



AbSec Conference 2011

Penrith Panthers Leagues Club

7-9 December 2011

Including AbSec Conference Dinner



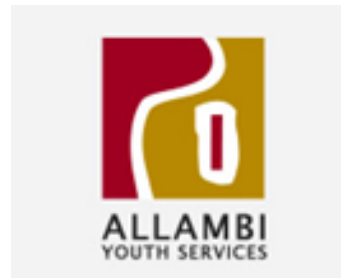
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SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS



The Hon. Pru Goward MP

Minister for Family and Community Service and the Minister for Women

Pru Goward is the Minister for Family and Community Services, the Minister for Women, and the Member for Goulburn in the NSW Parliament.

Before entering Parliament in 2007, Pru served as Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner for six years, and the Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination for two years. She has also served as the Executive Director of the Office of the Status of Women in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

An economist by training and a broadcaster by practice, Pru worked with the ABC for 19 years as a reporter and national political commentator for television and radio.

She is a former Chair of the Council for Australian Arab Relations, Deputy Chair of Anglicare (Canberra and Goulburn), and a former member of a number of boards including the John Curtin School of Medical Research.



Mr. Mick Gooda

Mick Gooda is a descendent of the Gangulu people of central Queensland. He is a senior executive with 25 years experience and a record of attaining high-level goals and leading multi-million dollar service programs and organisational reform.

Immediately prior to taking up the position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Mick was the Chief Executive Officer of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH) for close to five and a half years. Here, he drove a research agenda which placed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 'front and centre' in the research agenda, working alongside world leading researchers. His work at the CRCAH empowered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to lead the research agenda in areas including: chronic disease management; skin infections; and promoting cultural change in hospitals to make them more appropriate to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Mick has extensive knowledge of the diversity of circumstance and cultural nuances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples throughout Australia. He has been actively involved in advocacy in Indigenous affairs throughout Australia and has delivered strategic and sustainable results in remote, rural and urban environments. Mick has played a leadership role in a range of areas including: Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and Senior Consultant to the Aboriginal Legal Service (WA).

He is highly experienced in policy and program development in the public and community sectors.

Mick is also currently a Board Member of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health Queensland, and is the Australian representative on the International Indigenous Council which focuses on healing and addictions. He also has an interest in the Lateral Violence Program in Canada and has been working closely with the First Nation people of Canada on the relevance of this program to Australia.

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Prof. Muriel Bamblett AM

Muriel Bamblett is a Yorta Yorta woman who has been employed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency since 1999. Muriel was Chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, the peak agency representing Indigenous Child and Family Services nationally, for 10 years. Muriel is active on many boards and committees concerning children, families and the Indigenous community, including the Victorian

Children's Council; the Australian Institute of Family Studies Advisory Council; the Aboriginal Child and Family Services Network; and the Aboriginal Community Elders Service. From 2009-2010 Muriel was a Board Member on the NT Board of Inquiry into the Child Protection System.

Muriel has been the recipient of a number of awards, including the Robyn Clark Memorial Award for Inspirational Leadership in the Field of Child and Family Welfare, and an AM (Membership in the General Division) in the 2004 Australia Day Honours for her services to the community, particularly through leadership in the provision of services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. In 2009 Muriel was appointed an Adjunct Professor at LaTrobe University's School of Social Work and Social Policy and this year was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

Dale Tolliday



Dale is the Clinical Advisor to the New Street and Cedar Cottage Services Network within NSW Health. He is located in the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Dale's work (at these services) with people who have sexually harmed others spans over 20 years. Prior to this Dale worked in a variety of child, adolescent and family mental health settings.

Dale's professional training is in Social Work and Law. He has a particular interest in training and professional standards for people working with those who have sexually abused children. He participates in a number of government and professional associations, panels and committees as well as assisting some church groups review complaints concerning the conduct of clergy and church leaders.

Dale is a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers and a founding member of the Australia and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse (ANZATSA). He was President of this association from 2000 to 2004. Dale is also a member of the accreditation panel of the Child Sex Offender Counsellor Accreditation Scheme (CSOCAS) administered by the NSW Commission for Children and Young People.

