

LATEST RESEARCH  
TREATMENT PROGRAMMES  
CURRENT MATERIALS

“ Paedophilia —  
Shedding Light on  
the Dark Field

Understanding sexual  
attraction to children is  
essential if they are to be  
kept safe.”

*The Economist, 13 Aug 2016*

## 4th Perth Symposium

# CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION

*“The Impact of Child Sexual  
Abuse on the Family”*

**26 JULY 2019**

### WHEN

Friday 26 July 2019

### WHERE

The Boulevard Centre  
99 The Boulevard  
Floreat 6014

### TIMES

8.30 — 3.30pm  
Arrival Beverages,  
Morning Tea and  
Lunch provided

### CDP POINTS

7 hours

### *You are invited to join*

The Hon. Chief Justice of W.A. Mr Peter Quinlan

and

The Hon. Simone McGurk, M.L.A.

Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Child Abuse and Women's  
Interests; Member for Fremantle

### *Together with*

Magistrate Stephen Voze

Toni McAllen

Amanda Paton

Peter Dunlop

Chris Williams

Christabel Charmarette

Holly-ann Martin

You will also hear family voices from the women's support  
group and see the children from the Imanpa and Amoonguna  
communities of the Central Desert.

# SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

Following the 3 previous Perth Symposia on child sexual abuse prevention held during 2017 and last year, this 4th Symposium focuses on the impact on families of child sexual abuse and how is it dealt with or not dealt with within the community.

As things stand our current community-based systems provide little support or therapeutic assistance for families facing the terrible dilemma of child sexual abuse whether it is alleged to have occurred outside of or within the family itself. Instead, it is mostly dominated by legal and governmental processes.

This Symposium will look at the way society approaches the problem and how families are assisted when this situation arises.

Where do families go for help? We know they go to places like the George Jones Centre. We know they go to the Department of Communities via the Crisis Line and via mandatory reporting. We know that they may seek Family Court assistance when things are not working out for them.

The Symposium explores opportunities and the gaps in the provision of support for families that will prevent child sexual abuse becoming a recurring cycle and how to intervene without destroying the beneficial aspects of family life.

Previous symposia have focused on the role of psychologists, police, psychiatrists and educators. This symposium is looking at legal approaches to the issue and the limitations in addressing family needs.

The symposium will be opened by the Chief Justice of Western Australia, The Hon Peter Quinlan and the legal profession will also be represented by Children's Court Magistrate Stephen Vose, Toni McAllen and Chris Williams.

The panel discussion will be chaired by The Hon Simone McGurk, MLA Member for Fremantle in her roles as Minister For Child Protection, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Women's Interests and Community Services.

The organising committee joins me in welcoming your participation and sharing of your expertise in this fourth Symposium.

Jonathan Kester  
Convenor

**8.30am**

**OPENING – JONATHAN KESTER**

**8.35am**

**THE HON CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. PETER QUINLAN**

**8.50am**

**FAMILY VOICES FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP**

**9.00am**

**TONI MCALLEN**

Sexual Abuse - The Legal Processes

This presentation will outline the legal process, both the process if someone in the family is charged with a criminal offence and the child protection process. Toni will discuss the questions of protective bail conditions, safety planning, risk assessment and other legal issues families need to understand when they are involved in these processes and the support they are likely to need as a result of being involved in legal processes.

**9.30am**

Family Voices from the Women's Group

**9.40am**

**AMANDA PATON**

Case Studies 'Let's Start The Conversation'

A review of case studies that highlight the varied system responses to children and young people who display harmful and abusive sexual behaviours. Some young people receive criminal charges, justice reporting requirements, registration on the sex offender register, mandated targeted treatment and adherence to strict safety plans.

However some with similar behaviours receive no criminal, judicial or treatment response. So what is the difference and how does this impact outcomes, professional responses and community perceptions?

# PROGRAMME

**10.10am**

**FAMILY VOICES FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP**

**10.15am**

**MORNING TEA**

**10.45am**

**FAMILY VOICES FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP**

**11.00am**

**PETER DUNLOP**

No Matter How Bad the Damage of the Past We All Have the Capacity to Heal – or Do We?

