

# 5<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALASIAN YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCE



## TUESDAY 16TH APRIL

8.00am - 9.00am Day 1 - Registrations open

9.00am - 9.15am Welcome to Country

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9.45am - 10.45am **Keynote address** - Meena Singh: *Through their eyes, with their voices – rehumanising children and young people who offend and reimagining youth justice*. Session Chair: Pauline Zardo (Executive Director, Youth Justice, Investment, Commissioning, Quality and Improvement)

10.45am - 11.05am Day 1 - Morning tea

11.05am - 12.55pm **Concurrent Session 1**

**Concurrent Session 1A** [Location: Olympic] Session Chair: Andrea Davidson

Symposium:

- Dr Maddison Riachi: *The mental health and mental health service use of young people with family violence behaviours*
- Dr Abigail Sheed: *Police-reported child-to-parent abuse: the role of situational factors*
- Dr Abigail Sheed: *Characteristics of youth family violence across early adolescence, late adolescence, and young adulthood*

Oral presentations:

- Jill Meade: *Reignite - an example of responding to local and emerging need through innovation and collaboration*
- Tom Stewart: *Kicking out hate: harnessing community sports to empower and safeguard at-risk youth against extremism*

**Concurrent Session 1B** [Location: Jimmy Stynes A] Chair: Mellanie Fernandez

Symposium:

- Dr Martina Jovev: *Supporting youth mental health within the justice system*
- Olivia Morrow: *Bridging communities: Supporting youth through justice and mental health systems*
- David Rowlands: *Orygen-FYMHS-Presentation 3: Enhancing youth custodial specialist mental health services: a holistic and culturally responsive approach*
- Lauren Seeley: *Understanding the complexities of developmental difficulties in the youth justice environment and what to do*

Oral presentation

- John Young: *Lessons learned from Countering Violent Extremism Intervention with young people*

**Concurrent Session 1C** [Location: Jimmy Stynes B] Chair: Michael Daffern

Oral presentations

- Kerrie Bryant: *Understanding interventions to reduce criminalisation for justice-involved young people - young people's perspective*
- Sarah Covill: *Youth justice and positive development: personalised support in youth justice community support service afterhours program*

Panel:

- Alikki Vernon, David Moore & Genevieve Higgins: *Setting Relations Right in Restorative Practice*

**Concurrent Session 1D** [Location: Yarra Park] Chair: Shaylee Matthews

Oral presentations:

- Ely Lee: *Working beyond our borders: Young people's connection to their international community*

Workshop:

- Jacob Tumanako: *Pūrākau: Using traditional stories, knowledges and experience to guide positive change within the Pacific community*

12.55pm - 1.35pm Day 1 - Lunch

1.35pm - 3.25pm **Concurrent Session 2**

**Concurrent Session 2A** [Location: Olympic A] Chair: Tanya Castellias

Symposium:

- Julia Ioane: *Listening to the voices of Pasifika youth in the justice system Aotearoa New Zealand*
- Sharn Manga: *Our Rangatahi, Our Future. Breaking the cycle of Māori youth offending*
- Rayna Phillips: *Navigating Vā-Driven Practice and Community-Based Pathways for Pasifika Youth: Facilitating transformative change following violent offending*

Oral presentation:

- Sarah Sutton: *Collaboration and partnerships to address the multiple needs of young people in custody*

**Concurrent Session 2B** [Location: Jimmy Stynes A] Chair: Alex Reid

Workshop:

- Kristie Dellar: *Tailoring Risk Assessment and Case Management to the Needs of Youth Offenders in Western Australia*

Oral presentations:

- Chrissie Franks & Shannon Hinton: *Aboriginal Practice Mandate creates intersectional capacity for Aboriginal led practice in custody and community settings*
- Dr Elizabeth Howe: *Youth Justice Outcomes Framework: using lead indicators to enable practice and real time program analysis*

**Concurrent Session 2C** (all oral presentations) [Location: Jimmy Stynes B] Chair: Tina Brendas

- Dr Lauren Moulds: *Exceptionality - what is it, and what do we do with it?*
- Dr Stavroola Anderson: *Strategic support: Multi-agency coordination for young people with a disability*
- David Baker: *A pathway to support after early police contact: perspectives of youth, families, police, and services*
- Katherine Danylak: *The Embedded Youth Outreach Program at Victoria Police: a collaborative mobile response model*
- Associate Professor Rachael Fullam: *Evaluation of the Embedded Youth Outreach Program*

**Concurrent Session 2D** [Location: Yarra Park] Chair: Sasha Denis

Panel:

- Tyla Redman & Justin Barker: *An Overview of Raising the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility in the ACT*

Oral presentations:

