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TREATMENT PROGRAMMES
CURRENT MATERIALS

“ Paedophilia –
Shedding Light on
the Dark Field

Understanding sexual
attraction to children is
essential if they are to be
kept safe.”

The Economist, 13 Aug 2016

3rd Perth Symposium

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
PREVENTION

*“Harmful Sexual Behaviours In
Children and Adolescents”*

26 OCTOBER 2018

WHEN

Friday 26 October 2018

WHERE

Telethon Speech and
Hearing Centre
36 Dodd Street
Wembley WA 6014

TIMES

8.00am – 4.30pm

Lunch and Morning and
Afternoon Teas provided

COST

Early Bird before 12 Oct
\$195.00 (Inc GST)

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\$245.00 (incl GST)
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7 hours

*You are invited
to join the Commissioner for
Children and Young People*

MR. COLIN PETTIT

Together with a panel of 7 experts

SIAN BURGESS

CHRISTABEL CHAMARETTE

LESLEY-ANNE EY

NATALIE HALL

HOLLY-ANN MARTIN

ANTONIA QUADARA

LIZ WALKER

SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

The high level of interest and attendance at the 1st and 2nd Symposia held in March and November last year, demonstrated the need to create another opportunity to bring experts in the field of child sexual abuse prevention together to share information about this important area of community concern.

The 3rd Perth Symposium on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention focuses on harmful sexual behaviours in children and adolescents. The theme is timely in light of the number of references made to child-on-child sexual abuse by both presenters and delegates at the 2nd Symposium, the issue arising in relation to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Abuse and the 2017 -2018 project by the Commissioner for Children and Young People aimed at improving the understanding of children and young people with harmful sexual behaviours and enhancing responses to children and young people who may be harming themselves or others.

Our speakers for this symposium include specialists who will be coming from Victoria, South Australia and Queensland as well as local experts who will present their research in the area of harmful sexual behaviour in children and young people as well as the latest effective therapeutic and educational programmes in child protection.

The organising committee joins me in welcoming your participation and sharing of your expertise in this third Symposium.

Jonathan Kester
Convenor

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26TH 2018

8.00 AM — 8.30 AM

REGISTRATION

8.30 AM

**CONVENOR'S WELCOME
HOUSEKEEPING**



8.35 AM

CHRISTABEL CHAMARETTE

NORMAL CHILDHOOD SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT

The seriousness of the statistics that 30 to 60% of the sexual abuse of children occurs from adolescent children in their family network and that 62% of police reports involve young people and minors is becoming more widely recognized. This session presents an understanding of normal sexual development in children as a backdrop for dealing with problematic and harmful sexual behaviours in children and young people. The continuum of normal to deviant sexual behaviours (normal, inappropriate, problematic, abusive, violent) is not well understood and sexual abuse of one child by another generates anxiety, confusion and ambivalence as to how to respond. The low end of the spectrum has a much larger group of children.

Often parents are at a loss in coping with these behaviours and professional training in this area is in its infancy. Parents and professionals need to be assisted to learn better ways of handling these behaviours when they arise as heavy-handed responses by adults and other children can have unintended consequences. It is important not to label children but instead to develop appropriate and therapeutic approaches to assist in healthy sexual and emotional development and recovery where harmful sexual behaviours have occurred.



9.15 AM

HOLLY-ANN MARTIN

**REDUCING HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOURS OF
CHILDREN THROUGH PROTECTIVE EDUCATION**

Holly-ann Martin has over 30 years' experience in teaching child abuse prevention education in schools and has trained in every state and territory in Australia. Holly-ann's program is often called upon after an incident of child-to-child sexual abuse has occurred in a school. Her presentation will be an anecdotal account of what she is seeing and hearing while working at the coalface teaching Protective Education to children across Australia.

**10.30 AM****SIAN BURGESS**

RESPONDING TO CONCERNING SEXUAL BEHAVIOURS IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: A FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE PRACTICE

In March 2012 The Department of Child Protection Western Australia finished work on a learning resource for carers and staff working with carers (including kinship carers), residential workers and youth workers who have children in their care who display concerning sexual behaviours. This was a Priority Project under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 and was a joint effort with significant contributions from NGO's around Australia contributing to this comprehensive training package.

Although disappointingly not widely disseminated, this package is still used within the Department and by contributing NGO's. This package has been adapted for more general use and forms the basis for developing environmental safety within families who are supporting and responding to children who are displaying concerning sexual behaviours. This presentation will share our treatment and service approach via exploration of case examples. It will explore how the service safely and ethically responds to both the victim and offender who are obviously in need of appropriate and specialised care.



