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JUNE 2022

Greetings from the Chairs

by Mark O'Hare & Robyn King

Hello from WAFLPN!

After two years in the planning and seventeen very intense weeks of preparation, the Family Law Pathways Network welcomed delegates across WA from Albany up to Broome, South Australia, and Griffith NSW via livestream and in person at Burswood on Swan for our annual conference at the end of May.

The conference aimed to foster strong links with locally based providers who operate as part of, or alongside, the family law system, to enhance collaboration and improve overall assistance to separated and separating families, with the focus on First Nations and Torres Strait Islander people and their children.

This year's theme of Truth, Justice, Listening and Healing was emceed over two days by Ernie Dingo and opened by Corina Martin, CEO of AFLS WA. The journey moved through truth-telling with delegates engaging in meaningful discussions and informative Q&A sessions.

Delegates were invited to enjoy a cultural learning experience by participating in smoking ceremonies, and a river walk, connecting them to land and Derbarl Yerrigan. Other cultural activities included a lesson in Noongar language, all day painting with artist in residence Acacia Collard and food tastings of damper, quandong jam and kangaroo pies.



You can view the [photographs](#) of the event and the Live Stream video recording of the two day event will be available in the free [members](#) area on the website.

Thank you to the WA Family Law Pathways Network Development Office Annette, the Aboriginal reference group and the steering committee for all their hard work in providing an important resource and experience for our community.

This month we would like to extend our best wishes to Sharon Collier as the North West representative. Sharon has been a dedicated regional member of the Network and we would like to thank her for all of her commitment and support over the years.

We wish Sharon all the best in her next venture.

An additional note from Robyn; I will be moving in my working role with Centrecare at the end of June and stepping down as co-chair of the

Steering Committee. I would like to thank all who made my time in the position memorable and hope to attend future network events.

Welcome Nigel Calver, to the Pathways Steering Committee



With qualifications in commerce, psychology, and ethics, Nigel has a diverse background in business, training, adventure therapy and not for profit services.

Nigel has been an Executive Manager for Centrecare's community services responsible for managing a variety of services including refugee and asylum seeker programs, counselling and EAP services, community housing programs and family law services, for the past 15 years.



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Geraldton enjoying the conference

As always Geraldton was right behind Pathways and put on a fantastic show by celebrating a long awaited in person get together for the conference!



Carole-Anne & Julie

Aboriginal Community Advocate, Patricia Councillor created an amazing table display (**pictured below**) with her explanation that follows:

Our Aboriginal flag colours, sand from the Greenough and Chapman rivers and the beach where the Chapman meets the ocean ,a place significant to my Naaguja people ,some of the family including my dads' siblings were born along the Chapman river , and where I walk every morning and pay respects to my elders and ancestors with the throwing of sand into the river to Bimara , our legendary snake that created our rivers and waterways .

Some shells from the Indian ocean .

Candles are for those that have lost their lives to FDV.



Left to Right is Kayla Herbert (LAWA), Kathleen Elliot (LAWA), Dempsey Morgan (Regional Alliance West – CLC), Lucie Ingram (Law firm Dwyer Durack), Stephanie Edwards (Regional Alliance West), Kate Thompson (Regional Alliance West) Julie French (FRC)



NAIDOC WEEK 3-10 July 2022



GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!

