



Newsletter

Welcome from Katrina Robertson

On behalf of all those involved with the Queensland Centre for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (QCPDFV; the Centre), I extend to you a very warm and exuberant *Welcome to Our First Newsletter!*

The Centre commenced operations at the Mackay campus of Central Queensland University (CQU) on 1 July 2002.

Our mission is to be inclusive of all regions and one of our most important functions is to work in partnership with governments, universities and communities. This principal role affords the opportunity to not only conduct research to inform policy, but to also evaluate policy implementation and effectiveness, thereby addressing the pivotal factors that influence individual, family and community violence.

Associate Professor Phillip Clift (Head of Campus, CQU Mackay) and staff have made us very welcome and been generous with their time and resources, as has Dr Stewart Lockie (Director, Centre for Social Science Research, CQU).

I am looking forward to assisting the Centre in linking with as many individuals and communities as possible. I am excited about the prospect of developing partnerships of various kinds. Most importantly, the current social concern with the level of violence in our communities is a very strong motivation to work together to decrease the level of tolerance to violence in Queensland.

About the Logo

There are many exciting challenges to being involved in setting up a new organisation, including the challenge of a logo and making sure that it is

"The new Centre will link the research resources of the university with policies and programs delivered by government and community agencies"
(Judy Spence, Minister for Families, 9 May 2002)

representative of our Centre's philosophy and aims and encompasses the diversity of Queensland culture.

Vivien Clift created the logo with the support and assistance from Associate Professor Helen Waite and Trish Robins, all from the Faculty of Arts Health and Science at CQU Mackay. Vivien said in the development of the logo she wanted to express a number of relevant issues that are symbolic of the functions of the Centre. These issues are represented as follows:

- the different coloured hands represent our multi-cultural communities;
- the small and large arms represent children and adults;
- the way the arms are positioned represents both the notions of support and restraint;
- the logo is angled to represent the shape of the letter 'Q' for Queensland;
- the colours of the arms and print encompass part of the Centre's philosophy of justice (purple), dignity (white) and growth (green);
- the orange/red represents Aboriginal peoples who identify these colours with land; and
- the blue (water) represents the Torres Strait and South Sea Islander communities who have come across the ocean.

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A Little History

By Katrina Robertson, Centre Coordinator

In February 2002, staff at CQU Mackay were approached by several community leaders in the area of domestic and family violence, as well as the Centre for Social Science Research (CQU), to consider submitting a tender. The tender needed to outline the vision for, and capacity to provide, a state wide service in the areas of evidence-based practice, research and education that would contribute to a reduction in the levels of tolerance in our various communities to domestic and family violence.

On 9 May 2002, Minister for Families Judy Spence announced in state parliament that funding of \$1.3 million over 3 years, for a new Centre for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence had been awarded to CQU Mackay. This announcement came after the initial call for tenders by the Department.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a substantial thank you to the core group of people who worked extremely hard during the tender process. This very committed group of people includes: Associate Professor Helen Waite, Delma Clifton, Vivien Clift, Trish Robins and Kerry Faux from the Faculty of Arts Health and Science (CQU Mackay); Dr Rod Jewel (sub-Dean) and Steven Pace from the Faculty of Informatics and Communication (CQU Mackay); Eunice Donovan (Social Worker and Director, Mackay Regional Council for Social Development); Sylvia Vermaat (Client Services Manager, Domestic Violence Resource Service, Mackay); Dr Fiona Millard (Division of General Practice, Aboriginal and

Islanders Community Health Service, both of Mackay); and Karen Andrew (Project Officer, Indigenous Women's Health Screening: Pilot Project, Mackay).

This group of people worked closely with approximately 30 organisations who provided invaluable input and feedback in the development of the philosophy, structure, operation and activities of the future centre. The successful tender was just the beginning of bringing together people who want to make a difference in our communities by working against domestic and family violence.

You will notice a third logo for the Centre of Social Science Research (C4SSR) on our publications. Our Centre is linked to the C4SSR as this research centre of the university has specialist research facilities and personnel to support the work against domestic and family violence. The C4SSR also has numerous multidisciplinary projects, national and international associates, as well as an overriding commitment to community partnerships and community capacity building through research and education. This means our Centre will have both professional and practical support as it sets out to provide an integrated state wide service in the areas of research, education and evaluation for the prevention of domestic and family violence.

