INAUGURAL NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

ANROWS Research to Policy and Practice

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Tuesday 23 – Thursday 25 February 2016 • Grand Hyatt Melbourne
Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) welcomes you to its Inaugural National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children.

The inaugural conference prioritises knowledge produced under the ANROWS Research Program 2014-2016; it will include, however, other Australian research that aligns with the four strategic research themes of the National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, which ANROWS produced on behalf of all Australian governments.

Translating knowledge into policy and practice is the specific focus of this conference. Researchers will present key findings to lead into facilitated discussions on how the findings are currently being used, and how they might inform future work. Policy-makers, practitioners and researchers will be encouraged to share experiences, ideas and advice on how the research can drive future policy and practice.

This conference is a fantastic opportunity to connect, reflect and innovate. We look forward to seeing you over the next three days and working with you into the future.
ANROWS is a not-for-profit organisation, funded by the Commonwealth and all state and territory governments of Australia as a key initiative under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010 – 2022. ANROWS’s Inaugural National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children is an opportunity for policy-makers, practitioners and researchers to share experiences, ideas and advice on how research can drive policy development and service and responses.

“Statistics on the extent of domestic, family and sexual violence against women and their children are compelling and all the more confronting because these figures are increasing at the same time as Australia is making a major commitment to reverse the situation.

This requires coordinated activity by governments, service providers and professionals, researchers and the community in general. At the same time there is a need to recognise diversity in the nature and experience of violence between population groups and communities and a corresponding need for policy and service responses to cater to that diversity.”

Emeritus Professor Anne R Edwards AO, Chair, ANROWS

Conference themes

• Experience & impacts of violence against women
• Contemporary aspects of violence against women
• Improving law and justice responses
• Safe at home

• Focus on prevention
• Advocacy and empowerment
• Layers of knowledge: context & co-occurrence
• Perpetrator interventions/perpetrators
• Complex connections
• Addressing Indigenous family violence
THE HON. ANNA BLIGH  CEO YWCA NSW
Former Queensland Premier and Treasurer

Anna Bligh is Australia’s first elected female Premier, winning the 2009 QLD State election, a position she held until March 2012. Anna’s leadership came to national and international attention as she led Queensland through a series of catastrophic natural disasters in 2011. She served Queensland in a number of significant portfolios over 17 years, including Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Finance, Infrastructure, Education, Arts and Social Welfare.

Ms Bligh began her working life as a child support officer in a refuge for women escaping domestic violence. She went on to work in family support services in both New Zealand and Sydney during the 1980s.

CANDY BROAD  BOARD DIRECTOR, WOMEN’S HEALTH VICTORIA
Former Legislative Member, Victorian Government

Candy Broad is a Board Director of Women’s Health Victoria, a Board Director of Hepburn Community Wind Park Co-operative, and a Trustee Director of First Super.

Candy served in the Victorian Parliament from 1999 to 2014. Her Ministerial portfolios included Housing, Local Government, Energy and Resources, and Ports. During her Parliamentary career Candy lead the development of more integrated government responses to the prevention of family violence in Victoria, and contributed to reforming Victoria’s statutory framework for women’s sexual and reproductive health choices.

ELIZABETH BRODERICK  FORMER SEX DISCRIMINATION COMMISSIONER, AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Global Co-Chair of the Women’s Empowerment Principles Leadership Group, Former Ambassador for the Foundation to Prevent Violence Against Women and their Children

Elizabeth Broderick was appointed for a five year term as Sex Discrimination Commissioner in September 2007. The term was extended to September 2015. During her term, she has been committed to improving gender equality through her advocacy in preventing violence against women and sexual harassment, improving lifetime economic security for women, balancing paid work and unpaid caring responsibilities, promoting women’s representation in leadership and strengthening gender equality laws and agencies.

NSW Finalist, 2016 Australian of the Year.

KERRY CHIKAROVSKI  PRINCIPAL, KERRY CHIKAROVSKI & ASSOCIATES
Government Relations Advisor, former NSW Liberal leader

One of the country’s most respected and admired former female politicians, Kerry “Chika” Chikarovski, is a former New South Wales Liberal party leader and the first woman to lead a major political party in the state of New South Wales (1999-2002).

In 2003 Chika retired from politics and the following year launched her co-authored autobiography, Chika. Her government relations business, Chikarovski & Associates, which she started in 2003, continues to achieve excellent results for her clients.

She is a Board Director of New South Wales Rugby Union, Waratahs Rugby Union, Adopt Change, Hampthy Dumpty Foundation and Our Watch, and Chair of NSW Women’s Rugby Union and Road Safety Education. Chika is also a proud ambassador for The Eggtruber Foundation, YWCANSW and the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF).

SARAH FERGUSON
INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST
HOST, ABC FOUR CORNERS

Following the ground breaking “Hitting Home” series, Sarah Ferguson will facilitate the Research to Policy Panel.

