National Working with Men to Tackle Family Violence
14th & 15th February 2017, Sydney Boulevard Hotel

Key Speakers

Jacqui Watt
Chief Executive Officer
NO TO VIOLENCE - MEN’S REFERRAL SERVICE

Dr Michael Flood
Associate Professor in Sociology
UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

Tarang Chawla
Anti Violence Against Women Advocate
OUR WATCH
Communications Officer
NO TO VIOLENCE - MEN’S REFERRAL SERVICE

Diane Coleman
Chair
MEN’S BEHAVIOUR CHANGE NETWORK NSW

Benefits of attending

➤ Improve primary prevention strategies
➤ Enhance knowledge of interventions
➤ Increase your understanding of perpetrator accountability work
➤ Contribute to the agenda for change

Join the national discussion

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Pre & Post Conference Workshops

A Understanding dynamics of family violence & interventions with men
B Bringing innovation into interrupting men’s violence to others
C Introduction to the Safe and Together Model
D How to engage men in the primary prevention of violence against women
Join the national conversation

Men play a crucial role in ending family violence.
Most men are not violent and we need them to speak out and be positive role models.
Men who are violent need to be able to engage with evidence-based interventions that will support change.
This conference will bring together people from all over the country who are doing work in this space – or wanting to do work in this space – to explore how this can be achieved.

“Men are the answer to combatting domestic and family violence against women. The majority of men are non-violent. We need those to speak out and provide positive models. And we need the ones that are abusive to engage in evidence-based interventions to become safer partners and parents.”
- Dr Silke Meyer, Lecturer in Domestic & Family Violence Practice, CQU & Honorary Research Fellow, UQ – 15/7/16

The facts:

- One woman is murdered almost every week in Australia by a current or former partner
- Women are the majority of victims of intimate partner violence
- Men are the majority of perpetrators of intimate partner violence

This conference has been developed through consultation with sector representatives and our Advisory Panel:

Rosie Batty
Family Violence Campaigner & 2015 Australian of the Year

Jacqui Watt, Chief Executive Officer
No To Violence – Men’s Referral Service

Who will attend?

Representatives of the Government, Community, Police and Justice sectors with responsibility for:
- Domestic/Family Violence
- Women
- Children/Child Protection
- Families
- Men’s Behaviour Change
- Violence Prevention
- Mental Health
- Drug and Alcohol

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Plus key contributions from:

Mahashini Krishna
NSW Department of Justice
Paul Zappa
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Mary Crooks
Victorian Women’s Trust
Ken McMaster
HMA
Clint Berry
Men’s Behaviour Change Network NSW
Gayle Correnti & Thomas Reeves
Berry Street
Annette Gillespie
Safe Steps
Alan Thorpe
Dardi Munwurro
Maya Avdibegovic
InTouch
Michael Brandenburg
CAFS Ballarat
Jo Howard
Kildonan UnitingCare
Alan Thorpe
Dardi Munwurro
Bernadette McCartney
Bethany Community Support
Andrew Hacker
On the Line Australia
Kate Jeffries
Communicare
Dr Silke Meyer
University of Queensland
Dr Dave Vicary & Jane Williams
Children’s Protection Society (CPS)
Craig Rigney
Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Consultancy
Anne Goldsborough
Moorabbin Magistrates Court

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Day 1
Tuesday 14th February 2017

8:30  Registration, coffee & networking

9:00  Welcome remarks from the Chair
Jacqui Watt, Chief Executive Officer
No To Violence – Men’s Referral Service

Perpetrator accountability

NATIONAL SCAN
10:00 What’s being done to hold perpetrators accountable across Australia?
Senior public servants have been invited to share what each State and Territory are doing to weave the web of accountability in the community, in justice and beyond.