Our time has just begun and we look forward to making history in partnership with those who are dedicated to working towards a safer and healthier life for everyone in every community across Queensland.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH THE CENTRE?

Are you rapt in **research**?

Enthusiastic about **education**?

Do you have a bent for **best practice**?

YES??

Then you are invited to send an expression of interest to become a member of one of the Advisory Groups at the Centre!

RSVP 9 September 2002

Advisory Groups

Advisory groups are a significant structure within the QCPDFV, and their role is to provide a pool of expertise and grass-roots knowledge to inform the direction of various activities of the Centre. Thus, advisory groups will provide clear and critical links between communities, government, universities and the Centre.

There will be three advisory groups established to support the three key areas of the Centre's work: research, education and evaluation. There are several reasons underlying the need for three groups:

- to maximise the opportunities for stakeholder participation in the projects of the Centre;
- the need for Queensland-wide representation in the work of the Centre;
- the scope and variety of activities in each of the key areas; and
- to allow each advisory group to concentrate on a primary area and provide a depth of experience and advice.

The Centre Director will be a member of each advisory group but will not Chair any group. The Chair of each advisory group will have a position on the Centre's Board of Management.

The issues that each group is likely to be addressing in the first 12 months of operation are as follows:

Research

- Family violence in Queensland Indigenous communities.
- Domestic and family violence in rural and remote Queensland.
- The effects of domestic and family violence on children.

Education

- Fact sheets and journals in relation to the three research areas.
- Training packages to meet the needs of service providers.

Evaluation

- Performance indicators.
- Development of benchmarks for best practice.

The Board of Management of the QCPDFV is now calling for expressions of interest from people with significant experience and expertise in one of the three key areas outlined above. It is suggested that you express your interest in only one of the advisory groups.

The Purposes of Advisory Groups

Each group will have the same general aims:

- to ensure grass-roots knowledge on issues from diverse communities, interest groups, cultural groups and geographic locations has a strong presence in all aspects of the work of the Centre;

- to provide a pool of expertise for the Centre to draw on;
- to provide a source of advice and a site of review of projects and other Centre activities;
- to assist the Centre to achieve its 12-monthly objectives and maximise the quality of its projects; and
- to develop and maintain effective partnerships between the Centre, community organisations, government departments and universities.

Some Organisational Matters

- 1 Each group will have up to 15 members.
- 2 After the second meeting a Chair will be elected who also will sit on the Board of Management.
- 3 Meetings will be held bi-monthly by tele-conference/videoconference with email discussions facilitating decision-making at other times as needed.
- 4 The first meetings will be held at 4 pm for each respective group. Thereafter the group can decide the most suitable times. However, the dates for meetings are fixed.
- 5 Meetings schedule:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Research Advisory Group</i> | <i>Education Advisory Group</i> |
| 24 September 2002 | 1 October 2002 |
| 26 November 2002 | 3 December 2002 |
| 28 January 2003 | 4 February 2003 |
| 25 March 2003 | 8 April 2003 |
| 27 May 2003 | 3 June 2003 |
| <i>Evaluation Advisory Group</i> | |
| 8 October 2002 | |
| 10 December 2002 | |
| 11 February 2003 | |
| 15 March 2003 | |
| 10 June 2003 | |
- 6 Term of membership will be for 18 months.
- 7 A second term of membership may be possible.

Appointment Process

- Expressions of interest need to be received at the Centre by close of business Monday 9 September 2002.
- Expressions of interest can be by mail, fax or email.
- Board of Management will meet during the week 9-13 September 2002 to consider all expressions of interest.
- If more than 15 expressions of interest are received, the final composition of each group will be determined to ensure the greatest diversity of representation from all sectors across Queensland.
- It is anticipated you will have a reply to your expression of interest during the week of 16-20 September 2002.