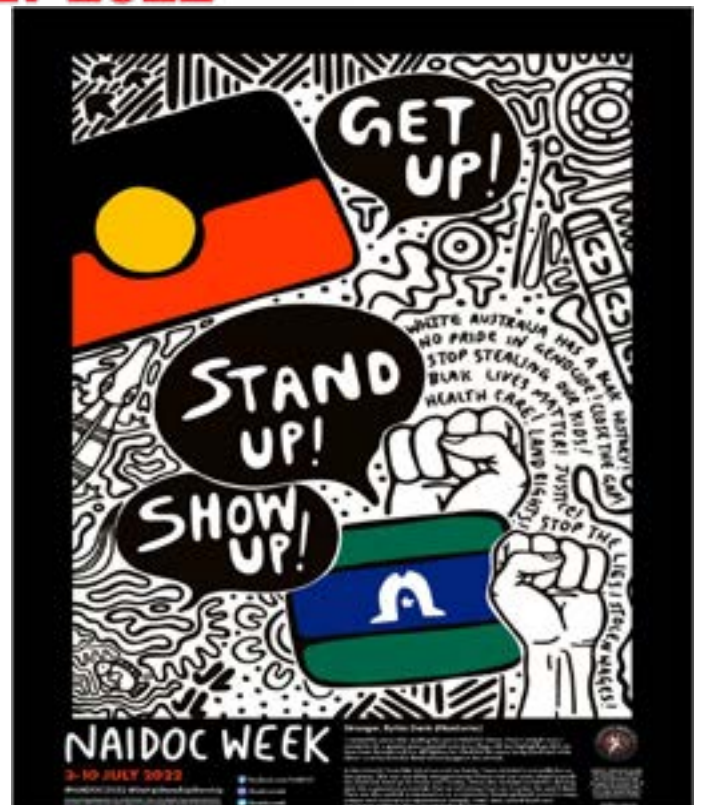
3-10 JULY 2022

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

Local events



RESEARCH & PRACTICE

The latest contributions to evidence-based practice in family law

If you are undertaking research in the field of family law that you think may be of interest to WAFLPN members, please contact us to have it included in our eBulletin.

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Intergenerational transmission of trauma: unpacking the effects of parental adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

Existing research documented the connection between individuals' childhood trauma exposure and adverse health and behavioural health outcomes. However, less attention has been paid to understanding trauma in an intergenerational context.

Findings showed that only parental childhood maltreatment ACEs, but not family dysfunction ACEs were significantly associated with child behavioural problems was equally significant between fathers and mothers, though mothers' childhood maltreatment ACEs exerted a more potent effect on child functioning.

Findings highlighted the need for child behavioural health services to incorporate the screening of parental ACEs in treatment programmes to break the cycle of intergenerational trauma.

[Read abstract or purchase article.](#)

Xiafei Wang, Mo Yee Lee & Camille R. Quinn (2022) Intergenerational transmission of trauma: unpacking the effects of parental adverse childhood experiences, *Journal of Family Studies* DOI: 10.1080/13229400.2022.2073903 Australian Institute of Family Studies.

Compliance with and enforcement of family law parenting orders

Views of professionals and judicial officers

This report sets out preliminary insights from one part of a four-part research program examining the operation of the parenting order enforcement regime, and the driver of non-compliance with parenting orders.

It summarises the views of 343 professionals who work with separated parents and 11 judicial officers who exercise family law jurisdiction.

[Read or download full report](#)

Kaspiew, R., Carson, R., Rhoades, H., Qu, L., De Maio, J., Horsfall, B., & Stevens, E. (2022). Compliance with and enforcement of family law parenting orders: Views of professionals and judicial officers (Research report, 01/2022). ANROWS.

Child & Family Social Work Special issue call for papers

Social Support System and Vulnerable Children in Need: Toward 2030 Sustainable Development Goals 3 "Good Health and Wellbeing"

Relevant topics in research on the social support system and vulnerable children in need may include but are not limited to:

- problems faced by vulnerable children in need under the social support system across countries and areas;
- the role of social support in helping vulnerable children in need to cope with social adversity;
- discussion on the specialized social support system, such as family support, school support, community support, etc.,
- new assessment or scales that measure the key characteristics among vulnerable children in need;
- social work or social policy intervention in helping these vulnerable children;

- comparative analysis of the social policy invention across countries and areas;

- theoretical articles that develop new practice models may facilitate new directions.

Submission Guidelines

Interested authors should submit a 300-to-500-word abstract, a list of authors and affiliations, and a short biography for each author (no more than 100 words).

This information should be submitted to Prof. Wenjie Duan (duan.w@ecust.edu.cn) by October 31, 2022.

[Read for more information](#)

Lessons for a COVID-19 era: Barriers and facilitators to Court ordered online parenting programs for divorcing and separating parents.

Family courts are increasingly interested in online parenting programs for divorcing and separating parents, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sixty one parents were interviewed in the midst of family law cases regarding their perspectives. and while online parent programmes were viewed positively, there were reported barriers to participation such as technology problems.