Recent brain imaging studies have shown that the brains of individuals who have been subjected to physical, emotional, verbal and/or sexual abuse have been dramatically altered in critical areas to do with almost every important facet of development including emotional regulation and cognition. There is a serious question about whether or not recovery from this is possible. This question will be explored via the presentation of case material from the presenter's experience of undertaking psychotherapy with victims/survivors of child sexual abuse and in some cases their families. It will include video excerpts from psychotherapy sessions with victims/survivor.

**11.30am**

**FAMILY VOICES FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP**

**11.35am**

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION OF SET QUESTIONS**

**12.15pm**

**LUNCH**

# PROGRAMME

**1.15pm**

**FAMILY VOICES FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP**

**1.30pm**

**CHRIS WILLIAMS**

Child Protection and the Courts – Mind The Gaps

How in practice do Courts determine what is in the child's best interests when addressing the need to protect the child from harm and the rights of the child not to be separated from his or her parents against their will and to be heard in judicial hearings?

This question will be explored from the presenter's experience of casework and legal work with victims/survivors of child sexual abuse and representation of children and parents in both the Children's Court and the Family Court of Western Australia.

This presentation will also briefly consider current proposals for structural reform and offer a perspective on how current legal and other resources might be better integrated to enhance child sexual abuse prevention.

**2.00pm**

**FAMILY VOICES FROM WOMEN'S GROUP**

**2.10pm**

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Chair:** Hon Simone McGurk

**Panel Members:** Magistrate Stephen Vose, Peter Dunlop, Amanda Paton, Toni McAllen, Chris Williams and Christabel Chamarette.

**3.15pm**

Holly-ann Martin will complete the day by introducing videos of children from the Imanpa and Amoonguna communities of the Central Desert.

**3.30pm**

**CLOSE**

## The Hon Chief Justice Peter Quinlan

Peter Damien Quinlan was appointed to the Supreme Court of Western Australia on 13 August 2018. He was appointed as a Judge of the Court, a Judge of the Court of Appeal and as the Chief Justice of Western Australia.

He was born in Perth on 16 June 1970 and attended John XXIII College. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1992 and a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) in 1995 from the University of Western Australia.

Chief Justice Quinlan was Professional Assistant to K H Parker AO QC, Solicitor General for Western Australia, from 1993 – 1994, and Judge’s Associate to the Hon Justice Parker, Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1995.

From 1996 – 2001, he was a Legal Officer (and ultimately Assistant Crown Counsel) at the WA Crown Solicitor’s Office before joining the Independent Bar in 2001. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2010.

The Chief Justice was appointed Solicitor General for Western Australia on 1 July 2016 and served in this role until his appointment to the Bench.

He served as President, WA Bar Association from 2012 – 2015, Board of Governors at the University of Notre Dame from 2008 and Director of the Law Council of Australia from 2012 – 2014.



## The Hon. Simone McGurk, MLA

Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services. State Labor Member for Fremantle.

Prior to entering Parliament, Minister McGurk was Secretary of UnionsWA, Western Australia's peak trade union body, having previously served as an official of the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union and United Voice. She also served as a member of the Western Australian State Training Board, and on the board of the Industry

superannuation fund, AustralianSuper. Minister McGurk has also worked as a producer for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and in native title for the Yamatji Land and Sea Council.



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## Toni McAllen

Toni currently works as a senior lawyer with the Department of Communities in the Child Protection Legal Unit where she has been for five and a half years. Her role is to represent the Department in cases where protection orders are sought from the Children's Court. The Department also sometimes plays a role in Family Court proceedings and in the early part of her career she worked predominantly in the Family Court. From 1999 to 2002 she worked as a lawyer for Kent County Council, representing the county in child protection cases. She has also worked in the Family Court Department at the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA from 1996 – 1998 and from 2003 – 2005. All in all she has 18 years' experience working in cases, both in the Family Court and the Children's Court (and the UK courts) where sexual abuse has been alleged. Toni is married with two daughters.



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## Amanda Paton Clinical Psychologist

Amanda is Director, Therapeutic and Advocacy Services and, Parkerville Children and Youth Care. She has been with Parkerville for over 12 years and began in a direct care role before taking on case management, programme management and senior psychology positions. She currently leads a specialist team of over 60 psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists who provide outreach services to families at risk, psychological and advocacy services to children, young people and families who have experienced abuse, youth outreach services and early intervention and prevention programmes.