Centre News

- Applications for the position of Director of the Centre closed on 14 August. The selection process is currently underway.
- A number of databases are being developed within the Centre. These databases will form an essential part of our operations, containing extensive information pertaining to a wide range of services, funding opportunities and organisations.
- Kyllie Cripps and Ruth Wood will be presenting at the Women in Research, Central Queensland University Mackay weekend workshop *Developing Research Skills*, to be held on 31 August to 1 September 2002 at the Broken River Mountain Retreat at Eungella (80 km north-west of Mackay). Kyllie will be presenting on *ethics and cross cultural research*, and Ruth on *focus group interviewing*. If you would like more information about the weekend, or would like further details on the papers being presented by the Centre staff, please contact Aithne Archibald on (07) 4940 7834.
- During the week 26 to 30 August, a number of staff from the Centre will be working with grant writing consultant, Dr Claudia Knapman (formerly of James Cook University), on a number of future projects. Dr Knapman has extensive experience in grant writing and has been successful in obtaining large and small Australian Research Council grants, as well as numerous grants from government and community organisations. Dr Knapman's specialised knowledge will assist us in ensuring that we are able to take advantage of funding opportunities, in order to develop innovative research projects within the Centre and in partnership/s, over the coming year.
- **Professor establishes international links with the Centre**

Professor William Lauder, newly-appointed Foundation Professor in Contemporary Nursing at Central Queensland University (CQU), was excited to hear of the new Queensland Centre for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. Although not yet in Australia, Professor Lauder has initiated contact with Associate Professor Helen Waite, with research partnerships in mind.

Professor Lauder is currently promoting collaboration on family health research between the University of Arizona, Kent State University (both in USA) and his current university, the University of Stirling (Scotland). He stated that one of the leading collaborative partners at the University of Arizona has been researching

adolescent violence in rural areas, an area of research sure to be of significance to the Centre. He has also highlighted that groups in the UK and the USA are interested in social judgements and decision-making, with one dimension being cross-cultural differences.

Professor Lauder is looking forward to working with the Centre on issues related to domestic and family violence research, education and practice. His role in setting up collaborative links in research will benefit the Centre and its initiatives to identify social changes necessary to manage and reduce violence at multiple levels in our relationships, families and communities.

If you would like information about our up and coming projects please do not hesitate to contact us at the Centre. We look forward to hearing from you.

Research Scholarships

Would you like to be a paid researcher at the Centre? Yes?

CQU is offering a number of scholarships for people to complete full-time research degrees either at Masters or PhD level. The Centre has a number of innovative and exciting projects you can take up for either two years, for Masters by Research degree, or three years for a doctorate.

The scholarships offer tax-free support of approximately \$18,000 per year plus other financial benefits such as \$1,385 for relocation expenses.

Scholarships available include:

- Australian Postgraduate Award (APA).
- University Postgraduate Research Award (UPRA).
- Women's Equal Opportunity Postgraduate Research Award (WEOPRA).
- Indigenous Australian Postgraduate Research Award (IAPRA); there are five available in this category.

All scholarships are for Australian and permanent resident students.

Are you interested in a part-time degree?

In addition to full-time research places you can study for a Masters or PhD as a part-time research student at CQU and still be involved in the research activities of the Centre. And, you won't need to pay any tuition fees!

Closing date for scholarship applications is 30 October 2002. Please contact Jenny Brett on (07) 4930 9971, or email j.brett@cqu.edu.au for further information about the scholarships and application forms.

Please feel free to talk with Associate Professor Helen Waite on (07) 4940 7474 or email h.waite@cqu.edu.au about some of the projects you could be involved with as a research student at the Centre.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF
THE QUEENSLAND CENTRE FOR THE PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE**

COMMENCING AT 11:00 AM

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2002

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY, MACKAY CAMPUS

RSVP: Aithne Archibald on (07) 4940 7834 or enquiries@noviolence.com.au
BY 1 OCTOBER

EVENTS OF THE DAY INCLUDE:

11:00 am Welcome

11:10 am – 12:30 pm A community forum on the theme
"Safer, Happier, Healthier : Re-searching for a non-violent future"
chaired by the Coordinator of the Centre, Katrina Robertson.

Speakers include:

- Kym Daly, Coordinator of WAVSS (Working Against Violence Support Service) and Secretary, Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network;
- Jackie Huggins, Member of the Australian Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and Deputy Director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, University of Queensland;
- Brian Kerle, Queensland Department of Sport & Recreation; Australian Olympic Basketball Team—Munich 1972, Assistant Coach—Seoul 1988, NBL Coach of the Year 1984 & 1990, four-time NBL Championship Coach; and
- Associate Professor Helen Waite, School of Psychology and Sociology, Central Queensland University.

