

## Residential Aged Care

# Communiqué

### When

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
2019**

9:00am – 4:30pm

### Where

The State Library,  
Village Roadshow  
Theatrette,  
328 Swanston St,  
Melbourne Victoria 3000

### Cost

**\$330 incl. GST**

**Early bird \$275 incl. GST**  
31 July 2019

*Catering will be provided.*

### Online payment and registration

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## **Prevention and management of sexual violence in RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE SERVICES SEMINAR**

Sexual violence is a major health and social issue with significant physical and psychological consequences for victims. Australia's Residential Aged Care Services have come under increased scrutiny due to high profile reports of resident mistreatment typically physical abuse or neglect.

The number of alleged or suspected unlawful sexual contact of residents in Australia, reported to the Commonwealth Department of Health, is rising. Residents are a particularly vulnerable population for sexual assault due to dependency on caregivers, multifaceted health problems and the co-housing of residents, including some with potentially dangerous older individuals with sexual assault backgrounds.

The seminar explores what can be done to better enable preventing and managing sexual violence in RACS. We examine the prevailing negative sexual stereotypes of older people, their greater dependency on others, the potential divided loyalty to staff members or residents as barriers in reporting, detecting, and preventing sexual assault.

Presented by Monash University, the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine this educational seminar will be run by experienced leaders in the field of aged care, law and policy and forensic medicine. This seminar is designed for aged care workers, nurses, managers and, healthcare professionals who want to know more—about policy, practice and what the future may hold.

Speakers include: **Sally Golder** a life member of four LGBTIQ organisations, **Victor Harcourt** a senior practitioner in administrative and disciplinary law, health and aged care, prosecutions, government law and alternative. **Dr Nicola Cunningham** a Forensic Physician at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) who will provide insight into the medico-legal aspects of clinical practice. **Dr Supriya Krishnan** the first geriatrician to train in Clinical Forensic Medicine. **Dr Catherine Barrett** the Director of the OPAL Institute

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**Content warning:** *discussion of sexual assault may be triggering for some people. If you require support please contact the Sexual Assault Crisis Line on 1800 806 292, Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Wellways' Helpline on 1300 111 500.*

\*Monash staff and student payments via internal transfer are GST exclusive.

**Terms and Conditions:** Refunds will not be given if cancellations are advised less than seven days prior to the event. Please note, a colleague is always welcome to attend in your place. Refund requests need to be received in writing to [crepatientsafety@monash.edu](mailto:crepatientsafety@monash.edu)

Registration is finalised once you receive a registration confirmation email from the administrator.

Prevention of sexual violence in Residential Aged Care Services SEMINAR PROGRAM			
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2019			
Time	Topic	Person	Organisation
8:30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>		
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Sexual violence</b>		
09:00	<i>Session Chair</i>	<i>Joseph Ibrahim</i>	
09:05	Respect	Sally Goldner	LGBTI Taskforce
09:30	Sexual violence in Residential Aged Care	Lyndal Bugeja	Monash University
10:55	Support & interventions for survivors of sexual assault	Carolyn Worth	Centre for Sexual Assault
<i>10:20</i>	<i>Questions to panel</i>		
10:30	<b>MORNING TEA (20 MINUTES)</b>		
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Prevention of harm</b>		
10:55	<i>Session Chair</i>	<i>Joseph Ibrahim</i>	
11:05	Managing sexual violence strategies for RACS	Victor Harcourt	Russell Kennedy Lawyers
11:30	Learning about prevention from older women	Catherine Barrett	The OPAL Institute
11:55	Sexuality and intimacy in RACS	Linda McAuliffe	La Trobe University
<i>12:20</i>	<i>Questions to panel</i>		
12:30	<b>LUNCH (40 MINUTES)</b>		
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Managing sexual violence</b>		
1:15	<i>Session Chair</i>	<i>Joseph Ibrahim</i>	
1:20	Incident assessment and management	Nicola Cunningham	Clinical Forensic Medicine
1:45	Complex case: experiences	Supriya Krishnan	Victorian Institute Forensic Medicine
2:10	Management of sexual disinhibition	Inese Tucker	Western Health
<i>2:35</i>	<i>Questions to panel</i>		
2:45	<b>COMFORT BREAK (15 MINUTES)</b>		
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Organisational readiness for managing sexuality and preventing sexual violence</b>		
3:00	<i>Session Chair</i>	<i>Joseph Ibrahim</i>	
3:05	Lessons from University residencies	Meghan Wright	Monash Global Challenges
3:30	Organisational Readiness	Ashleigh May	Monash Global Challenges
3:55	*Next steps: from the ideal to the reality.	Joseph Ibrahim	Health Law and Ageing Research Unit
<i>4:20</i>	<i>Questions to panel</i>		
4:30	<b>Farewell and Close</b>		

*\*Next steps: in the final session of the day, we will seek the delegates views about what we can apply in practice and how we can advocate to fill the gaps by approaching regulators, and government funders. The research team will prepare a proposal based on the contributions of delegates to submit to the Royal Commission and the Department of Health and Human Services (Victoria).*

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES ALPHABETICAL ORDER

### SALLY GOLDNER

Sally Goldner is an educator, speaker, MC and occasional performer. Her involvement in Victoria's queer community has spanned more than twenty years. She has worked as executive director and treasurer of Transgender Victoria, presenter of 3CR's queer program 'Out of the Pan', co-facilitator of Transfamily and treasurer of Bisexual Alliance Victoria. She is also a contributor to the 2018 book *Living and Loving in Diversity*.