This article offers recommendations to support courts as they decide whether to continue ordering online parenting programs following the pandemic.

[Free access to full article](#)

Tomlinson, C.S., Rudd, B.N., Applegate, A.G., Diaz, A., & Holtzworth-Munroe, A. (2022). Lessons for a COVID-19 era: Barriers and facilitators to court ordered online parenting programs for divorcing and separating parents. *Family Court Review*, 60(2), 303-321. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/fcre.12643>

WHAT'S NEW

Legal Aid's Blurred Borders

with Faye Sellers

Blurred Borders is a two-way communication tool originally developed to explain complex legal concepts to our First Nations Clients based between the Kimberley and Northern Territory.

The heart of each pack is a set of story cards with a clear image and title and a plain English description on the back. Each kit also has various plain English fact sheets on each topic which can be printed and provided to clients and stakeholders.

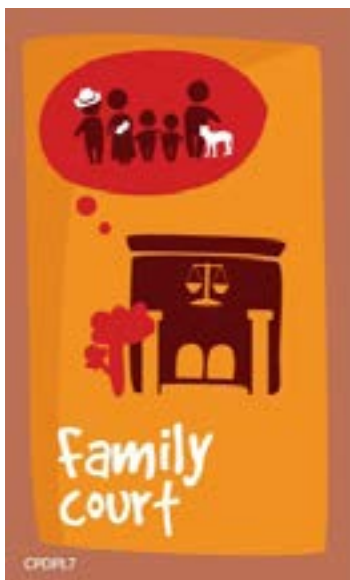
These kits have been developed with extensive community consultation.

We currently have four kits available, fines- WDP, Bail and criminal process, family violence (including conferencing) and tenancy.

We are expecting a re-print of the child protection-diverse parents group shortly, however, the kit is available on the website for [free download](#).

Each kit can be accessed on the [website](#).

Hard copy kits can be ordered through this website and all materials are available to be printed through the website. Log-on access or queries can be directed via [email](#).



Court Fees to increase on 1 July



**Family Court
of
Western Australia**

The fees payable in the Court will increase to reflect changes to the consumer price index over the past financial year.

This is an automatic increase provided by the relevant fee regulations. The Court website has been updated with the new fees as well as showing previous fees. .

[New fees](#) will be payable for filings from Friday 1 July 2022.



Online Webinar

Parenting Connection proudly presents a webinar

Raising Your Child Online with Dr Kristy Goodwin.

Thursday 11 August 2022
6:00pm - 8:00pm AWST

[Register Here](#)

Kalgoorlie Seminar

Family Dispute Resolution Seminar

each fortnight beginning Wednesday July 6

5:00pm - 6:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Upcoming training and networking opportunities

If you are running a training event and would like it included in our next eBulletin please contact

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More Training and Events

Check out the 'Resources' section on our website for more relevant training and events.

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Walk in Their Shoes Tours

Next Tour will take place 31 August 2022.

Check in [here](#) to register at the beginning of August.



Family Violence & Justice Services

Creating community safety by working with individuals and families to develop non-violent, more equal and respectful family relationships.

[read more](#)

Client Struggles

Anger Management for Men

Managing Anger & Stress for Women

Parenting after Separation

Communication

Bringing Up Great Kids

[read more](#)

Register your service

The FLPN Service Directory is an online referral tool. It is an easily accessible database containing information on government-funded & organisation-run services which work with families who are separating, or have separated. Register your service [here](#).

Coercive Control Consultation

The Office of the Commissioner for Victims of Crime & Community Legal recently held a Legal Sector Forum to discuss legislative responses to coercive control in Western Australia.

That is whether current Legislative responses are adequate - what is working well and where things can be improved.

The forum provided an opportunity to consider systemic issues, perpetrator accountability, and what justice looks like for victim-survivors.

Did you miss your chance to share [feedback](#)

What's happening around town

If you or your organisation has something to announce, pin it on the board! Submit an article for the notice board by emailing:

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Service Wait Times

Find waiting periods for WA Family law services on our website [here](#)

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