It is planned to video conference the community forum to three areas in Queensland to enable participation in this special event from around the State.

12:30 pm Smoking Ceremony by the Juipera people, the traditional owners of the land in the Mackay region.

Official Opening of the Queensland Centre for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

Speakers include:

- The Hon. Anna Bligh, MP, Minister for Education;
- Professor Glenice Hancock, Vice Chancellor and President, Central Queensland University; and
- Tim Mulherin, MP, Member for Mackay.

You are welcome to join us for lunch after the opening

Project Updates

Domestic and Family Violence in Mining Towns

Staff from the Centre travelled to Moranbah on 14 August to attend a meeting of interested people to discuss a new project, tentatively entitled *Bowen Basin Miners Against Family Violence*. The meeting was facilitated by Eunice Donovan from Mackay Regional Council for Social Development, with input from Hugh MacDougall, the Rural Family Support Worker with the Moranbah Neighbourhood Centre and Family Support Service, whose ideas and insights were the catalyst for this meeting.

The meeting included representatives from Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), Department of Families, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Mackay Regional Council for Social Development, local government and health and welfare services.

The meeting was proposed as a starting point to determine how key stakeholders could be involved in raising awareness of, and developing prevention strategies for, family violence in the Bowen Basin through an arts-based approach.

The meeting sought the commitment of various individuals and organisations to be part of a working party to develop programs and activities within the Bowen Basin region. Key stakeholders outside those already present were also identified, and will be invited to participate in the working party and any activities and/or programs developed.

An outcome of the meeting for the Centre was a request for support in the writing of grant applications and in the provision of research data.

A further planning day was scheduled for Monday 2 September at 1 pm in the Moranbah Neighbourhood Centre and Family Support Service. Further information can be obtained from Hugh MacDougall by email to ruralfam@moranbah.net.au.

Social Impact Study for Coppabella

The Centre for Social Science Research at CQU has been approached to undertake a study reviewing the economic, social and environmental impacts of the Coppabella Coal Mine on the Nebo Shire, and in particular on the townships of the Shire. Accordingly, Ruth Wood (QCPDFV) prepared a literature review and background paper specifically exploring family violence. The review identified that while family violence occurs across all communities regardless of socio-economic status, cultural background and place of residence, there was no doubt that the rates of reported family violence are higher in rural and remote areas than in metropolitan areas. Briggs (1990) argued that the development of new industries, such as mining, within

rural and remote areas may cause rapid growth within towns and shires without sufficient infrastructural support. Therefore, women moving to areas with employment opportunities for their partners may not be able to seek support as welfare agencies may not be within close proximity. In addition to the lack of support, women are often attempting to negotiate their way through relationships based within a private sphere of male power and dominance which, in the case of mining towns, is also overtly supported by a system of male power within the public arena. Mining towns are clear examples of "where the specific form of patriarchal culture is closely related to its economic base" (Collis 1999:61) and where communities also "epitomise the heart of Australia's 'blookeland' a cultural landscape dominated by big machinery, big machismo, big drinking" (Gibson 1994:63)

Preliminary discussions with welfare workers who support families within mining communities pointed to a number of specific issues which may increase the problems associated with family violence. Lack of external and family-oriented entertainment opportunities; coming from a working class background without having yet developed an appropriate culture of wealth thus getting caught in the trap of expenditure meeting or exceeding income levels; and women finding it difficult to seek assistance or even leave an unhappy or violent relationship because of their economic dependency on their partner's high income level - these have all been identified as contributing to the isolation of women and the high incidence of family violence. Further, industries which pay highly for unskilled labour also attract many families from non-English speaking backgrounds (NESBs) (Reeve 1994). A NESB woman suffering extreme family violence is unlikely to find help or support in rural and remote areas. As Gray et al (1991) stated in their Executive Summary, "NESB people are socially and geographically isolated within communities which are themselves isolated". The QCPDFV looks forward to working with the Centre for Social Science Research to find ways to promote an intolerance for domestic and family violence thus contributing to the overall safety and health of all, and especially those in rural and remote communities.