- Dr Molly McCarthy: *What role has diversion played in the youth crime decline and could it be reshaped?*
- Callin Ivanovici & Amanda Donges: *The future of reporting on children aged 10–13 who come into contact with law enforcement*
- Jayne King & Craig Clark: *Kotahi te Whakaaro – Thinking together/One Thought*
- Dr Susan Baidawi: *Place-based approaches for preventing and addressing youth violence*

3.25pm - 3.45pm Day 1 - Afternoon tea

3.45pm - 4.45pm **Keynote address** - Nyachan Nyak: *Collaborative Practice in AOD-Mental Health Treatment and Youth Justice: Enhancing Responses through Community Engagement*. Session Chair: Mia Hollick (Executive Director Policy, Strategy and Performance, Youth Justice, Department of Justice and Community Safety)

4.45pm - 5.30pm AYJA Award Ceremony

5.30pm - 7.30pm Networking event (with exclusive access to the MCG Australia Sports Museum)

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## WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

8.30am - 9.00am Day 2 - Registrations open

9.00am - 9.15am Morning welcome

9.15am - 10.15am **Keynote address** - Keith Cruise: *Complex trauma - what it is and why it matters to risk reduction, recovery, and resilience*. Session Chair: Professor Michael Daffern (Director, Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science. Swinburne University of Technology)

10.15am - 10.40am Day 2 - Morning tea

10.40am - 12.40pm **Concurrent Session 3**

**Concurrent Session 3A** [Location: Olympic A] Chair: Anita Doig

Oral presentations:

- Dr Santino A Deng: *The drivers of the overrepresentation of South Sudanese Australian youth in youth justice*
- Genevieve Higgins & Lena Lettau: *Beyond Justice - Contemporary application of Restorative practice principles and processes within communities of common concern, and the learning systems that support practice*
- Dr Joel McGregor: *Results from a scoping review on housing as an intervention for justice-involved young people*
- Dr Sanne Oostermeijer: *Designing facilities that foster adolescent health, well-being and healing*
- Louise Rak: *Listening to the narratives of young women who use and experience violence*

**Concurrent Session 3B** [Location: Jimmy Stynes A] Chair: Rob Steer

Oral presentations:

- Lesley Gough: *Conversations in self-care: Reducing the harm of vicarious trauma in practice*
- Dr Chris Krogh: *Validation and reciprocal communication in working with young people who use violence*
- Claire Moore: *Empowering youth to build a fulfilling life after incarceration*
- Dominique Picco: *Youth Justice custodial workforce strategies and implementation in Victoria*
- Kerrie Sellen: *Transforming youth workforces: Restorative practices for safe, connected, and award-winning cultures*

**Concurrent Session 3C** [Location: Jimmy Stynes B] Chair: Pauline Zardo

Oral presentations:

- Anjali Bapat-pers: *Violence risk, protective factors and desistance in Australian young people*
- Jodie Brahim: *Cultural governance for clients with complex needs*
- Dr David Broderick: *Making the first contact the last: Victoria Police - Aboriginal Youth Cautioning Program*
- Alison Grace: *Lived experienced of youth detention in Australia.*
- Lindsay Pearce: *Multi-sectoral data linkages to monitor and improve health inequities among justice-involved young people in Australia*

**Concurrent Session 3D** [Location: Yarra Park] Chair: Mellanie Fernandez

Oral presentations:

- Kate Bjur: *Therapeutic Models of Youth Detention*
- Eleanor Booth: *Young People and AVOs: successes and challenges from a mentoring program pilot in regional NSW*

- Dr Kristie Dellar: *Improving Risk Assessment and Management Practices Through a Tailored Approach: Evaluating YLS Screener Tools*
- Rebecca Fitzpatrick: *Common Ground*
- Christopher Galimitakis & Ellie Minney: *Youth Gangs in South Australia: Genesis and Clinical Complexities – A Psychological Perspective*

12.40pm - 1.30pm Day 2 - Lunch

1.30pm - 3.30pm **Concurrent Session 4**

**Concurrent Session 4A** [Location: Olympic A] Chair: Mia Hollick

Oral presentations:

- Dr Tony Stanley & Steve Barracosa: *Responding to radicalisation and extremism risks for youth: An emerging practice issue for child protection and youth justice in Aotearoa*
- Sarah-Louise Tkaczyk: *Attachment disruption as a responsivity factor affecting recidivism, order compliance and therapeutic alliance in offending youth*
- Jordan White: *Children Dually Involved with Statutory Child Protection and Juvenile Justice in Australia: A Scoping Review*
- Russell Jeffrey: *Restorative practices at youth justice precincts – achievements, lessons, aspirations - Queensland and Victorian experience*

**Concurrent Session 4B** [Location: Jimmy Stynes A] Chair: Tanya Castellas

Oral presentations:

