

**MENS ADVISORY NETWORK CONFERENCE 2008
PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

REGISTRATION DAY: Sunday 3 August 2008	
9.30am	Men's Sheds Registration and Coffee at Fremantle Men's Community Shed - 6-8 Nannine Street, White Gum Valley
10.00am	Men's Sheds Workshop (includes lunch)
3.30pm	Conference Registration Desk Opens
5.00pm	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING
6.00pm	WELCOME RECEPTION sponsored by Mensline Australia

DAY ONE: Monday 4 August 2008					
8.30am	Registration				
Chair:	Gerry Gannon			Venue: Sirius Ballroom	
9.00am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	A mother's role in the transition – from boyhood to manhood Dr Sue Gordon AM (WA Children's Court Magistrate)			
9.45am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Things that make you go mmmmm! Dr Karl O'Callaghan (WA Commissioner of Police)			
10.30am	Morning Tea Break with Exhibitors				
CONCURRENT SESSION ONE					
Theme	Ante Natal Fathering	Workplace Health	Fatherhood	Fathering Workshop	Workshop
Chair	Andrew Markovs	Gerry Gannon	Janet Armarego	Patrick Toohey	Roger Turvey
11.00am	"I wouldn't mind a catch up" Blokes antenatal sessions Travis Edwards (CentaCare Bendigo)	Men and work/life balance – how to run an effective workplace health initiative in a male-dominated workplace Beth Page and Catherine Jarman (Corporate Bodies International Pty Ltd)	Camp connect – reconnecting dads and kids Brad Mander (Australian Camp Connect Association)	Secret dads' business – promoting sexually healthy youth Wayne McIntosh (Curtin University of Technology)	A Noongar sense of healing Phil Bartlett (Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service)
11.30am	Fatherhood development – antenatal education for men Dawson Cooke (Ngala)	Doing what works in a tough industry Glenn Baird (OzHelp Foundation)	Run your own fatherhood festival Colin George (The Fatherhood Project)		
12.00pm	Fatherhood antenatal classes as a rite of passage Scott Longden (The Fatherhood Project)	Men's health education kit: engaging rural communities and the workplace to promote men's health Taletha Groves (Andrology Australia)	Putting men in the picture: thanks Dad! Photovoice Competition Andriana Kursar and Laura Veleff (Child and Adolescent Community Health)		
12.30pm	Lunch Break and Special Presentation - <i>Hear from Mensline Australia about how the call back service can support your organisation and reinforce existing programs</i> - Relationship Breakdowns – the greatest suicidal risk factor for men				

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1.30pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Capturing the public imagination: securing a better future for our men and boys Maggie Hamilton (<i>Author and Publisher</i>)			
2.15pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Australian Men's Health Policy: the need for head and heart Professor John Macdonald (<i>University of Western Sydney</i>)			
3.00pm	PERSONAL STORY	What was that all about? Gary Williams			
3.20pm	Afternoon Tea Break with Exhibitors				
CONCURRENT SESSION TWO					
Theme	Men	Indigenous and Regional Men's Health	Men and Ageing	Men and Relationships	Advocacy Workshop
Chair	Peter Strachan	Gerry Gannon	John White	Terry Olesen	Gary Bryant
3.45pm	Men and leadership Dr Arne Rubinstein (<i>Pathways Foundation</i>)	It's more than medicine – a Kowanyama Men's Health and Wellbeing Program Johnathan Link (<i>Royal Flying Doctor Service, Cairns Base</i>) and Eddie Turpin (<i>Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council</i>)	Fremantle Men's Community Shed Story - "simple pleasures happen here" Bill Johnstone and Alan Gowland (<i>Fremanshed Inc</i>)	What makes a straight man ... straight? Kevin Franklin (<i>Clinical Psychologist</i>)	Ensuring men are no longer expendable Gary Bryant (<i>Men's Advisory Network</i>) and Maggie Hamilton (<i>Author and Publisher</i>)
4.15pm	Standing at the back of the ute: conversations with men Travis Edwards (<i>CentaCare Bendigo</i>)	"Men in the middle: homeless men in the 21 st century" - health care experience of homeless men Doug Doran (<i>CentaCare Bendigo</i>)	Being a digger and a bloke – veterans' affairs men's health peer education program Jumae Atkinson and Rebecca Doyle (<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>)	Cognitive dissonance or cultural ideals of beauty: Which better explains bodybuilding among gay men? Andrew Reilly (<i>University of Hawaii at Manoa</i>) and Nancy Rudd (<i>The Ohio State University</i>)	
4.45pm	Towards a deepened understanding of 'the making of men': a new research methodological approach Sarron Goldman (<i>Edith Cowan University</i>)	Revving up men's health in Queensland Ken Meldrum (<i>Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Health Service District</i>)	Eldership, mentoring cultural creatives to consciousness: a case study Phil Morley, Stephanie Davis and Julie-Ann Payne (<i>ManEvo Pty Ltd</i>)	Men: their sports, relationships and anxieties Natalie Darko (<i>Nottingham Trent University, UK</i>)	
5.15pm	Close of Sessions				
5.20pm	Official Opening of the Industry Exhibition				