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Diary

Since the Centre opened in July we have had visits from a range of organisations, both local and statewide, including MADASSIA (Mackay and District Australian South Sea Islander Association); Department of Families; Education Queensland; Queensland Health; North Queensland Women's Legal Service and Mackay City Council Community Development Unit.

The Centre staff will be attending a variety of conferences and other events over the next few months including:

- the Department of Families workshop in Brisbane on 30 August, on the new amendments to the Domestic Violence Act;
- a planning meeting between the Centre and Department of Families' Violence Prevention Unit and other key departments and organisations on 5 and 6 September in Brisbane;
- the ANZSOC (Australian & New Zealand Society of Criminology) conference in Brisbane on 1 October;
- the Faxback Forum run by WAVSS (Working Against Violence Support Service) at Queensland Police Service headquarters in Brisbane on 2 October;
- the QDVSN (Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network) conference on 3 and 4 October on the Gold Coast.

In addition we will be supporting White Balloon Day on 3 September, and our Coordinator will be a guest speaker at Reclaim the Night in Mackay on 25 October.

A number of people have expressed an interest in being visiting scholars to the Centre over the next 12 months. They include Dr Jocelyn Scutt, Human Rights Commissioner, Tasmania; Professor Renate Klein, Head of Women's Studies, Deakin University; and Associate Professor Jude Irwin, Department of Social Work, Social Policy & Sociology, University of Sydney and Member of the Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay Research. If you have an interest in spending some time in working at the Centre, then please let us know. Contact Katrina Robertson, the Centre Coordinator.

Ruth Wood from the Centre has been invited to present a workshop at the 11th Queensland Local Government Community Services Association Annual State Conference, to be held in Rockhampton. The conference theme is *Vitality Values Vision* and is sponsored by Rockhampton City Council. It will be held from Wednesday 30 October to Friday 1 November 2002. Ruth's workshop is on *developing an intolerance to domestic and family violence in rural and remote Queensland, through community and council partnerships*. If you are interested in attending this conference please contact Vanessa Kleinschmidt, Events Coordinator on (07) 4924 5611 or email her at vanessa@venuesandevents.com.au.

Features

We are now online!

The QCPDFV web site is now up and running and can be accessed at **www.noviolence.com.au**

Our web site will be an *information portal* providing a service for users from across Queensland and beyond. Through the web site we will be able to better inform the public of domestic and family violence issues. In addition we will be able to refer visitors to up-to-date information to suit their individual needs.

The site will be an integral aspect of both the educational and research projects of the Centre. It will be used to collect large amounts of data quickly from services, organisations and individuals across the state.

The site will include:

- copies of publications and training packages produced by the Centre;
- further information about the Centre and its role;
- a list of events relevant to domestic and family violence in Queensland;
- emergency contact details;
- staff details;
- advisory groups working with the Centre;
- contact details; and
- an extensive list of relevant links.

In the very near future, an online forum will be added to the site. Our first discussion topic will be on *cultural safety and violence in the home — what are the issues?* We invite you to join this discussion when the time arrives.

The web site will also provide opportunities for online discussions with staff from the Centre and visiting scholars during their stay.

The Centre web site will not be a static site. We aim to provide visitors with every opportunity to interact with us. A *guest book* is in the process of being set up. This will allow you to provide *feedback* and suggestions for further improvement. Until then, if you would like to provide any input regarding the site please do not hesitate to contact our Multimedia Officer, Clinton Rawsthorne on (07) 4940 7834.

Funding Opportunities

There are many opportunities to secure funding for a variety of projects including those with a research component. This section of the newsletter will alert you to these opportunities. The Centre would welcome your talking with us about the possibilities for lodging applications in partnership with us and/or with other organisations, especially where there is an evaluation or research aspect.

As a result of the Queensland Government's new policy statement *Queensland Families: Future Directions*, the Department of Families is seeking submissions from community organisations to develop and trial new initiatives for:

- Prevention and Early Intervention;
- Family Support Centres for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families;
- Short-term Respite; and/or
- Responsive Placement Options for Young People.