- Daina Fernyhough & Loretta Crombie: *Responding to young people with neuro-impairment in Queensland Youth Justice system*
- Dr Yvonne Maxwell: *Collaborative partnership to support a young person presenting with homicidal ideation and aggressive behaviour*
- Janet Killgallon: *Collaboration, Coordination and Community: A whole of service initiative to reduce short-term remand in NSW*
- Scarlett Keally: *Putting Families First: Innovative integration of DFFH, DCJS with Funded Service Providers empowering complex, vulnerable families*
- Merran Peisker: *Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) in Youth Justice*

**Concurrent Session 4C** [Location: Jimmy Stynes B] Chair: Sasha Dennis

Oral presentations:

- Kaven Amerasekera: *Functional family therapy for adolescent violence in the home: a therapeutic framework*
- Dr Stavroola Anderson: *Empathy through education: Supporting young people's socio-emotional wellbeing in secure youth justice*
- Associate Professor Tamara Blakemore: *Choice, Change and Identity: Findings from the Name. Narrate. Navigate Program for Youth Violence*
- Melissa Saliba: *"I don't understand": Communication Assistants for Young Defendants in South Australian Youth Justice*
- Marama Castle-Brown & Reagan Pukepuke: *Whiti ki te Ora: healing from intergenerational traumas, that have led rangatahi down a path of offending*

**Concurrent Session 4D** [Location: Yarra Park] Chair: Tina Brendas

Oral presentations:

- Kate Bjur, Matthew Dwyer & Dr Sanne Oostermeijer: *Youth Detention Best Practice - we know what works so why won't we do it?*
- Olivia Hutchings: *Sensory Processing Needs and Modulation at Kurlana Tapa Youth Justice Centre*
- Linsey Thomson & Jemma Martin: *Measuring the Social Climate of Victoria's Youth Justice Precincts*
- Kyra Low: *Enhancing Youth Justice through Collaborative Partnerships: Addressing Complex Needs for Positive Outcomes*

3.30pm - 4.00pm Day 2 - Afternoon tea

4.00pm - 5.00pm **Keynote address** - Arrin Hazelbane: *Shared Responsibility and Aboriginal Family-Led Decision Making: Empowering Our Families by Embracing Risk and Upholding Self-Determination*. Session Chair: Alex Reid (Executive Director Community and Family Services, Department of Human Services)

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## THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

8.30am - 9.00am Day 3 - Registrations open

9.00am - 10.30am **Keynote address** - Stephane Shepherd: *Youth Justice and African-Australian Populations: Trends, Challenges and Strengths-Based Solutions*. Session Chair: Andrea Davidson (Commissioner Youth Justice, Department of Justice and Community Safety)

10.30am - 10.50am Day 3 - Morning tea

10.50am - 12.50pm **Concurrent Session 5**

[Concurrent Session 5A](#) [Location: Olympic A] Chair: Anita Doig

Panel:

- Melissa Pritchard & Amanda Carter: *Pathway to Diversion: Children's Court Youth Diversion in Victoria*

Oral presentations:

- Sandy Pieper: *Queensland Youth Justice Intensive Case Management Program: Evaluation findings 2018-2022*
- Shona Reid: *When systems collide: Exploring the lived experience of 'care criminalisation' in South Australia*
- Julie Youssef: *'What are your pronouns?': Beyond LGBTIQ+ 'safety' in Victorian Youth Justice Precincts*

[Concurrent Session 5B](#) [Location: Jimmy Stynes A] Chair: Rob Steer

Workshop:

- Lisa Consolmagno & Rebecca Kempton: *Behaviour Support Team Early Intervention*

Oral presentations:

- Dr Susan Baidawi: *10-13 year old children with offending behaviour: Professionals' views on current approaches and alternative responses*
- Richard England: *Realign Systemic Youth Project - creative and adaptive intervention*
- Lindsay Pearce: *Does age at first youth justice system contact impact mortality? Implications for Raising the Age*

[Concurrent Session 5C](#) [Location: Jimmy Stynes B] Chair: Shaylee Matthews

Oral presentations:

- Sam Sakama: *The Deportation of African Youth from Australia: research co-design as Ubuntu*
- Dr Abigail Sheed: *Enhancing evidence-based practice: integrating research and clinical assessment at the Victorian Children's Court Clinic*
- Elisa Stannard: *Animal Assisted Interventions for At-Risk Young People: Using Animals to Support Emotional Regulation and Engagement*
- Jordan White: *Ethics and Participatory Research in Mandated Settings*
- Clement Ng: *Prevalence of Neurodisability among Indigenous Children in the NT Juvenile Justice System*

12.50pm - 1.00pm **Conference close**