



Sons of Fathers

Family Violence & Sexual Abuse Conference

29th – 30th November 2017

Mia Mia Hotel Conference Room

Welsh & Kalgan Drive Newman Western Australia

Family Violence & Sexual Abuse Conference	
Wednesday 29 th November 2017 – Day 1	
0830 – 9:00	Registration Desk Open: Venue - Mia Mia Hotel Conference Room
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony: Mr. Brian Tucker, Nyiyaparli Elder Traditional Custodian & Mr. Peter Tinker, Martu Senior Lore Man
9:20 – 9:40	Welcome and outline of the day: Hon Wayne Martin AC Chief Justice of Western Australia
9:40 – 10:20	Drivers & Enablers of FDV: Prof Daryl Higgins, Director Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University
10.20 – 10.50	Morning Tea
10.50 – 11.30	The Importance of Males in the Context of Family: Dr Mick Adams, Senior Research Fellow at Kurongkurl Katitjin ECU
11:30 -12:30	AMHC Strategy to Prevent Family Violence: Devon Cuimara, Founder and CEO Aboriginal Male's Healing Centre
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Workshop: FDV conversations. Theme: Healing and not Incarceration
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Tea
15:30 – 16:30	Workshop: Report Back & Collation of FDV Conversations Workshop
16:30 – 17:00	Days Summary and Wrap Up: Devon Cuimara
18:00 – 21:00	Conference Dinner and Entertainment by Central Desert Band: Venue - The Square, Newman Town Centre (Alcohol free event)

Thursday 30 November 2017 – Day 2

8:00	Registration Desk Open: Venue - Mia Mia Hotel Conference Room
8:30 – 9:00	Summary of Previous Day and Today's Theme: Contributing to Change, Devon Cuimara.
9:00 – 10:00	AMHC Strategy to Prevent Family Violence & Participatory Development Process – Devon Cuimara & Geoff Barker PM+D Architects
10:00 – 10:30	AMHC Development Process: Geoff Barker & Paul McDonald, Matthews McDonald Architects
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea
11:00 – 12:00	Understanding Trauma: Rethinking Aboriginal Men's FV Behaviour Change Programmes; Professor Victoria Hovane, Study Director, The Australian National University
12:00 – 12:30	Western Australia Police: Detective Senior Sergeant Simon Hubbard – Officer in Charge State Family Violence Unit
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<p>ROCK AND WATER WORKSHOP</p> <p>The Rock and Water program develops a culture of safety, assertiveness, communication, boundary awareness and finding one's own inner compass and direction in life. All activities are a lot of fun, yet each contains a powerful message that allows for the development of resilience and self-regulation. Children from as young as four through to youth in their late teens grow rapidly and positively in what is essentially a transformational and powerful program.</p>
14:30 – 15:00	Conference Close and Wrap up: Devon Cuimara
	A bus will be available to transport participants to the AMHC site for a tour.

Wednesday 29th November 2017 Day One
THEME - HEALING NOT INCARCERATION

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY - MR BRIAN TUCKER, NYIYAPARLI BANYJIMA
LEADER TRADITIONAL CUSTODIAN**

Brian Tucker, Director Karlayura Group is a highly respected cultural leader and traditional owner on Nyiyaparli and Banyjima country. Brian participates in traditional cultural ceremonies each year that are important to the preservation of songs, dance, knowledge and traditions for future generations.

Since 1982 Brian has been involved with numerous community, heritage and environmental programs and currently sits on heritage boards with the largest mining companies in Australia.



SMOKING CEREMONY - MR PETER TINKER, MARTU SENIOR LORE MAN

**WELCOME TO CONFERENCE - HON WAYNE MARTIN AC, CHIEF JUSTICE OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AMHC PATRON**

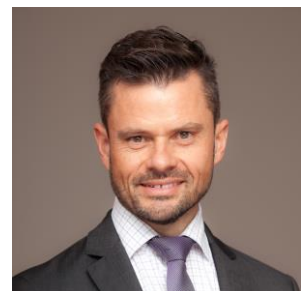
Welcome and outline of the day – A time to connect who is in the room and establish our collective hopes for making the most of the day together.

Wayne Stewart Martin was appointed to the Supreme Court of Western Australia on 1 May 2006. He was appointed as a Judge of the Court, a Judge of the Court of Appeal and as the Chief Justice of Western Australia. Chief Justice Martin was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia on 11 June 2012.



**KEYNOTE – DRIVERS & ENABLERS OF FDV - PROF DARYL HIGGINS, DIRECTOR
INSTITUTE OF CHILD PROTECTION STUDIES, AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY**

As Director, my role is to lead the Institute of Child Protection Studies at ACU by equipping the staff to pursue excellence, and make a difference for all Australians – but particularly for those experiencing vulnerable circumstances. My research focuses on public health approaches to protecting children, and child-safe organisational strategies. I am a registered psychologist, and have been researching child abuse impacts and prevention, family violence, and family functioning since 1993.



**KEYNOTE – THE IMPORTANCE OF MALES IN THE CONTEXT OF FAMILY – DR
MICK ADAMS, SENIOR RESEARCHER KURONGKURL KATITJIN EDITH COWAN
UNIVERSITY**

The lack of success in attempts to improve the well-being of Aboriginal males is that they have not been effectively engaged in the process of planning, designing and delivering of appropriate programs and services.