11.15 AM

DR. LESLIE-ANNE EY

CHILDREN'S HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR
IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS: TEACHERS'
EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES.

It is widely recognised that children's sexual development begins from an early age and as such they will display sexual behaviour. Recently, there have been concerns about pre-pubescent children's problematic sexual behaviour in education settings (Knowles 2014). A small scale Australian study conducted with 107 early-childhood, primary school educators and out of school care staff found that 40% of participants have observed children engaging in harmful sexual behaviour. Many participants reported that their training in this area was lacking, with 90 per cent calling for specific training. Educators described the support services offered in schools for children as limited. Participants discussed personal impact, describing feelings of trauma, concern, and frustration, concluding a need for educator training, child education, and support services to enable an early intervention and prevention strategy to support the well-being of children (Ey & McInnes 2017a; 2017b; 2018).

12 NOON

LUNCH



12.45 PM

LIZ WALKER

PORNOGRAPHY

Increasing numbers of clinicians, health professionals and teachers are witnessing concerning sexual behaviour trends amongst children and young people. This session will outline research relating to the impact of 24/7 unfettered access to pornography on attitudes and behaviours that result in children and young people being more vulnerable to online and offline exploitation, and the impacts on mental health.

Attendees will receive an update on what is happening globally and in Australia to address this issue and offered strategies to raise awareness within community. Resources that engage and equip parents will be introduced, as well as program materials that offer a whole school approach to safeguarding kids and building young people's resilience and resistance to exploitation and hypersexualized culture.



1.30 PM

ANTONIA QUADARA

ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMMES

Since the early 2000s, there has been increasing recognition across service providers and policy makers that children and young people's harmful sexual behaviour is often located at the intersection of traumatic experiences (e.g. exposure to family violence, abuse, long-term neglect), disrupted attachments, and children's developmental needs. Working with young people and their support systems to address these issues results has emerged as more effective than interventions that treat children and young people as "mini" sex offenders.

Over the last decade, an "evolving consensus" has developed about the elements of successful programs for young people with harmful sexual behaviours and a corresponding interest in designing and delivering specialised therapeutic services for children and young people.

While there is certainly an evolving consensus about the elements of good practice, it is not yet possible to say "what works" definitively. There are variations in service design, treatment philosophies, client groups, and the service context that make it necessary to ask "what works for whom and under what circumstances".

This presentation will draw on the findings of a two-year project "Good practice in delivering and evaluating interventions for young people with harmful sexual behaviours".

A partnership between AIFS and Deakin University, the project is currently undertaking field work on three diverse service models in QLD, NSW, and Victoria to understand what the key ingredients of good practice are; the enablers and barriers to this; and the role that service context plays in shaping practice.

The key purpose of the project is to foster a shared understanding about the characteristics of effective approaches in responding to adolescents with sexually abusive behaviours in order to inform service design and implementation across Australia.



2.15 PM

NATALIE HALL

ENHANCING RESPONSES TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOURS

In 2017 the Commissioner for Children and Young People commenced a project aimed at improving the understanding of children and young people with harmful sexual behaviours and enhancing responses to them. The project included

1. A mapping of currently available services for children and young people who have been harmed and/or who display harmful sexual behaviours in WA.
2. An issues paper by the Australian Centre for Child Protection on A Continuum of Responses for Harmful Sexual Behaviours.
3. Review of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse research reports, case studies, and final report and recommendations relevant to harmful sexual behaviours.
4. Professional development opportunities and roundtable discussions with decision makers in June 2018.

This presentation will give an overview of these activities, the Commissioner's recommendations for Western Australia and the ongoing activities and advocacy for children and young people with harmful sexual behaviours.

3.00 PM

AFTERNOON TEA



3.30 PM

MR COLIN PETTIT (CHAIR)

PANEL DISCUSSION: QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

4.30 PM

CLOSE

CHAIRPERSONS AND PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES:

MR COLIN PETTIT

WA Commissioner for Children and Young People

Colin was appointed in November 2015 for a five-year term. He has spent almost four decades working to improve the wellbeing of children and young people, particularly in delivering education services and programs to children and young people living in regional and remote areas of the State.

Colin has worked with children, young people, families and communities all over the State as a teacher and then principal in a number of regional schools, before holding the role of Executive Director Regional and Remote Education at the Western Australian Department of Education for three years.