PROGRAM

Day 1 – Wednesday 7 December 2011

8.30am	Registration				
9.30am	Welcome to Country		(15mins) – To Be Announced		
9.45am	Opening Address		Ms Dana Clarke Chairperson and Burrun Dalai Out of Home Care & Family Support Services		
10.00am	Official Opening		The Hon. Pru Goward MP Minister for Family and Community Services, the Minister for Women, and the Member for Goulburn in the NSW Parliament		
10.15am	Keynote Speaker		Mr Mick Gooda Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner <i>Title of Keynote speech TBC</i>		
11.00am	morning tea				
11.30am	Symposium 1		Aboriginal Intensive Family Based Services Dana Clarke, Belinda Field, David Tierney and Panel Discussion		
12.30pm	Symposium 2		Safe4kids Western Australia Holly-ann Martin <i>Innovative, Interactive Resources for Child Protection</i>		
1.30pm	Lunch				
2.30pm		Workshops 1	Workshops 2	Workshops 3	Workshop 4
		Link-up Wendy Hermeston <i>Are they getting put in their Proper Place? Community perspectives on what's going on when it comes to placing our kids into out-of-home care (preliminary findings)</i>	Barnardos Jodi Burnstein <i>Childcare – Increasing number of Indigenous carers in family day care</i>	Ngunya Jarjum Kay Williams <i>Kinship Care</i>	Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care John Burton
3.15pm	Afternoon tea				
3.45pm		Workshop 5	Workshop 6	Workshops 7	Workshop 8
		Department of Aboriginal Affairs Kerrie-Anne Howarth and Lisa Harrison <i>Safe Families who we are what we do and how we support our Communities</i>	Family and Community Services Anthony Shannon <i>Health and Education Pathways for Children and Young people in statutory Out of Home Care</i>	Family and Community Services Cheryl Purchase and Jackie Dettmann <i>Meeting Our Mobs Needs – Improving Training and Support for Aboriginal Foster and Kinship Carers NSW</i>	Aboriginal Early Childhood Support and Learning Inc. Emma Beckett <i>Transition from Pre-school to School</i>
4.30pm	END DAY 1				

Day 2 – Thursday 8 December 2011

9.00am	One day Registrations				
9.15am	Keynote Speaker	Ms Muriel Bamblett Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care <i>Northern Territory Intervention</i>			
10.00am	Symposium 3	Keeping Them Safe Bill Pritchard and NSW Health			
11.00am	Morning Tea				
11.30am	Symposium 4	NSW Ombudsman Steve Kinmond and Julianna Demetrius <i>Aboriginal Disadvantage</i>			
12.30pm	Symposium 5	Association of Children Welfare Agencies (ACWA) and Aboriginal Child Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) Andrew McCallum and Bill Pritchard <i>Transition of Out of Home Care from Community Services to the Non-Government Organisations sector</i>			
1.30pm	Lunch				
2.30pm		Workshop 9	Workshops 10	Workshop 11	Workshop 12
		Community Connections Solutions Australia (CCSA) and Council of Social Service of NSW (NCOSS) Samantha Edmonds, Dev Mukherjee and Alison Peters <i>Partnership Development and Aboriginal Capacity Building Workshop</i>	Angela Webb, Noeleen Timbery, Tina McGhie, Donna Taylor <i>Protecting Aboriginal Children together (PACT)</i>	Interrelate Family Centre Mel Brown <i>Engaging Aboriginal Community in Service Delivery</i>	Barnardos Raylene Popovich <i>Effecting Change through Case Management Systems</i>
3.15 - 4.00pm	Afternoon tea				
		Workshop 13	Workshop 14	Workshop 15	Workshop 16
4.00pm		Family and Community Services Research Centre Hyllus Munro, Cathy Stirling, Stephanie Taplin & Johanna Watson <i>What works for Aboriginal children and their families in early intervention</i>	South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation Larry Green and Tim Royal <i>Koori Kids Well Being Program</i>	Myimbarr/Illa warra Aboriginal Corporation Tina McGhie <i>Early learning centre</i>	Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service Judy Townsend <i>Growing Stringer Mums = Stronger Safe families</i>
4.45pm	END CONFERENCE DAY 2				
6.00	Pre-dinner drinks		Outdoor Terrace		
7.00	Conference Dinner		Chairman's Lounge (Penrith Stadium)		
Midnight	End conference dinner				

Day 3 – Friday 9 December 2011

9.00am	One day Registrations	
9.15am	Keynote Speaker	Mr Dale Tolliday Clinical Advisor to the New Street and Cedar Cottage Services Network within NSW Health <i>Speech TBC</i>
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.30	Symposium 6	BirraLi Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health Services Donna Williams and Paula Milgate
11.30	Symposium 7	CREATE Foundation, Stretch-A-Family and Marungbai Nicole Hergert (CREATE), Virginia Texeira (Stretch-A-Family) other speakers TBC <i>Leaving Care forum and panel discussion</i>
12.30	Conference Close	Mr. Bill Pritchard Chief Executive Officer - AbSec
12.45 – 1.45	Lunch	
2.00pm	END CONFERENCE	

****Note: This is the first release program that is yet to be finalised and confirmed. Times and speakers are subject to change.**