The panel will draw on the experience of former leaders to consider the way evidence is made available and how to increase its influence in the policy process:

- How can we better inform policymakers?
- How important is research in formulating strategies?
Research on Indigenous Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Wednesday 24 February 2016  3.45 – 5pm

PANEL DISCUSSIONS PANELLISTS

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ADDRESSING DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

• Aboriginal services and workers
• Participatory methods & practices

PANEL FACILITATOR

KERRIE TIM PRINCIPAL ADVISOR, INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Kerrie is First Assistant Secretary, Principal Advisor, Indigenous Affairs at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. She has held executive leadership positions in the Australian Public Service and Queensland public sector. Kerrie’s deep insight into people and how they function under the dynamic interaction between policy and systems have informed her work in public, private and community sectors for decades. She has been a trusted advisor to Government and is sought across the public service for her knowledge and insight dealing with cultural issues in a modern day context.

EILEEN CUMMINGS UNIVERSITY FELLOW, CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Since retiring from government, Eileen Cummings - a Rembarrnga-Ngalakan elder - has been involved in many other activities. Although Stolen Generations work takes up much of her time, she has also used her decades of knowledge of Indigenous research and evaluation methodologies in a number of recent contracts with the Northern Institute at Charles Darwin University, where she holds an adjunct position. Eileen provides leadership and authority to Evaluation in Northern Conects colleagues in their work with Aboriginal communities, developing research tools and improving the approaches used to evaluate Aboriginal social policy in the NT.

JUNE OSCAR AO CEC, MARNINWARNITKURA WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTRE
Chief Investigator, Liihwani Project

June Oscar AO is a Bunuba woman from Fitzroy Crossing in the Central Kimberley region of Western Australia. She was recently appointed as an Officer in the Order of Australia. The Award is a fitting national recognition of her significant personal contribution and long term commitment to improving the lives of the people in the Fitzroy Valley.

Ms Oscar’s tireless devotion to preserving culture and protecting children has given her a prominent place in the Aboriginal community in WA. She is an advocate for the preservation of culture in the Kimberley and its value for young Aboriginal people. She chairs the Kimberley Language Resource Centre and is a member of the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre.

KAREN NANGALA WOODLEY
Social Worker, Educator

Karen Nangala Woodley is a Wakka Wakka Warumungu woman and has a Bachelor of Social Work from James Cook University. She is currently undertaking a Masters of Forensic Behavioural Science through Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne. Nangala has a Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership from the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre and is a graduate of the 2007/2008 FAHCSIA Indigenous Community Women’s Leadership Program.

Nangala has worked as a social worker, as a clinician/case manager for the Darwin Alcohol Assessment Treatment Service, and as a Project Officer in the Indigenous Suicide Prevention program of the Mental Health Directorate, NT Department of Health. She was a research worker for the Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research, Central Queensland University, succeeded by a position as Project Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Department of Communities, Mackay/Whitsunday Region Queensland, and briefly in 2010 was Coordinator of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women’s Program in Mackay, Central Queensland.
Researchers will present key findings to lead into facilitated discussions on how the findings are currently being used, and how they can inform future work.

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**TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2016**

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**5.30 – 7.30pm** Welcome Reception, The Courtyard Residence, Grand Hyett Melbourne
**WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2016**

**PLENARY SESSION**

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<td>The PATRICIA Project: PATHways and Research In Collaborative Inter-Agency working.</td>
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**Morning Tea in Savoy Ballroom Foyer**

**SESSION 1** Experiences & impacts of violence against women  
**SESSION 2** Contemporary aspects of violence against women  
**SESSION 3** Improving law & justice responses to violence against women

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<td>The effect of social and geographical isolation &amp; remoteness on the ability of women to disclose, report, seek help &amp; receive appropriate interventions</td>
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<td>A/Prof Sarah Wendt, University of South Australia</td>
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<td>Technology facilitated sexual violence &amp; harassment in cyberspace.</td>
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<td>Dr Anastasia Powell, RMIT University</td>
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<td>Improving legal &amp; justice responses to violence against women.</td>
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**Luncheon in Savoy Ballroom Foyer**

**SESSION 4** Addressing Indigenous family violence  
**SESSION 5** Safe at home  
**SESSION 6** Focus on prevention

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<td>National mapping and meta-evaluation outlining key features of effective “safe at home” programs that enhance safety and prevent homelessness.</td>
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<td>A/Prof Jan Breckenridge, University of NSW</td>
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<td>Media representations of violence against women and their children (Project in partnership with Our Watch).</td>
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<td>Dr Georgina Sutherland, University of Melbourne</td>
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<td>Change the story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence.</td>
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<td>Emma Partridge, Our Watch</td>
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3pm **Afternoon Tea in Savoy Ballroom Foyer**
PLINARY SESSION