Between 2010 and 2015, Colin was the Secretary of Education for the Tasmanian Department of Education. He is a former President of the Primary Principal's Association of WA and Deputy President of the Australian Primary Principal's Association.

Colin is a father of three and a grandfather of three

CHRISTABEL CHAMARETTE

M.Psych.

Christabel is a registered Clinical Psychologist with over 40 years' experience in the treatment of violence and child sexual abuse. From 1997 to 2008, Christabel was Clinical Director of SafeCare which included the Young People's Program which offered a 9month therapeutic service to families of young people engaging in harmful sexual behavior and in conjunction with Curtin University published several articles on residential and family treatment of children and adolescents.

Christabel is currently in private practice which involves individual and group therapy, supervision and teaching. Since 2010 she has been a co-facilitator of a community-based treatment programme for child sexual offending and internet pornography and presenting "Helping Families Heal" a program for Aboriginal communities both in Perth and the Kimberly.

HOLLY-ANN MARTIN

Founder and Managing Director of Safe4Kids.

Holly-ann's experience spans twenty-five years with the Western Australian Department of Education and Training (DET), in a variety of school settings. Her unique approach to child protection education is underpinned by a whole community focus. Holly-ann's emphasis centres on developing a language and culture of safety for children and adults alike, improving communication and highlighting and broadening the networks available to children when they are feeling unsafe.

Holly-ann has travelled extensively in the remote indigenous communities of northern WA, Queensland and the Northern Territory, including Kalumburu, Halls Creek and Broome and she was a member of Operation Slatter, a WA Police operation established to gather intelligence on child sexual abuse in remote communities in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

SIAN BURGESS

Clinical Services Manager, Parkerville Children and Youth Care

Sian Burgess is a Clinical Psychologist from Parkerville Children and Youth Care. Sian has 10 years experience in the non-government sector, working across metropolitan and rural locations. Sian specialises in the assessment and treatment of children, young people and adults experiencing trauma from abuse, as well as children and young people who demonstrate sexually abusive behaviours. In addition to her clinical work, Sian coordinates two sexual abuse therapeutic services, provides specialist supervision and consultative services, completes various medico-legal assessments and develops and facilitates clinical training.

DR. LESLEY-ANNE EY

Lecturer in Child Development, Educational Psychology and Child Protection University of South Australia

Lesley-Anne lectures in Child Development, Educational Psychology and Child Protection in the Bachelor and Master of Teaching program at the University of South Australia. Before undertaking her PhD she taught in Preschools and Primary schools across a variety of government and independent sectors. Her research revolves around the impacts of media on children's healthy development, children's problematic sexual behaviours, bullying, and child protection issues with the aim to support teachers and inform curriculum. Lesley-anne is involved in International, National and State research projects and programs. She is interested in supporting the wellbeing of children and educators and is an advocate for placing children's voice at the centre of her research.

LIZ WALKER

Managing Director of Youth Wellbeing Project, Director of Health Education | Culture Reframed

Liz is an accredited sexuality educator, speaker, and author. In addition to her role as Managing Director of Youth Wellbeing Project, Liz is also Chair of eChildhood, a health promotion charity dedicated to reducing the harmful effects of pornography on children, and consultant Director of Health Education at Culture Reframed. Well connected internationally, Liz regularly provides consultancy to government, non-profit, and professional organizations. Educators throughout Australia and internationally utilise the Youth Wellbeing Project IQ programs, authored by Liz and underpinned by holistic sexuality education principles. Her work includes the children's book: Not for Kids! This book is a 'must have' for parents and professionals to prepare kids for the inevitable occasion of when they will see explicit imagery.

ANTONIA QUADARA

Manager Strategy and Business Development Senior Research Fellow, Sexual Violence Research Australian Institute of Family Studies, Victoria

Dr Antonia Quadara is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute where she manages the Institute's sexual violence research program. This program examines issues related to: child sexual abuse; child and adolescent problem sexual behaviours; adult sexual assault; public health approaches to prevention; and perpetration and sexual offending.

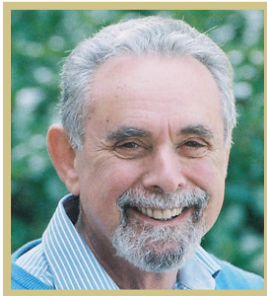
Areas of research interest include: the dynamics and intersections between different types of sexual violence, service and systems responses to victim/survivors; criminal justice responses to sexual offences; feminist frameworks of sexuality and sexual violence; and prevention and public policy.