Jacqui Watt, Chief Executive Officer, No To Violence – Men’s Referral Service
Ken McMaster, Director, HMA
Clint Berry, Project Officer, Men’s Behaviour Change Network NSW
Craig Rigney, CEO, Kornar Winmil Yunti Aboriginal Consultancy
Dr Silke Meyer, Lecturer in Domestic & Family Violence Practice, CQU & Honorary Research Fellow, UQ
Anne Goldsborough, Magistrate, Moorabbin Magistrates Court

11:00 Morning tea & networking

Primary prevention & early intervention

11:30 Reframing masculinity
• Why reconstructing men’s lives and relations should be a key focus of violence prevention work
• How to reframe masculinity – a look at successful (and unsuccessful) efforts, practical strategies, and ways to navigate the political and personal dilemmas of this work

Dr Michael Flood, Associate Professor in Sociology
University of Wollongong

Also facilitating Workshop D:
How to engage men in the primary prevention of violence against women

12:10 The human cost of violence & empowering non-violent men to prevent violence against women
• Looking beyond the statistics to see the true impact of men’s violence against women
• Understanding gender and masculinity in violence against women
• Empowering non-violent men to become advocates for positive change in their communities

Tarang Chawla, Communications Officer, No to Violence - Men’s Referral Service and Anti Violence Against Women Advocate, Our Watch
Tarang Chawla is a Melbourne-based writer, who has been actively campaigning against the scourge of men’s violence against women since his 23-year-old sister, Nikita Chawla, was murdered in 2015.

12:40 Networking lunch

3:20 Afternoon tea & networking

3:50 KEYNOTE:
Recognising family violence perpetration as a parenting choice changes everything
In this presentation, the creator of the internationally recognised Safe and Together Model will discuss how a few key ideas can transform our approach to family violence intervention. These ideas include:
• Practicing based on the idea that men who are violent impact child and family functioning
• Interventions with men who are violent need to hold him accountable as a parent for the impact of his behaviours.
• Interventions with men who are violent need to be based on high standards for men as parents
• Implementing these concepts cannot only change how we work with men but also improve our ability to partner with adult and child domestic abuse survivors.

David Mandel, Founder and Managing Member
David Mandel & Associates

4:30 Closing remarks from the Chair & end of Day One
Day 2
Wednesday 15th February 2017

8:30 Welcome coffee & networking

9:00 Welcome remarks from the Chair
Jacqui Watt, Chief Executive Officer
No To Violence – Men’s Referral Service

**Panel Discussion**
9:15 Intersectionalities of family violence

10:15 New responses to male victims suffering domestic & family violence
Mahashini Krishna, Commissioner of Victims Rights, Victims Services
NSW Department of Justice

10:45 Morning tea & networking

**Evidence-based interventions**

**Facilitated Roundtables**
11:15 What interventions work with men – how do we know?

Choose the topic that interests you most and hear the facilitators share their practice and evidence wisdom. Topics include:

- Men in change programs
  Michael Brandenburg, Family Violence Services Manager, CAFS Ballarat
- Men as fathers
  Jo Howard, Executive Manager, Child Youth & Family Programs
- Kildonan UnitingCare
  Alan Thorpe, Director/Facilitator, Dardi Munwurro
- Men in communities (Indigenous lens)
  Maya Avdibeogovic, Chief Executive Officer, InTouch
- Men in the justice system (Correctional programs)
  Bernadette McCartney, Executive Manager, Community Support
  Bethany Community Support

12:15 Networking lunch

**Spotlights**
1:15 Working with men who have used violence
- Nothing changes if change doesn’t last - why long term support matters in work with men who have used violence
  Andrew Hacker, Family Violence Project Officer
  On the Line Australia
- ‘Breathing Space’ – Australia’s first residential Men’s Behaviour Change program
  Kate Jeffries, Director, Family Violence & Intervention Services
  Communicare
- Collaboration between Women’s and MBCP’s - tick a box or let’s get serious
  Diane Coleman, MBCP
  BaptistCare
- Engaging and empowering Indigenous Men to create change in their communities
  Charlie King, Founder
  NO MORE Campaign

**Spotlights**
2:35 Engaging men as fathers
- Research into men’s willingness to comply with orders, their motivation to change & what this means for practice
  Dr Silke Meyer, Lecturer in Domestic & Family Violence Practice, CQU & Honorary Research Fellow, UQ
- ‘Caring Dads’ - the first program of its kind in Victoria with emerging interest around Australia
  Dr Dave Vicary, Executive Director, Operations & Jane Williams, Executive Manager, Fathers Program
  Children’s Protection Society (CPS)