Amanda has significant experience in the assessment and treatment of children and young people with complex abuse and trauma histories and providing complex assessments for children and young people living in foster care. Her area of expertise is working with and supporting children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse. Amanda also provides training to internal and external staff on numerous issues related to the care of children who have experienced abuse. She also manages the George Jones Child Advocacy Centre and has a lead role in the Multiagency Investigation and Support Team which provides a joint response from WA Police, child protection and Parkerville for all cases of child sexual abuse in the south east metropolitan corridor.



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## Peter Dunlop B.E.(Elec) B.A. M.Psych.(Clin)

Peter is a Clinical Psychologist with more than 40 years experience. He cut his teeth in the Criminal Justice System as a Probation and Parole Officer for 2 years. This was followed by a further 14 years as a Clinical Psychologist in the WA prisons system. He has also worked at Graylands Psychiatric Hospital, the Curtin University Centre for Aboriginal Studies, which included 2 years working with Aboriginal people from the Stolen Generations, and at Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service. He has also worked with Asylum seekers and victims of torture.



Peter's experience included working as head of the Psychology and Research section of the WA Prisons Department which included an eleven-month stint as Acting Assistant Director and 4 years providing consultancy services in relation to organisational change processes. In the mid-1980s he became involved in overseeing the selection and installation a major public sector computing system. He went on to run a computer company for a number of years before his return to Clinical Psychology via Graylands in 1993.

He is currently employed in Private Practice, which has included consultancy work for the Anglican Church, the Department for Child Protection and the Disability Services Commission. He provides services for adults, couples, families, adolescents and children. He also provides supervision and training for practising psychologists and other health practitioners. He has been providing individual and group psychological treatment and risk assessments for individuals who have committed child sexual abuse or are at risk of doing so since 1999 and has widely recognised expertise in this area. He has also provided individual and group therapy for survivors of child sexual abuse who didn't subsequently offend in this way.

Peter believes no psychological problem is too hard to tackle and that we all have the capacity to heal from the damage of the past no matter how bad it has been.

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## Chris Williams BA, BJuris, LLB, Lawyer & Mediator

Chris has been a lawyer for over 25 years. His previous careers have been in construction and the mining industry followed by a decade working for the Department for Community Services in the Wheatbelt and the Perth Metropolitan area.

As a lawyer, employed variously by Legal Aid and in private practice, he has been instructed as an Independent Children's Lawyer in the Family Court of WA and a Child Representative in the Children's Court, for which he has also chaired Signs of Safety conferences.

His current practice in Fremantle is in family law, including parenting matters, utilising processes including litigation, mediation and collaborative law.



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## Stephen Vose, Magistrate Children's Court of WA

Stephen is a magistrate in the Children's Court of WA, a position he has held for 28 years.

He obtained his Bachelor of Jurisprudence and LLB from the University of WA, graduating in 1977, and then joining the fledgling Legal Aid Commission.

On being admitted to the Bar in 1979, he remained with the Legal Aid Commission until October 1980 when he took a position with Aboriginal Legal Service Western Australia, based in Port Hedland. After 3½ years in this wonderful Pilbara town he moved to Perth and remained with the Aboriginal Legal Service for a total of 10 years.

He was born and raised in Western Australia and is heavily involved in his local church.



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## Christabel Chamarette M.Psych.

Christabel is a registered Clinical Psychologist with over 40 years' experience in the treatment of violence and child sexual abuse. From 1997 to 2008, Christabel was Clinical Director of SafeCare which included the Young People's Program which offered a 9month therapeutic service to families of young people engaging in harmful sexual behavior and in conjunction with Curtin University published several articles on residential and family treatment of children and adolescents.

She is a lecturer on CSA to postgraduate Psychiatrists and the W.A. Police Academy. She is currently in private practice which involves individual and group therapy, supervision and teaching. Since 2010 she has been a co-facilitator of a community-based treatment programme for child sexual offending and internet pornography and presenting "Helping Families Heal" a program for Aboriginal communities both in Perth and the Kimberly.



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## Holly-ann Martin

Founder & Managing Director of Safe4Kids

Holly-ann's experience spans twenty-five years with the Western Australian Department of Education and Training (DET), in a variety of school settings. Holly-ann's unique approach to child protection education is underpinned by a whole community focus. Holly-ann's emphasis centres on developing a language and culture of safety for children and adults alike, improving communication and highlighting and broadening the networks available to children when they are feeling unsafe.