Sally is the focus of an autobiographical documentary, *Sally's Story*, and a life member of four LGBTIQ organisations. She was inducted into the Victorian Women's Honour Roll in 2016 (the first trans and first known bi woman inductee) and awarded LGBTI Victorian of the Year in 2015. She spent two weeks in St Petersburg, Russia as a juror for the Side-By-Side LGBT Film festival in November 2015.

### CATHERINE BARRETT

Dr Catherine Barrett, is the Director of the OPAL Institute, promoting the sexual rights of older people, including the right to be free from sexual violence.

Catherine coordinates the Power Project, preventing the sexual assault of older women and co-leads #SheToo, a national campaign for listening to older women that is coordinated by 97 year old Margarita Solis.

### LYNDAL BUGEJA

Dr Lyndal Bugeja is an Associate Professor at the Department of Forensic Medicine and Monash Nursing and Midwifery in the Monash University Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Lyndal has experience in the conduct of medico-legal death investigations and the utility of information generated for these investigations to the prevention of injury and violence.

### NICOLA CUNNINGHAM

Dr Nicola Cunningham is a Forensic Physician at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) and an Emergency Physician at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. Her clinical roles provide insight into community and hospital medicine, and the interface between these areas, as well as a unique perspective on the medico-legal aspects of clinical practice gained by managing a wide variety of forensic cases. Nicola has a Master of Forensic

Medicine, holding honorary appointments at both the University of Melbourne, and Monash University, Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Her ongoing interests include raising awareness of latent system errors in forensic medicine, and educating front line clinical staff in the safe management of cases, including the identification of potential medico-legal issues.

### VICTOR HARCOURT

Victor leads the Aged Care team at Russell Kennedy Lawyers. Russell is a recognised senior practitioner in administrative and disciplinary law, health and aged care, prosecutions, government law and alternative dispute resolution.

Victor has a Masters in Health and Medical Law and was named Best Lawyers' 2014 Melbourne Health and Aged Care Law "Lawyer of the Year" and was recognised in 2012 - 2020 for his expertise in Health and Aged Care Law. He was also recognised in 2014 - 2020 for his expertise in Government Practice and in Retirement Villages and Senior Living Law in 2017 - 2020.

### MEGHAN WRIGHT

Meghan Wright is a student in the pioneering degree Bachelor of Science Advanced Global Challenges (Honours). Majoring in Genetics, Megan also completed units in the social justice and the philosophy sector, which lead to her passion in women's health and feminist related issues. This year she was elected as the Monash Student Associations Women's Officer, representing all women on campus at Clayton, and as an advocate for policy development to address sexual harassment and assault.

In her honours project she will be reviewing the interventions used to manage sexual violence in Victorian universities to learn if these are transferable to aged care.

### SUPRIYA KRISHNAN

Dr Supriya Krishnan is a consultant geriatrician and a member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Supriya completed six months of Clinical Forensic Medicine at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. Eight years of postgraduate experience in clinical adult medicine, working in hospitals across major metropolitan areas and regional Victoria.

Supriya completed research exploring the nature of older alleged offenders of violent crimes. Regular attendance at professional development courses and conferences related to geriatric medicine, behavioural sciences, and cognition and capacity assessments.

#### ASHLEIGH MAY

Ashleigh is studying a Bachelor of Science Advanced-Global Challenges at Monash University. Ashleigh completed a major in Human Pathology and double-minored in Physiology and Immunology.

Ashleigh is currently completing her Honours year with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. She is conducting a research project on the Residential Aged Care sector's readiness to implement organisational interventions addressing sexual violence. Following her Honours, Ashleigh will be pursuing a career in strategic management consulting.

#### LINDA MCAULIFFE

Linda McAuliffe is a researcher with the Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care (ACEBAC), a research centre of La Trobe University. A registered psychologist, Linda has published and presented nationally and internationally on sexuality in older adults.

Most recently she led a project investigating how sexual health and sexual needs are currently addressed in Australian residential aged care, collecting important baseline data with implications for policy, practice and education.

#### INESE TUCKER

Dr Inese Tucker is a Consultant Geriatrician of more than 10-year experience across a wide range of geriatric medicine settings with a particular interest in residents of aged care facilities.

She currently holds an appointment at Western Health as the medical lead for the Aged Care Liaison Service, a residential care in-reach service providing an

alternative to hospital care for residents of aged care facilities. She also holds appointments as a Clinical Associate for the Severe Behavior Response Team (part of Dementia Support Australia) and also works privately, exclusively in the residential care setting.

Her interests include dementia, behavior management in dementia, complex chronic medical conditions and end of life care

#### CAROLYN WORTH

Team leader/senior clinician at South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (SECASA).

SECASA offers a range of services including counselling for victim/survivors of sexual and physical assault, children from the age of 4 and adults, female and male. The Centre also works with non-offending family members, partners, caregivers and support workers

#### CHAIR

#### JOSEPH E IBRAHIM

Joseph is Head, Health Law and Ageing Research Unit (HLARU), Department of Forensic Medicine, Monash University Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. Joseph is the inaugural and current editor of the Residential Aged Care Communiqué.

Professor Ibrahim is the lead author of the influential report "*Recommendations for prevention of injury-related deaths in residential aged care services.*" This work has informed and been cited in the Australian Law Reform Commission into Elder Abuse, Carnell and Paterson Report and, the Commonwealth Senate, House of Representatives Inquiries as well as the Royal Commission. The team at HLARU continuing research aimed at protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained and practiced