

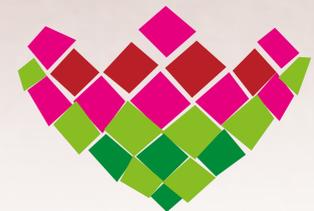
24TH & 25TH NOVEMBER 2016

It's No Secret

Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse
& Domestic Violence

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Bunbury Regional
Entertainment Centre
Western Australia



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Welcome

Waratah is proud to present

“It’s No Secret”

Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse & Domestic Violence National Conference

The title of the conference sets the stage for key themes. These themes have been designed to give delegates an opportunity to explore and discuss a diverse range of issues and topics related to violence and abuse and discover ways to make a difference.



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Waratah is proud to announce the 2016 National Conference “It’s No Secret” Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse & Domestic Violence.

The topic of violence and abuse in Australia is at the forefront both politically and socially.

Nationally, there is a need to make a difference but how do we, what can we do better, what needs to change?

There is a full and dynamic program planned that will meet the diverse interests and professional requirements of the multitude of people working in the community with victims of abuse and violence.

The conference will explore what is being provided in different States and Territories of Australia to meet the needs of victims of abuse and violence, the community, and to direct change at a social and political level.

The Conference will explore the future directions of community services in Australia, and ask the tough questions - with all this effort are we actually making a difference to change attitudes in the community and reduce violence and abuse?

This Conference is a significant event on the community sector calendar.

The Conference will challenge our thinking, bringing together change makers from across the nation, show case talented individuals and ground-breaking programs, we will share stories, and debate current issues and seek collaborative solutions to make working with and providing sustainable services into the future to ensure - social equality and equitable community for all people in Australia.

Conference Themes

- **Heart of the Issue - Community attitudes** - what are the dominant heuristics - do they help or hinder progress of equality? Australians express a strong desire for change. But, do we recognise the heart of the issue?
- **The Way We Work** – How can we build effective, accessible and sustainable sector in an environment of increasing demand for services, cost pressures with reducing funding?
- **The Future of our Work** - What drivers shaping services for victims of violence and abuse?
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** - Lets showcase examples on how to produce better outcomes and how to learn and work together.

Call for Synopsis for Conference Presenters

Waratah would like to invite you to participate in the “It’s No Secret” – Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Violence National Conference, 2016 by submitting a synopsis for consideration by the Conference Committee to present at the Conference 2016 on 24th and 25th November 2016.

The aim of the Conference is to provide a positive, constructive and enjoyable event for people involved with government, non-government, and the community services sector to network and gain information both formally and informally.

If you believe you have a topic that will add value to the Conference, we encourage you to submit a synopsis to share your experience and expertise. **The synopsis requires:**

1. Title (16 bold Arial – centred at head of A4 page)
2. Synopsis body (min 200 words max 300 words)
3. Acknowledgements (where applicable)
4. References (Example, (2003). Title of reference material, Printed Date from – date to)
5. Please include a brief biography of yourself, photo is optional.

Synopsis submissions are open now until April 29th 2016

To submit your synopsis, please forward to Conference Secretariat conference@waratah.asn.au and please nominate one of the selected conference themes below - you can submit more than one abstract if you wish, but only one will be chosen.

Conference Themes in more detail

Heart of the Issue - Community Attitudes

What are the dominant heuristics - do they help or hinder progress of equality?

This theme was inspired by the Paper - Reducing violence against women and their children, research informing the development of a national campaign, November 2015, Commissioned by Australian Government Department of Social Services. Please see link to further information.



<https://www.dss.gov.au/women/publications-articles/reducing-violence-against-women-and-their-children>

The Way We Work

How can we build on effective, accessible and sustainable sector in an environment of increasing demand for services, cost pressures with reducing funding?

There is an increasing demand for services and cost pressures with reducing funding and resources, numerous demand for outcomes and evidence. How do we build on existing strengths while learning from successful practice elsewhere? Can we deal with the problems through partnerships and collaboration and information sharing?

The Future of our Work

What are the key local, state, and national drivers shaping services for victims of violence and abuse?

What are the key global drivers shaping the work we do? Can we predict the issues of the future? Are there things that can be done now to improve the needs and outcomes in the future? How can we keep our head above the water?

Family violence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Let's all showcase examples on how to produce better outcomes and how to learn from each other and work better together. Family violence is acknowledged as an issue of national importance, both generally and among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. About one in four Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years or over reported being a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last twelve months. So what are we doing to support those affected by Family violence, and how can we learn from each other.

(Data on the prevalence of violence comes from the 2002 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey).

Sponsorship & Exhibition Opportunities

Invitation to Sponsor

We would like to invite you to sponsor the "It's No Secret" - Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Violence - National Conference 2016

This is a significant event on a nationally important topic that will service the national, state and local community sectors education, training and community development calendar for the year. It is anticipated to attract over 220 national, state and territory delegates. As a sponsor you can be assured that you will be investing in the development of the community services sector and the communities in which they serve across Australia.

The key benefits of sponsorship include:

- An opportunity to promote your service, profile your brand, market your service delivery model and maintain high visibility among specialists and decision makers before, during and after the event.
- Openly and prominently demonstrating your organisations leadership and commitment to the sector, services and partnerships.
- A cost effective way to reach and interact with a large number of delegates face to face.
- An excellent platform to launch an existing or new, service or program or information.

- Exposure to a keenly interested, relevant, and above all, influential audience in an educational environment away from the competition of everyday distractions.
- An opportunity to network with your peers, potential new customers and partners

We urge you to support us and secure your place as a sponsor and utilise exhibition opportunities for this event as soon as possible. The earlier you commit to being involved, the sooner you will be able to benefit from the long term exposure provided in your sponsorship.

Sponsorship Opportunities

For enquiries about sponsorship email Trudi at: trudi@waratah.asn.au

"Courage is
like a muscle.
We strengthen
it by use."

— RUTH GORDO



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National Conference – 24th & 25th November 2016
Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre, Bunbury WA

This form will become a Tax Invoice upon payment. Waratah ABN 84028425014

Please complete one registration form for each participant. Registrations will be confirmed via email to the applicant upon payment. Forms are to be posted with payment to **Waratah P.O. Box 644, BUNBURY WA 6231** or email to **conference@waratah.asn.au** with direct deposit payment made to account name **Waratah, Westpac Bank BSB 036134, account number 193594**, reference shall be the participants name in full (as stated below).

Personal Details (please complete a separate registration form for each participant):

Name of Participant

Organisation

Address

City State Post Code

Telephone * Email

* Registration confirmation will be sent to this email

Special Requirements
(dietary, wheelchair access)

Registration Fees (inclusive of GST)

Early Bird: (payment received no later than 30 June 2016) **\$420.00**

Full Registration: **\$490.00**

Payment Method

I have enclosed cheque/money order made payable to Waratah or

I have sent payment via Electronic Funds Transfer to: Account Name: Waratah Westpac Bank, BSB 036134 Account No. 193594 – reference is the name of participant.

Cancellation Policy

By 4 weeks before conference date (27/10/2016)
Less than 4 weeks before conference date

Refund

A full refund less a cancellation fee of \$50.00
No refund will be provided

Upon registration the Participant understands and accepts the conditions of the cancellation policy.

Signature

Date of registration