DAY TWO: Tuesday 5 August 2008					
8.45am	Registration				
Chair:	Gerry Gannon			Venue: Sirius Ballroom	
9.00am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS		Creating contemporary 'Rites of Passage' and the Pathways to Manhood Program Dr Arne Rubinstein (<i>CEO Pathways Foundation</i>)		
9.45am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS		Dear boys: about the healthy mothering of boys Maggie Dent (<i>Author and Publisher</i>)		
10.30am	PERSONAL STORY		It's an illness – not a weakness! Learning's on living with anxiety and depression Tim Marney		
10.50am	Morning Tea Break with Exhibitors				
CONCURRENT SESSION THREE					
Theme	Mentors and Fathers	Family Law	Men and Relationships	Boys Education Workshop	
Chair	Peter Prout	Gerry Gannon	Michael Woodhouse	Bill Johnstone	
11.15am	Male mentors making a difference Christine Gray (<i>The School Volunteer Program Inc</i>)	Fighting over kids after separation Associate Professor Lawrence Moloney (<i>La Trobe University</i>)	Exiting the isolation spiral: learnings from the Mensline Australia Call Back Service Andrew King (<i>Mensline Australia</i>)	Creating boy friendly schools – engagement is the key to improving boy's outcomes Bill Johnstone and Paul Stein (<i>Edu Solutions</i>)	
11.45am	Brotherz mentoring program Melanie Mitchell (<i>YWCA of Darwin Inc., Brothers Project</i>)	What separated dads need Trevor Sutton and Samantha Palmer (<i>Child Support Agency</i>)	Drugs and alcohol: presenting the issues with families Damian Walsh (<i>Palmerston Association</i>)		
12.15pm	A powerful new DVD - What kids really need from their dads Professor Bruce Robinson (<i>The University of Western Australia</i>)	Meteors, dinosaurs and family law: the future of lawyers in parenting disputes Joe Harman (<i>University of Western Sydney</i>)	Men and abortion and relationships Julie Cook (<i>Abortion Grief Counselling Association</i>)		
12.45pm	Lunch Break and Special Presentation - <i>Hear from Mensline Australia about how the call back service can support your organisation and reinforce existing programs - The phone - a critical support mechanism for isolated men</i>				
Chair:	Gerry Gannon			Venue: Sirius Ballroom	
1.45pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS		Intimacy is not a dirty word Graham Mabury OAM (<i>Radio Presenter</i>)		
2.30pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS		Dads, family breakdown and the 2006 family law reforms: It's about time – or is it? Associate Professor Lawrence Moloney (<i>La Trobe University</i>)		
3.15m	PERSONAL STORY		Regrouping after relationship breakdown Just Mackaay		
3.35pm	Afternoon Tea Break with Exhibitors				
CONCURRENT SESSION FOUR					
Theme	Men and Relationships	Boys and Fathers	Well-being of Men	Engaging Adolescent Males Workshop	National Peak Body Workshop
Chair	Andrew Markovs	Peter Strachan	Gerry Gannon	Janet Armarego	Gary Bryant
4.00pm	MensTime – footy, fun, faith and family A Panel Discussion Anglicare WA's MensTime staff	Fathers or support-people, men or worms, friend or foe: who are we really? Scott Longden (<i>Life Doctors; Connected Parenting</i>)	Working with Warriors – the importance of bridging the gap Julian Krieg (<i>Wheatbelt Men's Health Inc</i>)	Engaging adolescent males – six mates, six stories Janet Armarego (<i>City of Melville</i>)	National Peak Body – future direction Gary Bryant (<i>Men's Advisory Network</i>)

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4.30pm	The role of compassionate communication in the relationships of men Allan Adams (Communication Specialist)	Catering for increasing complexity – a whole school approach Ian Michael (Ranford Primary School)	A social determinants approach to men's health: the example of suicide Professor John Macdonald (University of Western Sydney)	Engaging adolescent males – six mates, six stories continues	National Peak Body – future direction continues
5.00pm	Core values in men David Nancarrow (Centacare Tasmania – North West)	Boys and the need for silence and stillness in our chaotic world Maggie Dent (Author and Publisher)	The development of well-being in boys and men – the role of mindfulness Patrick Jones (Life Quality Systems)		
5.30pm	Close of Sessions				
7.00pm	CONFERENCE DINNER sponsored by Wheatbelt Mens Health Inc.				

DAY THREE: Wednesday 6 August 2008					
8.30am	Registration				
Chair:	Gerry Gannon				Venue: Sirius Ballroom
9.00am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Understanding men's needs, it matters to women Julian Krieg (Wheatbelt Men's Health Inc.)			
9.45am	PERSONAL STORY	Intimate partner abuse Brian Curtis			
10.05am	Morning Tea Break with Exhibitors				
CONCURRENT SESSION FIVE					
Theme	Men's Health	Men and Relationships	Dads and Aboriginal Men	Fathering	MAN Strategic Plan Workshop
Chair	Patrick Toohey	Gerry Gannon	Peter Prout	Bill Johnstone	Gary Bryant
10.30am	Being positive through change Patricia Langdon (WA AIDS Council)	We know the negative – but let's talk positives Garth Baker (National Network of Stopping Violence Services, NZ)	Dad stories Doug Doran (CentaCare Bendigo)	Supporting fathers who have a child with a disability Andrew King (Institute of Family Practice)	Men's Advisory Network 2008-2012 strategic plan Gary Bryant (Men's Advisory Network)
11.00am	Depression in men across the lifespan – from babes to blokes Nicole Highet (Beyondblue)	Communicare breathing space: providing an integrated and collaborative response to family and domestic violence Mary-Rose Krcmar and Melanie Turner (Communicare Breathing Space)	Men's Business Roger Turvey, Neville Bartlett and David Bell (Derbarl Yerrigan Aboriginal Health Service WA)	Fathers, workers and welfare: A compatible mix? Joe Fleming (University of Tasmania)	

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11.30am	OUTCOMES WORKSHOP	
12.30pm	Lunch Break and Special Presentation – <i>Hear from Mensline Australia about how the call back service can support your organisation and reinforce existing programs</i> - Building skill in the sector	
1.30pm	OUTCOMES WORKSHOP continues	
2.30pm	SUMMING UP AND CONCLUSION	