

PROGRAM

2017 Child Representation Conference **Crowne Plaza | Terrigal**

17 – 18 November

Do you represent children in the Family or Care and Protection jurisdictions? Would you benefit from some skill based training to enhance your work with children and young people? Legal Aid NSW will be conducting a Child Representation Conference at the Crown Plaza in Terrigal on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 November 2017.

- Take part in a series of optional skill-based pre-conference workshops on Friday 17 November.
- Join other children's lawyers from across NSW at a gala dinner to launch the conference on the evening of Friday 17 November 2017.
- Listen to a range of well-respected lawyers, judges, social scientists and academics on the topic of children's representation including: The Honourable Justice Judy Ryan, the Honourable Justice Geoff Lindsay, Justice Margaret Cleary, Magistrate Tracy Sheedy, Professor Jo Delahunty QC, Judge Jane Costigan, Judge Louise Henderson, Dr Christopher Lennings, Professor Anne Graham, Professor Judy Cashmore, Sue Foley, Monica Neville, Gregory Moore and many more!
- Attendance is encouraged for all children legal representatives, lawyers practicing in care or family law, social scientists, barristers and FDRPs.

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Pre-Conference workshops (Friday, 17 November)	\$100 (per workshop)
Conference Opening and Dinner (Friday evening, 17 November)	\$120
Attendance at Conference only (Saturday, 18 November)	\$300

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Pre-Conference workshops

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER



9.00AM REGISTRATION		
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM MORNING PROGRAM		
WORKSHOP A	WORKSHOP B	WORKSHOP C
<p>Working with Aboriginal children —what a child representative needs to know about kinship, trauma and Aboriginal culture (Part 1)</p> <p>Karen Menzies has an extensive background in child protection, education, health and human rights. She now lectures at Newcastle University. She also played soccer for the Matildas for six years!</p> <p>This workshop aims to enhance the child representative's understanding of the cumulative effects of welfare intervention on Aboriginal people from a political, personal and a trauma framework. Participants will also consider the implications for legal and welfare service delivery.</p>	<p>ICL refresher program</p> <p>This session is aimed at legal practitioners who are relatively new to ICL practice or for more experienced practitioners who would like a refresher on the basics of ICL work. Run by experienced Legal Aid ICLs who are joined by Family Consultants, this program is always well received.</p> <p>It gives ICLs the opportunity to sharpen their skills and enhance their knowledge through practical information sharing.</p>	<p>The role of the child representative in care proceedings</p> <p>What are the skills and knowledge needed to provide effective child representation in the Children's Court? In this skill based workshop you will learn the fundamentals and essentials of effective child representation. It gives ILRs and DLRs the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and ask the questions they always wanted to ask, in a safe and supportive environment.</p> <p>Presented by Nicola Callander, Legal Aid NSW, Robert McLachlan, Solicitor and Daniel Kennard, Legal Aid NSW</p>
1.00 PM – 2.00 PM LUNCH		

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2.00 PM – 4.30 PM | AFTERNOON PROGRAM

WORKSHOP D	WORKSHOP E	WORKSHOP F
Working with Aboriginal children —what a child representative needs to know about kinship, trauma and Aboriginal culture (Part 2)	Domestic and Family Violence: a master class for child representatives	You can't ask that! Cross examining caseworkers for children's representatives
Continued...	<p>How can a child representative better identify family violence and what can you do to ensure that safety concerns are front and centre of decision making about children?</p> <p>Join this widely acclaimed program led by Alex Davis on the fundamentals of domestic and family violence for the legal practitioner, to find out how you can improve your approach.</p>	<p>A workshop full of tips and tricks for children's representatives who cross examine case workers and other professional witnesses.</p> <p>Featuring Monica Neville and Greg Moore of the Bar, Dana McMullen, Legal Aid with FaCS representatives</p>

5.30 PM – 6.00 PM | WELCOME DRINKS

6.00 PM – 10.00 PM | GALA CONFERENCE DINNER

Gala conference dinner includes 3 course meal with wine, local entertainment and disco

Join old and new child representatives, colleagues, judicial officers, members of the bar and local practitioners for a night of fine food, wine and music.