Funding is available for 12-month trials and all trials will be evaluated. Successful trials may be approved to pilot the above strategies following the trial period. Closing Date: 3 September 2002. Application kits are available from www.families.qld.gov.au.

Department of Family and Community Services Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

The \$240 million Stronger Families and Communities Strategy is aimed at helping families and communities to build strength and resilience so they can identify and resolve their local issues, manage the impact of social and economic change, and explore opportunities for development. If you would like to register your interest in participating in the Strategy or if you have an idea or project you would like to talk over, call the information line on Freecall 1800 300 125 or visit www.facs.gov.au.

News from Around the State

In future issues we would like to include some stories from you rather than from us! This is the place in the newsletter where you have the opportunity to inform us about your work in preventing domestic and family violence. Tell us what you've been doing; what is happening in your area of Queensland, in your service or your community.

Fax-back Forum

Working Against Violence Support Service (WAVSS) recently published an Evaluation of the Logan Fax-Back Project, which was a joint initiative of WAVSS and the Logan District Police. If you would like to order a copy of the Report, please contact Iona Cominos, (Fax-Back Worker) on (07) 3386 0000 or iona@wavss.org.

In addition, the Logan District Fax-Back Project Management Group is hosting the Queensland Inaugural Fax-Back Forum on Wednesday 2 October 2002, at Queensland Police Headquarters, Roma Street, Brisbane. Registration is \$50 and includes lunch and written Forum Proceedings. The purpose of the Fax-Back Forum is to bring together Fax-Back Projects around the state which have a focus on domestic violence, share information and problem-solve around issues of planning and delivering Fax-Back Projects. If you would like to register or obtain more information, please contact Kym Daly (WAVSS Coordinator) on (07) 3386 0000 or email kym@wavss.org

The Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network

The Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network (QDVSN) is a statewide body, comprising membership of the 12 regional domestic violence services across the state, the Immigrant Women's Support Service, the statewide Domestic and Family Violence Telephone Service, and the Queensland Centre for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

The QDVSN is a key stakeholder in guiding the strategic direction of domestic violence responses in Queensland. The QDVSN leads the way in lobbying, law reform and advocating for funding for gaps in services.

Recently, the QDVSN has been involved in the Legislation Reference Group, and most importantly, in the development of the Implementation Action Plan. The Violence Prevention Unit in the Department of Families is leading the development of this Action Plan. It is necessary that this Action Plan be developed and progressed by the key stakeholders prior to the proclamation of the amendments to the *Domestic Violence (Family Protection) Act 1989*.

The QDVSN met last week, via a teleconference, to collate the Network's contributions to the Implementation Action Plan. These contributions from QDVSN and the other key stakeholders have informed the Department of Families' preparation of three Issue Papers. The three papers are titled:

- Older People and People with Disabilities;
- Children and Young People; and
- Policing, Enforcement and Court Processes.

These issue papers will form the basis of discussion at a full-day planning workshop, to be held in Brisbane on 30 August 2002. The expected outcome will be the development of the full action plan, including the identification of the key tasks, priorities, timeframes and responsibilities to address the identified issues.

If you would like any additional information about QDVSN, please do not hesitate to contact: **Kym Daly**, QDVSN Secretary, at the Working Against Violence Support Service, on (07) 3386 0000; or **Jan Larkin**, QDVSN Convenor, at the Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service, on (07) 5498 9533.

Workshops, Conferences and Date Claimers

26 - 27 August 2002

The National Indigenous Women's Issues Conference

Hotel Meridien, Adelaide

Email: icskoori@mackay.net.au Ph: 07 4945 7122

28 - 31 August 2002

Rural and Remote Health Care

Sydney

Web: http://www.iir.com.au/conferences/conflist.html?cat_code=health

1 - 7 September 2002

Child Protection Week

Department of Families

www.families.qld.gov.au/cpweek/

2 September 2002

What works?!