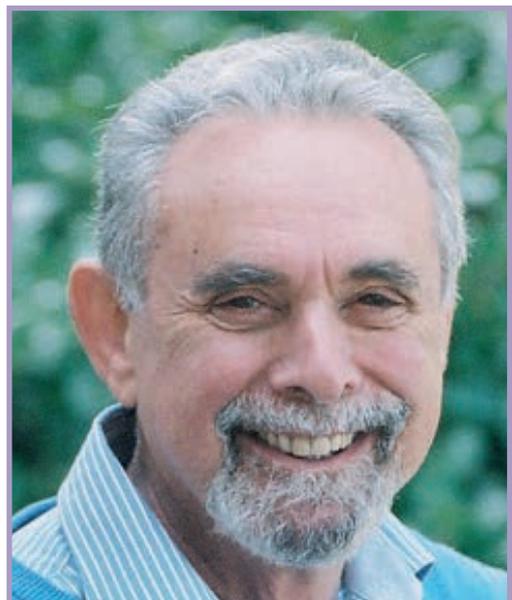


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## Jonathan Kester Counsellor and Psychotherapist

Jonathan has been a counsellor and psychotherapist for over twenty years. He has co-lead several therapeutic and follow-up programmes for child pornography and other sex offenders and has been the convenor for this series of symposia on child sexual abuse prevention being held in Perth since March 2017.

Jonathan has been instrumental in setting up Western Australia's professional training focusing on providing counsellors, psychotherapists and people working in other human resource fields with the skills needed to work specifically with sex offenders and their families.



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# REGISTRATION

## EARLY REGISTRATION IS ADVISED AS PLACES ARE LIMITED.

Friday 26TH JULY 2019

**EARLY BIRD** Before 10th July 2019 \$195.00 (incl GST)

**STANDARD** From 10th July \$225.00 (incl GST)

Includes Arrival beverages, lunch and morning tea.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE** Wednesday 24th July 2019.

No cancellations or refunds after July 20th 2019

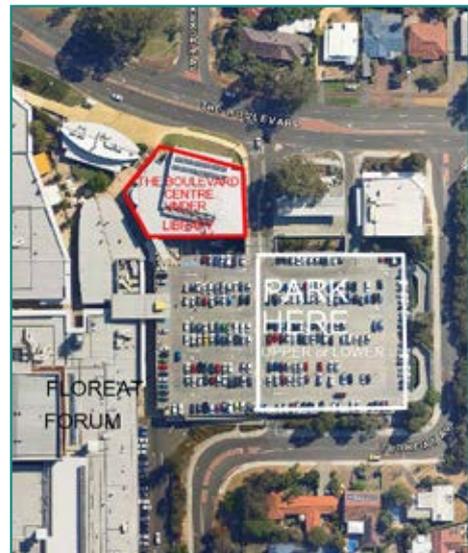
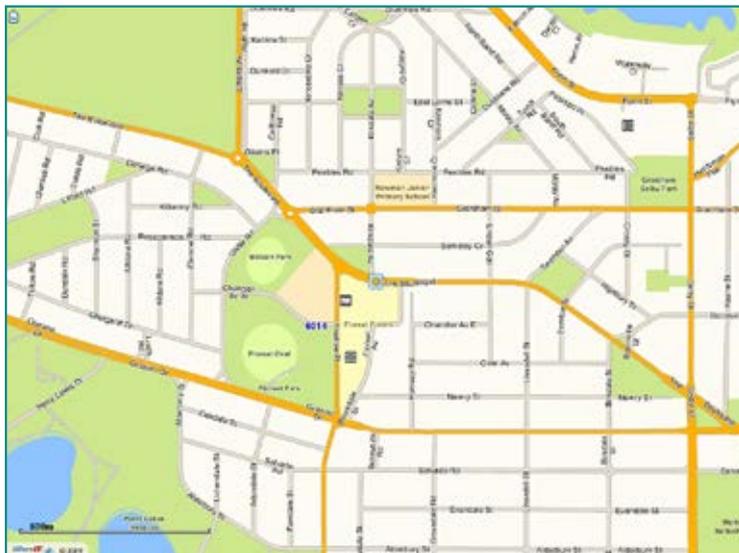
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Or click [here](#) to take you straight to the web page

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