Antonia has a strong background in qualitative research methods, stakeholder engagement and consultation, and extensive experience in the writing, development and production of publications and resources for policy and service sectors involved in responding to sexual violence. Before beginning at AIFS she was a lecturer and researcher in the Department of Criminology (University of Melbourne).

NATALIE HALL

Principal Policy Officer Commissioner for Children and Young People

Natalie is huge fan of her rather large family and loves music, theatre and travelling. She is a dedicated optimist who strives for change and improvement particularly in making services child focused, responsive and effective. Natalie is Principal Policy Officer, for the Commissioner for Children and Young People, and has worked within the child protection and community services sector since 1985 including with the Department of Child Protection and Family Support (1987 - 2010) and Parkerville Children and Youth Care (2010 – 2015). Natalie has a Bachelor of Social Work (Curtin 1985) and a Graduate Diploma of Criminal Justice (UWA 2009) and is a Fellow of Leadership Western Australia. In 2006 Natalie was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to research multi-agency services for children who have been harmed.



JONATHAN KESTER

Counsellor and Psychotherapist

Jonathan has been a counsellor and psychotherapist for over twenty years. He has co-led several therapeutic and follow-up programmes for child pornography and other sex offenders and has been the convenor for this series of symposia on child sexual abuse prevention being held in Perth over the past two years.

Jonathan has also been instrumental in setting up Western Australia's first training focused on providing counsellors, psychotherapists and people working in other human resource fields with the skills needed to work specifically with sex offenders and their families.

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

DATE AND TIMES

Friday 26th October 2018

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(Registration from 8.00am)

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VENUE

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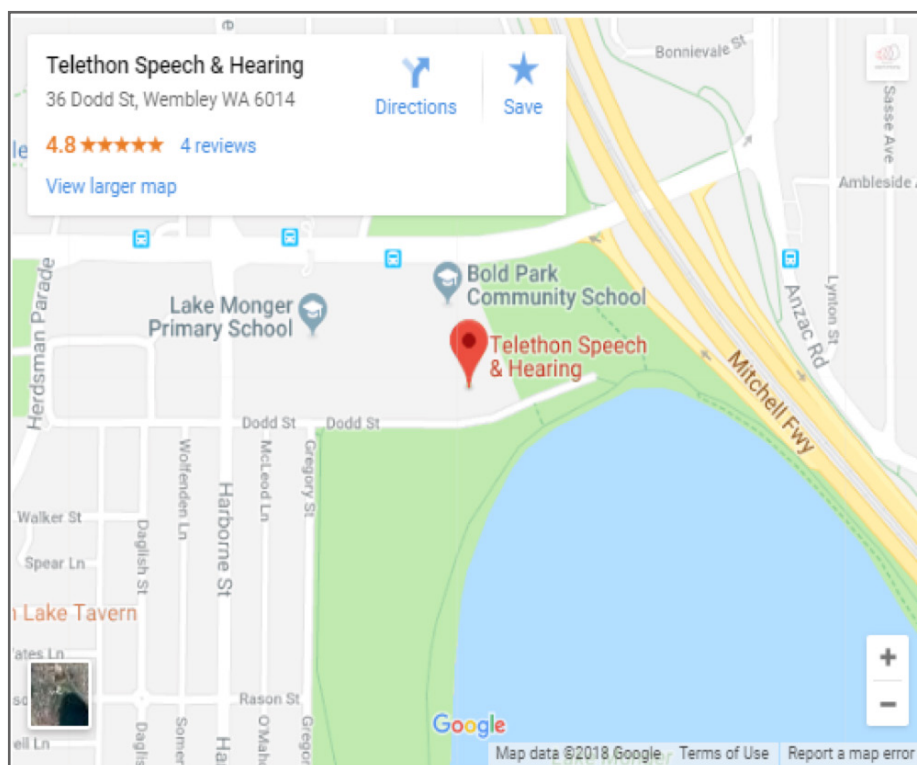
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TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Dodd Street is just off Harbourne Street near the junction with John Sanders Drive and Powis Street and is easy to get to by car. There is ample free parking on Dodd Street.



REGISTRATION & CONTACT DETAILS

EARLY REGISTRATION IS ADVISED AS PLACES ARE LIMITED.
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Tuesday 23rd October 2018.

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