Evidence Based Practice in Child and Family Services Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (ACWA)
Sydney

Web: <http://www.acwa.asn.au/conf2002>

12- 13 September 2002

Crime Prevention

Hilton Hotel, Sydney

<http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/crimpre/>

16 - 17 September 2002

Putting It All Together

The Australian Network for Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention for Mental Health
Adelaide

Email: auseinet@flinders.edu.au

30 September - 1 October 2002

The Role of Schools in Crime Prevention

Carlton Crest Hotel, Melbourne

Email: confco@austarmetro.com.au

Tel: (02) 6292 9000

2 October 2002

Fax Back Forum

Working Against Violence Support Service

Email: wavss@wavss.org.au

30 October - 1 November

Vitality Values Vision

Queensland Local Government Community Services Association 11th Annual State Conference

Rockhampton

Further information: Vanessa Kleinschmidt, Events Coordinator, Rockhampton Venues and Events.

Tel: (07) 4924 5611

Email: vanessa@venuesandevents.com.au

30 October - 1 November

First Cultures Conference

Sydney (associated with the Gay Games)

Web: www.firstcultures.conf.au

Email: sgs100@hotmail.com

31 October - 2 November

Health in Difference Conference

Sydney (associated with the Gay Games)

Web: www.healthindifference.org

Email: admin@healthindifference.org

26 October 2002

The Power of Family: Catalyst for Change

5th Annual Conference for Carers of People with a Mental Illness

Melbourne

Further information: Lynda Trevenar, Conference Coordinator, The Meeting Planners, 91 - 97 Islington Street Collingwood, Vic 3066.

Tel: (03) 9417 0888.

Fax: (03) 9417 0899

27 - 30 October 2002

International Federation on Ageing 6th Global Conference and Expo

Perth

Further information: Secretariat: Congress West Pty Ltd, PO Box 1248, West Perth WA 6872.

Tel: (08) 9322 6662 or 9322 6906.

Fax: (08) 9322 1734.

Web: <http://www.congresswest.com.au/IFA/>

Email: IFA@congresswest.com.au.

6 - 8 November 2002

4th International Aged Care Housing Summit

Melbourne, Vic

Further information: Australian Special Events Pty Ltd, 11-13 Aberdeen Rd, Prahran, VIC 3181.

Tel: (03) 9529 4314.

7 November 2002

Youth in Mind: Youth Mental Health Care in General Practice - Forum

Brisbane

Email: youthinmind@adgp.com.au.

Web: http://ndya.adgp.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=155&PageMode=indiv&page_id=154

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Different Disciplines, Different Methodologies in Ageing Research

Brisbane

Further information: ERA 2002 Forum Coordinator, Australasian Centre on Ageing, University of Queensland, Connell Building, St Lucia Qld 4072.

Tel: (07) 3346 9084.

Web: <http://www.uq.edu.au/aca/>

Email: aca@uq.edu.au.

About this Newsletter

In our bi-monthly newsletter we will be encouraging you to participate by contributing to the various sections. If you have any information that our Statewide readers may want/need to know (eg events, updates, research, projects, comments) please contact us at the Centre.

If you would like to be included on our mailing list for this newsletter, please ring Aithne on (07) 4940 7834, or email a.archibald@cqu.edu.au. Also let us know the most convenient way (email or print) for you to receive the Queensland Centre for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (QCPDFV) newsletter. Please tell others about the newsletter and invite them to subscribe. We are happy for you to reproduce and distribute this newsletter.

Next Issue

The next issue of this newsletter will feature information and photographs from the Community forum and the opening of the Centre. Information covering "**What's New**" in the areas of research, education and evaluation will also be highlighted. "**What's New?**" will seek to inform and advertise latest reports, research findings, educational courses, training packages, etc. If you hear of information relating to any of these areas that your colleagues should know about, then let us know!! We will spread the word.

The next issue will include a report from Betty Taylor on her Churchill Fellowship, which investigated multi-agency collaborative interventions to domestic violence, sexual assault and child protection within a common model.

Also prepare for your chance to "**Have your say**" If "your say" speaks to an issue, reveals a desire to improve knowledge about issues of violence in relationships, families and communities and you are prepared to "own" your comments by submitting relevant identification information then we hope to provide you with a forum to say what you want to say. We are also planning to provide online discussion opportunities and will give more details about these in the next issue.

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| Katrina Robertson Centre Coordinator on 4940 7837 | is the Public Relations Officer and primary contact for the Centre. Contact Katrina to establish any formal links with the Centre, to discuss activities of a promotional nature and for Centre management information. |
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