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SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER



8.30AM | REGISTRATION

9.15 AM | CONFERENCE OPENING | WELCOME TO COUNTRY

9.30 AM

The supervisory jurisdiction of courts in the lives of children —emerging trends

Moderated by **The Honourable Justice Judy Ryan**, Family Court of Australia

Co-opting children to a cause—Is one child's Radicalism another's Right to Free Speech

Professor Jo Delahunty QC live from Gresham College, London will speak on the evolution of the Court's inherent wardship jurisdiction for radicalised youth with a Q&A session facilitated by **Judge Jane Costigan**.

Children: The parens patriae, and supervisory, jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of NSW

The Honourable Justice Geoff Lindsay QC, NSW Supreme Court

11.00 AM | MORNING TEA

11.20 AM

Engaging with the children you represent—Minding the gap between facilitating a child's participation and their protection

Speakers:

Professor Anne Graham, Centre for Children and Young People, Southern Cross University

Kylie Beckhouse, Director, Family Law, Legal Aid NSW

Sue Foley, Director Children's Court Clinic NSW

Mary Alex, Legal Aid NSW

12.20 PM

Old drugs—new tricks: Interpreting and using drug screens in cases involving allegations of substance abuse

Speakers:

Dr Amanda Caswell, Pharmacologist and Lecturer, University of Newcastle

Judge Louise Henderson, Federal Circuit Court, Sydney

1.15PM | LUNCH

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2.00 PM | CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS—MINDING THE KNOWLEDGE GAP

SESSION A	SESSION B	SESSION C
<p>The safety gap—time, no time and supervised time arrangements for children.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>The Honourable Justice Margaret Cleary, Family Court of Australia</p> <p>Dr Lauren Kadwell, Coordinator Sydney Children's Contact Service</p> <p>Dianne Lojczyk, Family Consultant, FCC Newcastle</p>	<p>The normal spectrum of diversity—top tips for working with LGBTIQ children</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Vera Temelovska, Legal Aid NSW Wollongong</p> <p>Eva Karagiannis, Solicitor Advocate, Legal Aid NSW</p>	<p>Child development 101— the essential guide for the child representative</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr Chris Lennings, Clinical Psychologist</p> <p>Laurie Robertson, Child Representative, Robertson Solicitors</p>

3.00 PM | CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – MINDING THE EVIDENTIARY GAP

SESSION D	SESSION E	SESSION F
<p>Minding the technology gap—what a child representative needs to know about technology, social media and rules of evidence.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Alex Davis, Domestic Violence Unit Legal Aid NSW</p> <p>Monica Neville, Barrister, St James Martin Chambers</p>	<p>Should I stay or should I go? Does the child representative have a role in appeals?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>The Honourable Justice Judy Ryan, Family Court of Australia</p> <p>Greg Moore, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers</p> <p>Kerri Phillips, Solicitor in Charge Appeals and Complex Litigation Unit, Legal Aid NSW</p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <p>The Honourable Justice Lindsay</p>	<p>The pot of gold: how to get the best evidence out of your subpoenas</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Cheryl Drummy, Director, Community Law, Crown Solicitors Office</p> <p>Tracy Sheedy, Specialist Children's Court Magistrate</p> <p>Judge Janet Terry, Federal Circuit Court, Newcastle</p>

4.00 PM – 4:45 PM | Working with the traumatised child—just what does a trauma informed approach mean for a child representative?

Biljana Milosevic, Director of Jannawi Family Centre
Sue Foley, Director Children's Court Clinic, NSW
Kim O'Rourke, Solicitor Advocate, Legal Aid NSW
Daniel Kennard, Child Representative, Gosford
 Facilitated by **Kylie Beckhouse**, Director Family Legal Aid NSW

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