Research on Indigenous Family Violence and Sexual Assault

3:30 - Indigenous Communities Addressing Domestic and Family Violence Panel
- Aboriginal services and workers
- Participatory methods & practices

Facilitator: Kerrie Tim, Principal Advisor, Indigenous Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Panellists:
- Eileen Cummings, University Fellow, Charles Darwin University (NT)
- June Oscar AO, CEO, Maminwarriakurra Women’s Resource Centre; Chief Investigator, Lilabwin Project (WA)
- Karen Nangala Woodley, Social Worker, Educator (QLD)

5pm Close

6.15 - 7pm Poster Session + Pre Dinner Drinks in Mayfair Ballroom Lobby

7pm Official Conference Dinner in Mayfair Ballroom

7.45pm Special Guest Speaker Rosie Batty, 2015 Australian of the Year
Influencing Change

Rosie was named 2015 Australian of the Year in recognition of her campaign against family violence. She has been tireless in her determination to shine a spotlight on the issue and call for systemic changes, through many media and public speaking appearances, lobbying policy-makers and working closely with the sector.

10pm Close

ROSIE BATTY

Family violence campaigner Rosie Batty is the 2015 Australian of the Year and the Pride of Australia’s National Courage Medal recipient.

Rosie is a leader in the crusade against domestic violence and has turned her personal tragedy into a fight to help others. Rosie’s name became synonymous with the words courage and resilience. Only hours after her son’s life was tragically taken, Rosie gave voice to many thousands of victims of domestic violence who had until then remained unheard.

Rosie’s ability to articulate the train of events that had led to this tragedy, has demonstrated the wider implications of her experience.

Now a tireless campaigner, Rosie established The Luke Batty Foundation and in 2015 launched the Never Alone Campaign, asking all Australians to stand with her and beside all victims of family violence by signing up at neveralone.com.au

In 2015, Rosie was named Co-Deputy Chair of the Council of Australian Governments’ advisory panel on preventing violence against women.

Rosie is also an Ambassador for Our Watch and the Lorol Smith Animal Hospital, and Patron of Doncare Community Services and has been inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

Her public speaking appearances are a remarkable story of resilience, courage, inspiration and making a difference.

Rosie’s incredible strength and selfless efforts are an inspiration to many people.
### Session 7: Advocacy & empowerment
**Savoy 1 & 2**

11 – Advocacy for safety & empowerment.
11.45am **Dr Robyn Holder**, Griffith University
**Dr Judy Puit**, University of New England

11.45am Women’s input in a trauma-informed systems model of care in Health settings:
The WITH study
**Professor Kelsey Hegarty**, University of Melbourne

### Session 8: Layers of knowledge: Context & co-occurrence
**Savoy 3**

11 – State of knowledge on the co-occurrence.
11.45am intersection and differences between forms of, & responses to, violence against women & their children.
**Dr Peta Cox**, ANROWS

11.45am National burden of disease study examining
12.30pm the impact of violence against women.
**Dr Lynelle Moon**, Australian Institute of Health & Welfare
**Kim Webster**, SMCS

### Luncheon in Savoy Ballroom Foyer

### Session 9: Perpetrators of violence against women: Prevention and intervention
**Savoy 1 & 2**

1.15 – Changing attitudes is not enough: The role of men and boys in the prevention of violence against women and children.
**Dr Michael Saller**, Western Sydney University

2 – Research on perpetrator interventions
2.45pm **Dr Maty Costello**, ANROWS

1.15 – Establishing the connection (between alcohol and other drug use and sexual victimisation)
**Mary Stathopoulos**, Australian Institute of Family Studies

### Session 10: Complex connections
**Savoy 3**

2 – What does it take? Developing informed and effective tertiary responses to violence and abuse for women and girls with disabilities in Australia.
**Dr Patrice Crowe**, Deakin University

### Afternoon Tea

### Plenary Session
**Where to now? Panel discussion**
**Savoy 1 & 2**

3.15 pm **Where to now? Future directions**: Influencing the Third Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010 – 2022
**Facilitator**: Libby Lloyd AM, Chair, National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2008–2009

**Panellists**:
- **Ros Baxter**, Group Manager of Families, Dept of Social Services (Commonwealth); Director, ANROWS Board
- **Kay Benham**, Executive Director, Policy and Learning, Dept of Child Protection and Family Support (WA); Director, ANROWS Board
- **Cathy Taylor**, Deputy Director-General, Dept of Communities, Child Safety & Disability (QLD); Director, ANROWS Board
- **Noelene Swanson**, A/Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Local Government and Community Services (NT); Director, ANROWS Board

4.15 pm **Closing Comments**
**Emeritus Professor Anne R Edwards AO, Chair, ANROWS**
**Heather Nancarrow, CEO, ANROWS**

### Conference Close
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