Thursday 30th November 2017 Day Two

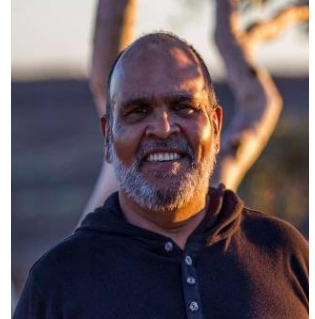
THEME - CONTRIBUTING TO CHANGE

DEVON CUIMARA, FOUNDER AND CEO OF ABORIGINAL MALE'S HEALING CENTRE

Devon will talk about Aboriginal Male's Healing Centre Strong Spirit Strong Families Strong Culture Inc. strategy to prevent family violence.

My people are from the Nyungar Nation in the South West of Western Australia. My matrilineal kin groups are Manitjimat (white cockatoo) and Wardongmat (crow). 'Mat' means 'stock, family, leg'. My people are the Yuet, Wadjuk, and Bibilman.

I'm the son of a father, who used violence. I used violence. My grandfather used violence. Most men in my family either use or used violence. Most Aboriginal men I know either use or used violence. To stop the use of violence is not as simple as turning off a light switch. To give up grog and drugs will not stop your use of violence. You need a 'safe place' to learn not to use violence. I found that safe place, within me. Today, I can proudly say that I abstain from the use of violence and all forms of self-medication. This is my story.



GEOFF BARKER, PM+D ARCHITECTS

A senior professional with over thirty years of experience on a wide range of project types and working cross culturally in Australia and internationally, Geoff has an interest in working collaboratively with like-minded people on multi-faceted projects where there are often competing objectives [such as physical, financial and social]. Geoff also looks for opportunities to challenge conventional project delivery praxis. He prefers to work with a people focus through community engagement strategies, which also include the consideration of Universal Design principles.



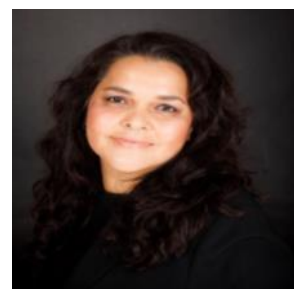
PAUL MCDONALD, MATTHEWS MCDONALD ARCHITECTS

Paul McDonald is a Director of Matthews McDonald Architects working together with practice partner Leonie Matthews across a diverse range of residential, commercial and community based projects. He has combined his work in practice with teaching in Architectural Design, Science, Technical Studies and Interior Architecture at Curtin University. He has worked in association with Geoff Barker of PH+D Architects on the Darlington Community Recreation Facility and more recently on the Aboriginal Male's healing Centre in Newman WA. Paul is committed to creating architecture and places that are sensitive to social and cultural diversity, while maintaining respect for the natural environment.



KEYNOTE – UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA: RETHINKING ABORIGINAL MEN’S FAMILY VIOLENCE BEHAVIOUR CHANGE PROGRAMMES: PROFESSOR VICTORIA HOVANE, STUDY DIRECTOR, THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Professor Victoria Hovane is an Aboriginal woman from Broome in the Kimberley region of WA. She belongs to the Ngarluma people of the Pilbara and the Kitja and Gooniyandi peoples of the Kimberley. She is a registered psychologist and an experienced consultant and practitioner. She is an Independent Director on the Board of Australia’s National Research Organisation on Women’s Safety (ANROWS), and a member of the National Advisory Group, the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Leadership Forum, and the Advisory Panel to the WA Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (Ombudsman’s) FDV and Child Fatality Review Committees. Recent roles have been as a member of the COAG Advisory Panel on Preventing Violence against Women and their Children, Member of the WA Mental Health Advisory Council and Co-Chairperson of the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association



DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT SIMON HUBBARD, WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE, OFFICE IN CHARGE, STATE FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT

Bio unavailable at time of print.

KEYNOTE – Master Trainer Instructor in Rock and Water

Paul Stein has been a primary and high school teacher, school administrator, university lecturer and environmental scientist with over 35 years’ experience. He is currently a Master Trainer/Instructor in Rock and Water and now devotes much of his time facilitating trainings for teachers, administrators, school psychologists, chaplains and youth. He was nominated for the prestigious ‘Premier’s Teachers Award’ in 2007 and was the coordinator for Follow the Dream, an innovative program for indigenous youth, in both Kalgoorlie in 2006 and at Mt Lawley Senior High School in 2011.



ROCK AND WATER OFFERS POWERFUL PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

So why is this program so popular? What does it teach?

- Practical anti bullying strategies
- Self-control, self-confidence and self-awareness
- Communication skills and interpretation of body language cues
- Boundary awareness
- Mindfulness
- Alternatives to aggressive verbal and physical responses
- Physical and mental control through grounding, centeredness and mental focus

Rock and Water is now taught in over 40 countries world- wide and is organised in Western Australia by Edusolutions. It is an evidence based program that is strongly endorsed by luminaries such as Steve Biddulph, Dr Arne Rubinstein and Ian Lillico.

