

# FAMILY SERVICES CONFERENCE

September 24 & 25, 2019

Goonoo Goonoo Station,  
Tamworth NSW





Tuesday 24 September 2019	
7.30AM	Arrival and Registration Tea and coffee will be served on arrival
8.30AM	Welcome to Country <b>Buddy Hippi</b> , Winangali Infusion – Smoking Ceremony and Welcome Dance <b>Lenny Waters</b> – Local Knowledge Holder, Welcome to Country
9.00AM	Welcome to the Centacare Family Services Conference <b>Fergus Fitzsimons</b> , CEO, Centacare NENW
9.10AM	<b>Nathan Wallis</b> – Engaging the Brain
10.45AM	Morning Tea
11.15AM	<b>Nathan Wallis</b> – Engaging the Brain (continued)
12.45PM	Lunch
1.30PM	<b>Nathan Wallis</b> – Engaging the Brain (continued)
3.00PM	Afternoon Tea
3.15PM	<b>Michelle Swan</b> – Respectfully Supporting Neurodivergent People in our Community
4.15PM	<b>Suelyn Pakes</b> , Community Multicultural Officer, Centacare NENW – Working with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Clients
4.30PM	<b>Josh Lions</b> , Senior Facilitator, Centacare NENW – Working with Men
5.00PM	Close
6.30PM	Networking Dinner 3 Course Meal and 2 bottles of wine per table Tickets \$90.00 (plus booking fee) Keynote Address: <b>Judge Harman</b> will discuss current research projects in Family Law.

Wednesday 25 September 2019	
8.30AM	<b>Amy Creighton</b> – NSW Health, Minyarnama-What's that?
9.00AM	<b>Judge Joe Harman</b> – The Vegetarians of Love: the role of lawyers in resolving disputes.
10.15AM	Morning Tea
10.30AM	<b>Stuart McMinn</b> – Multi Layered approach to Creating a Culturally Competent Organisation
11.30AM	<b>Glenn McGrath</b> – Growing up in a rural area and parenting through grief
12.30PM	Lunch
1.15PM	<b>Clarissa Rayward</b> , The Happy Family Lawyer – Maintaining 'happiness' in challenging areas of work.
2.15PM	<b>Sue Lloyd</b> – Working with Perpetrators of Family Violence
3.15PM	Afternoon Tea
3.30PM	<b>Anthony Laye</b> – 'Mind Power, People Power', Behaviour Expert and Mentalist
4.30PM	Close



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Host of the documentary “All in the Mind”, and co-host of the TV Series “The Secret life of Girls”, Nathan Wallis is Aotearoa’s renowned neuroscience educator. His professional background includes early childhood teacher, child therapist, social service manager, university lecturer and neuroscience trainer.

The Community and Multicultural Officer for Centacare NENW, Suelyn Pakes is one of the main CALD supports for newly arrived migrants and refugees to the Tamworth area. A Montessori trained teacher, Suelyn runs pronunciation classes, CALD support groups, CALD Mother’s Groups and Cultural Parenting Programs.



Josh Lions, a Centacare NENW facilitator delivers programs such as Building Connections, Surviving Your Adolescent, Keeping Kids in Mind, Just for Dads and Tool Kit for Dads. Josh also delivers programs to men in custody who have been convicted of violence against women and children.

Michelle Swan is an internationally known autistic Australian writer, speaker, resource developer, mentor, and neurodiversity rights advocate. Michelle’s work focusses on self-understanding and personal development, peer support, community building and meaningful inclusion.



Judge Harman was appointed to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in June 2010. Prior to joining the Court, Judge Harman had, for over 25 years, worked in private practice as a lawyer and as a mediator/FDRP in private and community (FRC) practice.

Amy Creighton is a Gomeroi (Gom- er-roy) Murri (Mu-ree) Yinarr (in-arr) with over 40 yrs experience working with and for her people. Amy has worked at local, state and national levels providing cultural guidance and supervision for many service providers.



Stuart McMinn is cultural man whose heritage comes from the Dharug and Waka Waka people. Stuart is currently Interrelates Aboriginal RAP Coordinator/ Community Liaison and his role consists of internal culturally appropriate policy development and external program development and delivery.

Glenn McGrath AM is an Australian former international cricketer, who played all formats of the game for fourteen years. He is the director of MRF Pace Foundation, Chennai, replacing Dennis Lillee and serves as the Co-Founder and President of the McGrath Foundation.



Clarissa Rayward is known as ‘The Happy Family Lawyer’ as she specialises in helping couples stay out of Court and work together to reach a resolution to their relationship breakdown.

Sue Lloyd is a Social Worker that has worked across a range of Senior Management, front line practice, and a Consultancy roles in Australia and the United Kingdom, in the government and non-government for over 30 years.



Using his talent as a mentalist, Anthony Laye shares his amazing business and mindset skills as he demonstrates the importance and power of being conscious.



Register now:

2 day conference

\$275.00 (plus booking fee)

Networking dinner

\$ 90.00 (plus booking fee)

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**Goonoo Goonoo Station (Click to be directed to hotel website).**

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**Ibis Styles Tamworth (click here)**, Ebsworth Street Tamworth

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