the 15th April! Register before then to receive your complimentary Forum t-shirt.

Come to the Forum to participate in the Yarning Circles, hear great presentations, see old friends and meet new people who share your passion to make a difference in your communities.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is there a registration fee?

The registration fees for the Forum have been unchanged for some years. The fees contribute to the venue hire and catering and registration includes:

- Morning teas
- Lunches
- Forum Dinner (and karaoke!)
- Afternoon tea
- A unique Forum t-shirt (if you register by the 15th April).

How much does registration cost?

If you are an Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander participant, registration is \$450. For other participants, registration is \$500. This is because we want the Forum focus to be on those who are working with Indigenous communities.

I would like to register but don't have a credit card. What should I do?

Click [here](#) to let us know you'd like us to contact you. We can arrange an invoice to cover your registration.

I am ready to register and have a credit card. How do I register?

Click [here](#) and your payment will be processed. We'll contact you later to confirm your t-shirt size if you've registered prior to the 15th April.

Where can I stay in Mackay?

Click [here](#) for some ideas about options, and their distance from the MECC, the Forum venue.

How can I explain to my supervisor that the Forum is a worthwhile learning activity?

Click [here](#) for a letter you can give to your supervisor.

Who will be presenting at this year's Forum?

We will have a range of presenters from Queensland and interstate. The Keynote Presenters are Vicki Scott and Wendy Watego from the Stars Institute of Leadership and Learning.

Ms Vicki Scott

Leadership Coach and
Author

[Biography](#)



Ms Wendy Watego

Educator, Motivator,
Leadership Coach and
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