**Where to from here?**

**Group Discussion**
3:15 Creating an agenda for change
Our group of sector experts from across that nation will work together to create an agenda for change, taking into account a range of views including those of men’s services, children’s services and men

4:15 Closing remarks from the Chair, afternoon tea & close of conference
Associated Workshops
Practical guidance from local & international experts

Understanding the dynamics of family violence & interventions with men
Pre Conference Workshop A
Monday 13th February 2017, 9:00pm – 12:00pm
Price: $499 + GST

Your workshop leaders:
Nathan DeGuara, Men’s Referral Service Manager, No to Violence – Men’s Referral Service
Jacqui Watt, Chief Executive Office, No to Violence – Men’s Referral Service

Without specialised training in identifying the predominant aggressor and engaging without colluding, when that person is in fact the predominant aggressor, the counsellor’s response can lead to colluding with a man’s internal narrative that his partner is responsible for his behaviour, reinforcing his use of violence, power and control, and further endangering women and children.

Why attend this workshop:
• Learn how to identify the predominant aggressor to appropriately support the person using violence to change his behaviour, and help increase the safety of partners and children
• Learn more about the evidence base relating to the high prevalence of men within intimate partner relationships who present as victims who are in fact the predominant aggressors

What you will take away by attending:
• Understand how to identify the predominant aggressor including the ability to: identify smokescreens (a defence mechanism), red flags (that indicate a person is more likely to be the predominant aggressor) and blue flags (the person you are speaking to is more likely to be the victim)

*Refreshments & dinner provided

Introduction to the Safe & Together Model
Pre Conference Workshop C
Monday 13th February 2017, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Price: $499 + GST

Your workshop leader:
David Mandel, Founder and Managing Member, David Mandel & Associates

The Safe and Together™ Model is an internationally recognised suite of tools and interventions designed to promote the safety and well being of children through application of a perpetrator pattern based approach. The Model focuses on high standards for men as parents as a way to close the gap between child abuse and family violence.

What you will take away by attending:
• Learn about an international model that is influencing child protection practice across Australia
• Learn skills related to apply a perpetrator pattern based approach to both women’s sector and men’s behaviour change work
• Increase your ability to hold family violence perpetrators accountable as parents
• Gain exposure to a Model that helps integrate the issue of substance abuse, and mental health issues with family violence
• Improve your ability to partner with adult survivors from all communities

*Refreshments provided

How to engage men in the primary prevention of violence against women
Post Conference Workshop D
Thursday 16th February 2017, 9:00am – 12:00pm
Price: $499 + GST

Your workshop leader:
Dr Michael Flood, Associate Professor in Sociology, University of Wollongong

What do we know about effective practice in engaging men in violence prevention? What works, and what does not? Second, what are the challenges and controversies of this work? Learn about best practice, and address dilemmas and difficulties.

Why attend this workshop:
• Gain understanding of this rapidly developing area of prevention work
• Explore the barriers to men’s involvement in violence prevention and the appeals which can inspire and mobilise them
• Learn from Australian and international experience

What you will take away by attending:
• Practical skills in engaging and changing men
• Understanding of the spectrum of strategies which can be used to involve men in violence prevention
• Awareness of key debates and controversies and how to navigate them

*Refreshments provided

Bringing innovation into interrupting men’s violence to others
Pre Conference Workshop B
Monday 13th February 2017, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Price: $499 + GST

Your workshop leader:
Ken McMaster, Director, HMA

This workshop will explore a number of cutting edge ideas that augment current practice. The other place where innovation can support the work, is around blended learning solutions (e-learning, face-to-face, mentor led) to build a workforce capacity. As family violence continues to emerge from behind closed doors, it is clear that we need responses from a wide range of agencies across multiple sectors.

Why attend this workshop:
• To understand how technology is changing the nature of abusive practices
• To gain examples of recent innovations in intervention strategies for men who engage in abusive practices
• To be able to better match intervention with clients walking in the door/portal
• Consider how the rise of social media and technology challenges our own practice

What you will take away by attending:
• An understanding of the role that innovation can play in supporting disruption of abusive practices
• Ideas around upskilling staff to better prepare them for practice in an age of social media

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